

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF AUGUST 17, 2022

FPC Valpo is blessed with SO MANY ANGELS! Elders were reminded that there are *many* people among us who reach out to others in small but significant ways. They send cards, they make phone calls, they deliver small and unexpected gifts, and many times they fly under the radar, often not wanting to draw attention to themselves but ministering to us all in these subtle ways. They are truly the hands and feet of Jesus in our midst, and their ministry is at the heart of what makes us a family. Thank you, Angels among us!

Lots of discussion covered various topics including the October Retreat (to include Elders and members of both the Capital Campaign Team and the Vibrant Congregations Team); the upcoming church-wide book study of *The Art of Neighboring*; the positive experience and presentation by those who attended the June Montreat seminar; and an extended discussion of outdoor signage resulted in the creation of a team to approach city officials concerning signs specifically for non-profit organizations.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of the passing of many motions, discussion of these motions, and the tabling of several. These are all briefly reviewed below.

MOTIONS

Building & Grounds Team

- Approved **Cub Scout Pack 902**'s request to permanently move (return) to FPC for weekly meetings and events with no facility use fees to be charged pursuant to FPC Policy BG5. (This will include approximately 4-8 boys, starting at the end of August, one classroom and/or Pavilion, weather permitting, Sunday afternoons, weekly, and occasionally Fellowship Hall for larger events such as Blue & Gold Banquet, Pinewood Derbies, etc.)
- Approved allowing Sweet Adelines to have a **spaghetti dinner fundraiser** on Saturday, October 1, 2022, sharing proceeds with FPCV.

Finance & Stewardship Team

- Approved using a Mission Market fund to support cash flow this fall only if needed. (It was noted that instead of keeping a high cash balance in the checking account, this fund is earning interest and being kept as a reserve, but only if it is needed.)

iEngage Team

- Approved (again) the purchase of new **microphones** which were previously approved but are no longer available, the new cost being higher than originally approved.

Session

- Approved continuing **worship in the Pavilion** on the first and third Sundays of the month through the end of September.
- Approved a call for the **Fall Meeting of the Congregation** for October 2, 2022, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee and electing officers for the Class of 2025.
- Approved entering into a contract to building a more user-friendly **website**, dependent on a future email motion for final approval of entering into such contract with a specific vendor and a specific cost.
- Approved with regret the resignation of Elder Karen Mitseff from Session. Many thanks were offered for all that Karen has contributed to FPC Valpo.

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Tabled Motions

- Action by the Membership Clerk for the required Roll Review was tabled until Elders can make one last attempt to contact members who have not been in attendance for several years to determine their interest in remaining on our rolls.
- The revised Finance Gift Policy is quite long and specific, so Elders were asked to consider the policy in depth as to what is in the best interest of the congregation; points of change, discussion, and controversy will be emailed for consideration, and the policy will be voted on at the September meeting.
- The Building and Visioning Assessment Recommendations are also both detailed (one *condensed* Building Assessment is 18 pages) and important, so voting is being tabled, possibly until a Called Session meeting in September or October. In the meantime, B & G will attempt to attach dollar amounts to their priorities list for consideration.

Joys & Concerns

- It is a joy that Cub Scout Pack 902 is returning to FPCV this fall, but a huge disappointment that, due to low staffing and low participation, Scout Troop 920 probably will not be renewing its charter for 2023. Prayers for the boys and girls who will no longer have that scouting opportunity.
- Prayers of concern for an elder and especially for her brother who will be undergoing open-heart surgery on Tuesday, and prayers for her sister who is doing well following surgery to implant a pacemaker a week ago.
- Prayers of joy *and* concern for Melissa Klancer who was to have reached the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro the evening of the session meeting!
- Praise that on a recent vacation, a family member did not suffer from any of the effects of an accident that occurred last summer.
- Praise for the celebration of 50 years of marriage!
- Joy that the first day in a new school went extremely well.
- Praise for the people in our congregation who are incredible at reaching out to others in small ways, with cards, phone calls, even gifts that are so appreciated. Those affirmations, which are *so* important, are what bind us together as family.

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

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

- Elizabeth Monroe upon the death of her mother;
- Valarie Smart Higgins and Dan Higgins upon the death of Dan's brother, Pat;
- The family and friends of Ginny Nordlund upon her death; and
- The Stan and June Olling family upon the death of Stan's mother, Alexa.

EXPLORING NEW MEMBERSHIP AT FPC VALPARAISO
Sunday mornings in September 2022
(9/11, 9/18 AND 9/25)
9:00 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.
Room 101

While the faith journey is indeed a personal one, it is not meant to be traveled alone!

Whether you are a first time/frequent visitor and friend of First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso (FPCV) or just need a refresher, all are welcome to join us for “Exploring Membership at First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso.” We will take a look at what it means to be Presbyterian (what we believe), how the Presbyterian Church (USA) is structured, and the various ministries of FPCV. Each session will be held three Sunday mornings in September 2022 (9/11, 9/18 and 9/25) from 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. in Room 101. Nursery care and additional Sunday morning faith formation classes are available for children and youth. If you plan on attending and would like to know more about additional opportunities for children and youth, please contact our Director of FF & Youth Ministry, Ken Crews at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, you will be encouraged to grow in your relationship with the Triune God through worship, faith formation, fellowship, mission, and outreach. However, by attending this class you are not required to become a member, in fact, you are welcome to simply come and learn more about us (you can still receive our monthly newsletter, participate in a Bible study, join the choir, or enjoy any of our fellowship events).

Please let us know if you are interested in attending, by contacting the church office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022
AT THE CONCLUSION OF 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

The Meeting of the Congregation will be held for the purpose of receiving the Congregational Nominating Committee's Report and electing officers. Opportunity shall be given to the congregation to bring forth nominations from the floor. The nominee must be present, an active member and in agreement to have his/her name placed in nomination.

FAITH FORMATION TEAMS

Spring and summer have been busy and productive for our Faith Formation (“FF”) teams. Our Saturday Pancake breakfast in March used a take-out format that was quite successful! In April, we welcomed lots of children and their families to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The weather was perfect, and we all enjoyed watching the children scramble for the colorful eggs that were filled with treats. In May, we celebrated confirmation and welcomed new young members to our faith family.

This summer, our Vacation Bible Camp went M.A.D. in June as we explored the story of Jonah using **music**, **art**, and **drama**. Our Deacons and members of the FF team provided delicious suppers each night for families of the children who were attending. Our culminating activity was a stage performance complete with a fabulous big whale created by the Gordon family. The show was followed by pizza and a sundae bar. In July, our young folks enjoyed a beach day, and spent two days helping our friends with a project at FPC Portage.

The FF teams have already met to develop a calendar for the coming year, and all curriculum materials have been purchased. A small group of FF members have been working on ideas for an “all church study” and are looking at a book called *The Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. It leans into the basic understanding of Matthew 22:37-39 which commands us all to love our neighbor. Our goal would be to take an amazing journey together as a congregation and let the light of Christ shine on Valpo.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

THE ART OF NEIGHBORING 2022 (submitted by Ron Phillips)

Ken Crews, Trisha Lawson, Sharon Kinsey and I have been working on ideas for an “all church study.” What we are trying to achieve is to lead our church in a single direction – to be more specific, the church studying the same area of the word. If the entire community is studying the same material, better questions and discussions will ensue. We are just stronger when we are in community!

After the material is covered, we would like the church to gather together for a group discussion/potluck dinner.

That brings us to the subject matter. The book we have been looking at is *The Art of Neighboring*. This book not only reiterates the basic understanding of the verse in Matthew 22:37-39 that is “the second part of the Great Commandment,” this book expands the understanding so that we know how **loving your neighbor** might be accomplished and what this command looks like in our own neighborhoods.

This command is not just some kind of literary device, but a straightforward command. Let's look at Galatians 5:14. The Apostle Paul mentions this command again in such a way to give closure to the entire law!

“For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “love your neighbor as yourself.” Love his people!!! Love his creation!!! It will be the interaction between you and the people around you. Yes, the people on your own block!

No, this isn't going to be easy. If we do this right, our lives are going to change also. We will have to prioritize our daily tasks, allow our lives to be interrupted by circumstances or needs of others near us.

When people around you, know that you care about their wellbeing, their outlook changes. Maybe their lives will change, but more importantly their eternity. So, let's take this amazing journey together and let the light of Christ shine on Valpo.

If you have any questions or are interested in *The Art of Neighboring* study within your small group, please contact Ron Phillips at (219) 276-6205 or rp764rp764@gmail.com

CHANCEL VISIONING TEAM NEWS

If you are interested in watching the Sacred Space carpenter shape our chancel furniture, check out the new color photos on the small bulletin board in the gathering space.

OPPORTUNITY

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY PICNIC

Let's meet new folks and reconnect with those familiar faces throughout the Presbytery of Wabash Valley with a picnic at Geneva Center on **September 18, 2022** from **2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (CT)** / **3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (ET)**.

No need to bring anything except maybe a chair and an open, happy spirit ready to have fun. It's free.

The food will be provided with a picnic menu of burgers, hot dogs, baked beans, deviled eggs and sheet cake. There are vegetarian and gluten free options as well.

A DJ will provide a good mix of music for everyone and he has a trivia game competition ready to test your knowledge. Other games are also planned for all ages.

The beautiful setting of Geneva Center has wonderful, wooded trails to explore. It's well worth the trip just to spend the day in this gem available to all our churches. **We'll be at the Pavilion located at: 5282 N Old Hwy 31, Rochester, IN.**

- **It's important to RSVP that you are wanting to attend the picnic.**
- **RSVP to info@ourpresbytery.org no later than **11:00 a.m. (CDT), September 6, 2022**, with how many will be with you.**
- **If you would like to carpool, please email Linda Long at linda.l.long@gmail.com or text/call (219) 707-2091 and we will plan to share rides.**

Bring your family, bring your friends and be ready to have a great day!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Boundless Grace by Ginger Boys

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE THROUGH THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2022 (REVISED)

1st and 3rd Sundays,
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Pavilion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays,
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

All are welcome!



This fall the Stephen Ministry Leaders of First Presbyterian, Trinity Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran and Christ Lutheran churches are collaborating on a training program for those who would like a refresher on Stephen Ministry or are interested in becoming Stephen Ministers.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry gives congregations a way to train lay caregivers to offer one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. People may be going through a variety of struggles, including death of a loved one, chronic illness, and different life transitions. Stephen Minister training teaches volunteers that high-quality care is all about building trust and encouraging care receivers to speak. There are no magic words to make grief or pain or life-challenges go away. Stephen Ministers offer a listening ear, invest in a mutual, confidential relationship, and invite the healing that comes through conversations with open-ended and reflective questions.

The fall 2022 class for Stephen Ministry will begin shortly after Labor Day and usually meets once a week for eight weeks – details yet to be determined. If you are interested in learning more, set up a time to talk with Stephen Ministers Elizabeth Monroe (219) 386-0205 or Linda Long (219) 707-2091.

Previously trained Stephen Ministers, or those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers, are invited to a Saturday morning seminar on caregiving and grief in October. Interested? Let one of us know so we can provide you with more details.

Most Stephen Ministers find that these caring ministry relationships involve a mutuality that enhances their own lives with increased understanding and gratitude for the opportunity to be-there when someone needs a listening ear and words of God's love - the giver also receives. Join us in this caring ministry.

HEARTFELT THANK YOUS

Dear First Pres Valpo,

My flowers lasted nearly 6 weeks!! They were so beautiful and gave me precious memories of all of you. Thank you for sharing in our loss.

It was difficult deciding where to honor Wayne – especially as he had so many friends and family in the Midwest. I know the video wasn't perfect, but praying it gave you a small way to be a part of us.

Wayne, per his request, will be inurned at Arlington in DC sometime. He is on a waiting list.

Yahweh wraps his arms around each of you,

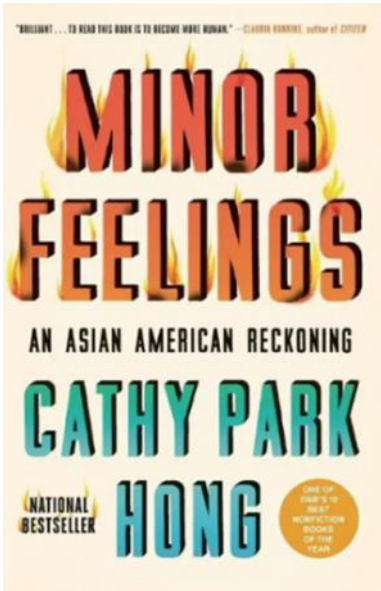
Jeannie Rhodes

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We wanted to thank everyone who came to Mom's Celebration of Life as well as all those who sent cards and prayed for us after Mom's passing on August 12, 2022. It meant a great deal to us to know how much everyone cared for Mom as well as us after her passing and in our time of need. We were surrounded by your love in this difficult time and it was a great comfort to us.

Stan, June, Tori and Trent Olling

OPPORTUNITY



MATTHEW 25 BOOK CLUB

Monday, Sept. 19, 2022

Room 101 and Zoom
at
6:30 p.m.

The FPCV Matthew 25 Team invites all to a one-night Book Club gathering to discuss Cathy Park Hong's *Minor Feelings*.

If you have any questions regarding the study or would like a Zoom link, contact Beth Germann at

bcgermann@gmail.com or 219-477-9964

Please come even if you have not had time to read the book.

Everyone is welcome to the discussion of dismantling structural racism as part our commitment to being a Matthew 25 church.

DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Betty Richardson)

The functions of deacons within the church are prescribed by scripture and involve compassion, witness and service. These are achieved at FPC /Valpo through assistance with worship and communion, welcoming worshippers, as well as visitation, caring cards and other kindnesses to those unable to attend church in person or who are in extended care facilities.

COVID has continued to offer challenges regarding personal visits--and basically eliminates hospital visits. Masks are a required necessary deterrent for the virus, but pose various communication challenges, which can be frustrating for all.

The beginning of Advent is just three months away. So it's not too soon to begin thinking about one of our most popular activities which is Advent bags. There will be more information upcoming. Linda Marrs is in charge of this special ministry and the whole congregation can be a part of this fun project.

Need a deacon friend or know someone who does? Contact the church office or Nancy Porter at 219-309-7531.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE'S
FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



“FALL” BINGO!
Sept. 9th 6pm
Fellowship Hall



CRAFT FAIR
Nov. 12th 9am-3pm
Fellowship Hall



PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST
All October/voting on Oct. 30th



PJ'S & POPCORN MOVIE NIGHT
Dec. 16th 6pm
Fellowship Hall

Details found below, in “First Notes” or contact Trish Lawson (219) 671-1205 or tmlawson77@yahoo.com

“FALL” BINGO NIGHT: All are welcome to bring a “Fall” themed gift (\$10 max.) for the prize table & a snack to share.

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST: The contest includes decorated pumpkins only, *not carved*. Please include your name on the decorated pumpkin and forward to the table in the Hospitality Center no later than Friday, October 28, 2022. Judging will be held Sunday, October 30, 2022, after worship.

HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR: Come out and get some early holiday shopping done with local crafters and vendors. Doors open at 9:00 a.m. at Door C. The Presbys Youth Group will have a breakfast & lunch Café and the Deacons' famous cookie/baked goods walk is back!

PJ'S & POPCORN MOVIE NIGHT: Bring your pillow, blanket and favorite stuffed friend for a night of fun! We will be featuring the movie, *The Star*, in Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome!

Bottle Cap Friday!!!

Friday, September 2, 2022

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Come & go as you please and help sort, weigh
and store our bottle caps.



All are welcome!

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THE MUSTARD SEED APPROACH

is partnering with

Green Tree Plastics, LLC

collecting bottle caps and lids that will be recycled into raised garden beds &
a bench we can enjoy for years to come!

**Update!! From what has already been cleaned and weighed,
we have enough for our 1st piece of our raised bed!**

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](https://greentreeplastics.com) at the link below
[Bottle Caps to Benches Project \(greentreeplastics.com\)](https://greentreeplastics.com)

Thank you for your participation!

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/

“TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!”

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS:



FPCV Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)

All Are Welcome!

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

300 Porters Vale Blvd, Valparaiso, IN

Donating back 20%

20% of the pre-tax total will go back to FPCV when you place your receipt in the clear Plexiglass box at the registers after ordering.

****In order for the above fundraiser to officially happen, we need a minimum of 20 RSVPs.**

Visit <https://www.groupraise.com/events/219710>

to RSVP by September 18, 2022.**

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*Catch up over coffee on
Sunday mornings!*



COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

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

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

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>



“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.

ERADICATING SYSTEMIC POVERTY

(from “A Matthew 25 Bible Study” Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

How does Matthew 25:31–46 inform the church’s work in eradicating systemic poverty? In this case, a literal/plain reading of the text speaks volumes. We are called to serve Jesus by contributing to the well-being of the most vulnerable in society: sharing our possessions with people who are deprived of adequate food and clean drinking water; offering hospitality to people who need warm clothing and safe shelter; and providing assistance for people who lack access to medical care or languish in prison. As the prophet Micah might say, when we do justice, show kindness and walk humbly alongside people in such situations, we do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord (Micah 6:8). This means recognizing the image of God and the presence of Christ in the faces of our neighbors — particularly neighbors in need — and then honoring God’s image and Christ’s presence by loving our neighbors as ourselves. But there is more. Remember that Jesus’ words were inspired by a prophet’s challenge to leaders who neglected and abused their people, telling them their reign of corruption and cruelty had come to an end. In the background of this story from Matthew is a prophetic challenge: to engage our leaders, speaking truth to power and demanding change to the systems that perpetuate poverty and allow some to profit from oppression of others. Make no mistake, Jesus is calling us to perform ordinary acts of compassion in daily life: sharing food, drink and clothing with those who are hungry, thirsty and naked; offering welcome, care and company to those who are outcast, suffering and captive. But we are also called to consider the factors that led to these conditions, to confront the causes of inequality, to confess the sin of greed and to correct the problem of poverty — whether in our own nation and neighborhood, or around the world. In so doing, we continue Christ’s work of proclaiming release to captives and good news to the poor (Luke 4:18–19) — the good news of God’s righteousness, justice and peace for all.

PRAYER:

Lord, bless and guide us as we work together to not only give of our time and money to help those less fortunate, but also to acknowledge and confront the causes of systemic poverty and inequality. Amen.

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY NEWS

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.

And just like that it's September! By the time you read this the Resale Shop will have completed our semi-annual changeover. The Shop will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 with all new fall and winter merchandise. Stop in and see what's new.

Thanks to generous donations and faithful shoppers, the Resale Shop was able to donate \$3,500 in August to Alzheimer's, Begin Again Rescue, Giant Paws, Lakeshore Paws, FYSB Tot Shop and FPC Disaster Assistance to support flood relief in Kentucky.

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

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THE PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP IS TURNING 80!

We're so excited and we're going to celebrate twice!

All current and former volunteers are invited to share in the fun.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

The Resale Shop will host Coffee Hour immediately following worship at FPC. The Congregation is invited to join us as we celebrate this milestone in FPC's ministry to our community

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M.

Where: Valparaiso VFW 705 Roosevelt Road

Who: All present and former volunteers and one guest

Chicken and dessert will be provided.
Please bring a dish to share.

We will have a live band to help us celebrate!

RSVP: Mary Linda Scott (231-590-5799; or Karen Huguenard (219-309-3334) by **Mon., Sept. 19, 2022.**



CALENDAR

Thursday, September 01, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, September 02, 2022

Saturday, September 03, 2022

Sunday, September 04, 2022

10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
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Monday, September 05, 2022 - Labor Day: Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 06, 2022

10:30 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
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, September 07, 2022

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

Thursday, September 08, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
3:00 PM	Endowment Committee Meeting	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, September 09, 2022

6:00 PM	Bingo	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 10, 2022

****denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel. In addition, 10:00 a.m. Worship will be held in the Pavilion on the first and third Sundays of the month and the Sanctuary on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays through the month of September 2022 (revised).***

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Sunday, September 11, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Wing
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Nominating Committee	101
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 12, 2022		
10:30 AM	Pre-agenda Meeting	Online
11:00 AM	Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
Tuesday, September 13, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
7:15 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Online
Wednesday, September 14, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (<i>Revised Time</i>)	Hospitality Center
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
Thursday, September 15, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, September 16, 2022		
7:00 AM	Minutes/Reports Due for Session Packet	Email
Saturday, September 17, 2022		
7:15 AM	IDGB Meeting	FPC
Sunday, September 18, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Wing
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 19, 2022		
6:30 PM	Matthew 25 Book Club	101, Online
Tuesday, September 20, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	DAR Group	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, September 21, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, September 22, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, September 23, 2022		
Saturday, September 24, 2022		

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25, 2022

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Wing
9:00 AM	Exploring New Membership	101
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 26, 2022

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room

Thursday, September 29, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, September 30, 2022

**denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel. In addition, 10:00 a.m. Worship will be held in the Pavilion on the first and third Sundays of the month and the Sanctuary on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays through the month of September 2022 (revised).*

MISSION NEWS

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In July, the pantry served one hundred forty-five families which provided food for three hundred fifty-five people. Sixty-four Kid's Kits were distributed. Although school started, it was decided that as long as the items we pack are available, kits will continue to be offered. Perhaps they can help on the weekends.

Very large numbers of some food items have been donated to the pantry and the volunteers are planning to use them in various kits that are healthy and easy to make with the items provided. Kits for bean salad went well. In addition, macaroni salad and cottage pie kits will be offered. Laundry detergent will be offered to help families.

Basic food items are always appreciated but a special request is made ahead of holiday season: **canned pumpkin is not needed** as the pantry has several shelves full and it is not an item that is requested even when various recipes are offered at holiday time. Any other food items donated are greatly appreciated.

As always – time, interest, donations, energy and suggestions are recognized by pantry volunteers as helping with the pantry program.

Nan Steeves
Sharon Crowder

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH MID-AUGUST – A BIT OF A BLOG...

In our mid-August Sunday worship, we heard these words:

Every minute of every day, God is at work, around us and within us...

Every minute of every day, God is making all things new, giving and giving and giving again...

And you are called, we are called to be part of God's work of generosity.

To give, to surrender our time, talent and treasure to this God-work of making all things new.

You are called to give.

We are called to give.

Opportunities for ministry are abundant in our congregation. We catch glimpses of those each week, over and over. There is so much more we can do: help out at the Presbyterian Resale Shop, bring friends to worship with us on Sunday, introduce people to FPC Valpo through events like picnics and fellowship nights, and expand our ministry in this community through our nursery school, by hosting men without homes, supplying breakfast cereal for Hilltop and so many other ways.

We support our staff, ministries and building by giving – in order to share Christ's message of transformation, God within us. From January 1 to mid-August:

- Our operating budget estimated income of \$499,989 for 2022,
- Actual operating expenses to 8/15/22 are \$296,233,
- Giving for operations totaled \$247,166 on 8/15,
- Our funds from special gifts for special ministries and mission (i.e. temporarily restricted) show a net increase of \$16,615,
- Our Capital fund holds \$4,492,
- Our net shortfall, i.e. deficit overall is \$30,238.

Yes, this report shows some deficit numbers, but keep in mind that we are substantially ahead of where we anticipated we would be when we considered the 2022 budget. For the year, we knew our budget plan exceeded our anticipated income by \$77,360 for the year. We knew at our congregational meeting in January 2022 that this was going to be a transitional year as we move past pandemic-uncertainties toward a strengthened, shared vision of our congregation for 2022 and years beyond.

Thank you to the many who give their pledged sums regularly. Thank you to those who give beyond the amount they pledged. Thank you to those who generously give special gifts for Second Mile offerings, beautiful new chancel furniture in process, mission pleas for disaster relief in Ukraine, Cuba, Kentucky and so many other places of need or opportunity for ministry. Thank you to those who give as they are able.

Our vision for 2023 will begin to emerge during our ministry teams and Session meetings this fall, and planning to raise funds next year for future ministry and building renovations. If some of us are able and willing to increase our giving now to reduce the undercurrent of concern about deficit spending this year, it will strengthen our courage to envision our ministries and mission for 2023 as we proceed through fall budgeting.

We are so very blessed with strong leadership, vibrant, energetic and creative staff, rich worship experiences, an expansive building with lots of acreage, welcoming people of faith in God who care deeply about one another and our community, a culture of hospitality like a Big Tent where all God's children are welcome – all of them. We do much, and we could do so much more together. Your gifts of time, creativity, energy, wisdom and money bring First Presbyterian Church alive in our community.

—Linda Long, Treasurer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 1 Bonnie Swarner	September 9 Dan Higgins	September 22 Jerry Seegers
September 2 Ray Miller	September 10 Ansen Andrews	September 24 Sheya Bennett
September 3 Della Hutton	September 12 Gary Germann Jerry Valdivia	September 25 Steve Heckard
September 4 Evey Crews Justin Giles	September 14 Tracy Campbell	September 27 Walt Alexander Kathy Welter
September 5 Katelynn Stanko	September 15 Cathy Greenawald Robbie Greenawald	September 29 Emily Coffin Becky Gordon Ann Klipstine
September 7 Sandra Corso Darlane Lorz	September 18 Craig Johnson	September 30 Christine McAloon
September 8 Garry Anderson Kyla Deible Bridgett Kinsey	September 19 Kieth Carlson Sylvia Graham David McGonigle	

*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 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.

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Revised: July 8, 2022

ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Paul Knauff
Close: Paul Knauff

COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP

Sept. 4 Lisa Vukin

COMMUNION SERVERS

Sept. 4 Matthew Byerly
Jim Hubbard
Karen Mitseff

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 4 Matthew Byerly
Sept. 18 Ron Phillips

DEACON(S) ON CALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 11 Bob Marrs
Sept. 25 Cathy Greenawald

LITURGIST/LECTORS SCHEDULE

Sept. 4 Jim Hubbard
Sept. 11 TBD
Sept. 18 TBD
Sept. 25 Presbys

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 4 Amy Press
Ryne Press
Sept. 11 Elizabeth Monroe
Rose Ross
Sept. 18 Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs
Sept. 25 Doug Hollar
Judy Hollar

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Lisa Vukin

OCTOBER

World Communion
Sunday, October 2, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Christmas Eve (4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Christmas Eve (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp



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<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
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



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