

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Eight elders on Session joined the moderator and clerk pro tem once again at 7 pm on Monday, February 25th. Parish Associate and appointed Moderator Rev. Nancy Becker moderated the specially called meeting in which Session:

- Opened with prayer let by Moderator Nancy Becker.
- Listened to Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) Co-Moderators Vic Klancer and Jim Hubbard express gratitude to Session for a called meeting to expedite the process of getting the congregation's search for a pastor underway and described the recent work of the PNC. Session was informed that following its approval, the ministry form would be sent to the presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) for its consideration at its March 7th meeting. After COM approval, the final document will be entered into the electronic matching system at PC(USA) offices, reviewed, and preliminary data-matching of candidates with our Ministry Information Form will begin.
- Session members and the Co-Moderators conversationally discussed several aspects of the written description of our congregation's ministry and characteristics we value in pastoral leadership. After a motion, second and further discussion, Session approved an amendment to the Ministry Information Form to clarify "it" in the second sentence of our mission statement taken from the church website to read "We know that the Church's ministry is not about us, but about God working through us..."
- After further discussion, Session voted to approve the Ministry Information Form with a minimum effective salary of \$65,000. There was no dissent to either vote.
- Session adjourned at 7:28 p.m. with prayer led by Jacki Phillips.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes that are ***posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board*** in the Hospitality Center once they are approved. Also feel free to contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Long, Clerk *pro tem*

SESSION SYNOPSIS OF MARCH 18, 2019

Nine elders on Session joined twelve deacons and the moderator and clerk pro tem at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 18th. Parish Associate and appointed Moderator Rev. Nancy Becker moderated the meeting in which Session:

- Began with devotions led by Lisa Pavlopoulos that focused on the theme of going beyond “safe” by stepping into water and opportunity, using several Biblical stories of God’s people stepping into water. Session pondered three key questions. Lisa led prayers for courage to step into change and opportunity when God is inviting us to step boldly.
- Moderator welcomed deacons into joint meeting with ruling elders, each beginning with introductions and naming their work as the church. Julie Fletcher-Golding reviewed the work of the deacons with the congregation as “hands and feet,” visiting sixteen deacons friends throughout the year. Session formally approved the work of the deacons including preparation of communion, hosting responsibilities, leading the prayer chain, serving home communion on April 14 and October 6, 2019, and providing PADS hospitality.
- Negotiated changes to the docket and approved the omnibus motion of reports and minutes.
- Approved recommendations from the Christian Education Team for mission trip fundraising events:
 - ◇ Saturday, May 4th – Smyle Fro-Yo event – 20% of proceeds for each customer who mentions the First Presbyterian Church mission trip;
 - ◇ Friday, May 10th – Praise Band will do a Concert for Christ with freewill offering and concessions;
 - ◇ Saturday, June 1st – Carwash and bake sale during Community Yard Sale;
 - ◇ Thursday, July 4th – Parking for the 4th of July parade.
- Heard report from PNC that the congregation’s Ministry Information Form is public; and the PNC is already reviewing its first batch of matching Personal Information Forms from possible pastors.
- Approved Finance Committee recommendation to mail the monthly newsletter, Tidings, to those not receiving by email.
- Approved recommendation that the congregation provide a \$4,248 stipend from two donated restricted accounts to cover costs of a seminary student to complete his clinical training next summer.
- Considered a recommendation for summer worship schedule (Sundays, only 9 and 11 am) from the Worship Team that generated substantial discussion of alternatives. Outcome was an informal request that the team reconsider. Its recommendation was tabled for action at the next Session meeting scheduled for April 29th.
- Finally, the moderator recommended that Session use segments from www.theocademy.com for its elder training this year, facilitated at the next meeting by presbytery leader Jennifer Burns Lewis.
- Adjourned at 8:20 with prayers led by Parish Associate Nancy Becker.

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HOLY WEEK

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

- One Family Service - LIFT Experience at 10:00 a.m.
- Palm Sunday Brunch at 11:00 a.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

- Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

- Worship Service at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Hope to see you there!

CELEBRATIONS

First Presbyterian Church invites you to our Palm Sunday Celebration on April 14, 2019. We will start with **LIFT WORSHIP** in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.; and then we will move to Fellowship Hall for our **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH** at 11:00 a.m. The **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held at 12:30 p.m.

PLEASE RSVP for the brunch by tearing off the form below and dropping it in the offering plate or forward it to Congregational Life's church mailbox **BY SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019**. You may also email Andrea at andrealynn1977@hotmail.com.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

We will joyfully be attending:

Names: _____

Number Attending: _____

DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

A taco bar, crazy fun games, and exploring how Jesus can transform our lives... that's what an evening of First Friday Friends ("FFF") looks like! Be sure to invite the children in your life, grades K-6th (we're glad to welcome kids who might be a little younger or older, too!) to our next FFF on Fri., April 5, 2019, from 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Ken Crews at:

kencrews@fpcvalpo.org.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was a wonderful evening of fellowship and food. Thank you to our confirmands, parents, and teachers for a great event, and thank you to all who supported their efforts! Students and teachers enjoyed breakfast at Schoop's in March and will be looking forward to visiting the Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday. Confirmation Sunday is just around the corner on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

The Presbys Youth Group continues to gather for meaningful devotions, fun games, and first Sunday worship. Middle and high school youth are invited to join the Presbys most Sundays, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. You may have noticed some youthful looking liturgists recently! High school youth have begun serving as worship assistants the first Sunday of the month.

The youth, and some brave adults, are looking forward another great mission trip to West Virginia June 8–15, 2019. Please consider supporting their efforts through one (or all) of the upcoming fundraising events. The following events will support this year's WV Mission Trip:

- Saturday, May 4, 2019 – Smyle Fro-Yo Fundraiser, visit Smyle Yogurt Bar anytime this day and mention First Presbyterian Church Mission Trip and 20% of proceeds will be donated to the WV Mission Trip.
- Friday, May 10, 2019, Time TBD – Concert for Christ, gather at First Presbyterian Church for an evening live music and fellowship. A free will offering admission and concessions will support the WV Mission Trip.
- Saturday, June 1, 2019, morning – return of the Car Wash! Let the mission trip team get the

dirt and grime off your car and help support the team!

- Thursday, July 4, 2019, evening – Fireworks Parking Lot, get the best parking for the Valparaiso 4th of July fireworks and support the WV Mission Trip!

Our very first LIFT (Living in Faith Together) Worship provided a wonderful morning of worship! We celebrated being a church family gathered in the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. We sang, we prayed, we studied, and we ate... and we did it all together. All are invited to join us for another amazing LIFT Worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 14, 2019, (Palm Sunday), and then stick around for the Palm Sunday Brunch at 11:00 a.m. and Community Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30 p.m. God is on the move at FPCV!

CE needs your help! We'll soon be filling hundreds of Easter eggs with candy. Please consider providing a bag (or two!) of pre-wrapped Easter candy. Candy can be placed in the collection basket in the Narthex. Please deliver your donation by Sunday, April 7, 2019. Thank you for your support!

Please note: due to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Kids of the Kingdom will not meet on Sunday, April 14, 2019, or Sunday, April 21, 2019.

Sunday mornings are full of opportunities to connect with Christian Education! Children and youth are invited to gather most Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for Kids of the Kingdom, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation. The Presbys Youth Group gathers Sunday afternoons or evenings for fellowship, study, and service, and the first Sunday of the month is dedicated to morning worship and lunch. Adults are encouraged to teach a class, assist with a class, or sit in to see what our children and youth are up to.

Looking for ways to connect or share your talents? Contact Ken Crews at:

kencrews@fpcvalpo.org

or

219-464-4985

CALLING ALL CANDY LOVERS... AND EVERYONE ELSE!

Help the Christian Ed Team fill our many Easter Eggs again this year. Please purchase a bag (or two, or three!) of wrapped Easter candy for this amazing event. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the Narthex by April 7, 2019. Thank you!

Easter Egg Hunt!



EASTER FLOWERS

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order flowers for Easter Sunday Worship Services, please forward the following information to the church office by April 8, 2019. Flowers to choose from are Daffodils, Tulips and Azaleas. The price for the Tulips and Daffodils is \$8.50 per plant. The price for the Azaleas is \$18.00 per plant with all profits going to a local charity, which will be decided by Worship.

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of Daffodils: _____ @ \$8.50 per plant

Number of Tulips: _____ @ \$8.50 per plant

Number of Azaleas: _____ @ \$18.00 per plant

TIDINGS AND WEEKLY FIRST NOTES VIA EMAIL

If you are not currently receiving the monthly Tidings and weekly First Notes (communications from the church) via email and would like to, please fill out the form below and forward to the church office.

PLEASE SIGN ME UP TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY TIDINGS AND WEEKLY FIRST NOTES VIA EMAIL.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____

Home Phone: _____

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS

CHURCH FAMILY GARAGE SALE

Congregational Life will again be hosting a garage sale in our pavilion. This is a great opportunity to clean out some unwanted treasures.

When: June 1, 2019

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Where: Church Pavilion

Rent a table for \$20 and sell your treasures!

More information will be coming soon.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the family and friends of Kimmy Dawson Hankins upon her passing.

To the John and Jane Pinkerton family upon the passing of John's sister, Marguerite Pinkerton.

PRAYER & PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to call on our 100+ Prayer Warriors through our Prayer & Praise Ministry hotline. Know that your requests can be held in strict confidence for your privacy, or we can also add your request to our Sunday announcements and/or printed Prayer Sheet. God is always listening! To begin the prayer hotline, please contact Beth Germann at:

bcgermann@gmail.com

or

(219) 477-9964

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB “ON HOLD” - We have over **50 honorees!** Look for the list of books and honorees posted on the library door. The Birthday Book Club is closed now for addition of new honorees; we will reactivate the program at a later time this year.

DRAWING ENTRY FOR GIFT BAG – During April, anyone who checks out a book from our church library will be entered into the Surprise Gift Bag drawing. Our goal is to encourage increase use of our library.

BORROW BOOKS ... Our church library is nestled into room 140. When you walk out of the Hospitality Center (coffee hour room), toward the coat hanger area,... head to the north stained glass wall, and make a left. Stop! You are at the door of our church library!

There are over 1,000 books quietly waiting for you to find them. Use the yellow legal pad, and jot down the date, your name and the book title. Then place return books onto the black cart just inside room 145. Joan Johnston will re-shelve the returned books.

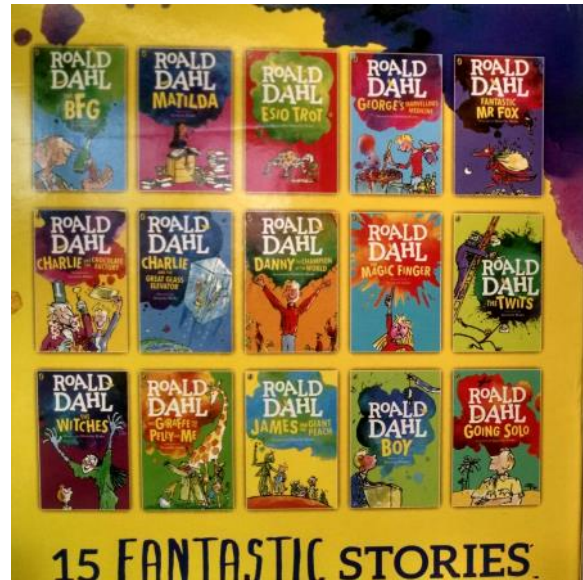
SUGGEST “A GOOD READ”... by leaving a note on the back library counter, suggesting a book you’d recommend borrowing from our collection... Or, suggest an uplifting/inspirational book for us to purchase.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP SORT BOOKS that have been donated. We have a growing group of books that have been dropped off. Some will be added to our collection, some need to find good homes at the Resale Shop, Valpo Library Used Books, or etc. Leave a note in the church library mailbox if you can help! Need 3-5 people. Thanks! Contact Cathy Cole at 219-921-4388 for further info.

A BOOK SERIES FOR ALL:

Roal Dahl is an author that can be enjoyed by adults as well as kids. He wrote Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda, and many other books.

Our library added a set of 15 of his books, thanks to the suggestion by Birthday Book Club honoree Paige Hughes. One of her favorite of Dahl’s books is **BFG**.



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OPPORTUNITY

**Looking for outdoor
adventure this summer?**

**Want to know
Jesus Christ more?**

Look no further!



Summer Camp at Geneva Center!
**Pick up a brochure in the Narthex to
learn about exciting opportunities.**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for several scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available in the church office. Please submit completed forms to the church office by June 11, 2019.

The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward a post-high school degree.

The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.

The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who is implementing post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact Margaret Alexander, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at 462-8723.

TROOP 920 NEWS

Submitted by Jim Pysh

After 73 ½ years, Boy Scout Troop 920 was unable to re-charter due to a lack of youth participants. First Presbyterian should be proud to have hosted one of the first Boy Scout Troops in the Porter County area. The Scouts and Scouters of Troop 920, sincerely appreciate the support that the church has provided throughout those many years. A special note of gratitude to Richard McNamara who served as Scoutmaster and Committee Chair for Troop 920 for over thirty years, and to John and Wendy Stocks for their over twenty years of service as Scoutmaster and committee member.

Alas, the Troop did finish their tenure on a high and joyous note. Our last remaining Boy Scout, Lucas Pysh, earned the rank of Eagle in December. He joins the 48 other members of Boy Scout Troop 920 in achieving this accomplishment. Way to go Lucas!

As you may have heard, the Boy Scouts of America recently has welcomed girls into its traditional scouting program. We are thankful that First Presbyterian has enthusiastically decided to support this expanded program. Troop 920 is the first all female troop in our council which stretches from Porter County east to Elkhart County and into southern Michigan. As of this writing, Scouts BSA Troop 920 has eleven youth members. The new, all female troop will be lead by Scoutmaster Mary VanWienen and Assistant Scoutmaster Kim Vith. If you know of any 11-17 year old girls interested in Scouts BSA, please contact Mrs. Van Wienen at 219-242-2481 or email scoutsbsatroop920@gmail.com.

DUE DATES – TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

Due Date for Tidings Articles:

The due date for Tidings articles is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. May articles are due by April 15.) Please email articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

Due Date for Bulletin Articles, First Notes and/or Screen Advertisements:

The due date for bulletin articles, First Notes email communications and screen advertisements are due by noon the Monday prior to the publication.

Please email bulletin and First Notes articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at:
dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org.

Please email screen announcements to Ken Crews at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org and Dawn Scarborough at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org.

THANK YOU!

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL (“PWNS”)

March was a fun month at PWNS as signs of spring finally began to show. The children decorated a shamrock picture for their family projects. During the month of March, we had lots of fun with books. We had special Dr. Seuss days and Show-and-Tell days where the children brought in a favorite book to share with the class. Students also filled out a reading list with their families at home and were able to choose a new book to keep when they completed their list of the 10 books they read together.

Thank you to Paul and Connie Knauff for a donation to help with the expense of our students’ annual plate making.

As a reminder, you can follow Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School on Facebook to see pictures from some of our weekly activities. It is a great way to keep track of the fun and learning that we have at PWNS.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. Registration forms can be found in the PWNS mailbox in the church office. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sheya Bennett
309-5873

Ann Skadberg
405-7188

PRESBYTERIAN SAINTS

Please join us on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. for the Saints luncheon. Chris Hough will be conducting the program following the luncheon. Chris is a librarian at the Porter County Library in the Genealogy Department. Her program will be informative as to how to begin searching your family history. She will instruct us on what we need to know to get started. She will also have fliers on the subject of genealogy for those that are interested in this fascinating subject. Looking forward to attending the luncheon and also the Genealogy program. Hope to see you there!

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling or emailing the church office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org or (219) 464-4985 by Friday, March 29, 2019. If you need to cancel, please notify the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019. Otherwise, except in an emergency you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost of your meal to pay the caterer. Thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Please join us on Friday, April 5, 2019, at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for First Friday Friends! This is a ministry for elementary-aged kids (K-6).

Dinner and FUN included!! Invite a friend, and be sure to RSVP to Ken Crews:

219-464-4985 or

kencrews@fpcvalpo.org

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Due to Palm Sunday and Mother’s Day, the next Men’s breakfast will be celebrated in the fall. Additional information will be available at that time.

MISSION AT WORK



First Presbyterian Church
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Dear Friends:

Your generous donation to the Church World Service Blankets program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares."

We are deeply grateful for your support. Because of your compassion,

- Families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food and shelter – and with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.
- People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table – and take it to market.
- Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water and the nutritional food essential to growth, development and life itself.

On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you. Please accept this Blankets certificate honoring your vital partnership with CWS in building a world where there is enough for all.

Sincerely,

Rev. John L McCullough
President and CEO
Church World Service

P. S. To find out more about the individuals, families and communities you're helping, please read the most recent **Impact Report** enclosed here, or visit <https://cwsblankets.org/>.

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CWS KITS | CWS BLANKETS

IMPACT REPORT: 2018

The CWS Kit and Blanket Programs are two of the many ways Church World Service shares in a hope-filled tomorrow. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of children and families the world over. Here are some of the places Church World Service has provided kits & blankets through your support of this program.



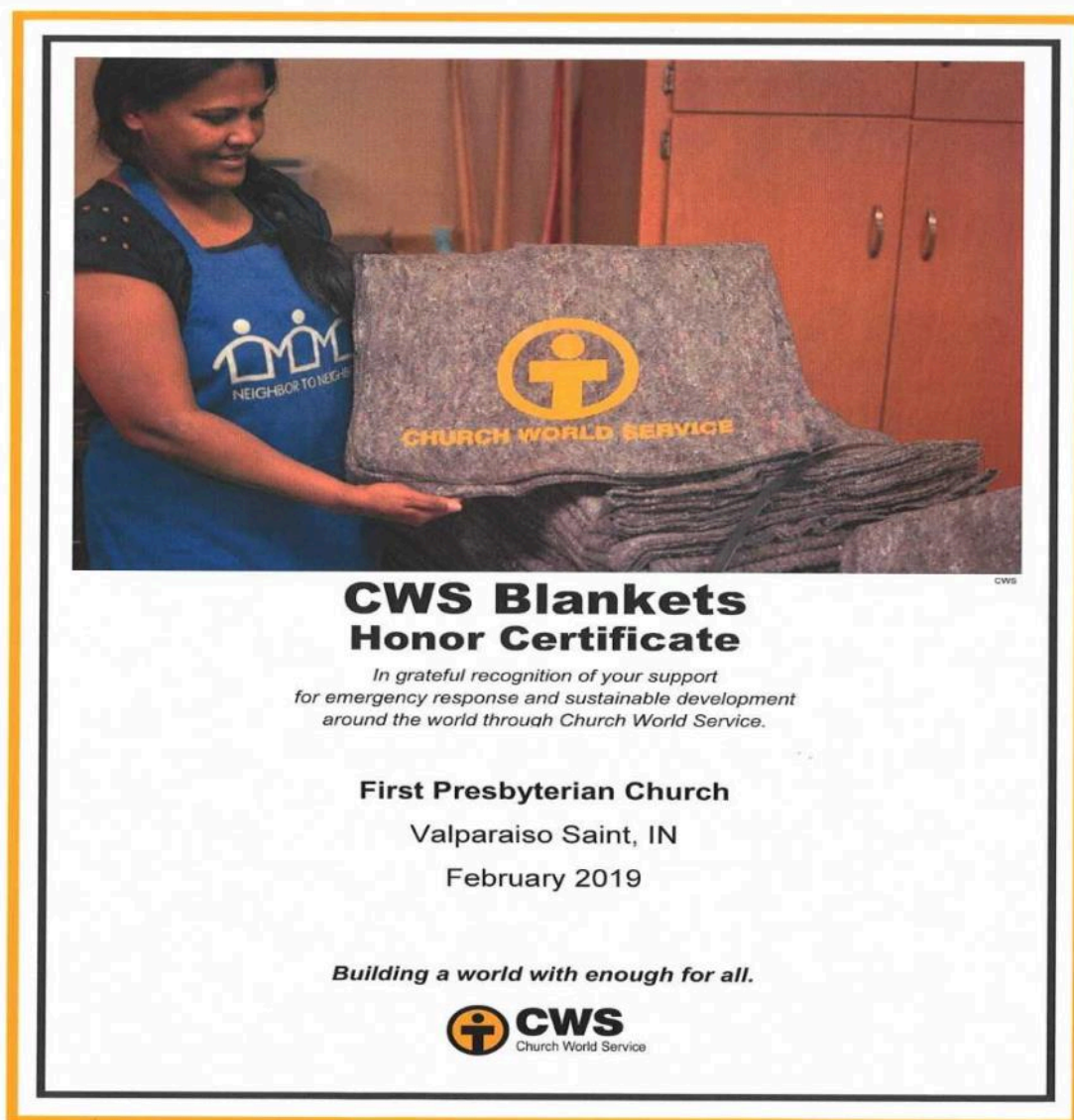
TOTAL KITS AND BLANKETS DISTRIBUTED GLOBALLY: **174,041**



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PADS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Many thanks for the awesome help we have received from many of you in fulfilling our commitment to the PADS Ministry. As we approach the last eight (8) weeks of our commitment, we are in need of help in the following areas:

Coverage of the 1:30 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. Shift:

April 4

2 volunteers

Any questions, contact Beth Germann or Olga Koch. Signup sheets are in the Hospitality Center.

SECOND MILE OFFERING AND CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

April's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Great Banquet Ministry. You will find envelopes in the slots on the back of the chairs for your convenience.

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, there is a basket in the entryway for that purpose.

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

One hundred and fifty-nine families were served providing food for three hundred and sixty people.

The following items are needed:

- Canned Fruit
- Chunky Peanut Butter
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Coffee (small)
- Cooking Oil (small bottles)
- Corn (canned)
- Dish Detergent (small)
- Juices
- Kleenex®
- Laundry Detergent
- Lotions
- Mixed Veggies
- Paper Products (bathroom tissue and paper towels)
- Pork & Beans
- Rice (white and brown instant varieties)
- Saltine Crackers
- Soups
- Spaghetti Noodles (one pound packages)
- Teas
- Tuna in Water

Any donated canned food items or personal care items are always appreciated.

Nan, Anne and Sharon

OPPORTUNITY

OTHER PEOPLE MATTER: CONNECTING THROUGH CHARACTER STRENGTHS

Positive relationships, with oneself and others, have a powerful influence over not only individual health and longevity but also teamwork and engagement in groups. Some experts view tending to relationships as a form of self-care.

This FREE interactive 4-hour workshop applies a strengths lens to cultivating positive connections.

Participants will learn research-based practices to help them:

- discover why we must actively pursue the positive,
- develop a deeper awareness of their unique character strengths profile
- notice and appreciate strengths in themselves and others
- align their strengths with daily activities
- avoid unintended conflicts and stress resulting from strengths overuse and under-use
- build strengths in groups (families, church members, elders and deacons)

To prepare, participants should complete the free VIA (*Values in Action*) survey on character strengths (www.viacharacter.org/survey/pro/strengthbasedliving/Account/Register) and bring their results to the workshop.

Saturday, May 4, 2019 1:00 - 5:00 pm (ET)
Sunnyside Presbyterian Church · 115 South Frances Street · South Bend, IN

Please let us know if you are able to attend by registering at the following website so that our hosts can prepare for you: <https://ourpresbytery.org/events/connecting-through-character-strengths-workshop/>

DEACONS DOINGS

Home communion to our Deacon Friends will be administered on Palm Sunday, April 14th. If you know of anyone who would like to have communion brought to them who is not on our regular visit list of Deacon Friends, please let one of the Deacons know, and we will take them the sacrament. Easter flowers will also be delivered to our Deacon Friends to celebrate our Risen Savior.

If you have any prayer requests, you may send them to Deacon Beth Germann at bcgermann@gmail.com. She will then share them with the prayer warriors in our congregation.

The next quarterly Deacon meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2019, after the 11:00 a.m. service (*noon in Room 154/155*).

We serve God by serving others.

Blessings,

Catherine Busch

HAPPY EASTER!

H allelujah, rejoice, and praise!

E xalt the Savior – He is raised!

L et the songs of joy be sung.

I n the hearts of everyone.

V ictory has now been won.

E ternal life through Christ the Son.

S ing Hallelujah, sing!

Mark 16:6 – He has risen!

RESALE SHOP NEWS

I am scheduling the Resale Shop for April. I would be happy to add your name to our list of fantastic volunteers. Working at the Presbyterian Resale Shop is an enjoyable experience where you meet new people and learn more about the people you see in church and the community. Folks may have conflicts during the month; so we always need subs. Please contact me if you can help.

Thank you,

Carolyn Dye

HEARTFELT THANK YOUS

Member of First Presbyterian Church:

My family and I would like to thank you for all of the support you have shown through prayers, cards, visits, food and help you gave during my mom's funeral. First Presbyterian has been a part of my mom's life for as long as I can remember. She loved being a part of this family and truly cherished the friendships she found and the love that was always present.

So thank you again for all you have done. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

Love,

Kelly
(Terrie Colosino's daughter)

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Thank you so much for your donation to Church World Service ("CWS")! Your congregation's gift will help CWS' mission of building a world where there is enough for all.

Sam Fore
Congregational Outreach Specialist

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Dear Church Family,

Your care and love for Dan and Val and my family is a comfort and a joy.

God bless you all!

Lovingly,

Dan and Val Higgins
Anna Smart
Mike and Kyle Smart & Family
Vickie and Mike Gruhlke

APRIL CALENDAR

Monday, April 01, 2019

8:00 AM	Retired Presbyterian Men	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	145
6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Team	154, 155
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Mission Team	101
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Scout Leader Meeting	Library

Tuesday, April 02, 2019

10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101

Wednesday, April 03, 2019

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
6:15 PM	Building Disciples Team	101
7:00 PM	iEngage Team	Workroom
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 04, 2019

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, April 05, 2019

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
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APRIL CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, April 07, 2019

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Presbys Go To Lunch	Off-site
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 08, 2019

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 09, 2019

10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
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Wednesday, April 10, 2019

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 11, 2019

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 12, 2019

7:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, April 13, 2019

8:00 AM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Handbell Workshop	Chapel, HC
12:00 PM	Congregational Life - Brunch Prep.	Kitchen, Fellowship Hall

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APRIL CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, April 14, 2019 - Palm Sunday

10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:00 AM	One Family Service - LIFT Experience	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Palm Sunday Brunch	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Rescheduled Time)	148, 149
12:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt	FPC-outdoors
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, April 15, 2019

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
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Wednesday, April 17, 2019

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel
7:00 PM	Finance Team (Rescheduled)	Workroom

Thursday, April 18, 2019 - Maundy Thursday

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Chapel

Friday, April 19, 2019 - Good Friday

12:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Chapel
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Saturday, April 20, 2019

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APRIL CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, April 21, 2019 - Easter Sunday

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, April 22, 2019 - Church Office Closed

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
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Wednesday, April 24, 2019

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Chapel

Thursday, April 25, 2019

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
2:00 PM	Pines Communion	Off-site
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, April 26, 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Deacon Quarterly Meeting	154, 155
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, April 29, 2019

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Session Rescheduled	154, 155

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 3
Victoria Olling

April 6
Kim Klancer
Lorene Monk

April 9
Debbie Walls

April 12
Connie Knauff

April 13
Timothy Shideler

April 14
Ginger Boys
Pat Buckwell
Rhonda Coffin
Janice Loudermilk
Stephen Williams

April 16
Julie Fletcher-Golding
Hayden Hughes
Jim Peller

April 19
Edison Buff
Mike Croarkin

April 20
Mary Henrichs

April 21
Mark Ribordy

April 22
Kathy Evans
Pete Goodpaster
Ken Koch
Tom Swihart

April 23
Cameron Hebert

April 25
Alex Williams

April 30
Terry Diedrich
Mike Nuppnau
Hannah Scheller
Denise Stanko

If we inadvertently missed your birthday, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP FLOWERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE WORSHIP FLOWERS in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office or sign up on the clipboard chart located on the north bookcase in the Hospitality Center. Thank you.

Apr. 7	May 5	May 12	May 19	June 2	June 9
June 16	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	Aug. 4
Aug. 11	Aug. 25	Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

To be taken home: _____ To be delivered to shut-ins: _____

RESALE SHOP – APRIL 2019 SCHEDULE
SCHEDULER: CAROLYN DYE (219) 464-8878

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

Tuesdays through Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
www.firstpresbyterianresale.com

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
2 Pat Blanco Joan Johnston ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	3 Linda Hartlerode Alexa Olling ----- Carol Bonvissuto Cindy Robinson	4 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Cathy Cole Chiq Colton	5 Mary Henrichs Mary Linda Scott ----- Carolyn Dye Cindy Robinson	6 Tammie Lakatos Pam Skaltsas ----- Tammie Lakatos Nancy Porter
9 Marilyn Mohr Janice Reichard ----- Linda Hartlerode Tammie Lakatos	10 Joan Johnston TBD ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	11 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Elizabeth Monroe Rose Ross	12 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Tammie Lakatos Pastor Nancy Becker	13 Barb Aungst Leanne Grant ----- Catherine Busch Tammie Lakatos
16 Mary Brown Betty Richardson ----- Karen Huguenard Paul Knauff	17 Mary Jayne Shurr Star Ruwersma ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	18 Betty Richardson Pat Puffer ----- Pat Buckwell Inge Nimtz	19 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Linda Hartlerode Mary Linda Scott	20 CLOSED FOR EASTER
23 Barb Aungst Carolyn Lelek ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	24 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	25 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Chiq Colton Inge Nimtz	26 Chiq Colton Alexa Olling ----- Ruth Eskilson Jill/David McGonigle	27 Marilyn & Don Owens ----- Catherine Busch Julie Fletcher- Golding
30 Ginger & Jim Boys ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker				

The Next Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle
Gathering:

Date: April 18, 2019 **Hostesses:** Ruth Ingraham
Time: 10:00 A.M Betty Lyon
Lesson: Mary Stoner

Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator: Carolyn Dye
Vice-moderator: Pam Skaltsas
Treasurer: Linda Hartlerode
Historian: Mary Jayne Shurr
Secretary: Cindy Robinson

MINISTRY ROSTER

If there are any changes, please find a substitute and notify the church office as soon as possible to facilitate bulletin printing. Thank you for your time and ministry.

USHERS

April 7

9:00 a.m. David Goodwin
Vic Klancer
Phebe Klapp

11:00 a.m. Chris Hoham
Jim Knopf

April 14 – One Family LIFT Service

10:00 a.m. Sheya Bennett
Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard

April 21 – Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Zane Cole
David Goodwin
Phebe Klapp
Rose Ross

11:00 a.m. Catherine Busch
Carla Evans
Kathy Evans

April 28

9:00 a.m. Fred Grosick
Susan Grosick
Karen Huguenard

11:00 Dan Higgins
Steve Scarborough

SEXTON:

Open: Craig Johnson
Close: Ron Phillips

LITURGIST

April 7 Lauren Phillips (9 and 11)
14 LIFT Worship
21 Judy Johnson (9 and 11)
28 Maggi Alexander (9)

ELDER ON CALL

April 7 Rick Exley
21 Lisa Pavlopoulos

DEACON ON CALL

April 14 Catherine Busch
28 Dan Higgins

APRIL 7, 2019, COMMUNION SERVERS

Andrea Phillips*
Rhonda Coffin*
Barry Hughes
Jerry Kahrs
Rick Exley
Lisa Pavlopoulos

**denotes team leaders*



Per Capita

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. The more per capita paid by each member, fewer funds will come out of our operating budget. ***The cost is \$42.00 per member.***

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Brad Dirks	Worship Team
Rick Exley.....	Building and Grounds Team*
Barry Hughes	Building and Grounds Team*
Jerry Kahrs	iEngage Team
Connie Knauff.....	Christian Education Team
Ken McAloon.....	Mission Team*
Elizabeth Monroe	Finance Team*
Lisa Pavlopoulos	Mission Team*
Andrea Phillips.....	Congregational Life Team
Jacki Phillips	Building Disciples Team
Chip Wilkes.....	Personnel Team

*denotes Co-moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Nancy Becker

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Linda Long

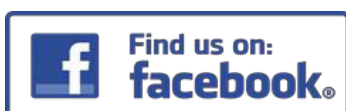
Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Financial Report

February 2019

Income	\$ 45,536	YTD Income	\$73,027
Expenses	<u>(26,940)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(49,797)</u>
Over/Short	\$ 18,596		\$23,230



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FPCVALPO (closed)