

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF APRIL 22, 2020

YOUR ELDERS MISS YOU! That was the overwhelming message expressed at last Wednesday's Session meeting via Zoom. It is the Session's responsibility to not only govern and guide the congregation but also to "*nurture the covenant community of disciples of Christ*" (Book of Order, G-3.0201c); and during this challenging pandemic, it has been so difficult for them to do that! In recent weeks, both Elders and Deacons have been contacting the membership, and while that helps, it simply cannot replace the face-to-face communication (smiles, hugs, updates, sharing, etc.) that happens when we all gather together.

Much thanks and praise was offered to the Worship and iEngage Teams (and also Pastor Kim, CED Ken, and Church Administrator Dawn) who have been working tireless hours to create and present our online worship and meeting opportunities. Unfortunately, as you are now probably aware, these online gatherings must continue through the end of May (with Session revisiting the orders at their May 20 meeting). As much as everyone wants to return to normal routines, that is not likely to happen. Our "new normal" way of doing church will be different! And while your Session doesn't have all the answers yet, they are certainly working on ways to help us worship and continue our work in the community and the world.

The first step in the process of determining this new normal has been to create a **TASK FORCE** that will establish the plans for moving forward gradually once we do receive governmental approval to reopen and deem it safe for our members. Several steps have already been taken, and the Task Force will certainly keep you informed when they are able to move forward.

In other business, several actions were taken:

- Elders moved that a request be submitted to the Smock Deacons Fund for an additional \$5,000 to be used to help members with COVID-19 related needs;
- iEngage has applied for a grant to purchase iPads on which worship services can be downloaded and then be shared with members who do not have access to the Internet or WiFi;
- There will be information placed on both the church website and our FaceBook page relating to the 2020 Census; because so many of the populations which we support (children, the homeless, those suffering from poverty, etc.) are served based on Census figures, it is extremely important for us to encourage everyone to complete the Census forms.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which are ***posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board*** in the Hospitality Center once they are approved (and we allowed back into the church!). 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,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Join your FPCV family for an intergenerational Christian Education program on Sunday mornings in May at 11:30 a.m. (CDT). This event is for all ages, and it's easy to join. Just follow these four easy steps:

- Enjoy morning worship at 10:00 a.m. via Facebook or FPC website.
- Take a short break to grab a snack!

Return to the FPCV livestream on Facebook @1stPresValpo or our website at www.fpcvalpo.org. Interact via the comments section, if following on Facebook.

We hope to see you all Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. for online worship and 11:30 a.m. for Christian Education!

Please contact Ken Crews at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org with any questions.

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PRESBYS

All Presbys are invited to hangout Sunday evenings in May at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will connect, learn, and play games! Login information is available on Facebook for members of the “Presbys” and “FPCV: Christian Ed Is Everywhere!” Facebook groups. Login information will also be emailed to Presbys families. Youth can access Zoom meetups via mobile devices, phone, or computer, using audio and/or video. Please contact Ken Crews with any questions at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org.

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STORY TIME

Join us on Wednesday mornings in May 2020, at 11:00 a.m. for Story Time via Facebook Live or FPC’s website at www.fpcvalpo.org.

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REFLECTIONS

Join us on Wednesday evenings in May at 6:00 p.m. as Lou Ann Karabel leads **CHANGE YOUR MIND: LIVING PEACEFULLY DURING COVID-19** via Facebook Live or FPC’s website.

WORSHIP NEWS – SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ON SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020, DURING THE ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE (VIA FACEBOOK LIVE/FPC WEBSITE) AT 10:00 A.M. Pastor Kim invites all to the communion table in your home by bringing a piece of bread/cracker and a cup of juice/wine **TO PARTAKE COMMUNION**. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.

DEACONS DOINGS

The world faced unique challenges in the Easter season of 2020. In ordinary times, your Deacons serve to connect homebound members and friends with church and the hope proclaimed in Christ and His resurrection. In ordinary times, we would celebrate with our Deacon Friends, taking along fresh spring flowers on a visit in their homes.

But this year the deacons, along with pretty much everyone, are homebound themselves. We have adapted, keeping contact through cards and letters, phone calls and social media. Several Deacons and Elders have joined together to extend such keep-in-touch ministries to members beyond Deacon Friends.

Deacons pray of course, as always. You may extend your prayer requests to the Deacons' Praise and Prayer ministry, which is coordinated by Deacon Beth Germann at bgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477 9964. Beth will communicate your requests to our dozens of prayer warriors, keeping details in strict confidence. You may also add your requests to prayer during Sunday morning online worship by contacting the church office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org. Let the office know if you're giving permission to mention names during the online service.

The Deacons have contracted with a local potter to create a new communion set for the sanctuary, to be funded by the cookie walk proceeds. New home communion kits have also been purchased. We pray the time will come soon for communion in our sanctuary again, and in the homes of our Deacon Friends, when we'll get those fresh flowers delivered.

Peace and love,

Mike Becker

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Virginia Greich family and friends as they mourn the loss of her husband, Joe.

To the Houston family and friends as they mourn the loss of Marilyn Houston.

To the Jim and Jean Patton family and friends as they mourn the loss of Jean's mother.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1
Carolyn Dye

May 2
Trey Buehler

May 3
Barbara Aungst
Allison Skadberg

May 4
Karen Robison

May 5
Kathy Rowe

May 9
Doyll Andrews
Jim Hubbard
Joanne Webb-McClennan

May 11
Tom Byerly
Lou Ann Karabel
Grady Thomas

May 12
Andrea Phillips

May 15
Norman Brooker
Marilyn Mohr
Lisa Pavlopoulos
Pete Shaw

May 16
Carol Byerly
Jacob Goodpaster
Michael Skaltsas

May 17
Anne Hurst
Trent Olling

May 18
Donna Cummins
Harry Karabel

May 19
Susan Grosick

May 23
Ken McAloon

May 24
Heather Crews
Brooke Spitler

May 25
Nancy Porter

May 26
Lenny Corso
Bill Rogers
Jaxson Taylor

May 27
Joy Dirks

May 28
Paul Knauff

May 30
Doug Dye
Virginia Greich

May 31
Carla Evans
Paul Grant

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

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

May 3, 2020	Katie Golding
May 10, 2020	Leila Buford
May 17, 2020	Lisa Pavlopoulos
May 24, 2020	Linda Long
May 31, 2020	Paul Knauff

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY

Moderator:	Carolyn Dye
Vice-moderator:	Pam Skaltsas
Treasurer:	Jan Bays
Historian:	Mary Jayne Shurr
Secretary:	Cindy Robinson
Scheduler:	Mary Linda Scott

MAY CALENDAR

Friday, May 01, 2020 - First Friday Friends Will Not Gather.

Saturday, May 02, 2020

Sunday, May 03, 2020

10:00 AM	Online Worship	Facebook Live FPC Website
11:30 AM	Online Intergenerational CE Hour	Facebook Live FPC Website
6:00 PM	Online Presbys	Via Zoom

Monday, May 04, 2020

5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	Via Zoom
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Via Zoom

Tuesday, May 05, 2020

10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Via Zoom
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:15 PM	Worship Team	Via Zoom
6:30 PM	Building Disciples Team	Via Zoom

Wednesday, May 06, 2020

11:00 AM	Story Time	Facebook Live FPC Website
5:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	<i>Change Your Mind: Living Peacefully during COVID-19.</i>	Facebook Live FPC Website

Thursday, May 07, 2020

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Via Zoom

Friday, May 08, 2020

Saturday, May 09, 2020

Sunday, May 10, 2020 - Happy Mother's Day!

10:00 AM	Online Worship	Facebook Live FPC Website
11:30 AM	Online Intergenerational CE Hour	Facebook Live FPC Website
6:00 PM	Online Presbys	Via Zoom

Monday, May 11, 2020

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Via Zoom
10:30 AM	Pre-docket Meeting	Via Zoom
11:00 AM	Docket Meeting	Via Zoom
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

11:00 AM	Story Time	Facebook Live FPC Website
5:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	<i>Change Your Mind: Living Peacefully during COVID-19.</i>	Facebook Live FPC Website
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Via Zoom

Thursday, May 14, 2020

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
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Friday, May 15, 2020 - June Tidings Article Due to the Church Office

7:00 AM	Team Minutes and/or Reports Due to the Church Office for May Session Packet
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Saturday, May 16, 2020

MAY CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, May 17, 2020

10:00 AM

Online Worship

Facebook Live | FPC Website

11:30 AM

Online Intergenerational CE Hour

Facebook Live | FPC Website

6:00 PM

Online Presbys

Via Zoom

Monday, May 18, 2020

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

10:00 AM

Men's Bible Study

Via Zoom

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

Online

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

11:00 AM

Story Time

Facebook Live | FPC Website

5:00 PM

Women's Bible Study

Via Zoom

6:00 PM

Change Your Mind: Living Peacefully during COVID-19.

Facebook Live | FPC Website

7:00 PM

Session Meeting

Via Zoom

Thursday, May 21, 2020

10:00 AM

The Comfort Stitchers

Via Zoom

Friday, May 22, 2020

Saturday, May 23, 2020

Sunday, May 24, 2020

10:00 AM

Online Worship

Facebook Live | FPC Website

11:30 AM

Online Intergenerational CE Hour

Facebook Live | FPC Website

6:00 PM

Online Presbys

Via Zoom

Monday, May 25, 2020 – Memorial Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

10:00 AM

Men's Bible Study

Via Zoom

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

Online

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

11:00 AM

Story Time

Facebook Live | FPC Website

5:00 PM

Women's Bible Study

Via Zoom

6:00 PM

Change Your Mind: Living Peacefully during COVID-19.

Facebook Live | FPC Website

Thursday, May 28, 2020

10:00 AM

The Comfort Stitchers

Via Zoom

Friday, May 29, 2020

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Sunday, May 31, 2020

10:00 AM

Online Worship

Facebook Live | FPC Website

11:30 AM

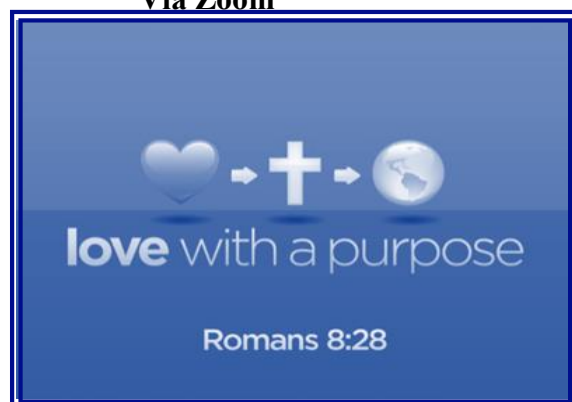
Online Intergenerational CE Hour

Facebook Live | FPC Website

6:00 PM

Online Presbys

Via Zoom



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for several scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available online. **PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED FORMS VIA EMAIL OR US POSTAL SERVICE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JUNE 11, 2020.**

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.

MISSION NEWS

The Mission Team realizes that the state lock-down will affect everyone differently. If there is a financial need that is causing you concern, please reach out to Ken McAloon, Lisa Pavlopoulos, Mission co-moderators, or Pastor Kim. There are funds available to help ease the stress during these trying times. Remember we are stronger together; and know that you are loved.

CANCELLATIONS

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

AND

THE SAINTS LUNCHEON

ARE

CANCELLED IN MAY.

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. June articles are due by May 15.) Please email articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

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

The due date for bulletin articles, First Notes, and announcements are due by noon the Monday prior to the publication.

PER CAPITA

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. *The cost is \$42.00 per member.* Per capita helps support the decisions of the commissioners to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as they discern the will of Jesus Christ together. It also supports the work of the Presbytery Commission of Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

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

THANK YOU!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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Judy Hollar, Clerk of Session.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
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Elders of Session

Ministry Team

Matthew Byerly	iEngage Team*
Kim Croarkin	iEngage Team*
Brad Dirks	Worship Team
Rick Exley.....	Building and Grounds Team*
Jim Hubbard, Pro Tem	Personnel Team
Sharon Kinsey	Christian Education Team
Vic Klancer	Building and Grounds Team*
Ken McAloon.....	Mission Team*
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Finance Team
Lisa Pavlopoulos	Mission* and Stewardship Teams
Andrea Phillips.....	Congregational Life Team
Jacki Phillips	Building Disciples Team
Chip Wilkes	Personnel Team

*denotes Co-moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Mission Statement: Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

Financial Report			
March 2020			
Month Income	\$ 27,896	YTD Income	\$121,422
Month Expenses	<u>(42,455)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(112,919)</u>
Over/Short	\$ (14,559)		\$ 8,503



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