

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



FAITH FORMATION'S 2024



Sunday,
August 25th

All are
welcome!

- ⇒ Hear all about our new program year
- ⇒ Enjoy lunch provided by Faith Formation & Congregational Life
- ⇒ Share some laughs with our FPCV family

Following
Worship in
Fellowship
Hall



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students, Teachers, Aides, Bus Drivers,
Principals and Administrators

Join us for the Annual
Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 11, 2024
10:00 a.m. Worship

All are welcome to bring
backpacks for a special blessing.



PRESCHOOL PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

After being created by Session to explore options as to how our church might serve children and families in our community, the Preschool Planning Team has been meeting almost every other Tuesday afternoon since February. To date, a set of Policies & Procedures has been created and approved by Session along with job descriptions for our Preschool staff. The Planning Team has worked collaboratively with the existing Preschool Leadership Team which will be changed to the Preschool Governance Team (AKA Preschool Team) which will be comprised of the Faith Formation Moderator + one nominee from the Faith Formation Team, two nominees from the Mission Team, two At-Large members nominated by the existing Preschool Leadership Team and one parent or grandparent of a Preschool Student. The Preschool Team member terms will be staggered to provide continuity over time. The slate of nominees will be put forth for Session approval at the August Session Meeting. Once in place, the Preschool Team will be responsible for the operations of the Preschool and the implementation of Session-approved policies and strategies.

The Sharing Table Project identified our Preschool as one of the first five priorities, so the Preschool Planning Team is now turning its attention to exploring the longer-term options for how our church can impact the families in our community. Some additional offerings through the Preschool and possibly some options for meeting daycare needs of working families will be included in their work. Members of the Preschool Planning Team are: Cathy Cole, Cathy Greenawald, Karen Hahn (Bloomington), Doug Hollar, Jim Hubbard, Harry Karabel, Paul Knauff and Lisa Pavlopoulos.

Dana who has been our part-time Preschool Director since early 2023 is moving onto a new role at an elementary school; and a search is underway for her replacement.

The recruiting document for this part-time Preschool Director is now posted on the church website and on the Presbyterian Preschool website. The Personnel Team will receive the information from interested individuals and follow its normal processes in screening and interviewing candidates.

COLLABORATION

The First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso's
Building & Grounds and Faith Formation in partnership with the
Izaak Walton League of America-Porter County Chapter

Invite you to take part in the
2024-2025 Naturalist Program featuring:
E-STEM in the Field

Sunday, August 11, 2024
12pm at the Porter County Chapter's
"Frame Family Little Calumet Conservation Area"
1290 N. County Line Road
Michigan City, In.

Izaak Walton will provide the use of waders for standard-sized
adults & kids; boot size 5-12

Participants will get in the river (1-1.5 ft. depth)
to collect macroinvertebrates & get water samples. The testing
and identifications are performed at the
Field Center shelter near the river.

It is recommended to utilize insect spray & bring a water bottle.

The river is not handicap accessible; however,
a car can be pulled up to the
Field Center so all can join in on the testing & learning.

Any questions, please reach out
tlawson@fpcvalpo.org
All are Welcome!



BOOK CLUB OPPORTUNITY

LUNCH & PRAYER

Join Pastor Julia as she guides us through the next leg of the journey in the Sensible Shoes series:

Two Steps Forward

by pastor and spiritual director

Sharon Garlough Brown

with continuing prayer and Scripture reading practices from Christian tradition.

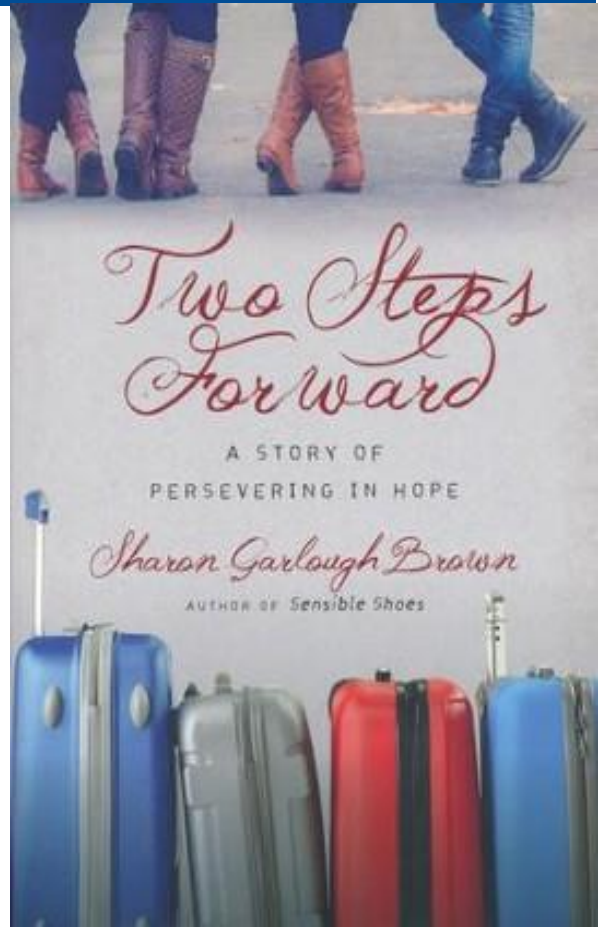
This is an 8-week offering

Sundays, Sept. 8th through Oct. 27, 2024 (skipping September 22nd) 12pm-2pm in Room 101

(Lunch will be served on September 8, 2024; all are welcome to bring a sack lunch on the other gathering dates.)

Books can be purchased at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Target.

Those interested feel free to email Pastor Julia at jzhao@fpcvalpo.org



SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Olga and Ken Koch family upon the death of Olga's mother, Frances Martinez.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date/time 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.



You make a difference.

**Thank you
for your continued
support.**



American Red Cross



BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

First Presbyterian Church

Donors Registered = 28

First-time Donors = 2

Pints Collected = 29

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DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

Do you have a Will? That's a question Connie and I asked ourselves as a young couple in our 20's. The answer was No. Why did we need a Will? We were relatively young, in good health, and did not see the need at the time. Life changes, however. When our oldest daughter was born in 1974, we began to think differently. How would she be provided for if we were not available to do so? Our thinking changed, and we had a Will written primarily for the purpose of providing guardianship for our children.

Seventy percent of adult Americans do not have Wills. A carefully written one has many benefits. A Will can conserve your estate, expedite settlement, and creatively care for those you love. A Will can also provide an avenue for you to support those charities and non-profits that you have passionately supported during your lifetime. Your church is an example that you can support forever through a Will.

So now Connie and I are in our 70's, and our children are adults providing for themselves. We made the decision that it was time to update our Will. This time we chose an Estate plan for the present and future. An Estate plan is a written expression of one's intentions for the protection and preservation of your assets during your lifetime and their management and distribution upon one's passing.

A Will is a cornerstone, but an Estate plan covers guardianship as well as power of attorney for financial decisions if you can no longer make those, a healthcare proxy with the responsibility for making medical decisions, and sometimes a living will directive which may eliminate a difficult decision for your loved ones.

The question again is, Do you have a Will? It is never too early or too late to have one written.

Paul Knauff

DEACONS DOINGS

CHRISTMAS ADVENT BAGS

One of the most time consuming—and fun—things that FPC Deacons do during the year, is the preparation and distribution of Advent bags to those friends in care facilities or home who may no longer be able to actively participate in the activities of the season.

The Advent bag is a large tote containing 24 small wrapped gifts for the recipient to open on each of the 24 days preceding Christmas. Examples of items included in the past are small size lotion, sanitizer, tissues, Post-It® notes, pens, colored pencils, puzzle books, note cards, eyeglass cleaners, prepackaged snacks and various other creative ideas.

The Deacons need the help of everyone to make this annual event a success by requesting that the various ministry units, study groups and individuals provide 25 of the same item, gift wrapped for these special bags for very special people.

If you have questions, contact Betty Richardson at 219-242-3667. There will be updates and further information as the time gets closer.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Join us for 10:00 a.m. Worship outside under the pavilion first and third Sundays of the month, weather permitting, and in the sanctuary on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month at 10:00 a.m. through September.

PRAYGROUND COVENANT

(April 10, 2024)

- 1) We use our indoor whisper voices in church.
- 2) We use kind words and have kind hands.
- 3) We have our bottoms in the chairs, no running in worship.
- 4) Practice listening and participating in worship (i.e., when congregation is singing, follow in the hymnal accordingly).
- 5) If you come to the Prayground, we ask that you stay at the Prayground.
- 6) If you need to leave the Prayground, please let Ms. Trish or the adult at the table know; and then find your adult.
- 7) Have fun!



Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a real blessing.
Psalm 127:3

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WORSHIP FLOWER OPPORTUNITY

If you would like to donate worship flowers in honor/memory of a loved one or celebration, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office. **If you would like to have the flowers delivered to the church, please do so by noon the Friday prior to the Sunday service.** If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985. Thank you.

Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 25
Sept. 1	Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22
Sept. 29	Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

MISSION TEAM NEWS

FPCV MISSION GIVING JANUARY THROUGH JULY 15, 2024	INDIVIDUAL DONORS	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP
Project Neighbors - 24 efficiency unit building	6,432	2,000
Interlude/Ken Medema's foundation	1,359	500
Williams Elementary bike drive	2,636	2,500
Opportunity Enterprises		2,000
VNA Hospice		2,000
The Caring Place		2,000
Hilltop Neighborhood House/tokens	1,440	520
Smock Grant distributions	6,000	
CWS blankets	555	
Geneva Center	500	
Kenya REAL	2,074	
Presbyterian Preschool scholarships	2,420	
Roma/Bosnian Church in June	3,040	
Vacation Bible Camp giving for school supplies	425	
Immigrant relief	1,030	
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	700	
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,362	
TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE	\$29,953	\$11,520



CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

The Christian Food Pantry served one hundred sixty-one families in June providing food for four hundred thirty-six. One hundred thirty-six Kid's Kits were distributed. The extra donations for the Kid's Kits have been generous and will still be needed for two weeks in August.

PRAYER AND 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.

bcgermann@gmail.com

or

(219) 477-9964

Fruit cups and drinks are usually needed the most. Already some donations have been received from local gardeners and the fresh veggies are always appreciated.

Regularly fresh fruits along with other perishable items are purchased with the gifts given to the pantry. Laundry and dish soaps are regularly needed along with tissues (allergy season) and paper towels. Toilet paper is given with each bag of food so that donations are always needed.

If you use it, others need it, too. This phrase covers the items needed for helping families coming to the pantry for assistance.

Thank you for your help.

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, Screens, 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.

Please email screen announcements to Jeff Whitney at: jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org.

Thank you!

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 1, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, August 2, 2024		
Saturday, August 3, 2024		
Sunday, August 4, 2024		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
Monday, August 5, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, August 6, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
2:00 PM	Membership Team	154, 155
6:00 PM	Awakening Team	FPC
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101
Wednesday, August 7, 2024		
11:00 AM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
1:30 PM	Stewardship Team Meeting	154, 155
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155
Thursday, August 8, 2024		
9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, August 9, 2024		
Saturday, August 10, 2024		
Sunday, August 11, 2024		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed* - Blessing of the Backpacks	FPC, Online
Monday, August 12, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, August 13, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Awakening Team	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155
Wednesday, August 14, 2024		
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
Thursday, August 15, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, August 16, 2024		
Saturday, August 17, 2024		

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 18, 2024		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, August 19, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, August 20, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Awakening Team	FPC
6:30 PM	Deacons Team Meeting	154, 155
Wednesday, August 21, 2024		
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (TBC)	Hospitality Center
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, August 22, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, August 23, 2024		
Saturday, August 24, 2024		
Sunday, August 25, 2024		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	2024 Rally Day	Fellowship Hall
Monday, August 26, 2024		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, August 27, 2024		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Awakening Team	FPC
Wednesday, August 28, 2024		
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, August 29, 2024		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, August 30, 2024		
Saturday, August 31, 2024		

*** on calendar denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, [fpcvalpo.org](https://www.fpcvalpo.org), FPC YouTube Channel:**

www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream,

www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW_pTQ, or

www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 1 Linda Marrs	August 25 Doug Greider Nora Reyna
August 3 Leila Buford	August 26 Zane Cole
August 4 Tammy Rittel	August 27 Kenny McAloon Mike Shurr
August 6 Ron Phillips	August 29 Larry Wheeler
August 8 Katie Golding	August 30 Vic Klancer Sandy Sopata
August 10 Ryne Press	August 31 Kim Croarkin
August 13 Noelle Kukler	
August 14 Mary Linda Scott	
August 15 John Haas	
August 18 Cheryl Highlan	
August 19 Andy Kahrs	
August 20 Ann Skadberg	
August 22 Suk McKee	
August 23 Marilyn Ellis	

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open:	Mike Becker
Close:	Jerry Kahrs

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 4	Ron Phillips
Aug. 18	Elizabeth Monroe

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 11	Betty Richardson
Aug. 25	Sheya Bennett

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

Aug. 4	Ron Phillips
Aug. 11	Sharon Kinsey
Aug. 18	Elizabeth Monroe
Aug. 25	Sheya Bennett

USHERS SCHEDULE

Aug. 4	Jason Adams Elizabeth Monroe Rose Ross
Aug. 11	Kathy Joseph Jerry Kahrs Molly
Aug. 18	Jim Gray Denise Walker Mike Walker
Aug. 25	Ben Keller Madison Keller Steve Scarborough

COMMUNION SERVERS

Aug. 4	Emma Ron Phillips Steve Scarborough
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COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Aug. 4	June Olling
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Rev. Kim Adams.....	kadams@fpcvalpo.org
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Sue Davis, Business Manager.....	sdavis@fpcvalpo.org
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Valarie Smart-Higgins, Custodian	
Judy Hollar, Clerk of Session.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Trish Lawson, Director of Faith Formation.....	tlawson@fpcvalpo.org
Dawn Scarborough, Church Administrator.....	dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org
John Stocks, Custodian	
Jeff Whitney, Director of Worship Music & Digital Technology.....	jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org
Rev. Dr. Julia Zhao, Associate Pastor in Residence.....	jzhao@fpcvalpo.org

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

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Matthew Byerly.....	iEngage* Worship Team*
Sharon Kinsey.....	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation*
Jerry Kahrs.....	Finance Building and Grounds*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team Worship Team*
Linda Long.....	Mission
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Membership Team Nominating Team Stewardship Team*
Kathryne Penninga.....	Worship Team Congregational Life* Mission *
Ron Phillips.....	Adult Faith Formation Team Faith Formation Team*
Rose Ross.....	Congregational Life
Jeanne Turner.....	Stewardship Team Membership*
Chip Wilkes.....	Personnel Team* Finance Team*

*denotes Elder Rep.

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Beth Germann, Moderator

Personnel Team

Jim Hubbard, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso (public) and
FPCVALPO (closed)