

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF MARCH 15, 2023

Session's March Meeting was held just a few days after the all-congregation Mission/Vision meeting on March 11 at which all session members were present. The positives from that meeting dealing with the future direction for FPCV were evident. It was acknowledged there is work to be done by session in reviewing the outcomes of that Mission/Vision event and making some decisions of actions and priorities for the work of this congregation going forward. Reflections offered regarding that event included: interesting, meaningful, hopeful, encouraging, active, helpful, enlightening, positive groundwork, what's next?, surprising, informing, uninformed, a connecting foundation.

The Elders participated in the education portion of the meeting which involved reading and discussing the *Scots Confession*, from the Book of Confessions which contains the Confessions important to the Presbyterian Church USA.

As is customary, the elders were in prayer for the wider community and then reflected on some of information provided them by the elder commissioners who attended the Presbytery of Wabash Valley Assembly on Saturday, February 5th. Some proposed changes to the Book of Order that is used by all PCUSA churches were approved at Assembly. Pastor Kim delivered a Homily and she along with Rev. Lucia Hutchinson hosted a Q & A regarding peace, justice and gun violence during Assembly.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION:

- Finance will be engaging a local accounting firm (TBD) to conduct an audit of the church's finances, something not done in the past few years but that is a good practice for our church or any church.
- There will be Confirmation Banquet May 21, a church-wide Potluck following worship.
- Summer Worship Schedule will be forthcoming from the Worship Team setting forth the Sundays for indoor worship and worship in the Pavilion.
- Each ministry team had been asked to add one or more new members to their teams ...and the teams have been very successful in doing that. Stewardship added 1, Personnel added 1, Congregational Life and its sub committees of funeral and garden ministries added 4 & 3 respectively, Finance now has 12 total, i-Engage working on 1 to commit, Faith Formation added 1, Worship added 1 and by April Session meeting, Membership, Mission and B & G are asked to have a new member added. (*If approached, it is hoped our members will be open to being part of one or more of our ministry teams as it is the teams that do the work of this congregation.*)
- The Ministry Teams are taking turns in presenting what they do as part of the Church at Work moment on Sundays before worship to share with the congregation exactly what each team is doing in the life our church.
- Faith Formation & Personnel Teams continue considering candidates for our part-time Faith Formation lead position to take on that portion of Pastor Ken's former role in Faith Formation.

Reports from all the Teams were received and approved.

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Motions Approved

- Motion to introduce the new chancel suite of furniture on Easter Sunday with a dedication and Reaffirmation of Baptism on 4/16/23.
- **Finance Motions/Action Items**
 - ◆ The Finance Team and the Planned Giving Committee recommended taking the full available \$12,429 Endowment distribution from the Porter County Community Foundation Endowment Fund (already included in our 2023 budget).
 - ◆ The Finance Teams to approve revisions to 2023 budget based upon Endowment and bequest distributions.
 - ◆ Per the Session-approved Gift Policy, the Finance Team recommended acceptance of an anonymous gift of stock from a small, closely held corporation.
 - ◆ Historically, annual scholarship recipients have been chosen by a scholarship team. The Finance Team recommended Session approve last year's team of Karen Huguenard, Jason Gordon, Connie Knauff, Doug Hollar and Cathy Greenawald (if each is willing) serve this year, and as a taskforce in consultation with one of the pastors to recommend to the Finance Team any revisions to Policies F5 (First Presbyterian Church Service Award), F6 (Anne Lauterbach Scholarship), F7 (Scholarship Committee) in the Session Policies Of The First Presbyterian Church, October 3, 2021

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

David Goodwin and family on the death of Phebe Klapp.

MISSION TEAM NEWS

**CONGREGATIONAL SECOND MILE
AND
SPECIAL MISSION GIVING
IN 2023**

Disaster Assistance PCUSA: \$2,725

SECOND MILE:

January - CWS Blankets: \$ 640

February - Hilltop House \$ 940

March -

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$ 894 *

*denotes to date, March 13, 2023

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MISSION TEAM NEWS, CONTINUED

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In February, the pantry served one hundred ninety (190) families which provided food for 422 individuals. Bean soup kits were offered and went well with a number of clients asking for seconds. Eighty (80) kits were given out.

As always, the donation of basic items is appreciated with various extras providing more help.

- Paper products
- Juices
- Catsup
- Mustard
- Jelly
- Manwich©
- Personal Care Items

EASTER GIVING ITEMS NEEDED:

- Canned Fruit
- Jell-O©
- Frosting
- Boxed Scalloped or Au gratin Potatoes
- Canned Corn

Any help for this extra giving will assist in making the Easter meal special.

Nan and Sharon

EASTER FLOWERS

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order flowers for Easter Sunday Worship Services, please forward the following information to **the church office by Sunday, March 26, 2023**. Flowers to choose from are Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinths. The price is \$11.89 per plant. Please include Easter Flowers on the check memo line.

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of Daffodils: _____ @ \$11.89 per plant

Number of Tulips: _____ @ \$11.89 per plant

Number of Hyacinths: _____ @ \$11.89 per plant



“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.

Slavery in the North (*Equal Justice Initiative*)

Slavery in New England began in the 1630's, when European colonizers enslaved more than 1,500 Pequot men, women, and children in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

When famine and disease ravaged Indigenous populations, Europeans kidnapped people from Africa and trafficked them to the colonies where they were subjected to extreme violence and brutality. In 1641, Massachusetts became the first Northern colony to formally legalize slavery.

The Transatlantic Slave Trade soon became a massive international enterprise; and colonies in New England played a critical role. Between 1678 and 1807, at least 314 trafficking voyages landed in New England ports. Over 40,000 kidnapped Africans were trafficked into slavery in the Americas during these voyages, including at least 5,000 into New England. Thousands of kidnapped Africans (nearly 15% of all those trafficked) died during the Middle Passage, the harrowing journey from Africa to the Americas.

Northern colonies founded on the ideals of equality and freedom used slavery to finance their growing economies. Shipbuilding, manufacturing, insurance, banking, and commerce in the North relied heavily on the enslavement and exploitation of Black people.

White new Englanders exploited slavery in their personal lives as well. By 1730, nearly half of all New York City residents personally enslaved Black people - a higher percentage than any colonial city except Charleston, South Carolina. By 1754, enslaved people made up 10% of the population in Boston; and by the start of the Revolutionary War, one in four households in Connecticut enslaved at least one black person.

PRAYER:

Our heavenly father, as we examine and reflect upon the attitudes and actions of our American forefathers, help us to better understand the attitudes and systems that continue to foster injustice and inequality in our country. Help us find ways to be Your agents for change. Amen.

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/



JOIN US
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Palm Sunday Walking Processional will be followed by a brown bagged lunch provided by Congregational Life in the pavilion. **Please bring your own lawn chair.**
RSVP requested by March 27th, please, to tmlawson77@yahoo.com (219) 671-1205.

DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Sharon Harris)

As we enter the month of April we often focus on the beauty of springtime, new life, Palm Sunday and Easter. Those church friends that Deacons visit often have long days and appreciate hearing from others.

Our friends continue to receive a card each month.

One of the Deacons' goals is to bring encouragement to our friends and families.

I would ask you to help by sending a card on their birthdays (watch in the Tidings each month), holidays, or just any time of the year.

They may not know you but next to your name just note, "First Presbyterian Church." If you are in need of addresses please contact me at skharris162@cpmcast.net or call me at 219-462-2582,

If you know someone who would like to be added to our list please contact the church office (219-464-9985) or our moderator Cindy Robinson.

Beth Germann continues to be our church contact person for the prayer chain (219-477-9984) or bgermann@gmail.com. We are so thankful for her dedication.

As we continue to enjoy our springtime weather let us reflect upon this poem:

May you know the Joy of His Resurrection
The Abundance of His Life,
The Peace of His Presence
The Wonder of His Love.

We are the Easter People and Hallelujah is our Song !!!!



calling all crafters

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE IS HOSTING A SATURDAY CRAFTERS RETREAT

(separate from the craft fair)!

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9am-3pm

Fellowship Hall (enter at Door C)

Bring whatever you are working on for a full day of
crafting, fellowship and FUN!!

A light breakfast will be provided as well as coffee and
water. Feel free to bring snacks and /or lunch.

Come and go as you please!

Please RSVP to Trish Lawson **no later than May 6th**

tmlawson77@yahoo.com or 219-671-1205

Congregational Life...

Building community one event at a time!

Good Friday Service

St. John's United Church (Chesterton)

7:00 p.m.

On Friday, April 7, 2023, we will
gather together at

St. John's United Church

225 W Lincoln Ave.,

Chesterton, IN 46304

for a solemn service in
remembrance of the cross.

All are welcome!



GOOD FRIDAY

You make a difference.

**Thank you
for your continued
support.**



American Red Cross



BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

First Presbyterian Church

March 6

Donors Registered = 39

Total Pints Collected = 42

First-time Donors = 0

Potential Lives Saved = 126

**Your support will go a long way toward replenishing blood
supplies and ultimately saving lives!**

Each donation can save up to 3 lives!

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | facebook.com/redcrossblood | @redcrossbloodXX

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. Theme078.Size005 | 2012/07 © 2012 The American National Red Cross | 07/12AP295

FPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for two scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church will be available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships> on April 1, 2023. Please submit completed forms to the following address by June 11, 2023:

First Presbyterian Church
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Attn: Scholarship Committee

The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward a post-high school degree.

The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.

The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who is implementing post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact Karen Huguenard at karenhuguenard@gmail.com or 219-464-1576.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED DURING WORSHIP

on
Sunday, April 2, 2023
at 10:00 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023
at 7:00 p.m. Worship

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023
at 10:00 a.m. Worship

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned dates/times 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.

Geneva Center Summer Camp 2023

We are so excited about SUMMER CAMP!

Whether you are a first-time camper or have been a camper every summer-we hope you will join us! It's time to get back in touch with nature, re-connect with old friends and meet new friends ...that is what Camp is all about. Gather your friends and register together. Geneva Center has been hosting Summer Camp and creating lifelong memories for over 50 years. Please make plans to attend this year!



We are excited to announce our dates for
Summer Camp 2023

"FruitFull Faith...A Spirit Filled Life"

**Please mark your calendars to make sure you can join us for
an amazing summer camp experience!**

**Registration is now open!
Sign up and pay in full before
May 15th to avoid late charges.**

THANK YOU!

For online registration visit: <https://genevacenter.org/summer-camp/>

For Summer Camp brochure with descriptions visit:

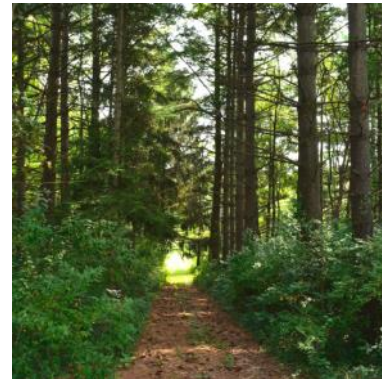
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Camp brochures are also available on the table in the FPC Narthex.

GENEVA CENTER SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED

Explorer Camp: June 12th-17th (Grade 4-5)	\$ 440
You & Me Camp: June 12th-14th (age 5+ and Adult)	\$ 250/person
MAD Camp (Music, Art, Drama) June 19th-24th (Grade 6-12)	\$ 440
You & Me Camp: June 19th-21st (age 5+ and Adult)	\$ 250/person
New Beginnings: June 15th-17th (Grade 1-3)	\$ 250
Middle & High School Traditional: June 26th-July 1st (Grade 6-12)	\$ 440
CROSS Camp (Christian Recreation Outdoor Sports Skills): June 26th-July 1st (Grade 6-12)	\$ 440

grade you have completed in spring of 2023



SEE YOU AT SUMMER CAMP!

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Sunday, April 2, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Palm Sunday Walk & Brown Bag Lunch	Pavilion
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 3, 2023

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, April 4, 2023

10:00 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:00 PM	Planned Giving	101

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	Online
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 6, 2023 - Maundy Thursday

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	FPC
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship	Sanctuary

Friday, April 7, 2023 - Good Friday

7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship - Chesterton, IN	St. John's United Church 225 W Lincoln Ave., Chesterton, IN
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Saturday, April 8, 2023

Sunday, April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday

7:00 AM	Sunrise Worship	Pavilion
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online

Monday, April 10, 2023 - Church Office Closed

11:00 AM	Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
7:15 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Friendship Room, Online

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
11:15 AM	Agenda Meeting	FPC
6:00 PM	Stewardship Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Finance Team	101
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 13, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 14, 2023

7:00 AM	Reports/Minutes Due for Session Packet	Email
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CALENDAR

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Sunday, April 16, 2023

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

Monday, April 17, 2023

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155

Thursday, April 20, 2023

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

Friday, April 21, 2023

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
1:00 PM	Sweet Adelines - Friends & Family	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 24, 2023

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room

Thursday, April 27, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, April 28, 2023

Saturday, April 29, 2023

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CALENDAR

Sunday, April 30, 2023

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

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

www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream,

www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW_pTQ, or

www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY NEWS

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP YOUR HELP HELPS US HELP OTHERS

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.

Happy April! The Resale Shop has completed our “changeover” and the Shop is filled with new spring and summer merchandise. Our volunteers have given generously of their time and talents. Our sales were strong during the slow winter months, and we are looking forward to a fantastic spring.

Already this year we have donated to a wide variety of causes, including the Christian Food Pantry, FPC Blanket Sunday, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Housing Opportunities, Presbytery of Wabash Valley and VNA Meals on Wheels.

The Resale Shop is an important mission of FPC and our continued success depends on our volunteers. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us help others.

Blessings to our Church family and thank you for your continued support.

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

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 3
Victoria Olling

April 6
Kim Klancer

April 11
Allison Schmitt

April 12
Connie Knauff

April 14
Ginger Boys
Pat Buckwell
Rhonda Coffin
Janice Loudermilk
Stephen Williams

April 15
April Fifield

April 16
Julie Fletcher-Golding
Hayden Hughes

April 18
Jeanne Turner

April 19
Mike Croarkin

April 20
Mary Henrichs
Kathryne Penninga

April 21
Mark Ribordy

April 22
Kathy Evans
Ken Koch
Tom Swihart

April 23
Cameron Hebert

April 30
Terry Diedrich
Mike Nuppnau
Denise Stanko

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

ONLINE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

FPC VALPARAISO ONLINE GIVING AND PLEDGE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbytery76732/-/form/pledge/pledgeincome>
to make a 2023 pledge to FPC
or
<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbytery76732/-/form/give/KLYBGIVCVH>
for FPC online giving opportunity.

TREASURER'S UPDATE THROUGH MARCH 15, 2023 DOLLARS SUPPORTING MISSION & MINISTRY

On March 11th members of our congregation met for four hours to envision our core mission and ministry for the coming years. Outcome was to create a financial plan, renovate our building that houses our mission and ministry, and reach out into the community. Specifics are yet to come, but here are some notes on what we have been doing so far this year:

- Our long-anticipated chancel suite has been delivered and will be dedicated in our worship space the next few weeks. Rev. Erich Thompson, Sacred Space, has been paid in full from special gifts provided by nine families in 2021-2022. There is a pledge outstanding for the delivery costs. Two blown glass pieces by our local Hot Shop Valpo will be created for the font and pulpit once the chancel suite is in place, to assess lighting and scale, through two gifts promised and additional designated gifts invited.
- Giving for the operating budget through pledges, general gifts, and per capita contributions totals \$177,522 to date. In addition, there were designated gifts beyond the budget totaling \$18,130 that include \$6,716 for mission, \$1,500 for our preschool, \$500 for guest musicians, and \$475 in memorial gifts. \$770 was given to our capital fund. We received the promised Center for Congregations grant for \$13,263 to help fund our congregational visioning process.
- In addition to dispersing the funds contributed for the chancel suite, our church sent out \$12,221 for missions, and our resale shop distributed an additional \$8,050 in other mission dollars.
- Our budgeted operating expenses paid through March 15 including payroll totaled \$110,389. So far this year we paid out \$51,053 in designated funds on hand (some from late December giving).

What does this mean? Several delivered their year's pledge in January, so operating income is a little ahead if giving were linear. But our giving patterns have changed. Some use weekly envelopes, some give monthly, some quarterly, some give online, some give from savings like tax-favored Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs, some give as they receive extra income, like legacy gifts for operations. We have faithful, generous donors. Of our 285 or so members, 93 pledged, and another 10 or so families give regularly as though they had pledged. So creative thinking this year will be led by our stewardship, planned giving and campaign teams for financial planning for the long-term.

Why is additional giving for mission and ministry important? Day-to-day our current needs are funded.

- But we all should be aware that our total investments of \$237,969 include \$125,029 in designated/temporarily restricted funds leaving \$112,940 in reserve operating funds in addition to the \$70,618 currently in our checking account.
- The rule-of-thumb for churches is to hold 4-6 months in reserve to continue worship, staffing and ministry if there is some crisis or unexpected expenses, and it's not difficult to imagine that is possible. Four months would be \$136,000; six months would be \$204,000.

Our capital fund has \$66,697 that includes a grant from the Smock Foundation for \$25,000 and matching funds of \$30,000 which are restricted by the grant for ADA compliance improvements for the elderly and those with mobility challenges. There is also a restricted gift of \$10,200 to repair and maintain the pavilion.

- That leaves \$1,497 unrestricted in our capital fund, and as we learned last winter, one HVAC replacement unit runs more than \$17,000 including inspections and installation.
- So our reserves are thin, both for operating expenses and for capital improvements. We have no debt, and our B&G team is providing nearly daily maintenance and repairs. Our people, our programs, our building continue to support ministry in our community for today.

What we do, our actions are inspired by our faith, by our commitment to live the Gospel in this place and strengthen our congregation for Christ's church of tomorrow. Be involved and stay engaged as we take stock and seek what we can do as a more vibrant congregation, transformed by God's love.

ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Rick Exley
Close: Jim Hubbard

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

April 2 Ron Scott
April 16 Matthew Byerly
April 30 Sharon Kinsey

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

April 9 Cindy Robinson
April 23 Betty Richardson

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

April 2 Betty Richardson
April 9 Ron Scott
April 16 Matthew Byerly
April 23 Betty Richardson
April 30 Andrew

PALM SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

April 2 Jim Hubbard
Michael McKee
Leah Ribordy

USHERS SCHEDULE

April 2 Rose Ross
Elizabeth Monroe

April 9 Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs

April 16 Denise Walker
Mike Walker

April 23 TBC

April 30 Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard

COMMUNION SERVERS

Palm Sunday
(10:00 a.m. Worship)
April 2 Jim Hubbard
Andrea Phillips
Ron Scott

Maundy Thursday
(7:00 p.m. Worship)
April 6 Cathy Cole
Gina Peyton
Jim Peyton

Easter Sunday
(10:00 a.m. Worship)
April 9 Sheya Bennett
Michael McKee
Cindy Robinson

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Palm Sunday
(10:00 a.m. Worship)
April 2, 2023 Cindy Robinson
Bonnie Swarner

Maundy Thursday
(7:00 p.m. Worship)
April 6, 2023 Gina Peyton

Easter Sunday
(10:00 a.m. Worship)
April 9, 2023 Cindy Robinson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Pastor Kim Adams	kadams@fpcvalpo.org
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Pastor Ken Crews, Associate Pastor	kencrews@fpcvalpo.org
Sue Davis, Business Manager	sdavis@fpcvalpo.org
Brad Dirks, Organist	bdirks@comcast.net
Dan Higgins, Custodian	
Valarie Smart Higgins, Custodian	
Judy Hollar, Clerk of Session	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Dawn Scarborough, Church Administrator.	dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org
John Stocks, Custodian	
Jeff Whitney, Director of Worship Music & Digital Technology	jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org

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

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Marc Buehler	Building and Grounds*
Matthew Byerly	Worship Team iEngage**
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel	iEngage Worship Team**
Linda Long	Finance
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**
Jeanne Turner	Stewardship Team

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Cindy Robinson, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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