

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



PLANNED GIVING NEWS

To everything there is a season...

**Join us this November for an
ESTATE PLANNING PROGRAM**

First Presbyterian Church: Thursday, November 14, 2024
at
7:00PM in the Friendship Room

Dear Friends,

Whether you are younger or older; married or single; a parent, grandparent or currently neither ...

Come join us: to learn more about the fundamentals of a useful and appropriate Estate Plan from:

**Timothy Scannell, CPA, CFP®
Managing Partner at HighTower Great Lakes**

Come join us: and enjoy fellowship over dessert, coffee or tea as the nights become a bit longer and cooler.

Register by November 11: to ensure we are properly prepared for you and others who wish to attend the program by contacting: Kathy Joseph at: kjoseph@comcast.net or 1-219-464-1144.

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RECENT GIFTS

With sincere gratitude on behalf of our congregation, we are pleased to announce receipt of a loving bequest from the Estate of Marcelle Johnson. The bequest is an undesignated cash gift with no restrictions and so may be designated as Session determines appropriate. Many in our congregation knew Marcelle, who was a member of First Presbyterian since April 1, 1945, just shy of eighty years. She loved her church and enjoyed contributing in a variety of ways. Marcelle celebrated her 100th birthday in our Friendship Room in 2023. We appreciate her remembrance of our congregation through this bequest and are deeply grateful for her life and steadfast connection to her faith and First Presbyterian throughout these many years.

INFORMED GIVING - DONATING STOCKS, BONDS, MUTUAL FUNDS, OR ETF'S

If I have stocks, bonds, or mutual funds, does it make any difference whether I:

- A. Transfer them directly to the church or
- B. Sell them and write a check to the church?

Yes, *it makes a difference to you*, because:

- A. **If the stock, bond, etc. is worth more than you paid for it** or the value is now more than when you received it as a gift or inheritance, you should definitely have your broker transfer the stock directly to the church's brokerage account. **This way you do not pay any capital gains tax (about 20%)** on the amount of your gain.

Example: 10 years ago, John bought 100 shares of XYZ stock for \$10 a share. He sells it for \$30. $\$3,000 - \$1,000 =$ a \$2,000 **capital gain** which results in about \$400 in capital gains taxes.

If he transfers the stock directly to the church, he does not owe the \$400.

If he sells the stock himself and then writes a check to the church, he will have to pay about \$400 more in taxes.

(Contact the church office to get the church brokerage account information you will need for the transfer.)

- B. **If the stock, bond, etc. is worth less than when you bought or received it**, sell it yourself and then write a check to the church. This way, you can deduct the amount of your **capital loss** as specified in the tax law.

Example: 10 years ago, John bought 100 shares of XYZ stock for \$30 a share. He sells it for only \$10 a share. $\$3,000 - \$1,000 = \$2,000$ John has a \$2,000 loss he can use to reduce his taxes, but only if he sells the shares and writes a check to the church.

So, 1 - if you have a gain on the investment, have it transferred directly to the church, but 2 - if you have a loss, sell it yourself and write a check.

Doug Hollar
Planned Giving Committee





Shop Local at
First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso's
4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT , DEACON COOKIE WALK & VENDOR FAIR
Saturday, November 2, 2024 9am-3pm
3401 N. Valparaiso St.
Valparaiso, In 46383 (*Entrance at FPC door C*)

THE DEACON COOKIE WALK will be held in the Friendship Room at the Craft Fair. It is a great time to stock up on cookies, cakes, favorite holiday treats, and more!

First 100 shoppers will receive a reusable holiday gift bag (one per household).

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS

ADVENT ART WORKSHOP

Please join us for an Advent Art Workshop as we will be creating a paper lace art piece for display in our sanctuary during Advent:

November 7, 14, and 21, 2024
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
More details to follow.

SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

The Greich family on the death of Virginia Greich; and

The Lenny Corso family upon the death of his wife, Sandy.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

We are very busy in November! Both the Early Learner and Pre-K classes are collecting cereal for Hilltop Food Pantry. This is an item they desperately need! The cereal drive is from November 1st-15th! We are excited to load the van with all our cereal, and we welcome any additional cereal donations! Happy Thanksgiving from our classes to you!

DEACONS DOINGS

DEACON FRIENDS

Those church friends the Deacons visit often have very long days and appreciate hearing from others in the church through cards and letters. If you need their addresses, please call Sharon Harris at 219-462-2582.

The Deacons will once again create Advent bags for the Deacon Friends. Each bag contains 25 gifts, one for each day in December to help bring holiday cheer through the Advent Season. Donations for the advent bags are always welcome and appreciated! If you have questions as to needed items, please contact Betty Richardson at 219-242-3667.

COMMUNION BREAD

We are thankful for Sheya Bennett's talent and time in making the gluten free communion bread that is served for our time of communion.

FAMILY NATURE NIGHT

Family Nature Night was on Thursday, October 24, 2024, from 6-7:30 p.m. This was open to the church and our community. We included a guided walk on our nature path as part of the program this year.

DEACONS COOKIE WALK & CHURCH CRAFT FAIR ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Save the date for the church craft fair and the Deacons Cookie Walk on November 2, 2024, Saturday (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.). We welcome cookies and dessert donations from anyone who would like to bake.

This is the only Deacons fundraiser. It is a great way to support the Deacons and stock up on cookies and dessert to freeze for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It is also a wonderful way to help our older friends and family members who are no longer baking to serve homemade cookies, nut rolls and bread at their holiday gatherings. Get their cookie wish list and come shop for them on November 2, 2024.

PRAYER CHAIN

Beth Germann continues to be our church contact person for the prayer chain: 219-477-9964 (bcgermann@gmail.com). We are so thankful for her dedication!

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10



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**“THE CHRISTMAS QUILT:
WORDS FOR THE BEGINNING”**

Christmas Pageant
Written by Matthew B. Byerly

Join the cast and crew of this Intergenerational
Christmas Pageant offering.
Practices will take place on Sundays on
Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and December 1st and
8th during the Faith Formation hour at
9am in room 145.

Dress rehearsal is on
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

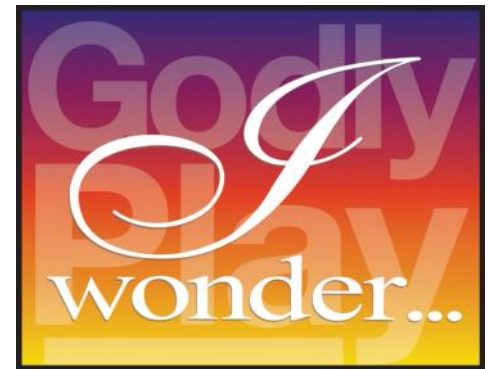
The pageant is on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at
10:00 a.m.

Interested?
Please contact Ben & Madison Keller or
Trish Lawson.

**JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AS WE EXPLORE ALL THE STORIES OF THE BIBLE
THROUGH WONDER & PLAY.**

Meet us at 9:00 a.m. in room 144 for
Music with Mr. Harry.
Followed by our Godly Play lesson in room 141.
Class will conclude at 9:45 a.m. where children will be
led to the Playground in the Sanctuary; or
the Pavilion if worship is outside.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to:
Trish Lawson, Director of Faith Formation at
tlawson@fpcvalpo.org



**Sunday Morning
Teen
Bible Study**

With Jim Peyton
Starting Sunday October 6th
9am-9:45am in Room 154
Bring your Bible and get ready for
some great discussions!



Blood Drive
First Presbyterian Church

Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

Sunday, November 17
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FPCValpo to schedule an appointment.

**Come give blood Nov. 1-17 and get a \$10 gift card by
email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$7,000 prize! There
will be two lucky winners. Terms apply:
rcblood.org/thanks**

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PADS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PADS MINISTRY INFORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FPCV hosts PADS on Wednesday evening 6:00 PM through Thursday morning 7:00 AM through April 9, 2025.

PADS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing emergency shelter for men in our community. PADS offers a comprehensive approach to combating homelessness with the compassion and respect all deserve.

FPCV is transformed each Wednesday so that we can serve dinner that evening, provide a warm and comfortable place to sleep, and serve breakfast on Thursday morning. Last year we averaged 8-12 men per week.

PADS is for men only, who are in the program at New Creation to help them find jobs and housing so that they no longer need to be part of the PADS program. In the past years many men have succeeded in finding jobs and housing. We celebrate them!

FPCV is a cooperative effort with other area congregations and the community in general. Anyone can volunteer to help. A volunteer form needs to be completed. St Andrews Church and Trinity Lutheran Church help FPCV with volunteers, dinners, bedding and supplies.

There are MANY ways to Help!!

5:00 - 6:00 PM	Set up Fellowship Hall. No heavy lifting, children can help
6:30-7:30 PM	Intake. Welcome and Check in the men on the qualified list from New Creation
6:00-10:00 PM	Help Dan Higgins greet the men, filling any of their needs, eating dinner with them and spending time with them until lights out at 10:00
10:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Supervise the men as they sleep. Talk to Beth Germann or Ryne Press if interested
2:00 - 6:00 AM	Supervise the men as they sleep. Talk to Beth Germann or Ryne Press if interested
6:00 - 7:00 AM	Make breakfast, serve it and help clean up
Signup sheets are in the Hospitality Center for both providing meals and shifts	

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP NEWS



November is the month our minds turn to being thankful. At your Presbyterian Church Resale Shop we focus on thankfulness all year long. We are thankful for the generosity of the community that supports us with donations. We are thankful for the customers who support us by purchasing our merchandise. We are thankful for our volunteers who give their time joyfully. We are thankful for the encouragement of our FPC family. And, most importantly, we are thankful to be able to donate our proceeds to those who need assistance.



Our Shop is growing and prospering, and we were thankful to be able to donate \$6,500.00 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support much needed hurricane relief efforts in our country.

November and December will be the busiest sales months of the year for us. The shop is filled with clothing, household items and a huge selection of holiday décor. If you haven't visited us recently...or ever...now is the perfect time.

If you would like to be a part of this mission and have a few hours to join us, we would be thankful for your help!

Mary Linda Scott
Co-Moderator
Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team
nana6987@hotmail.com
231-590-5799

DUE DATES: TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

DUE DATE FOR TIDINGS ARTICLES is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. March articles are due by April 15.) Please email articles to Dawn in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

DUE DATE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES, SCREENS, FIRST NOTES AND/OR ADVERTISEMENTS is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

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

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

THANK YOU!

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2024

Each week we catch glimpses of daily congregational life as our living witness as Christ's church. In worship, ministry teams, faith formation classes, PADS program providing food and shelter for men experiencing homelessness, our preschool, our thriving resale shop, session meetings...we walk our pathway of discipleship. Our collective generosity makes investing in these visible ministries possible.

- ◆ So far this year, we have contributed \$383,459 as pledged gifts, general giving, loose offerings and per capita contributions for our operations.
- ◆ We have received \$10,159 in building use fees, interest income, miscellaneous income and planned gifts of \$59,814 with \$53,000 of that set aside as reserve funds in interest-bearing CDs.
- ◆ Not counting the unanticipated estate gift, we received \$393,618 toward our budget, or nearly 75% during the first $\frac{3}{4}$ of this year.
- ◆ Total general income as of October 15th is \$453,432 toward 2024 budgeted income of \$532,760
- ◆ Our operating expenses to date for personnel, building costs and ministry teams total \$428,795
- ◆ Our 2024 patterns of giving are honoring the commitments made a year ago to fund our vibrant ministries!
- ◆ Currently there are 59 pledges toward annual operating funds, which total \$324,824, as we begin budget planning for 2025.

Beyond operating fund pledges, our discretionary giving so far this year for 2nd Mile and other mission opportunities "outside our walls" exceeds \$49,000, supplemented by designated distributions from our Endowment Fund of \$18,980 for a total income designated for specific missions and ministries at over \$68,065.

Plus, there are gifts to The Sharing Table Project dedicated to visionary missions and ministries plus upgrades to our facilities that total \$186,718 this year to date. Total Sharing Table contributions about halfway through three-year pledge period total \$505,901 of our collective commitment for \$795,301. These gifts have already allowed us to install solar panels on the education wing roof, upgrade our live streaming equipment for worship, initiate the *Godly Play* program for our children, and contract for consulting services to specify "green energy" HVAC to replace our aging boiler system. Sharing Table funds are invested in interest-bearing accounts.

Then there are the self-sustaining ministries of our Presbyterian Church Resale Shop and our Presbyterian Preschool that serve our local community. Our Shop and its cadre of 45+ volunteers have generated \$63,636 in sales as of October 15th and distributed more than \$27,000 to missions aligned with our Matthew 25 goals. Our preschool is serving 28 students in its Early Learners (7) and Pre-K (21) classes. Tuition of \$34,620 and designated gifts of \$8,265 exceed its expenses and scholarships of \$33,855 to date.

Our congregation's generosity strengthens the financial foundations of ministry for the future. We are richly blessed with this foundation as we trust in the grace of God and the blessings of the Spirit and continue to envision and address the needs of ministry and outreach to others in 2024.

-Linda Long, Treasurer

CALENDAR

Friday, November 1, 2024

Saturday, November 2, 2024

9:00 AM	Craft Fair (until 3:00 p.m.)	FPC
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Sunday, November 3, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
9:00 AM	Pastor's Study Tour	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC

Monday, November 4, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, November 5, 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
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

9:30 AM	PC Preschool Chapel Time	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
5:30 PM	New Officer Training	FR, 101
6:00 PM	PADS Ministry	FPC
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155

Thursday, November 7, 2024

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Advent Art Workshop	148, 149
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 8, 2024

Saturday, November 9, 2024

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
9:00 AM	Pastor's Study Tour	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online

Monday, November 11, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155
6:30 PM	Preschool Planning Team	101, 100

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	PADS Ministry	FPC
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155

Thursday, November 14, 2024

9:00 AM	MT Meeting	154, 155
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Advent Art Workshop	148, 149
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Estate Planning Program	Friendship Room
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 15, 2024

Saturday, November 16, 2024

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17, 2024

8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 1:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
9:00 AM	Pastor's Study Tour	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online

Monday, November 18, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, November 19, 2024

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	PADS Ministry	FPC
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155

Thursday, November 21, 2024

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	Advent Art Workshop	148, 149
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, November 22, 2024

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Sunday, November 24, 2024

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Hanging of the Greens Luncheon	FPC

Monday, November 25, 2024

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, November 26, 2024

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	PADS Ministry	FPC

Thursday, November 28, 2024 - Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29, 2024 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 30, 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!

November 1 Dawn Heckard	November 19 Tom Edwards, Jr.
November 2 David Rice	November 20 Gena Banta-Long
November 3 Carolyn Lelek	November 26 Sally Long
November 6 Jack Kinsey	November 29 Kevin Nuppau
November 7 Doug Hollar	November 30 Kinsley Spicer
November 8 Walker Powell	
November 10 Emily Golding Nancy Pedersen	
November 11 Rodger Jones Gail Wilkes	
November 12 Melissa Reyna	
November 15 Mark Robison	
November 16 John Nuppau Lauren Phillips	

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Rick Exley
Close: Rick Exley

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 3 Linda Long
Nov. 17 Harry Karabel

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 10 Bonnie Swarner
Nov. 24 Jean Patton

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

Nov. 3 Linda Long
Nov. 10 Michael McKee
Nov. 17 Ron Scott
Nov. 24 Johnny

USHERS SCHEDULE

Nov. 3 Jason Adams
Ben Keller
Madison Keller

Nov. 10 Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard
Molly

Nov. 17 Mary Brown
Julie Golding
Jim Gray

Nov. 24 Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
Steve Scarborough

COMMUNION SERVERS

Nov. 3 Linda Long
Jim Gray
Jim Peyton

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Nov. 3 Gina Peyton
Jim Peyton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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

Elders of Session

Ministry Team

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

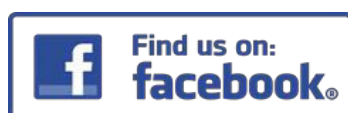
Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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



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