

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF APRIL 27, 2022

Your Clerk of Session is indeed very glad to be back from Florida (despite the usual unpredictable spring weather!), but before sharing details of the April meeting, I want to give a huge shout out and thank you to Jim Hubbard for doing such an excellent job of filling in during my absence. He definitely understands the importance of communication and did a fantastic job of keeping you all informed about Session's activities. Thanks, Jim!

The April meeting was long but with much good conversation and many positive decisions made by the nine elders present. **Elder Training** began with a discussion of the article *Highlighting the Verbs*. Conversation centered on the verbs in the first question each was asked during ordination: "Do you trust, acknowledge, and believe in Jesus Christ?" Elders shared how concentrating on the verbs changed their perspectives and helped them remember that Jesus *IS* Lord of all and head of the church. Keeping that in mind when making decisions makes it easier to take the right action and not dwell on the "why's." Other important verbs are *serve, respond, love, receive, act*.

HOLY LIVING ~ TEAM OF THE MONTH ~ BUILDING & GROUNDS (Marc Buehler, Vic Klancer)

(Each month one of the Ministry Teams takes responsibility for describing their work and responsibilities, are prayed for by the other teams and report how that felt, what they learned being in prayer for the wider community, and give reflections on worship)

- Marc and Vic shared that being prayed for brought a sense of relief and gratitude, often resulting in many prayers being returned. They were thankful but also felt the need to keep priorities in perspective, as there are so many things to pray for.
- Praying for the community challenged them to carry our Christian message out into that community which is hard but then sometimes offers the opportunity to share faith stories with others who might not hear them otherwise (this also allows others to open up to us).
- Easter services were fantastic, 'Humor Sunday' was a new concept, and recent liturgist Johnny Lawson (March 27) was so inspiring, impressive and sincere: the Holy Spirit is working in us and in our church!

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Accepted were the reports submitted by Ministry Teams and Staff, and approved were Minutes of past meetings, including an email motion to support a pop-up mission to collect items for **Hoosier Burn Camp** to help them with their summer camp needs.
- Continued the process for scheduling **Communion Servers** for the rest of 2022. An email blast has gone out seeking volunteers to fill remaining slots. Reminder: *Any ordained Elder or Deacon is eligible to serve communion* so if you are eligible but have not yet signed up to serve, you are encouraged to **sign up** in the Hospitality Room or call the church office.
- Pastor Kim has been invited to apply to the Wabash Leadership Program, and a motion encouraging her to submit an application was unanimously approved.
- The church is in need of a **Wedding Coordinator**. A job description will be created for this volunteer position, and if anyone in the congregation is interested, please contact Church Administrator Dawn Scarborough in the office. It is possible that job descriptions could also be created for a Funeral Director and a Kitchen Coordinator, if anyone is interested.

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MOTIONS

Finance & Stewardship Team

- Upon recommendation of the Finance Team and with the consent of those named, appoint Elizabeth Monroe, Bruce Roth, Doug Hollar, Trish Lawson, Chris Hoham, Jim Hubbard, and a member from Mission as Session's Taskforce to initiate planning the process (including possible consultants, scope and priorities) and make recommendations to Session concerning a Capital Campaign. (Approved)
- Approve actions recommended by Finance Team concerning the Chart of Accounts and approve the financial reports as recorded in its Minutes of April 13, 2022, and shown in current reports. (Approved)

Congregational Life Team

- Following discussion and rationale, **Motion was made, seconded, and approved to create a Community Garden on church property.**

iEngage Team

- Asking permission to use \$1,180 from account number 8233 to purchase two (2) new – Shure GLX-D hand-held wireless vocal mics and associated hardware. Although this fund is designated for “SIGN,” most of the residual funds in the account are from a single large donation made in August of 2016 which was designated “for sign and mic’s.” (Approved)

Chancel Visioning Team

- Accept the contract proposed by Erich Thompson Sacred Spaces and the current designs, noting that further fine-tuning is expected as his work moves forward. Contract pricing is valid for 60 days. (Approved)
- Dedicate finance account 8-206 Sacred Space and its balance of \$5,000 given with the intent to implement the visioning work of the CVT, and invite contributions to this account from the congregation for this suite of chancel furniture as a special project, outside the current budget and other reserve funds, and prior to final plans for capital improvements. Down payment of \$13,800 will accompany the signed contract when returned on an expected contract price of \$34,500 for all pieces. (Approved)
- Publicize the vision and drawings to the congregation through the efforts of the Chancel Visioning Team, including a Minute for Mission, Tidings, Facebook and other venues with the help of iEngage that describes the intent for this special project to refresh our worship space and add a visible sign of vibrancy as we envision our worship and congregational life for years to come. (Approved)

JOYS/CONCERNS/PRAYERS

Prayers for Chip who was in the hospital and is undergoing tests; Jim K who is dealing with stenosis and walking difficulties; Marc's mother Sherry having surgery; Ron is recovering from knee surgery; and praises for Kim K. who seems to be getting stronger and has been worshipping in church for several consecutive Sundays.

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. **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 of Session

**HISTORY & WALKING TOUR OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
VALPARAISO**

A new program covering FPC's History and a walking Tour of the church will be held June 12, 2022, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Friendship Room. All new and not-so-new members and friends are invited to attend.

The highlight of this May meeting was a visit by **Emily Golding** as one of two confirmands this year. Teachers Ken and Heather Crews presented Emily following her completion of the two-year Confirmation Class, and she shared her Statement of Faith. (Many of you may have also been blessed to hear Emily *and* **Aiden Andrews** share during Worship on Confirmation Sunday, May 22.) Usually, Elders will then question a confirmand, but instead they expressed admiration and appreciation for Emily's wisdom and her ability to not just parrot back what adults want to hear but rather express exactly where she is on her faith journey. She was unanimously approved for membership and enthusiastically welcomed into our congregation. (Aiden was unable to attend this Session meeting but participated in the Worship service and will meet with Session at a future date for acceptance into membership.)

A second highlight was the presentation of a nearly final draft of the **MIF Report** which the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will send out to potential pastor candidates. Co-Moderators Cathy Greenawald and Jim Hubbard opened the floor for discussion after which Session approved the report and instructed the APNC to move forward with the next step of the process, submitting the report to Presbytery.

Elder Training included discussion of another question asked during ordination: *Do you accept the Scriptures to be, by the Holy Spirit, the witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?* Elders reminisced about their first Bibles (many were *King James* version); about what they have learned about God from Scripture (God literally speaks to us but through metaphors); and how their understanding of Scripture has deepened throughout their faith journeys (Scripture is a living, growing, ever-changing document that meets us where we are at any given moment).

REGULAR BUSINESS

- Accepted reports submitted by Ministry Teams and Staff and the transfer of members Jackie and Bob Bernal to Greencastle Presbyterian Church, and approved April Minutes.

MOTIONS

Personnel

- Recommended Jeff Whitney receive a 1.5% increase to his base compensation effective May 1, 2022, upon his completion of one year in the role of Director of Worship Music (now a part of his total role as Director of Worship Music & Digital Ministry) and his very satisfactory performance in that role. **(Approved)**

Finance & Stewardship Team

- Upon recommendation of the Vibrant Congregations Taskforce (J. Hubbard, C. McAloon, L. Karabel, L. Long, D. Andrews, Pastor K. Adams) and the Finance Team, receive a \$5,000 grant through the Synod and three presbyteries as 4011 Miscellaneous Income, and restrict its use to 8243 Special Projects, to engage Rev. Jessica Young-Brust (our Taskforce coach for the past two years) as facilitator for a Session retreat and congregational conversations about what it means to be a vibrant congregation during these transitional times. **(Approved)**
- Approve actions recommended by Finance Team concerning the Chart of Accounts and approve the financial reports as recorded in its Minutes of May 11, 2022, and shown in current reports. **(Approved)**

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Prayers of thanks for Confirmand Emily Golding and the maturity and wisdom she brings to our congregation
- Prayers of support for an Elder as he prepares for a meeting with college friends with both joy and concern
- Prayers for a niece who is undergoing chemotherapy for a cancerous mass in her chest

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF MAY 18, 2022, CONTINUED

- Prayers for Molly
- Prayers of joy for Elder Ryne and Amy's upcoming wedding
- Prayers of joy for Grandpa Jim who was in church last Sunday without a cane and who will serve as Ryne's best man
- Prayers for an Elder's close friend who has suffered a broken shoulder but has been found cancer free
- Prayers for graduating seniors
- Prayers for God's leading hand in healing an Elder
- Prayers for Elder Ron who has been accepted by COM for pulpit supply

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MISSION NEWS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND?



JOIN US ON PENTECOST, JUNE 5, 2022

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

AT 11:00 A.M.

IN THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM. . . .

for a call out meeting for the June 2024 trip to the Holy Land. We will discuss travel dates, estimated cost, a sample itinerary with pictures, and answer questions.

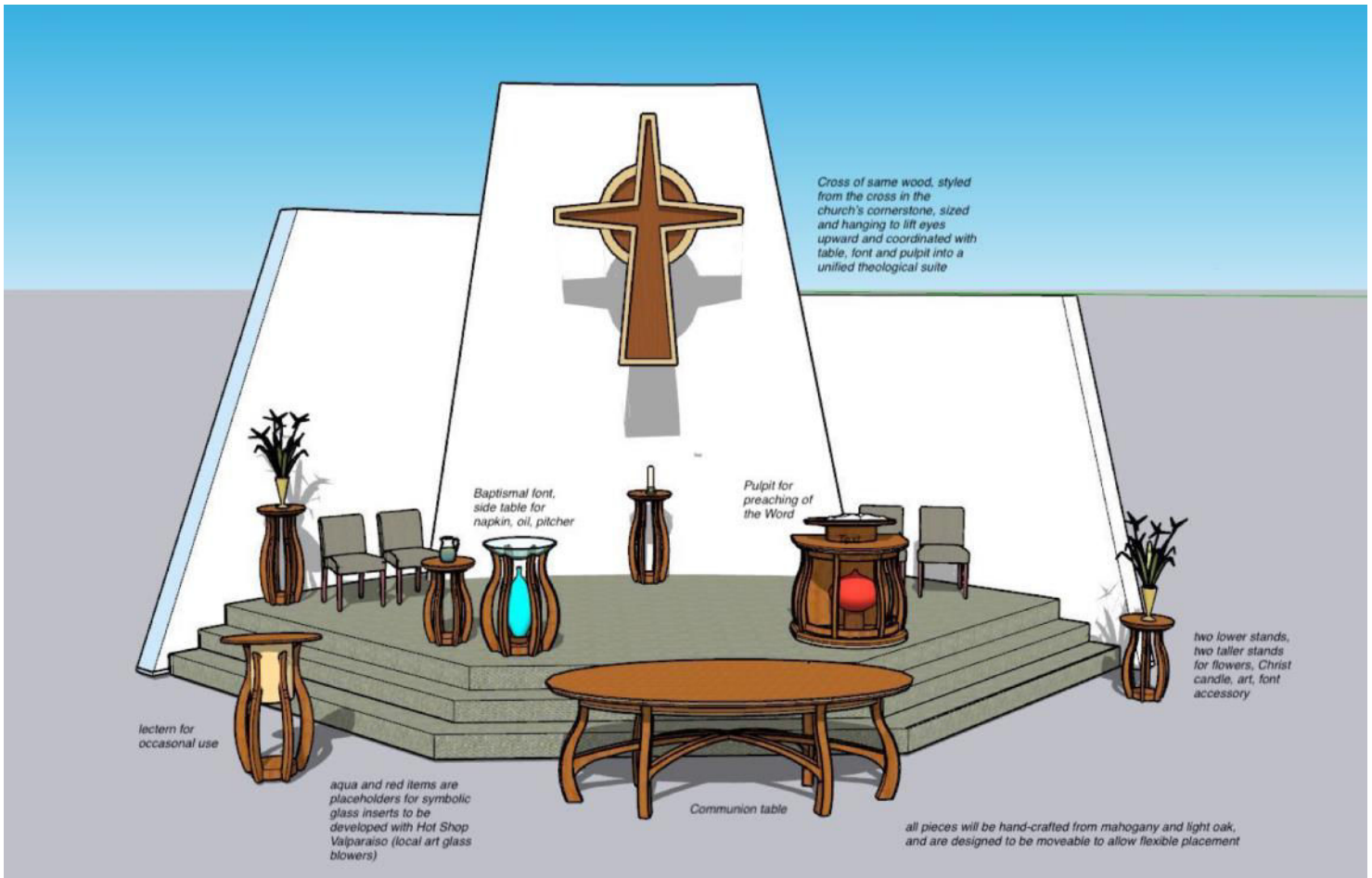
Please contact Tracy Campbell at tlc.andrews@gmail.com for more information.

HOLY LIVING

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE ("NOM COM")

The Congregational Nominating Committee, the CNC or Nom Com whatever name you choose to call us, is a committee who will reach out to FPCV's congregation in the hopes of electing our next class of Elders and Deacons. We consist of 2 Elders (one is moderator for the current year and the other is vice moderator to step up into the moderator seat next year), a deacon representative and 4-5 at large members. We are a 1 term committee. We meet once a month where we discuss potential candidates for the positions and reach out to them in the hopes they feel called to serve. We then report back to session once each vacancy is filled. Installation of the officers is usually held in January.

MOVING FROM VISION TO THE HEART OF OUR SACRED SPACE



Erich Thompson of Sacred Spaces is crafting a suite of artisan furniture for our chancel as the first step to enhance our worship space. Erich, a Presbyterian minister, listens to the dreams of congregations and crafts those visions into oak and mahogany chancel furnishings.

- We are starting with the heart of our worship space, that place where the Word is read and proclaimed, children of God are baptized, and we share the Feast at the Lord's Table under the Risen Cross.
- If you will help fund this special project, please note **Sacred Space** on an envelope, or the memo line of your check; or
- Indicate Sacred Space for online or text giving:

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/give/SacredSpace>

Text "FPCVALPO SacredSpace" to 73256 using your mobile device and choose Sacred Space as the fund.

"Creating sacred spaces is about figuring out how to manifest the belief that Jesus is important... you create... sacred spaces in which God and humanity meet." *Bruce Reyes-Chow, former moderator of PCUSA General Assembly*

MISSION NEWS, CONTINUED



MISSION NEWS, CONTINUED

FRESH AND BRIGHT!

A fresh painting is like a fresh start! Our permanent fence around Calvary Hope School and Church is clean and bright. We are thankful to all of you who have given to make our school more secure.

Throughout the area, there have been many dangers. To have a secure fence all around the school “cements” the safety issue. Within our walls, each student can feel safe and secure.



Learning can take place knowing there is security and stability.

We want Calvary Hope School to be a place where our students can get off the streets, into our classrooms and learn and grow. They are future leaders in their families and in their communities – even their country!

You are supporting this story in Kenya! These beautiful walls are a gift that you have helped build. Pastor Henry tells me they will have more words and pictures on them. When he sends pictures, I'll share them with you.

Our children deserve to have a place to learn about themselves and the world around them. Keep praying with us that as the kids walk through these walls, they will also discover that Jesus loves them and they are His children. To know they are loved gives hope and freedom. Knowing you are loved gives confidence to pursue who God made you to be!

2 Peter 3:18 says, “Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.” This is our prayer for all of our students.

Keep praying with us. There is much to do to empower our kids to flourish!

Socrates said, “Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.” Come kindle flames with us!

Janet Myers
Kenya REAL Ministries





FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING & GROUNDS



Spring Clean Up; and We Need Your Help.



**Please Join Us On
June 11, 2022
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**



**We'll be cleaning up our Flower Beds,
Grounds, Pavilion & Meditation Pathway.
*We'll meet at the front entrance parking
lot for Coffee Donuts and Assignments.***

BUILDING AND GROUNDS NEWS

We need your help opening and closing the church before and after our Worship services for the following months in 2022.

“O” indicates an “open” date and we need your help “O”

“👤” simply means we have a volunteer;
and we thank you for your help.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
July	👤	👤
August	👤	👤
September	👤	O
October	👤	O
November	👤	👤
December	👤	O

Please consider helping out your
Faith Community in this very simple service.

In addition, someone is needed to close on June 12, 2022, after worship.

If you are available to sign up or would like additional information
regarding this ministry, please contact Vic Klancer at:
219-216-4555 ~ or ~ vic-klancer@comcast.net

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/

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In April, one hundred fifty-three families were served which helped three hundred and twenty-six people. Regular pantry Easter baskets were given on Monday and Wednesday before Easter Sunday; and the FOP Lodge #76 delivered 35 boxed Easter meals on Saturday. A total of 72 Easter 'dinners' which included a choice of ham or turkey were given out.

WE ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE SUMMER "KIDS KITS:"

- Applesauce Cups
- Bags of Crackers (1.5 oz.): Goldfish or Teddy Grahams
- Canned Pasta (SpaghettiO's®)
- Fruit Cups
- JellO® Cups
- Mac and Cheese
- Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers
- Pudding Snack Cups
- Real Fruit Drinks (6 oz.)
- Small Boxes of Raisins
- Tomato and Chicken Noodle Soup

BASIC ITEMS NEEDED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Veggies: Corn, Green Beans and Peas
- Cereal
- Empty Egg Cartons
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Peanut Butter
- Pork & Beans
- Tuna in Water

A huge **thank you** must be sent to the postal carriers who pick up the food items from mail boxes, for the many sorters at the post office, the large number of volunteers picking up the food from the post office for their various pantries and to the people donating to this awesome project. Many families in the area will benefit from all these efforts.

Nan Steeves
Sharon Crowder

PRAYER & PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain at bcgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS



THE MUSTARD SEED APPROACH

FPC Valpo is partnering with
GREEN TREE PLASTICS, LLC
collecting bottle caps and lids that will be recycled into
benches we can enjoy for years to come!

The collection bin is located in the Hospitality Center
with a full list of acceptable caps and lids.

For more info contact
Trish Lawson or check out **GREEN TREE PLASTICS, LLC**
(Bottle Caps to Benches Project) at the link below:

greentreeplastics.com

Thank you for your participation!



**Congregational Life & The FPCV Presbys Youth Group
Invite you to participate in our annual
“SELL, SHOP & WASH!!!”**

**Saturday, June 18, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
FPCV Pavilion**

**Looking to clear out some of your
well loved treasures?
\$20.00 reserves your table for the day.**

**RSVP to Trish Lawson at:
tmlawson77@yahoo.com or 219-671-1205**

By June 5, 2022

**After selling and/or shopping allow the Presbys to send you
back into the community in a freshly washed car!**

**A free will donation will be accepted and will benefit
our youth mission trip.**

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COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

Consider hosting a Sunday by signing up in the Hospitality
Center or at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA8A92DA2FC1-fpcv>

*Catch up over coffee on
Sunday mornings!*





Food...Fellowship...FUN!!!

Sunday Summer Block Party!!

Sunday, June 19, 2022

Following Worship

**Congregational Life Is Providing
Grilled Chicken & Veggie Kabobs**

A-L share a dessert

M-Z share a side

****Please RSVP by June 1, 2022 to Trish Lawson**

(219) 671-1205 or tmlawson77@yahoo.com

For a headcount for the main dish

MATTHEW 25 REFLECTION



“**MATTHEW 25 REFLECTION**” presents information chosen by our Matthew 25 Team to inform and inspire our church family to actively engage in activities and with initiatives that reduce poverty and racism in our local communities and beyond.

In April, we looked at the inequalities that exist today in Housing and Home Ownership because of the Structural Racism that still exists in the way business, political, and societal interactions play out. One of the factors noted was the practice of **Redlining**. When the government sought to make mortgages more affordable back in the 1930s, thereby jumpstarting suburban living, the Homeowners Loan Corporation ranked neighborhoods giving high marks to all-white neighborhoods and marking those with minorities in red as risky investments. This practice, called **Redlining**, essentially eliminated most black people and other minorities from owning homes and building wealth. **Officially outlawed in the '60s, the practice of redlining in the housing market has really never gone away. This news article provides a current example.**

“Redfin Settles Housing Discrimination Suit.”

by Nicholoas K. Geranios (Associated Press: April 29, 2022/condensed)

Fair housing advocates on Friday announced a settlement agreement to resolve a lawsuit filed in Seattle federal court against real estate brokerage Redfin. Redfin operates in 95 markets in the U.S. and Canada and has generated \$195 billion in home sales.

The lawsuit alleged Redfin’s minimum home price policy violated the Fair Housing Act by discriminating against sellers and buyers of homes in communities of color. NFHA and the other plaintiffs alleged that policies that limit or deny services for homes priced under certain values can perpetuate racial segregation and contribute to the racial wealth gap.

In the lawsuit, Redfin was accused of systematic racial discrimination by offering fewer services to homebuyers and sellers in minority communities — a type of digital redlining that has depressed home values and exacerbated historic injustice in the housing market.

The housing organizations said that during a two-year investigation they documented that under the “minimum price policy,” Redfin was vastly less likely to offer realtor services, professional photos, virtual tours, online promotion or commission rebates for homes listed in overwhelmingly minority neighborhoods than it was in overwhelmingly white ones. Full services were not offered unless homes were listed for certain prices, which varied by market. When potential buyers clicked on homes that fell below those minimums, they received a message saying, “Redfin is currently unable to show this property.”

That meant homes in minority neighborhoods were likely to stay on the market longer and sell for lower prices, the lawsuit said.

Under the agreement, Redfin will change its minimum price policy, increase racial diversity in its workforce, advertise to reach non-white consumers, require agents to attend fair housing training, and pay \$4 million. Redfin stated that it preferred to spend money on fair housing than on litigation, and the settlement agreement was not an admission of liability.

PRAYER IN RESPONSE TO TODAY’S ARTICLE:

Lord, direct my thoughts and guide my response as I continue to gain insight into the injustice and inequality that continues to exist and expand in America because of Structural Racism. Amen.



Our Mission:

The Presbyterian Resale Shop sells high quality, gently used items at a fair price to customers in northwest Indiana. We strive to help those in need, to create a welcoming environment for our customers and to promote teamwork among our volunteers. Our goal is to provide funding to worthy service agencies and charities, locally and globally.

Sales at The Presbyterian Resale shop continue to be strong. Our total sales through mid-May are \$36,000. We have donated over \$18,000 already this year, including recent donations to Dunes Hospice, Geneva Center, Housing Opportunities, Kids Alive and VNA Meals on Wheels.

On Saturday, June 11 we will partner with Kids Closet, a ministry of the North Judson United Methodist Church. Their volunteers will work alongside our volunteers, and we will donate the sales for the day to Kids Closet. Working together we can do great things!

We appreciate the support of FPC. Whether you are a volunteer or a generous donor of goods, we thank you!

If you would like more information about our mission or would like to join us in our joyful work, please contact me.

YOUR HELP HELPS US HELP OTHERS!

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

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY NEWS, CONTINUED

THE PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP IS TURNING 80!

Spread the word – Anyone, past or present ever involved with the shop is invited to come and celebrate!

WHEN: Saturday, October 1, 2022
WHERE: Valparaiso VRW on Roosevelt Road
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
WHO: You and a Guest
RSVP: Monday, September 19, 2022

The shop will provide the chicken; but all are invited to bring a dish to share.

Please call Mary Linda Scott at 219-286-7124 or Karen Huguenard at 219-309-3334 if you are planning to attend and what dish you will bring.

There will be a band and delicious cake.

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 submit completed forms to the following address by June 11, 2022:

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.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 01, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145, Online
6:30 PM	Worship Team	Online

Thursday, June 02, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, June 03, 2022

Saturday, June 04, 2022

Sunday, June 05, 2022

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Celebration	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	Sanctuary, Online
11:00 AM	Holy Land Planning Meeting	Friendship Room

Monday, June 06, 2022

Tuesday, June 07, 2022

10:30 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
5:00 PM	Congregational Life Team	Online
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

Wednesday, June 08, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155

Thursday, June 09, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, June 10, 2022

Saturday, June 11, 2022

8:00 AM	Spring Clean Up Day	FPC
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*denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel

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CALENDAR

Sunday, June 12, 2022

10:00 AM

Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*

Sanctuary, Online

11:00 AM

Congregational Nominating Team

101

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History & Walking Tour of FPC

Friendship Room

Monday, June 13, 2022

11:00 AM

Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

Off-site

5:30 PM

Vacation Bible Camp

FH, CE Rooms

Tuesday, June 14, 2022

12:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

Off-site

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

FPC

5:30 PM

Vacation Bible Camp

FH, CE Rooms

6:00 PM

Sweet Adelines

Sanctuary

7:15 PM

Matthew 25 Team

Online

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

10:00 AM

Wed. Morning Bible Study

Friendship Room

10:30 AM

Monthly Meal Out - McAlister's Deli
(Until 8:00 p.m.)

Off-site

5:30 PM

Vacation Bible Camp

FH, CE Rooms

7:00 PM

Session Meeting

Online, 154, 155

Thursday, June 16, 2022

10:00 AM

The Comfort Stitchers

154, 155

3:30 PM

Disciples Bible Study

101

5:30 PM

Vacation Bible Camp

FH, CE Rooms

7:30 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Friday, June 17, 2022

Saturday, June 18, 2022

8:00 AM

Carwash & Yard Sale

Pavilion, Parking Lot

Sunday, June 19, 2022

10:00 AM

Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*

Sanctuary, Online

11:00 AM

Summer Block Party - Potluck Luncheon

FPC

Monday, June 20, 2022

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

12:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

Off-site

12:00 PM

DAR Group

Friendship Room

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

FPC

6:00 PM

Sweet Adelines

FPC

6:00 PM

Deacons Meeting

154, 155, Online

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

10:00 AM

Wed. Morning Bible Study

Friendship Room

Thursday, June 23, 2022

10:00 AM

The Comfort Stitchers

154, 155

10:30 AM

Stephen Ministry Team

101

3:30 PM

Disciples Bible Study

101

7:30 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Friday, June 24, 2022

Saturday, June 25, 2022

*denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel

**denotes following 10:00 a.m. worship

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 26, 2022		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	Sanctuary, Online
Monday, June 27, 2022		
Tuesday, June 28, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, June 29, 2022		
Thursday, June 30, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

*denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date during the in-person at FPC Valpo and online worship services (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel).

All are invited 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.

WORSHIP NEWS

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 and Confession of Sin, 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>

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP UPDATE JANUARY THROUGH MID-MAY 2022

IN APRIL, our giving provided:

- ♦ \$28,766 for the operating fund
- ♦ \$432 for our capital fund

Total expenses through April remain under-budget but exceed income by \$10,285 in the operating fund and \$6,346 in the capital fund

And so far this year by mid-May (YTD):

- ♦ \$26,693 includes gifts dedicated for The Second Mile monthly mission, Presby's, Presbytery Weekly Nursery School ("PWNS"), youth mission trips, Congregational Life's mission fund, major contributions for disaster assistance, and other mission projects
- ♦ \$12,955 toward the Sacred Space chancel furniture
- ♦ Annual distribution from our endowment funds managed by the Porter County Community Foundation provides \$12,929 allocated among music and supplies, mission & ministry, and scholarships; plus \$6,175 for our operating fund.

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

- ♦ Look and listen to what we are doing with our pastors and worship leaders, Christian educators, pianists and organist, choirs of bells and voices, instrumentalists with cello, violin or bongos, maintenance and repair team, tech leadership, administrators
- ♦ Celebrate what our generosity gives to others, like bikes with locks and helmets to reward good students, disaster assistance for a Kentucky church, or to relieve suffering from global disasters, war, weather or poverty, or reuse/recycle with resale items
- ♦ Consider our expectation that this is a transitional year, moving from pandemic-mode into its unknown financial consequences. Our pledged giving continues to exceed commitments because some have chosen to give above-and-beyond. Others who chose not to specify their giving in 2022 with a pledge are giving with generosity. Still others are considering whether they could increase their giving. Many faith-filled people give generously of their energy and vision and get things done, serving others.
- ♦ We are welcoming more new members and seeing more visitors
- ♦ We have flexible options to financially support our ministry, including some new ways, whether weekly, monthly, annually or ad hoc
- ♦ Traditional envelopes with cash or checks
- ♦ Credit or debit cards online: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/give/now>
- ♦ Texts from mobile phones: Text "FPCVALPO" to 73256 and follow the prompts
- ♦ Periodic gifts from retirement accounts after age 70 1/2, processed as "Qualified Charitable Contributions" that result in personal tax savings that could increase the gift
- ♦ Reserve funds have sustained our ministry and helped maintain our buildings and grounds these past couple of difficult years, primarily given through estate gifts arranged by those who came before us.
- ♦ We heard it from the Sending after the Sermon about *Come to Jesus*: "Take time to remember the incredible gifts we have been given, a table and feast of grace for all, and give thanks!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 1 Debra Daugherty Harry Turner Susan Jones	June 20 Beverly Caldwell Pam Skaltsas
June 2 Dylan Wray	June 26 Tina Kukler
June 3 John Bianco	June 27 Fred Grosick
June 6 June Olling	June 30 Sterling Miller Stuart Robbins
June 9 Karen Mitseff	
June 11 Samantha Braggs	
June 12 Benjamin Braggs Hattie Hoham	
June 15 Phyllis Crews	
June 17 Sally Hawke	
June 19 Norma MacKenzie	

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

ROSTER

SEXTON

Open:	Doug Hollar
Close:	Jim Hubbard (6/5, 6/19, 6/26) 6/12 – TBD

COMMUNION SERVERS

June 5	Mike Becker Doug Hollar Harry Karabel
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ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

June 5	Harry Karabel
June 19	Karen Mitseff

DEACON(S) ON CALL SCHEDULE

June 12	Joy Dirks
June 26	David Goodwin & Phebe Klapp

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

June 5	Jim Hubbard
June 12	Linda Long
June 19	Doug Hollar
June 26	Presbys

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 is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

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

Thank you!

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In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985.

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Marc Buehler	Building and Grounds*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team iEngage**
Kim Croarkin	Matthew 25 Team Mission Team**
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Vic Klancer	Building and Grounds Team*
Linda Long.....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Membership Team
Karen Mitseff.....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Ron Phillips.....	Adult Spiritual Formation Team Faith Formation Team**
Ryne Press.....	Mission Team Matthew 25 Team**
Trish Lawson	Congregational Life Team Nominating Team
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team Nominating Team**

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

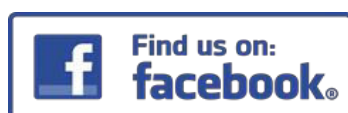
Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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



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