

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



SESSION SYNOPSIS OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

A portion of this month's meeting was spent in preparation for the upcoming October retreat that Elders will be attending (along with members of the Vibrant Congregations and Capital Campaign team). Session was asked to respond to the writing prompt, "When I think about FPC, I feel hopeful about....," and it appears that there is *much* to be hopeful for and about in our congregation! You can look forward to more details following the retreat.

Elders were also delighted to speak with Denise and Mike Walker who have moved to Valpo and recently been attending FPC. It was with pleasure that they were unanimously approved for membership and will be officially welcomed into the church family on October 2.

Several **MOTIONS** were also approved:

Building & Grounds Team

- Approved allowing \$950 for completion of the pavilion's new A.D.A. compliant east sidewalk.
- Approved rescinding a previous Session motion approval of \$540 for an additional pavilion concrete pad for the purpose of enclosure of the trash container for security and visual aesthetics.

Membership Team

- Approved moving eight people who are no longer worshiping with us from "Member" status to "Other" status since they have either moved or did not respond to phone calls.

Session

- Approved continuing **worship under the Pavilion** on the first and third Sundays of the month through the end of October.
- Approved the application for a denominational survey regarding how the COVID pandemic has affected our congregation. Elders Sharon Kinsey and Harry Karabel will head the survey should FPC be accepted for the \$2,500 stipend.

Joys & Concerns

- Both a sorrow surrounding a death as well as a joy experiencing the overwhelming support and love of our congregation for the grieving family.
- Prayers for a long-time member whose health is declining.
- Joy that a 90+ year old member wishes to connect with a high school student speaking German!

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

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

**PLEASE JOIN US AS
WE GIVE WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
AND
CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF MAGGI ALEXANDER**

The service information is as follows:

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

Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Please keep the Alexander family in your prayers.

Peace be with you.

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**PLEASE JOIN US AS
WE GIVE WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
AND
CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF JANICE REICHARD**

The service information is as follows:

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

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Please keep the Reichard family in your prayers.

Peace be with you.

**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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Fall Clean Up and We need your Help



**Please Join Us On
October 8th, from
8:00 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.**

MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS

The Membership Team is excited to introduce a new Mentor Program which will welcome new members into our congregation. We want everyone to feel valued and a vital part of our church, so a Mentor will assist a new member (or couple or family) in becoming oriented to the church's organization, activities, and facilities by establishing a relationship with the new member.

If you would be interested in possibly becoming a Mentor, please contact Membership Clerk Elizabeth Monroe (monroe55016@yahoo.com or 219-386-0205).

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL ("PWNS")

Many years ago, Margaret ("Maggi") Mrs. A had a dream to start a preschool at the Presbyterian Church! After years of planning and hard work, Maggi opened the Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School in 1977. It became a quick success and it remains a vital part of the mission of this church. Maggi passed away on the 31st of August. She dedicated her life to children whether it be in music, teaching, tutoring and her work and light will continue to shine here in this church. The week before her death, we had a lively conversation about the preschool. She shared in my excitement about the new school year!! I have lost a dear friend; and I know many of you share in this sense of loss, but I also know she is smiling at the precious faces of the children who attend the school she founded. I like to think of Maggi as her great niece said, "I think Aunt Maggi is singing in heaven with the youngest angels."

PWNS opened for the 2022-2023 school year on September 6th and 7th. We have 10 children in the Early Learner Class and 18 children in the Pre-K class. This year, we are offering an extended day for the PreK class where the children can stay at school until 2:00 p.m. Some of the children bring a sack lunch then engage in activities to prepare them for kindergarten. All the classes seem to be buzzing with voices and giggles and there seem to be lots of smiles!!! We welcome back Dana Hansen from our staff last year. We welcome Lisa Montania and Megan Nelson this year. Lisa has lots of experience teaching, and Megan is a mom who loves working with children. Mr. Ken is going to be meeting with the children and having a special thought or story to share with them once or twice a month. We are blessed to have so many loving and caring people who want to share their time with us. God is Good!!

You are welcome to walk down the hall during the week to see what is happening with PWNS! We would love to share with you!!

Connie Knauff

DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Cathy Greenawald)

Our devotion for the last deacon meeting reflected on the thought that none of the qualities of the Christian life can be learned from a book. Rather those skills can be acquired by daily practice - an apprenticeship approach - and being around other devoted disciples. When we gather and have conversations about our deacon friends at the meetings, we find sustenance in caring for members of our church family but also in caring for each other.

As many of you know during the Advent season the Deacons provide a gift bag to those of our church members that have limited mobility or regular access to FPC's church life. The bag contains gifts to be opened by the recipients during the month of December. The intent is to brighten their holiday and send our church family extra love.

This year we will be preparing 25 bags, each bag to contain no less than 25 gifts. If you would like to contribute here are some suggestions that are always appreciated: shampoo, conditioner, nail care products, chap stick, packages of Kleenex®, note pads, pens, color pencils, puzzles, puzzle books, coloring books, devotional books, package of note cards or thank you cards, candy, gum, small flashlights, night lights, individual packages of hand wipes, hand sanitizer, mugs, hot chocolate packets, microwave popcorn, candy, novelty candies or cookies. We ask that all food products be commercially bought and individually wrapped. Pinterest is also a good resource for ideas. [Items we already have - eyeglass wipes, note cards, toothbrushes/toothpaste, flavored tea w/coaster.]

We will begin collecting items Sunday, October 2 and end Sunday, November 6th. A collection box will be in the Hospitality Center for your convenience.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

- the Marc and Stacey Buehler family on the death of Marc's mother, Sherrie.
- to Walt Alexander on the death of Maggi Alexander.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Another program year full of Faith Formation opportunities is under way! Disciples of all ages are encouraged to gather **Sunday mornings at 9am** for learning opportunities. Classes are offered for every age, from early childhood to adult, with intergenerational events sprinkled in throughout the year. A healthy church is a church of all ages!

The Presbys' youth group for grades 6th through 12th meets Sunday evenings, 6:00pm-7:30pm. The group enjoys fellowship, service, devotionals, and more.

OCTOBER FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

- **Friday, October 7th, 6:00pm-8:00pm: First Friday Friends**
Elementary students, 1st-5th grade, are invited to an evening of food, games, and Bible stories. Students will enjoy dinner at 6pm followed by story time and games led by the Presby's youth group. Please RSVP to Ken at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org. Would you like to help provide dinner? Email Ken or use the SignUp Genius link in FPCV's electronic communications.
- **Sunday, October 16th, 10:00am: Youth Led Worship**
Be sure to join FPCV for Sunday morning worship as our faithful youth lead the way!
- **Friday, October 21st, 5:30pm-8:00pm: Trunk or Treat!**
Join friendly ghosts and ghouls of all ages for this family-friendly night of tricks and treats! Guests will enjoy dinner, activities, a showing of *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown*, and, of course, Trunk or Treating! Dinner begins at 5:30pm, car decorating at 6:00pm, and trunk or treating kicks off at 6:30pm. Email Ken at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org to register your vehicle or use the SignUp Genius link available in FPCV's electronic announcements. Can't attend the event? Support our young guests by donating Halloween candy. A collection bin will be available in the Narthex.
- **College Care Packages:**
Be sure to send some sweets, treats, and love this fall to the college students in your family! Email your student's name and address (according to their school's acceptable mailing format) to kencrews@fpcvalpo.org no later than Friday, October 14th. The Presbys' youth group will send care packages full of goodies and God's love! Please consider a \$5 donation to help offset postage fees. Simply mark your donation 'College Care Package' and place it in the Sunday offering plate.
- **Get Connected!**
Serving. Studying. Celebrating. Faith Formation happens best when we connect across the generations. Contact Ken at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org to explore ways to share your gifts and talents with our FPCV family.

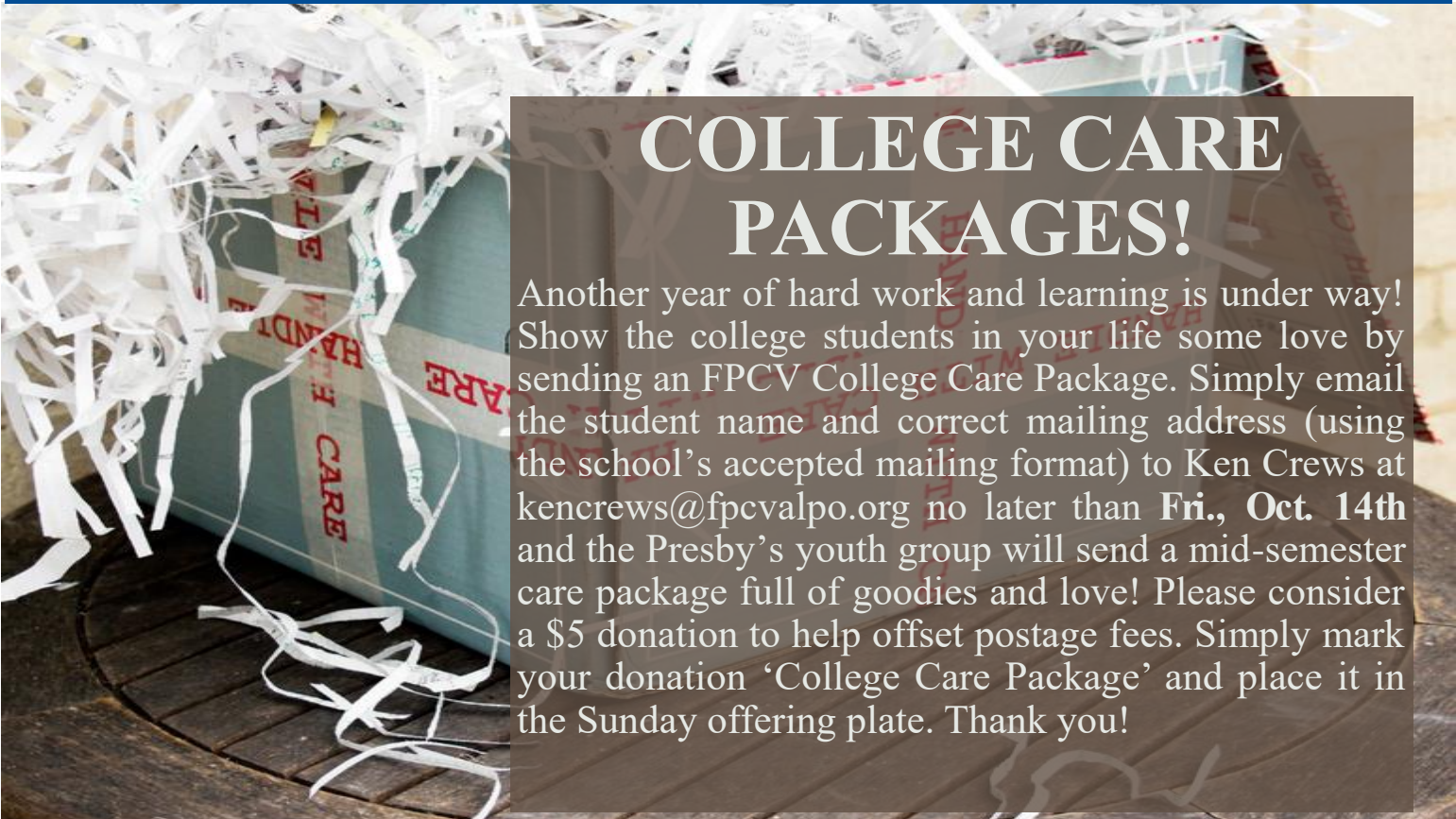
PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Congregation,

First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso will not be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic this year. Please contact your Physician or your Pharmacy for information regarding the Flu vaccine for the 2022-2023 Flu season.

Blessings,

Rose Ross, RN



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES!

Another year of hard work and learning is under way! Show the college students in your life some love by sending an FPCV College Care Package. Simply email the student name and correct mailing address (using the school's accepted mailing format) to Ken Crews at kencrews@fpcvalpo.org no later than **Fri., Oct. 14th** and the Presby's youth group will send a mid-semester care package full of goodies and love! Please consider a \$5 donation to help offset postage fees. Simply mark your donation 'College Care Package' and place it in the Sunday offering plate. Thank you!

**Kid-friendly dinner,
games, stories, and more!
All children
grades 1st-5th
are welcome!**



First Friday Friends

Friday, October 7th

6:00pm-8:00pm

First Presbyterian Church

Free & Open to the public!

RSVP to

kencrews@fpcvalpo.org

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SIGN UP TO HELP WITH A FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS DINNER

Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49afa82ba5fbc34-first> to sign up to help with a First Friday Friends dinner.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Boundless Grace by Ginger Boys

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SCHEDULE THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER 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!

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>

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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

 Holiday Craft
and Vendor Fair

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

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!

OPPORTUNITY

ADVENT BAGS

Would you or your small group like to be a part of a worthy Advent project?

The Advent gift bag project for our Deacon Friends is underway. The Deacons deliver a Christmas gift bag to those in our church family that find it more difficult to get out and about. It's a way to brighten the Advent Season and to send our love to church family. This year we will be preparing 25 bags, each bag to contain no less than 25 gifts.

We are in need of 14 Angel volunteers to provide 25 identical gifts, wrapped. If assistance is needed with wrapping, I do have angel volunteers available.

Some suggested gift ideas - shampoo, conditioner, nail care products, chap stick, pens, note pads, puzzles, puzzle books, candy, gum, night lights, hot chocolate packets, microwave popcorn, novelty candies or cookies. We ask that all food products be commercially bought and individually wrapped.

We will begin our collection Sunday, October 2 and end Sunday, November 6, 2022. A collection box will be in the Hospitality Center for your convenience. Please make note what your gift is along with your gifts.

Please contact Linda Marrs (lmarrs@comcast.net) if you would like to participate.

THE MUSTARD SEED APPROACH

Would like to thank you all for answering the call to collect caps all these months and to those who spent time sorting, weighing and bagging them up, you all are so appreciated!

That being said, at this time we will not be collecting anymore caps as Green Tree Plastics owners are retiring. We will store what we have and wait for a new opportunity to come our way!

~The Congregational Life Team~

MISSION NEWS

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

August served one hundred ninety-one families which provided food for four hundred thirty-four people. Sixty-eight Kid's Kits were given out which totaled 214 provided during the three summer months. Bean salad kits, macaroni/chicken salad kits and cottage pie kits have been assembled and offered. All seemed to be well received. A lot of fresh vegetables from family gardens have been shared with the pantry. Some have even been shared with the customers at The Shop. Although supplies and monetary donations are still being generously given, the basics and extras are always appreciated. With allergies being activated by fall pollens tissues are very welcome. Paper towels and toilet paper are other paper items always needed. Basic foods like cereal, tuna in water, peanut butter, rice, canned spaghetti sauce and pork 'n' beans/baked beans are always on the pantry list. "If you use it – pantry clients probably need it" is a good rule for deciding what to send to the pantry.

Thanks for any and all help,

Nan (founder) and Sharon

MISSION STATEMENT:
Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:

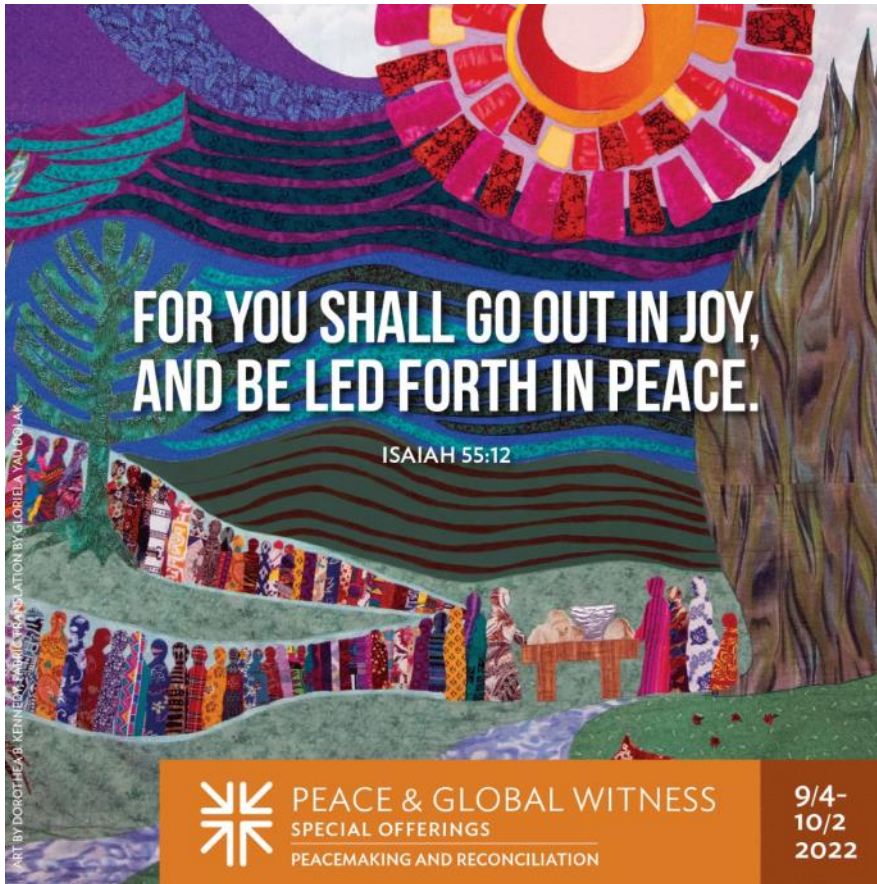


MATTHEW 25

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

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

OCTOBER'S SECOND MILE OFFERING
WILL BE RECEIVED FOR
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS MINISTRY



“TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!”

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS:



FPCV Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)

All Are Welcome!

Wednesday, October 19, 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.**

The link will be available soon.**

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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>





“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.

Race has long played a role in housing policy and practices in the United States, and Black Americans are denied mortgages at disproportionate rates. Though outlawed in 1968, **Redlining**, is a long-standing practice that continues **to drive down home values in Black neighborhoods and deprive resources for communities of color**. In the following article, Mott and Connolly do not live in a Black neighborhood. Their home is in good condition and in a good neighborhood. Still, they were unfairly deprived of the opportunity to refinance their home and better their financial position.

“An Absolute Gut Punch”

A Black couple is suing after a home appraisal came back undervalued based on their race
By Debra Kamin, The New York Times (condensed and abridged)

Nathan Connolly, a history professor at Johns Hopkins University, and his wife, Shani Mott, live in the north Baltimore neighborhood of Homeland, known for its strong public schools and colonial architecture. A majority of their neighbors are white.

They believed that their house — improved with \$40,000 in renovations — was now worth much more than the \$450,000 that they paid in 2017. Home prices have been on the rise nationwide; in Baltimore, they have gone up 42% since they purchased five years ago.

According to their complaint, which was filed in Maryland District Court on Aug. 15, the couple applied to refinance their mortgage with LoanDepot in May 2021. The lender approved a loan (pending appraisal) at a rate of 2.25% and told the couple that their home was now worth \$550,000 or more. LoanDepot hired 20/20 Valuations to conduct the appraisal. Connolly, Mott and their three children were home during the inspection. “It would have been obvious to anyone visiting that the home belonged to a Black family,” the complaint reads. The appraisal came back at \$427,000 (only \$22,000 more than they had paid 5 years ago), and LoanDepot based its rejection of the couple’s loan application on that low number.

“We were clearly aware of appraisal discrimination,” said Connolly. “But to be told in so many words that our presence and the life we have built in our home brings the property value down? It’s an absolute gut punch.”

Months after that first appraisal, the couple applied for another refinance loan. However, they first removed family photos and other indicators of Blackness from their home. The second appraiser was greeted by a white male colleague — another Johns Hopkins professor — and welcomed into a home now displaying pictures of his white family. The second appraiser valued the house at \$750,000!

All the comparable homes selected by the first appraiser, the complaint says, were of lower quality than Connolly and Mott’s home, and the appraisal incorrectly stated that their home had not received any updates for 15 years. According to the complaint, he “cherry-picked low value homes as comps,” and by doing so, he “ignored legitimately comparable homes with much higher sales prices” (homes that were identified as comps by the second appraiser).

PRAYER

Lord, guide us as we continue to explore and expand our understanding of the world as it is. Help us to search out and find situations where we can truly be your hands and feet in helping make the world a little more like it should be. 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.

Changeover at the Resale Shop was a huge success. Customer traffic and sales were at record levels. Many thanks to our hard-working volunteers!

The shop took full advantage of Popcorn Festival, serving customers from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm and we achieved our all-time high sales day! Again, thanks to our volunteers.

The generosity of our donors and the faithfulness of our customers allows us to help our community in a wide variety of ways. We appreciate the support of FPC. Whether you are a volunteer or a generous donor of goods, we thank you!

As autumn turns to winter, many of our volunteers head for warmer climates. If you are among the hearty souls who brave the northern winter, please consider helping us by volunteering. 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



CALENDAR

Saturday, October 01, 2022		
4:00 PM	Resale Shop - Volunteer Celebration	VFW
4:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (until 7:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 02, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
2:00 PM	Memorial Service	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	101, Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 03, 2022		
Tuesday, October 04, 2022		
10:00 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, October 05, 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, October 06, 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, October 07, 2022		
6:00 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, October 08, 2022		
Sunday, October 09, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Nom. Committee	101
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	101, Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 10, 2022		
11:00 AM	Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
Tuesday, October 11, 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, October 12, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	FPC
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
Thursday, October 13, 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	Sanctuary, Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, October 14, 2022		
Saturday, October 15, 2022		
2:00 PM (CDT)	Session Retreat	Off-site

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CALENDAR

Sunday, October 16, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	101, Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 17, 2022		
Tuesday, October 18, 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
6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting	154, 155, Online
Wednesday, October 19, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
4:30 PM	Wednesday Sisters	101, Pavilion
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, October 20, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary, Chapel
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, October 21, 2022		
5:30 PM	Trunk-or-Treat	FPC
Saturday, October 22, 2022		
11:00 AM	Memorial Service	Sanctuary
Sunday, October 23, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Celebration Sunday Brunch	FPC
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	101, Fellowship Hall
Monday, October 24, 2022		
Tuesday, October 25, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, October 26, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
4:30 PM	Wednesday Sisters	101, Pavilion
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, October 27, 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	Sanctuary, Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, October 28, 2022		
Saturday, October 29, 2022		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30, 2022

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

Monday, October 31, 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 October 2022 (revised).*

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE NEWS

FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH MID-SEPTEMBER

Fall is the season of transitions – trees and flowers, weather, school, and of course, our fall ministries and missions. Faith Formation is what we do on Sunday mornings at 9 am, as well as in worship with strong teaching that invites us to grow as Christians, spaces like our PrayGround for kids, Presbys activities of service and fun together, Bible study groups, even knitting and crocheting together while we share life stories as Christians or gathering as young adults. Matthew 25 Team is hosting a book discussion on racism from an Asian American perspective. Our Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School prepares preschoolers for kindergarten life, beyond numbers and ABC's to include quiet hallway walks and talks to defuse anger and teach self-control. The Presbyterian Resale Shop celebrates 80 years this month! And we are preparing for the budget season for ministry in 2023, and plans for the grateful offerings from our God-given gifts that keep ministry strong.

Your giving moves First Presbyterian Church from just being a building on Valparaiso Street to being an active and generous congregation in our community. Your gifts of time, creativity, energy, wisdom and money bring First Presbyterian Church alive with what we do.

From January 1 to mid-September:

- Our operating income up to September 15th is \$267,390 for 2022.
- Actual operating expenses to 9/15/22 are \$334,898
- So the operating budget, income and expenses, shows a current shortfall of \$67,508.
- Our funds from memorial and other special gifts for particular ministries and mission (i.e. temporarily restricted accounts) show a net increase of \$22,489
- Our current net deficit overall is \$45,019
- Our Capital fund holds \$774 now that the pavilion sidewalk is completed.

Our financial data shows that during September, October, November and December our giving typically rises after the summer dip. If some of us are able and willing to increase our personal giving now to reduce the undercurrent of concern about deficit spending during this transitional year, it will strengthen our courage to envision our ministries and mission for 2023 as we proceed through fall budgeting. That vision for 2023 is beginning to emerge during our ministry teams and Session meetings this fall. Celebration Sunday is scheduled for October 23 to offer our personal or family financial commitments for 2023, and to celebrate by sharing a meal together after worship. We do much, and we can do so much more together as we look toward 2023.

—Linda Long, Treasurer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 1 Diana Austin Ellen Corley Pat Haas	October 10 Jackie Bernal Kassie Stanko	October 21 Glen Buford Kylee Stanko
October 2 Kade Borlick Isabel Gordon	October 11 Henry Hoham	October 22 Kent Richardson
October 3 Sydney Hughes	October 12 Becky Bluhm Jacki Phillips	October 24 Linda Hartlerode
October 4 Mary Jayne Shurr	October 13 Barry Hughes	October 26 Jason Gordon Phebe Klapp
October 5 Jill McGonigle	October 14 Trish Lawson	October 28 Pat Lane
October 6 Ralph Greenawald	October 15 Patrick Thomas	October 29 Lisa Thomas
October 7 Ben Hoham Bruce Roth	October 17 Jeremiah Giles Cindy Robinson	
October 8 Colleen Falk	October 18 Marita Banta-Long Judy Johnson Lauren Skadberg	
October 9 Samantha Coen		

*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.

ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Doug Hollar
Close: Mike Becker

COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP

Oct. 2 June Olling

COMMUNION SERVERS

Oct. 2 Leila Buford
Sharon Kinsey
Andrea Phillips

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 Sharon Kinsey
Oct. 16 Ryne Press

DEACON(S) ON CALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 9 Cindy Robinson
Oct. 23 Joy Dirks

LITURGIST/LECTORS SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 Elizabeth Monroe
Oct. 9 Elizabeth Monroe
Oct. 16 TBD
Oct. 23 TBD
Oct. 30 Presbys

USHERS SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 David Goodwin
Phebe Klapp
Oct. 9 Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard
Oct. 16 Mary Brown
Julie Golding
Oct. 23 Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs
Oct. 30 Amy Press
Ryne Press

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Revised: September 8, 2022

OCTOBER

World Communion
Sunday, October 2, 2022 June Olling

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6, 2022 June Olling

Sunday, November 20, 2022 June Olling

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4, 2022 Lisa Vukin

Christmas Eve (4:00 p.m.)
Saturday, December 24, 2022 Nancy Porter

Christmas Eve (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, December 24, 2022 Nancy Porter

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25, 2022 Lisa Vukin



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Elders of Session

Ministry Team

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

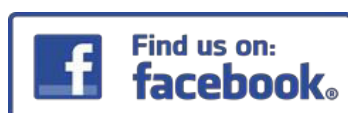
Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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



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