

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF APRIL 21, 2021

The question that is on most of our minds right now is ***WHEN ARE WE GOING TO RETURN TO WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY???*** Our Community Task Force has been meeting regularly, working so hard for more than a year now, and they are faithfully following science and CDC guidelines. At the last Session meeting, it was their recommendation that Session proceed to return to in-person worship (FOLLOWING ALL CDC GUIDELINES) as soon as it is feasible. That means that your Worship Team is continuing to work diligently to make all the accommodations that will be necessary for us to do that. There are an unbelievable number of logistical issues to solve and still remain within those CDC guidelines! But they are working through them as quickly and as responsibly as they can in order to keep everyone in our congregation safe. Please watch your emails for developments as they are announced!

Thank goodness for technology! Not only has Session been meeting via Zoom for over a year now, but they also have been conducting a great deal of business via email! Any time an important issue comes up that needs to be decided before the next regularly scheduled Session meeting, Elders can take a 24-hour period to discuss the issue and then take a vote. In order for such a vote to be approved, 2/3 of the Elders must agree or it doesn't pass. (Thus, we need 9 Elders to approve an email vote.) Session had **four** of these email votes within the past couple of weeks:

- Approved the “SadderDay” service the day between Good Friday and Easter Sunday;
- Approved a return to regular in-person outdoor worship at 10:00 a.m. in the pavilion beginning on April 11, 2021;
- Approved two food truck fundraisers for The Caring Place who asked to use our parking lot on April 29, and May 25, 2021;
- Approved a “Junk in the Trunk” fundraiser in the pavilion for P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) June 19, 2021
- Session also heard presentations from three different subcommittees that have been working for varying lengths of time on major undertakings for FPCV:
- **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee** ~ Co-Moderators Cathy Greenawald and Jim Hubbard brought Session up-to-date on the work this committee has been doing since its election in late January. They are currently preparing a survey to be sent to the congregation. This should result in an accurate reflection of what our membership thinks and feels so that we can present this to candidates if it is determined that we indeed do wish to seek an associate pastor.

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF APRIL 21, 2021, CONTINUED

- **Chancel Visioning Team** ~ Jason Adams and Linda Long presented an update of the work that has been done by their team and Elevate Studio. Elders liked what they saw as far as redesigns of our current worship space, so they voted to direct the CVT to continue the work of finding the best ways to enhance our worship experience.
- **Manual of Operations** ~ Jim Hubbard reviewed the rationale behind having such a manual (as required by Presbytery) and requested that Moderators review their documents and procedures so that in the event that someone new had to take over their positions, the job description would be clearly explained.

Other business included the following:

- **Matthew 25 Team** is currently focusing on education. They will be offering a 6-week study through Christian Education and encouraged all Elders to attend, set up a separate study group, or do an independent study so they would also be informed. The study is from the PC(USA) titled “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Antiracism Study Guides.”
- There will be a Called Meeting of Session on Sunday, May 2, 2021, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for the purpose of hearing the Statements of Faith of the Confirmands who will be joining the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.
- Although long-time Business Manager Beverlee Frazee has requested that there be no celebration surrounding her retirement after more than 30 years, Session would still very much like to honor her. A card shower has been suggested, and anyone wishing to say thank-you to Beverlee is encouraged to donate gift cards in her honor.
- Building & Grounds Team appreciated all the prayers of Elders throughout the month (as part of the Holy Living project), but the question proposed was: do we pray for the B & G Team or do we pray for the *boilers* which are 49 years old and in a continual state of needing repair? Continued prayers will be needed as we move forward with the antiquated system.
- Congregational Life received approval for a Garage Sale/Car Wash fundraiser on June 12, 2021. Proceeds from the sale will support New Creation Resale Shop and Men’s Center. Details will be upcoming.

Closing **Joys and Concerns** were shared as all look forward to returning to in-person worship.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which will be *posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved (and we are allowed back into the church!). **In the meantime**, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

CHANCEL VISIONING TEAM NEWS

At the Session April meeting, the Chancel Visioning Team presented its vision and some preliminary drawings to illustrate:

- Natural light in the sanctuary from a skylight over the chancel and windows in the blank walls high and adjacent to the balcony;
- Flexible, roomy area in the sanctuary equipped for worship music including choirs, bells, piano, band, and other ensembles - whether streaming or in-person worship;
- Warm wooden screening design that will enhance room acoustics and worship focus as well as opportunities for arts in worship;
- Lowering the chancel area one step with gentle ramp to improve access for worship leaders; and
- Use the spire and lighting to enhance the witness of our building with its cross and story-telling art glass windows to the neighborhood.

In May, you will have the opportunity to walk through the sanctuary before or after worship in the pavilion for three Sundays (masked, of course) to see posters of preliminary designs we are envisioning with Elevate Studio. We will invite your response with comment cards - aesthetic, spiritual - how does it strike you?

MISSION NEWS

MAY'S SECOND MILE OFFERING KIDS ALIVE MINISTRY

For many years our church and individual members have financially supported Kids Alive International. In 2019, several of our members went to Kids Alive Guatemala on a mission trip. Kids Alive International is a Christ-centered organization that believes every child deserves to live free from the bondage of hunger, abuse, and exploitation. Their commitment to this Biblical truth compels them to deliver life's essentials and with the same compassion and excellence that we would want for the children in our lives. They rescue and provide for orphaned and forgotten children one at a time, but they accomplish so much more. They empower families and communities by developing partnerships and sharing the faith, knowledge, and infrastructure that creates self-sustaining legacies of transformation. Kids Alive International is a Christ-centered mission dedicated to rescuing orphans and vulnerable children – meeting their spiritual, physical, educational, and emotional needs. All of the children in their care were orphaned, abandoned, or abused, living on the streets, and victims of poverty, disease, or war. Kids Alive rescues these children – one at a time – and enrolls them into one of our Children's Homes, a Care Center, or School program that is best suited to the care they need. They are currently reaching children in 12 countries with the redeeming love of Christ. Please prayerfully consider contributing to May's second mile offering that will support Kids Alive International.

To find out more visit their website: <https://www.kidsalive.org/meet-kids-alive/about/>

THE CARING PLACE FUNDRAISER

CARRY-OUT FOR THE CARING PLACE TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

Drive-up Meal Pickup Times
Available to be Preselected/Scheduled: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383

The Caring Place is excited to partner with the food trucks from Chicago's 4 Star Restaurant Group to offer our community preordered "carry-out" family packs from some of the Windy City's most popular restaurants! See menu options listed below. Both options feed four (4) people for \$60; The Caring Place will receive \$10 from every family pack purchased!

Be sure to choose "The Caring Place Fundraiser (Valparaiso)" and select your pickup time.



A yellow rectangular graphic with red and black text. At the top, it says "TUESDAY, MAY 25 -- TACO TUESDAY FROM TUCO AND BLONDIE!". Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column is headed "Family Pack Option #1" and lists "Steak Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Elotes, Churros, Jarritos". The right column is headed "Family Pack Option #2" and lists "Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Blondie Salad, Queso with Tortilla Chips and Salsa, Jarritos".

TUESDAY, MAY 25 -- TACO TUESDAY FROM TUCO AND BLONDIE!

<u>Family Pack Option #1</u>	<u>Family Pack Option #2</u>
Steak Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Elotes, Churros, Jarritos	Chicken Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Blondie Salad, Queso with Tortilla Chips and Salsa, Jarritos

Family Pack Meals must be preordered in advance. Food trucks will not be equipped to take walk-up orders. To preorder and reserve a pickup time, visit the website below:

<https://www.thecaringplacenwi.org/spring-events-carry-out-for-the-caring-place>

OPPORTUNITY – LITURGIST MINISTRY

Serving as the liturgist during worship is a ministry. We invite you to approach it prayerfully. This ministry is open to as many people as possible giving the opportunity to support our liturgists in this "work of the people" (the root of liturgy from Greek). Liturgists may read the Call to Confession, Confession of Sin and Offering Our Lives, while the minister preaches the sermon, offers prayers, and blesses sacraments. Our liturgists are an important part of our worship, and demonstrate how we all minister to the community.

To sign up to serve as liturgist, please click on the link below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/994107930073/false#/invitation>

JUST WAIT FOR THE SUN

By Lisa Marks

When everything's darkness
And you feel so alone,
When the rain doesn't stop
And you can't make it home,
When it feels all is lost
And you just want to run,
It can't rain forever.
Just wait for the sun.

When family is pain,
When friends can't be found,
When you just want to scream
But you can't find the sound,
When it's all your fault,
And you feel like you're done,
Just wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

The storm always passes.
It won't last forever.
The rain always stops and gives way to good weather.
The brightest and warmest of days still to come.
Please wait for the sun.
The sunshine will come.

People who need you,
People who love you
Can warm up your soul like the sunshine above you.
You're never alone,
No matter what's done.
Wait for the sun.
Just wait for the sun.

Dark clouds always pass.
I promise you, hun.
We're all waiting with you.
Just wait for the sun.

Source: <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/just-wait-for-the-sun> (Published March 11, 2020)

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL (“PWNS”)

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April was a fun month for the children as signs of spring emerged. We stayed busy early in the month with Easter stories, crafts and parties. The children had fun making Easter baskets, dyeing Easter eggs and going on an Easter egg hunt. As April continued, the children planted seeds and watched them grow, and learned lots about the life cycle of butterflies as we watched our own live caterpillars become beautiful butterflies. The children also enjoyed playing outside on our wonderful playground.

We have openings available in our 3-4 year old class and our Pre-K class for the 2021-2022 school year and are enrolling now. Information about class meeting days/times, costs, registration, etc. can be found on our website at www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org. You are welcome to contact us with any questions by emailing through our website’s “Contact Us” tab or by calling the church office at 464-4985 and leaving a message for our teaching staff.

We are also beginning enrollment for our new summer program, Camp Kindergarten, for children who will be entering kindergarten this fall. You can get more information by visiting our website at www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org. Email any questions about this program to Karen Robison at tckaren@yahoo.com.

Please feel free to share the opportunity to sign-up for our fall classes and/or our summer program with your family, friends and neighbors.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, May 2, 2021 during the online worship service (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel) 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 or whatever common elements you have to celebrate communion. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.

In addition, we will celebrate the sacraments at the 10:00 a.m. in-person worship in the Church Pavilion on May 2, 2021.



SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

SUMMER CAMP 2021 IS A “GO” MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

2020 was a bust for Summer Camp, but **2021 will be great**...and all is being made ready to assure that this year's Summer Church Camp experience will be the experience everybody missed last year.

All CDC and State Health Department recommendations will be in effect and camp will be as 'safe' as we can make it.

Time to get back-in-touch-with-nature, re-connect with old friends and meet new friends ...that is what Camp is all about. Gather your friends and register together.

Geneva Center has been hosting Summer Camp and creating lifelong memories for over 50 years; this year will be a special year for all campers who have been cooped up at-home and sheltered for too long.

RESERVE YOUR DATES IN JUNE & JULY ... and get ready to make some memories at camp this year. (Sign up before May 15th to avoid a \$25 late registration fee) www.genevacenter.org

June 14-16	You and Me 1 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$225.00/ person
June 14-16	New Beginnings (completed grades 1-3)	\$225.00
June 14-19	Explorers (completed grades 4-5)	\$395.00
June 21-24	You and Me 2 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$285.00/ person
June 21-26	MAD (Music, Art, Drama) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional High School (completed grades 9-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional Middle School (completed grades 6-8)	\$395.00
July 5-10	CROSS (Recreation/Sports) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00

MISSION NEWS

The Mission Team realizes that the state lockdown 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.

Stay safe,

Your Mission Team

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ANYONE WHO CAN CHECK ALL THE BOXES

- ___ **I am 70 or older.**
- ___ **I have an IRA.**
- ___ **I donate money to the church (and/or charities).**

On our Federal Taxes, most of us now take the standard deduction of \$12,000 (single) or \$24,000 (married) rather than itemizing, and thus we no longer get a tax deduction for money we give to qualified charities. However, if you checked the three boxes above, **you still can donate money and lower your taxes**. Here is why and how:

Beginning at age 70½, you must take a specified amount, your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), out of your IRA each year. You must now start paying the taxes you avoided when you put the money in the IRA.

Assume Mary is required to take \$3000 out of her IRA this year. She also wants to give \$3000 to the church and/or other charitable organizations.

1. She can have this money sent to herself. It is considered income, and she would pay \$1025 more in taxes (if she is in the 32% tax bracket). $\$3000 - \1025 (to taxes) = **\$1975 left for charities**
2. She can request this money be sent directly to an IRS approved charity, such as the church, and she would pay no taxes on this money. $\$3000 - \$0 =$ **the full \$3000 goes to charities**
3. Yes, if she wanted to donate only \$2000, she could have \$1000 (\$680 after taxes) sent to her.
4. Also, she can request the money be distributed among several charities.

These donations are called **Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCD's)**.

All it takes is a phone call to the custodian of your IRA (or your accountant/financial advisor). They can help you set up the process and timing for sending out your QCD checks this year.

Blessings,

Your Endowment Committee:

Ruth Dickey
Cathy Greenawald
Doug Hollar
Jim Hubbard
Katherine Joseph
Paul Knauff
Karen Vogelsang



Congregational Life invites you to come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun, and a chance to work out that competitive spirit!

Friday, May 28th 6-8pm (5:30pm for a little pre-game chatter)
First Presbyterian Church Pavilion
Trish will be bringing a game for all to share

What you will need:
Chairs and any snacks and drinks for the evening.

****COVID-19 protocols are still in place and masks will be mandatory.
In the event of inclement weather, a notice of cancellation will go out.**

We hope to see you there!!



You make a difference.

**Thank you
for your continued
support.**



American Red Cross



BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

First Presbyterian Church

March 9

Registered Donors = 38

Total Pints Collected = 38

**Your support will go a long way toward replenishing blood
supplies and ultimately saving lives!**

Each donation can save up to 3 lives!

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | facebook.com/redcrossblood | [@redcrossbloodXX](https://twitter.com/redcrossbloodXX)

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. Theme078.Size005 | 2012/07 © 2012 The American National Red Cross | 07/12AP295

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for two scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships>. Please mail completed forms to the following address by June 11, 2021:

First Presbyterian Church
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Attn: Scholarship Committee

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.

DEACONS' DOINGS

The Presbyterian Resale Shop received the most moving card this week for a volunteer that had passed. The card had a beautiful angel on it covered in flowers, and the passage said, *"Every flower and blade of grass has its Angel that bends over it and whispers, 'Grow, Grow.'"*

The month of May has many reasons to rejoice in flowers: Teacher's Appreciation Day, Nurse's Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces' Day, and Memorial Day, just to name a few. The whispering Angels and Hallmark will be extra busy!

The Deacons have been busy too making sure all of our friends were greeted throughout the Easter season, and especially celebrating the opening of more facilities with the lessening of COVID restrictions. I thank God for my masks, and the vaccines that are making their way around the world. Eventually, the mass hugging will commence!

Carson McCullers with AmeriCorps Seniors said, *"The closest thing to being cared for is to care for someone else."* I believe this is what Jesus wanted us to teach and practice in Philippians 2:4, *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others."* When we live this, we become more in-tune with each other, which in-turn, allows us to grow and face the world in a more loving way. With the start of summer upon us, find a way to reach out to someone, and don't forget the flowers!

CALENDAR

Saturday, May 01, 2021

Sunday, May 02, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website FPC YouTube Channel
10:00 AM	In-person Worship Service	Pavilion
11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee Hour	Via Zoom
11:00 AM	Called Meeting of the Session/Banquet	Zoom / FPC
11:30 AM	Children, Youth and Parent CE Hour	144, 145, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 03, 2021

5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 04, 2021

10:00 AM	Membership Team	Via Zoom
10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:15 PM	Worship Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Prayer Group – Leila	154/155, Pavilion

Wednesday, May 05, 2021

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	FPC
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:15 PM	Congregational Life Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Via Zoom

Thursday, May 06, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Community Task Force Team	Via Zoom

Friday, May 07, 2021

Saturday, May 08, 2021

Sunday, May 09, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website FPC YouTube Channel
10:00 AM	In-person Worship Service	Pavilion
11:30 AM	Children, Youth and Parent CE Hour	144, 145, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 10, 2021

10:30 AM	Pre-agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Via Zoom

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	FPC
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Online

Thursday, May 13, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
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Friday, May 14, 2021

Saturday, May 15, 2021

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 16, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website FPC YouTube Channel
10:00 AM	In-person Worship Service	Pavilion
11:30 AM	Children, Youth and Parent CE Hour	144, 145, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 17, 2021

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Nominating Committee	154, 155

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Prayer Group - Leila	154/155, Pavilion

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	FPC
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (TBC)	148, 149
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	Online

Thursday, May 20, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Community Task Force Team	Via Zoom

Friday, May 21, 2021 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Sunday, May 23, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website FPC YouTube Channel
10:00 AM	In-person Worship Service	Pavilion
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 24, 2021 - Church Office Closed

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Pavilion, Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, May 25, 2021

10:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
Pickup Times Scheduled*	The Caring Place—Food Truck Fundraiser*	FPC Parking Lot

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	FPC
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal (TBC)	148, 149

Thursday, May 27, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
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Friday, May 28, 2021

6:00 PM	Game Night	Pavilion
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Saturday, May 29, 2021

****denotes must preorder preferred meal deals in advance. Food trucks will not be equipped to take walk-up orders. To preorder and reserve a pickup time, visit the website below:***

<https://www.thecaringplacenwi.org/spring-events-carry-out-for-the-caring-place>

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Sunday, May 30, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website FPC YouTube Channel
10:00 AM	In-person Worship Service	Pavilion
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 31, 2021 – Church Office Closed – Memorial Day

CE NEWS



Looking for opportunities to connect with FPCV parents?

Want more information about supporting your child's faith formation at home?

Join Sharon K. Sunday mornings during CE Hour for a parent peer group. There will be opportunities to support one another in the parenting adventure and learn about at-home CE opportunities.

Questions???

Email: gommie1@comcast.net
kencrews@fpcvalpo.org

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

May 2, 2021:	Bella Wunderlin
May 9, 2021:	Jacki Phillips
May 16, 2021:	Matthew Byerly
May 23, 2021:	Elizabeth Monroe
May 30, 2021:	Michael Byerly

**FINANCIAL REPORT
MARCH 2021**

Month Income	\$37,808	YTD Income	\$108,375
Month Expenses	<u>(44,387)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(107,526)</u>
Over/Short	<u>(\$6,579)</u>		\$849

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL OPTION:

Folks are welcome to mail pledges and gifts to the church at the following address:

First Presbyterian Church
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383

ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OPTION:

If you would like to have pledges and gifts transferred to the church via electronic transfer, please contact the church office via email at: churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org

ONLINE GIVING OPTION:

If you would like to give pledges and gifts to the church online, please visit the church's website at www.fpcvalpo.org and click on "To Make a Gift" tab located on the right; or click on the following link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/give/KLYBGIVCVH>

Grateful for all!

RESALE SHOP NEWS

The Presbyterian Resale Shop had an outstanding month in March, taking in \$9,500 in sales and receiving about 500 bags of donations! We are on track for similar results in April. We offer quality merchandise at fair prices and are blessed to have great community support. Any items we can not use are passed on to other missions. If you have never visited us, please stop in. We have something for everyone!

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, we will partner with Begin Again Rescue Co., a volunteer, foster based, non-profit dog rescue group in Valparaiso. Please consider shopping with us that day to support the work that BARC does in our community.

We are continuing to welcome back volunteers, but we would love to have more. Please contact me if you would like to help at the customer counter or in the backroom where we sort and price donations.

Blessings to each of you as you prayerfully consider how you can assist the ministry of the Presbyterian Resale Shop.

Mary Linda Scott
231-590-5799
nana6987@hotmail.com



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT:
Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:



- **Building congregational vitality**
- **Dismantling structural racism**
- **Eradicating systemic poverty**

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

RESALE SHOP SCHEDULER:
MARY LINDA SCOTT (231) 590-5799

RESALE SHOP SCHEDULE
MAY 2021
11 AM – 3 PM TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281
www.firstpresbyterianresale.com

TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
				1 Debbie Kelley Dolly Trapp
4 Pastor Nancy Becker Mary Brown Beth Germann	5 Becky Bluhm Chris Hurd	6 Chiq Colton Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas	7 Star Ruwersma Mary Jane Shurr	8 Carol Flanigan Oxana Grigoryeva
11 Pat Buckwell Shirley Bustos Elizabeth Monroe	12 Dorothy Ailes Kay Exley	13 Chiq Colton Inge Nimtz	14 Jan Bays Debbie Kelley	15 Carol McCreery Dolly Trapp
18 Mary Brown Mary Linda Scott TBD	19 Pat Lane Star Ruwersma	20 Chiq Colton Inge Nimtz	21 Jan Bays Nancy Porter	22 Carol Bonvissuto Cindy Robinson BEGIN AGAIN RESCUE CO.
25 Carolyn Dye Star Ruwersma Laura Tucker	26 Dorothy Ailes Kay Exley	27 Becky Bluhm Chiq Colton Pam Skaltsas	28 Debbie Kelley Mary Linda Scott	29 Abha Kapila Dolly Trapp

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY

Tri-moderators:	Pam Skaltsas (219-252-3175) Debbie Kelley (239-565-2224) Karen Huguenard (219-309-3334)
Treasurer:	Jan Bays
Historian:	Mary Jayne Shurr
Secretary:	Cindy Robinson
Scheduler:	Mary Linda Scott (231-590-5799)

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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 7
Madeleine Kinsey

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.

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:
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THANK YOU!

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Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team
Kim Croarkin.....	Matthew 25 Team Congregational Life Team**
Rick Exley	Building and Grounds Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Christian Education Team Nominating Team
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Vic Klancer	Building and Grounds Team*
Ken McAloon.....	Mission Team*
Lisa Pavlopoulos	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Jacki Phillips	Adult Spiritual Formation Team (CE)
Ryne Press.....	Community Task Force Mission Team*
Trish Lawson.....	Congregational Life Team Membership Team**
	Nominating Team**
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team

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** denotes Elder Rep.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Membership Clerk

Susan Grosick, Membership Team Moderator

Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

MISSION STATEMENT: BUILDING DISCIPLES; GROWING IN FAITH; SERVING IN CHRIST'S



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