

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF JUNE 14, 2023

Session began this month with the same sense of excitement and vitality which has been permeating the church all spring as Elders received an update on The Sharing Table Project from Jim Hubbard, co-chair. The astounding responses from the congregation will allow us to realize much of the vision set forth in March for FPC Valpo. Session now has the responsibility to set priorities for how these bountiful gifts will be distributed. As was stated in a recent bulletin under Glimpses of Vibrancy, we can “prepare for new missions, revitalize ministries, reach further into our community, and provide the resources it takes to share God’s love and sustain Christ’s work in this place.”

Historically, Session does not meet in July, so Elders conducted a great deal of business with much thoughtful discussion. Action was taken on many items; the following **motions** were all **approved**:

- **Building & Grounds** received approval to have Timberseal clean black ceiling mold staining, retreat, and reseal the Pavilion ceiling.
- **Presbytery of Wabash Valley** has asked FPC Valpo to host its September 30 Assembly meeting and picnic. The picnic will be open to the entire Presbytery and prepared and run by a team from Presbytery, with hosting help from Jeff Whitney, Trish Lawson, Congregational Life and Debra Daugherty.
- **Faith Formation** will be holding a concert by Danen Kane on August 12, 2023, in the Sanctuary with donations designated for the Caring Place.
- An email motion on May 26, 2023, following a 24-hour discussion period, to adopt the revised Operational Policies and Procedures document for the Presbyterian Women’s Resale Shop.
- Accepted the following slate of officers for the Presbyterian Women’s Resale Shop selected at the Administrative Commission’s meeting of June 13, 2023:

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| Co-Moderator | Mary Linda Scott |
| Co-Moderator | Cindy Robinson |
| Treasurer (Interim) | Elizabeth Monroe |
| Secretary | Sandy Sopata |
| Member-at-Large | Nancy Becker |
- Ken McAloon is stepping back from AC duties. Jim Hubbard was elected to the Administrative Commission in his place.
- **Finance:**
 - ◆ Move \$2,000 in Pavilion Maintenance Fund 30290 to Capital Pavilions designated fund 2-10511.
 - ◆ Add 10020 as cash account to Chart of Accounts for new Horizon Checking.
 - ◆ Transition asap the 1st Source accounts to established Horizon Checking.
 - ◆ Close 1st Source Endowment Checking, transfer \$100 distribution balance to general funds (PCCF checks come directly to the church).
 - ◆ Invest The Sharing Table Project funds 40015 as received; Session-designated accounting including investments but no separate checking account.

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- ◆ Reserve \$27,000 from redeemed PILP CD (May) for known additional expenses beyond budget and Smock/ADA project (additional \$30,000 was approved by Session in 2022 as a match for the Smock grant)
- ◆ Remove Presbyterian Women Resale Shop entries from Realm – not auditable; use only Stocks reimbursements received and mission disbursements in reports
- ◆ Invest reserve funds in higher interest rate/short term CDs after considering cash flow needs
- ◆ Set aside \$5,000 for attorney fees to be reimbursed by the PWRS overhead funds to implement PWRS governance by Session (Historically PWRS allocation has been 50% for mission, 50% for expenses).

Two groups will work to (1) simplify the comprehensive document covering use of our facilities and fees and (2) formulate a more far-reaching plan to address the HVAC issues in the narthex/hospitality center and the boiler in the chapel. Hopefully, Elders will be able to meet over the summer for conversation about these on-going concerns despite not officially meeting again until August.

Reports were received from the Treasurer; Clerk; Pastor Kim; Pastor Ken; Building & Grounds; Congregational Life; Deacons; Director of Worship Music & Digital Technology; Faith Formation (PWNS has hired a coordinator); Membership; Stewardship (including their fall calendar); Worship; and the Congregational Nominating Committee. Moderators were asked to begin reviewing their budget needs for 2024 during August team meetings so that requests can be submitted by September 1 to the Finance Team who will then begin drafting next year's budget.

And as always, Joys and Concerns were shared:

- Upcoming Vacation Bible Camp, the volunteers and especially the campers.
- One elder's spouse is healing from surgery while another's is scheduled for surgery later this month.
- Pastor Kim will be traveling to Montreat for a two-week music conference that she has been working on for three years.
- Having a mother-in-law visit has been a joy as are visits from children and grandchildren, and heading off to visit families who are far away.
- The honor of being invited to present as well as participate in a special Carnegie Hall gathering in New York City in late July is exciting and rewarding.
- Many special prayers for the work of the Administrative Commission and the Presbyterian Resale Shop, for wisdom and grace as church and legal matters are addressed, moving in the right direction, love for the Shop and its ministry over the years (those who volunteer as well as those who shop there).

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

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2023 PER CAPITA

This year, our per capita is \$43 per member. When we give to support *per capita*, we are saying, "Thank you for the gift of the Church." We are working together, seeking the mind of Christ, working for justice and mercy in the world, and participating in God's continual reformation of the Church. **WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER.**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the Ken and Tina Kukler family upon the death of Ken's father.

WHAT EXACTLY IS A PLANNED GIFT?

Most of us are familiar with the idea of committing a portion of our annual income to God's work through our beloved faith community. After we thoughtfully make that decision, the giving process becomes a relatively simple one of writing checks, dropping money in the offering plate or establishing an online transfer from our checking accounts.

By contrast, a **Planned Gift may need a bit more well planning.** This is because Planned Gifts (*Special* or *Legacy Gifts*) are generally given from accumulated assets, are over and above our regular annual giving and require us to decide on the best financial way to make such a gift along with how we wish for it to be used.

Ways of Making a Planned Gift

There are a number of ways to financially structure a gift to First Presbyterian for ease and/or maximum impact. Here are a few.

- ◆ **Cash** is truly the easiest and most popular way to make a Planned Gift.
- ◆ **Creating/Updating Your Will** to include First Presbyterian Church as a recipient for a cash bequest; a percentage of your estate; or as a *beneficiary* of specific asset/s is also relatively easy.
- ◆ **Directly transferring Appreciated Investments** (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.); **cash from an IRA;** or **Agricultural Commodities** (if you are in the Farming Business) to the Church can make it possible for you to avoid capital gains tax and/or income tax. The Church will then receive the *full market value* of the gift since it will not be required to pay capital gains on any gifted investments or commodities it liquidates.
- ◆ **Life Insurance and Charitable Trusts** can provide several unique, tax efficient ways to make gifts to the Church both during your lifetime or after. And while Trusts are more detailed instruments, for some families they can be excellent ways of providing support to loved ones as well as a beloved charity.
- ◆ **Donating Readily Marketable Real Estate** that has acquired sizable capital gains can make an excellent gift. You may receive a charitable income tax deduction for the appraised value of the property and the Church can liquidate the property for the *full market value* avoiding the capital gains tax you would have been subject to as the seller.

Deciding How a Gift Is Used (Directing your gift)

Giving to **The Sharing Table Project** or **directly to the Church without restrictions** provides First Presbyterian the flexibility to use your gift where the need is greatest ensuring the usefulness of your gift as needs and times change.

With careful thought, choosing a more specific way of directing your gift will also richly bless First Presbyterian.

For more information on the various ways to provide and direct a Planned Gift to First Presbyterian, please contact: Kathy Joseph or Jim Hubbard and, ***as always consult with your attorney or financial advisor before taking ANY action.***



Blood Drive First Presbyterian Church

Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

Sunday, July 9
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 7/1 thru 7/11 for an exclusive Red Cross dry bag, while they last! See rcblood.org/gifts.

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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
RECIPIENT SPOTLIGHT**



In 2020, Mikie G. was in a serious vehicle accident. In the first 24 hours of his emergency care, he needed 32 units of blood. In total, he needed 64 units throughout his treatment.

Three years later, Mikie is continuing his recovery. As a thank-you to the donors who provided the blood that saved his life, Mikie and his family hosted a blood drive in his name this year on the anniversary of his accident. They chose that day to turn it from a terrible memory to a life-changing day offering hope and healing to hospital patients in need of blood products.

Thanks to the family and friends who rolled up their sleeves, the blood drive collected 55 units, reaching 138% of goal. Out of the 53 eligible blood donors, 31 were first-time blood donors.

Mikie and his family will continue to raise awareness about the importance of blood donations by making their lifesaving blood drive an annual event and have already scheduled next year's drive.





“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.

What can you, as one individual Christian, do to promote equity and fight racism?

1. Speak up when someone is making racist or biased comments. Let them know it offends you. When appropriate, ask them why they feel that way. Relate why you feel (or have come to feel) differently.
2. Keep expanding your knowledge of the history of systemic racism in the United States to better understand how we got to where we are today. Share this understanding with others.
3. Look inside yourself for hidden biases. Take the test at www.learningforjustice.org/hidden-bias. Find opportunities to interact and work with black people in order to reduce the fear and misunderstanding that is responsible for any biased thoughts and impressions you may have.
4. Reflect on why life is not “a level playing field” for all. Think of all the “privileges” that you personally have had access to throughout your life. Help educate others about “white privilege.” Help them to identify examples in their lives and to see how each of these “privileges” helped them move another step up above their black classmates, co-workers, or job applicants.

PRAYER: Dear Heavenly Father, help me to create opportunities and to be aware of opportunities you create for me to help others better understand systemic racism and their role in it. I ask for your guidance in these moments that my words may reflect your love and compassion for all. Amen.

DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Sharon Harris)

The Deacons continue to be active with sending cards each month to our friends who are home bound, or to those with special events in their lives. Home visits are being made along with phone calls to keep up with our friends. If you know of someone who has this need, please let the church office know.

Communion is prepared by the Deacons the first Sunday of the month along with any other times communion is served to our congregation. We are thankful for Sheya Bennett continuing to make our special bread for these times. All the communion bread is now gluten free.

As I write this piece, the Deacons are preparing to serve a Pizza meal for our Vacation Bible Camp on June 28th. We hope many will attend and join us for this meal before the program begins that evening.

Family Nature Night was well received and we hope to be able to offer this to the community again this year perhaps in the early fall. Please watch for more information as our fall programs begin. We thank Bonnie Swarner for making us aware of this wonderful program.

If you have any prayer concerns please contact Beth Germann at begermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964. We thank Beth for her dedication and efforts to make us an even more caring and praying community of believers.

At this time of year, we reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation, While we look with gratitude to the past at July 4th, may we look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will.

The words of the Psalmist still ring true, in Psalm 23:12. “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”

Dear Presbyterian Church Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers for healing during my illness and recovery. I am so thankful and appreciative for all of you. You have given me comfort and support during this time as well as John.

John and I are truly blessed.

Pat & John H.

Congregational Life Is Hosting a
Hotdog Roast

All are invited
Sunday, July 16, 2023
(after Worship in the pavilion)

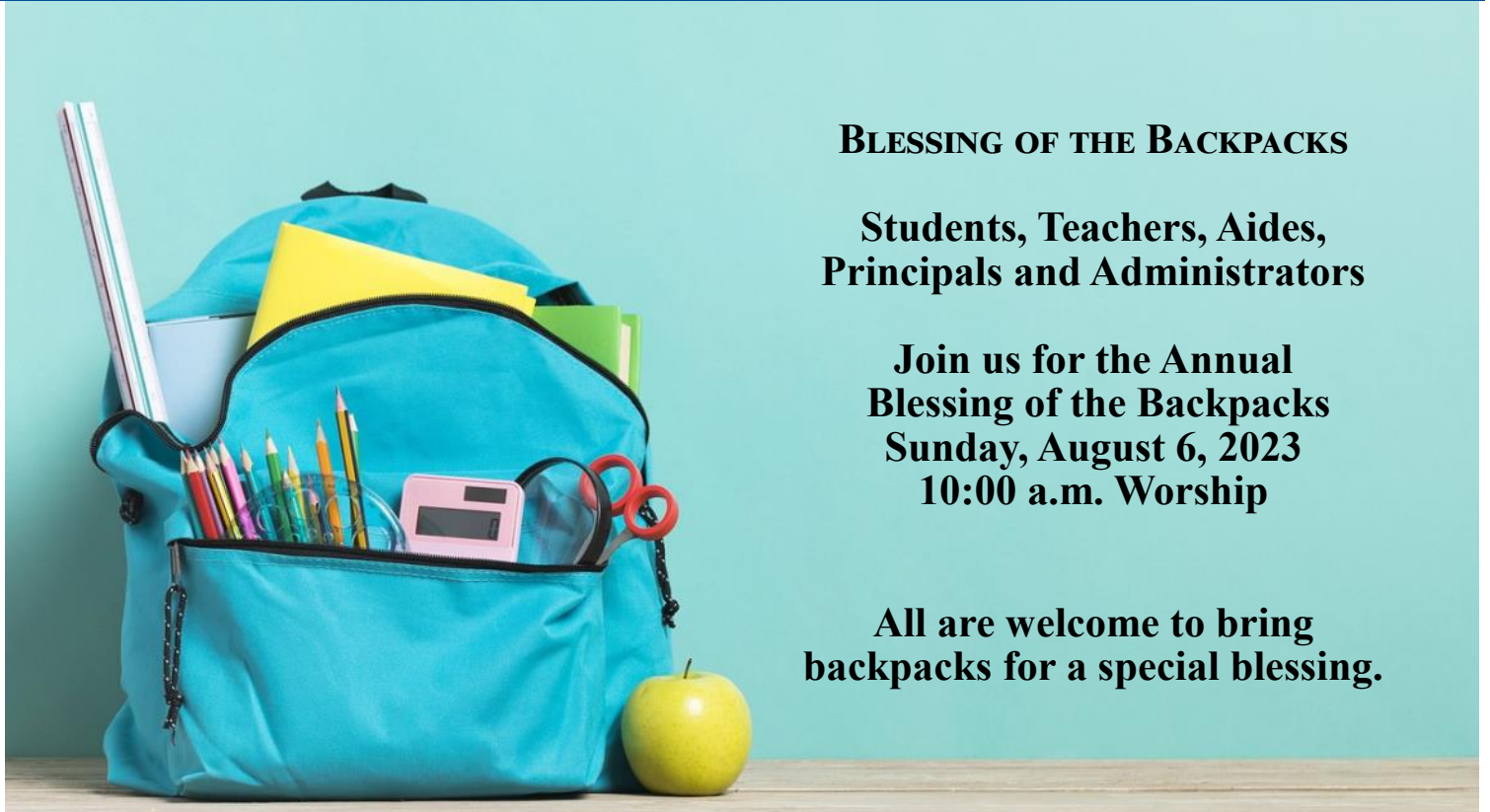
Come to Worship, stay for lunch and a nostalgic surprise!



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE...
GROWING COMMUNITY ONE EVENT AT A TIME!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

FAITH FORMATION TEAM NEWS



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**Students, Teachers, Aides,
Principals and Administrators**

**Join us for the Annual
Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 6, 2023
10:00 a.m. Worship**

**All are welcome to bring
backpacks for a special blessing.**

FAITH FORMATION & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS. . .
THE END OF SUMMER/BACK TO SCHOOL POTLUCK!

Sunday, August 27, 2023 after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Fun, fellowship and learning all about the new program year!



Main dish will be supplied by Faith Formation & Congregational Life.
Please bring a side or dessert to share.
RSVP'S ARE APPRECIATED AT:
Trish Lawson at tlawson@fpcvalpo.org
or
Debra Daugherty at dl_daugherty@yahoo.com

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PWNS families of the past, present and
the future

First Presbyterian Church
would like to celebrate you!!

Join us

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9am for Faith Formation for all ages

10am for Worship

Following worship we will have a special
Coffee Hour in honor of PWNS!

FPC VALPARAISO ONLINE GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Visit: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/form/give/KLYBGIVCVH>
for FPC online giving.

MISSION TEAM NEWS

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers were busy at the Christian Food Pantry in May serving one hundred eighty-eight families which provided food for five hundred and fourteen people. The postal food drive provided 250+ postal boxes of food. Volunteers from our various sponsoring churches helped with this huge project. A special thank you goes to Mickey Koehler, Mike Graves, David and Sheri Gow, Mike Gratson, Rod Hontz, Ken Jankowski, Marge Cicicora, Mary Glissman, Nan Steeves and Sharon Crowder for the time, muscle and energy given to this project!

In addition, a generous amount of food was collected at the annual Memorial Day concert held at the Memorial Opera House. Appreciation goes to all involved. Sorting and shelving all those food items will take a lot of hours and many hands. Preparations are being made for packing summer Kid's Kits.

Thank you to all who continue to give and support the pantry efforts in numerous ways to help families in our neighborhood needing assistance.

The food pantry is collecting items for "Kids Kits" for children home during the summer months (through July). The items needed for the kits are as follows:

- Tomato and Chicken Noodle Soup
- 6 Oz. Real Fruit Drinks
- Fruit Cups & Applesauce Cups
- Pudding Snack Cups & Jell'O© Cups
- Canned Pasta (SpaghettiOs®)
- Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers
- Bags of Crackers, Goldfish, or Teddy Grahams
- Mac & Cheese
- Small Boxes of Raisins
- Tooth Brushes & Toothpaste

All efforts are appreciated.

Nan and Sharon

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KENYA REAL

This is what we have been waiting for! This is what you have been praying for! This is what you have given so graciously towards!!

Ask me seven months ago if this would happen and I would have laughed and said, “I wish!”

Calvary Hope School is in the fourth largest slum in Kenya. Our 289 students walk from their homes that have no access to water and electricity. The opportunities are seemingly limited in improving their lives.

And then God works through you! And you go on to give and care about these precious children’s lives and their future!

The opportunities are opened. Their minds expanded!

We started with prayers and “kidogo kidogo” (*little by little*) ground broke, workers chipped away at stone, dust and sand turned into cement. A day at a time, a safe, well lit room was built. Desks were made and men and women workers earned money to support their families.

You showed love and look what you’ve done, by the grace of God!

Twice a week, our students starting in the Third Grade, get to experience this blessing. Never have they ever been in front of a computer. Now, Teacher Dennis is teaching them the basics of typing, italicizing, formatting, HTML, listing in order, and basic web design will follow. There is no WiFi so as not to be interrupted by games (that may be more fun!) or dangerous sites.

These are skills that will help to advance their learning and future! Computers are not going away and things are constantly changing. Now, our students who are marginalized, somewhat stuck, and sometimes a victim of their circumstances, have a boost.

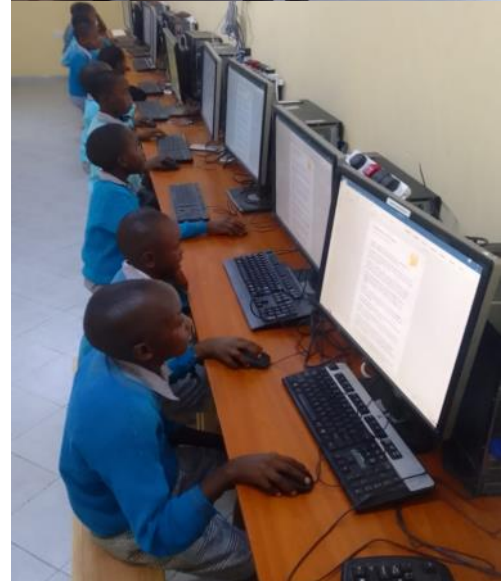
“Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine that a child of farm workers can become a president of a great nation.” –Nelson Mandela

Thank you for helping to make this possible. Thank you for believing in something bigger and better. Thank you for being REAL.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. The beauty of the day is not that it is new, but that we are being made new. The glory of the day is not that it marks a change, but that we are being changed. –Psalm 118:24

God bless you and thank you for being part of the story God is writing in Kenya!

Janet Myers
 Kenya REAL Ministries
kenyareal.org



CALENDAR

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Sunday, July 2, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed* | FPC, Online |
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Monday, July 3, 2023

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| 6:00 PM | Men's Bible Study | 101 |
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Tuesday, July 4, 2023 - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | Wed. Morning Bible Study | 101 |
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Thursday, July 6, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | The Comfort Stitchers | 154, 155 |
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| 7:30 PM | Worship Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
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Friday, July 7, 2023

Saturday, July 8, 2023

Sunday, July 9, 2023

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| 8:00 AM | Red Cross Blood Drive (until 1:00 p.m.) | Fellowship Hall |
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| 9:00 AM | Adult Faith Formation: Summer of Joy | Friendship Room |
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| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed* | FPC, Online |
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Monday, July 10, 2023

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| 6:00 PM | Men's Bible Study | 101 |
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Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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| 12:00 PM | Men's Bible Study | 101 |
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| 1:30 PM | Bulletin Notes Meeting | Hospitality Center |
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| 6:00 PM | Sweet Adelines | FPC |
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Wednesday, July 12, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | Wed. Morning Bible Study | 101 |
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| 7:00 PM | Finance Team (Tentative) | 154, 155 |
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Thursday, July 13, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | The Comfort Stitchers | 154, 155 |
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| 7:30 PM | Worship Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
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Friday, July 14, 2023

Saturday, July 15, 2023

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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed* | FPC, Online |
| 11:00 AM | Nom Com Meeting | Online |
| 11:00 AM | Hotdog Roast | Pavilion |

Monday, July 17, 2023

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

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

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | Wed. Morning Bible Study | 101 |
| 3:00 PM | Stewardship Team | 154, 155 |

Thursday, July 20, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | The Comfort Stitchers | 154, 155 |
| 7:30 PM | Worship Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Friday, July 21, 2023

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Sunday, July 23, 2023

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| 9:00 AM | Adult Faith Formation: Summer of Joy | Friendship Room |
| 10:00 AM | Worship Svc. Live & Streamed* | FPC, Online |

Monday, July 24, 2023

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

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

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

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

Thursday, July 27, 2023

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| 10:00 AM | The Comfort Stitchers | 154, 155 |
| 7:30 PM | Worship Team Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

Saturday, July 29, 2023

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 30, 2023

10:00 AM

Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*

FPC, Online

Monday, July 31, 2023

6:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

**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

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship outside under the pavilion first and third Sundays of the month, weather permitting, and inside the sanctuary all other Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 5
Maggie Christy

July 6
Mike Becker
Troy Borlick

July 7
Steve Scarborough

July 8
Brenda Brooker
Owen Hebert
Maggi James

July 11
Linda Izynski

July 12
Kenna Pedersen
Betty Richardson
Dave Spitler

July 13
Susan Nannenga
Dottie Staats

July 14
Betty Seegers

July 15
Connie Anderson

July 16
Ron Izynski

July 17
Sarah Greider

July 18
Delaney Canavan

July 20
Nathan Phillips

July 21
Monica Conrad

July 22
Chris Hoham

July 23
Cathy Cole
Abigail Gibbs
Robert Marrs, II

July 25
Bruce Dudek
Nicholas Ribordy

July 26
Pastor Kim Adams

July 27
Stan Olling
Leah Ribordy
Luke Ribordy

July 29
Zeke Highlan

July 30
Becky Luick

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

TREASURER'S UPDATE THROUGH MID-JUNE 2023

First Presbyterian Church lives as a vibrant , welcoming congregation with generosity to support our giving for missions, for our ministry teams that support worship, faith formation, maintenance and repairs for our building, and for our staff that leads us in mission and ministry!

- The Sharing Table Project commitments exceeded our own expectations, giving us opportunity to turn our vision of the past few years into specific plans for the future of our ministry.
- Our part-time Faith Formation Coordinator and the Faith Formation Ministry Team are leading us this summer to think about “Joy,” follow the travels of “Flat-Jesus” with our members, welcome Danen Kane for a concert of Christian music, and plan new studies and experiences for all of us to grow in faith this fall.
- While we worship outside this summer, the Buildings & Grounds team is scheduling maintenance and repairs on the Pavilion, cleaning flooring throughout the church building, installing accessible-doors, water fountains and fire-resistant ceiling tiles, and handling the care of our landscaping.
- Lively worship continues during the summer with various voices and instruments, and colorful art continues to direct our attention to God’s Word – including the story of Daniel with the Hanging Gardens of Babylon during Vacation Bible Camp.

Through mid-June this year (five and a half months), we received \$299,821 toward our pledged budget of \$445,572 – plus another \$26,000 in two unexpected planned gifts – one from a will, the other from a new fund established with Porter County Community Foundation. In addition, we received designated funds totaling \$78,451. Total revenue as of June 15th is \$404,273.

So far year-to-date, budgeted expenses paid are \$242,649 for operations and budgeted mission, and donor-designated mission distributions total \$15,360 including \$1,430 for Kenya Real in May, plus mission giving from the Presbyterian Women Resale Shop of approximately \$35,000. Currently we are about \$64,000 ahead of where we were January 1 with our general operating and designated funds, our capital account and our investments.

We give from gratitude for God’s generous blessings, centered around the gift of the Risen Christ – and share in worship and ministry because we live as a vibrant congregation, one that lives God’s Message through what we say and do. That’s who we are together as a beloved community of believers.

– Linda Long, Treasurer

DUE DATES – TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

Due Date for Tidings Articles:

The due date for Tidings articles is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. June articles are due by May 15.) Please email articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

Due Date for Bulletin Articles, Screens, First Notes and/or Advertisements:

The due date for bulletin articles, First Notes, and announcements is noon the Monday prior to the publication. Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at: dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org.

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

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED DURING
WORSHIP
on
Sunday, July 2, 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.



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/

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

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| Open: | Mike Becker |
| Close: | |
| July 2 | Jerry Kahrs |
| July 9 | Jim Hubbard |
| July 16 | Doug Hollar |
| July 23 | Paul Knauff |
| July 30 | Paul Knauff |

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

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| July 2 | TBD |
| July 16 | Marc Buehler |

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

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| July 9 | Sharon Harris |
| July 23 | Cindy Robinson |

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

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| July 2 | Betty Richardson |
| July 9 | Amy Press |
| July 16 | Ryne Press |
| July 23 | Linda Long |
| July 30 | Presbys |

USHERS SCHEDULE

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| July 2 | Mary Brown July Golding |
| July 9 | Connie Knauff Paul Knauff |
| July 16 | Amy Press Ryne Press |
| July 23 | Elizabeth Monroe Rose Ross |
| July 30 | Kathy Joseph Jerry Kahrs |

COMMUNION SERVERS

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| July 2 | Isabel Gordon Jason Gordon Jim Gray |
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COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

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| July 2 | June Olling |
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| Sharon Kinsey..... | Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation** |
| Harry Karabel..... | iEngage Team Worship Team** |
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| Elizabeth Monroe..... | Membership Team Nominating Team** |
| Ron Phillips..... | Adult Spiritual Formation Team Faith Formation Team** |
| Ryne Press..... | Mission Team Matthew 25 Team** |
| Ron Scott..... | Personnel Team Nominating Team |
| Jeanne Turner..... | Stewardship Team |

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 ** denotes Elder Rep.

Building and Grounds Team
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 Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk
 Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons
 Cindy Robinson, Moderator

Congregational Life Team
 Deba Daugherty

Clerk of Session
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Planned Giving Committee
 Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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