

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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A Good, Healthy Goodbye

In some group counseling sessions, there is an exercise that seems to help people say goodbye. In group therapy, the members and therapist (usually around ten people or so) gather in a standing circle. The therapist passes around a basket full of polished rocks. The rocks vary in color, each being unique. Each member takes a rock as a remembrance of the time spent in the group.

Then, still in the circle, with their left hand the group members are asked to grab the left thumb of the person on their left. After a little bit of chaos and several redundant explanations, the group arrives at a tight inner circle of hands joined in the center of the circle.

Beginning with one member of the group, the person reaches into the inner circle of hands with their right hand and verbally released something (one word) into the circle. As the person pulls their hand out of the inner circle, they take something out (one word). For example, when I participated in the exercise, I put my right hand into the circle of hands, reached deep and released “fear” and pulled out “courage.” Another person reached into the circle of hands and released “depression” and pulled out “hope.”

When everyone had finished the final part of the exercise there was another very powerful portion. Each person took a turn. The person made eye contact slowly and deliberately with each person in the group and said, “Thank you and goodbye.”

Generally, most people are not very good at goodbyes. We prefer not to address this important part of relationships. There is a time for “Hello” and there is a time for “Goodbye.” Goodbyes do not necessarily mean that we will never see each other again. It means that something has changed and has come to an end. The group will never be the same. Some parts of the relationship will change. Some of the old will disappear. Something new will take place.

Goodbyes are part of the Bible.

Jesus said goodbye to his disciples at the Last Supper. He said goodbye to the world as he breathed his last breath on the cross. He said goodbye to his faithful followers as he appeared to them in the Upper Room. I don’t think those goodbyes were easy, but they were necessary. Jesus told his close followers it was necessary for him to go so that something new might begin. This new thing that God was going to do was to send the Holy Spirit to guide and direct the followers of Christ.

By the time you read this newsletter my last Sunday will have come and gone. How was your goodbye to me? How was mine to you?

How did you feel about our goodbye? Did you avoid it? Did you expect something to happen that did not? Did you take an active role in making sure there was a goodbye? Was it a wonderful goodbye?

I have several pieces of good news. The Session has indicated that a goodbye party for Toby and me is scheduled for Sunday, November 18th. On this one family service, we will say goodbye. So, we have time to reflect upon a healthy goodbye.

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A Good, Healthy Goodbye, Continued from Cover

October 28th was not actually the final goodbye. It is simply the day of my last sermon. Maybe this extra time between October 28th and November 18th will give us time to think about a good, healthy goodbye.

Also, in God calling me to a new region (Nashville, Tennessee), God has promised help for you and me. The Holy Spirit will guide and direct our actions. Good things are on the horizon for both of us. We can trust God.

For me, I will travel the country working with churches and donors in the area of mission. It is a passion of mine.

For you, a new pastor will arrive. He or she will be filled with new energy and insight into what God wants done in this part of the world. I am excited for you.

So be of good cheer! God is with us. There is no reason to be afraid.

Let's be as healthy as we can and say goodbye in the best way possible. ☺

Blessings!

Mark

Session Synopsis of October 15, 2018

Your Session is feeling all of the same emotions that you the congregation are feeling regarding the departure of our beloved pastors Mark and Toby. In his devotions, Elder Doyll Andrews tried to address some of those feelings by citing scripture, in particular, excerpts from letters of Paul regarding his ministry. Paul planted many churches (in Ephesus, Corinth, Thessalonica, etc.) but left them to continue the missionary work to which God called him. Thankfully, the churches Paul planted continued to grow in Christ, and we are called to follow God's plan as well, saying goodbye to the Muellers just as the early churches said goodbye to Paul. As Doyll reminded us, we can be reassured that this *is* part of God's plan, even if we don't see the bigger picture at the moment. We are thankful for the Muellers' ministry with us, and we look forward to the great things WE will do in Christ's name just as they hope to do in their future.

We welcomed several newly elected officers to our meeting. Elders-elect Lisa Pavlopoulos and Rick Exley as well as Deacons-elect Mary Brown, Karen Vogelsang, and Youth Deacon-elect Lauren Phillips each shared a bit about themselves as they prepare themselves for their installation and official service in January.

Session moved, seconded, and approved a call for a **Meeting of the Congregation on October 28, 2018**, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of dissolving the relationship with Rev. Dr. Mark Mueller. At the same time, they moved, seconded, and approved having a **Called Session Meeting** on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the establishment

of a Pastoral Nominating Committee and for the approval of a job description for a Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. Elders want the congregation to know that they are moving forward quickly and decisively in their search for our next pastor.

Also looking forward, Finance Moderator Elizabeth Monroe distributed a draft of the proposed 2019 Budget for Elders to peruse. Moderators were asked to look at current expenditures compared with what is being requested, especially in regards to restricted accounts. The final budget should be approved at the regularly scheduled November meeting. Stewardship Moderator Rhonda Coffin also gave an update regarding our fall giving campaign.

Monthly Team reports were all approved with only one Action Item coming from the Worship Team. **Times for the Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:00 p.m. (traditional service) and 7:00 p.m. (contemporary service)**, similar to the schedule from last year.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which are *posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved. Also feel free to contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, November 2, 2018, at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for First Friday Friends! This is a ministry for elementary-aged kids (K-6).

Dinner and FUN included!! Invite a friend, and be sure to RSVP to Cathy Cole at:
219-921-4388

or

czcole1@comcast.net

Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Jason and Becky Gordon family upon the death of Becky's mother.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the next Men's breakfast on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room as we celebrate Christian fellowship and share a delicious meal!

We hope to see you there - bring a friend!

A Reception in Honor and Celebration of Pastors Mark and Toby Mueller

Our church family will gather for a One Family Service on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. A reception will be held immediately following the service in honor and celebration of Pastors Mark and Toby Muller. Mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this special morning. Please take this opportunity to wish Pastors Mark and Toby your personal best wishes along with sharing cake, coffee and lemonade in the Hospitality Center.

Christian Education News

Calling all our children and parents!!! We are here every Sunday waiting for your children from 10:00 to 10:50 for Kids of the Kingdom. We hope you will join us. We are looking forward to singing with the adult choir for their Christmas Cantata. We will be shepherds and lambs in costume. We will begin learning the songs on October 28th and November 4th before joining LIFT. We hope to see you then!

First Friday Friends will be meeting Friday Nov. 2nd. Please RSVP to Cathy Cole at 219-921-4388 or czcole1@comcast.net. This open to all elementary children.

LIFT will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday November 4th at 10:00 a.m. This is open to everyone. Come join in to learning with all ages.

Remembering our college age students is an important mission in this church. We collect items of food and packs of hot chocolate etc. that can be put in a box and sent to our students before finals. Please donate an item and put it in a box in the narthex starting November 4th. Parents of college students, please make sure the church office has your student's school address. Thank you so much for donating!

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CE Calendar of Events

- 11/2 First Friday Friends 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. RSVP: Cathy Cole at 219-921-4388 or czcole1@comcast.net
- 11/4 LIFT (first Sunday, all generations learning in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.)
- 11/11 Kids of the Kingdom
- 11/25 Kids of the Kingdom

Library News

Five new children's books have been added to our library, in memory of Georgia Coyle, our church librarian who made her journey to the Church Triumphant a year ago in September. Her fond wish was for the children's section to grow.

Grandparents, please stop in and check out a book or two from the children's bookcase, and then enjoy reading with your grandchild when you get together during these coming weeks.



Confirmation Class – 2019 Calendars

Confirmation Class will begin selling 2019 calendars between services on Sunday, Dec 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. The cost of the calendars is \$7.00. Profits from the calendar sales will be donated to a charity selected by the Confirmands. Please stop by and purchase a calendar while supplies last.



November 4 – ALL Generations, 10 am
in the Fellowship Hall!

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School ("PWNS")

October was a fun month at school with lots of fun books and projects about pumpkins, witches and scarecrows to help us enjoy the season of fall and prepare for Halloween. We all enjoyed a wonderful, albeit wet and chilly, field trip to Coulter's Pumpkin Farm in Westville to pick a special pumpkin from the wagon to bring home. It was too wet for our hayride this year, but the children still had a good time.

Our month ended with both classes participating in our Halloween parties with games and special snacks from our PWNS families. The children were excited to share their costumes with their classmates and to go trick-or-treating in the gym. Thanks to all of the church members that helped to make trick-or-treating fun for the children.

Be sure to stop by our classrooms when you are at church to see the kids' projects on the bulletin board in our main classroom (the enrichment room). The kids are proud of their work. Also, be sure to like and follow us on Facebook @ Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School to see our posts about what we have been busy doing at school each week.

PWNS is so thankful for many recent gifts to our school. Dave Spitler provided a file cabinet, Rose Ross gave us a book binder, Linda Marrs donated some toys, Marci Powell shared several boxes of school supplies, and John Rittel gave some of his homegrown pumpkins for us to decorate our classrooms. We are also grateful to Presbyterian Women for a \$500 donation to our PWNS Scholarship Fund.

Mark your calendar for our 12th Annual Barnes and Noble book fair on Sunday, December 2. Come by the store and buy a book or two and see some artwork from our PWNS students. We are looking forward to a great day.

Happy fall!

Sheya Bennett
309-5873

Ann Skadberg
405-7188

Poinsettias

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order poinsettias for this Christmas Season, please forward the following information to the church office by December 10. Colors to choose from are Traditional Red or White. The price is \$10.00 per plant with any profits going to a local charity, which will be decided by Worship.

Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of Traditional Red plants: _____

Number of White plants: _____

MICHELLE
*Olympic Speed Skater.
Grateful blood recipient.*



Blood Drive
First Presbyterian Church
Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

Sunday, November 25
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "FPCValpo"
to schedule your blood donation appointment.

Give more life. Donate blood.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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Fund Gifts with IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

Beginning at age 70 ½, you are required to take a specified amount (your RMD) out of your IRA each year. You must now pay the taxes you avoided when you put the money in the IRA, **unless you take advantage of the Qualified Charitable Deduction provision.**

Since the IRS raised the standard deduction to \$12,000 (single) and \$24,000 (married), most of us will no longer get an additional benefit from itemizing our charitable deductions. Donating part or all of your RMD is a prudent way for those 70 1/2 and over to fund charitable giving.

By directing that the yearly mandatory withdrawal (RMD) from your IRA be made directly to an IRS approved charity, such as the church, you do not pay income tax on this money. You do not have to direct 100% of your RMD to the charity but, of course, only the donated portion would get the tax benefit. You can also donate to more than one charity.

You may also gain additional benefits, such as:

1. Lowering the portion of your Social Security income subject to taxation
2. Keeping Medicare premiums low

You can do this directly through the custodian of your IRA account, or with the help of your accountant, or financial planner. There are a few very simple requirements:

1. The check must not pass through your hands.
2. It must be written by the custodian of your IRA directly to the charity or charities.
3. Contact custodian and do the paper work **now** (or by early December) to insure checks get mailed by December 31.
4. You will need an acknowledgement of your gift from each charity.

By all means, do consult your accountant or financial advisor if you need further guidance regarding the use of your IRA distributions to make charitable gifts.

Blessings,

Your Endowment Committee:

Ruth Dickey	Katherine Joseph
Cathy Greenawald	Paul Knauff
Doug Hollar	Karen Vogelsang
Jim Hubbard	

Worship Flowers

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE WORSHIP FLOWERS in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office or sign up on the clipboard chart located on the north bookcase in the Hospitality Center. Thank you.

Nov. 4 Nov. 18 Nov. 25 Dec. 9 Dec. 16 Dec. 30

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

To be taken home: _____ To be delivered to shut-ins: _____

Christian Food Pantry

In September, two hundred and twenty-nine families were served at the pantry providing food for four hundred and sixty-nine people. As of this report, almost all of the food served has been purchased with pantry funds. Usually there are some extra items donated along with basics for the clients to choose from but there are a minimal number of things available for this purpose; however, breads and sweets are offered from items picked up by volunteers at Strack and Van Til's on Calumet. Volunteers are able to provide the customary items offered, but there is a concern about being able to provide the usual Thanksgiving menu items for the holiday. Those that are needed are:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Cranberries (cans)
- Chicken Broth
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Evaporated Milk
- Green Beans
- Jell-O®
- Jiffy® Pie Crust
- Mashed Potatoes (instant)
- Stuffing (boxed)

The following basics items are always needed are as follows:

- Canned Fruit
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Mixed Veggies
- Paper Products (bathroom tissue)
- Pork & Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Soups
- Spaghetti Noodles (one pound packages)
- Tuna in Water
- Corn

Any extras are always greatly appreciated.

Nan, Anne and Sharon

Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

November's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Peacemaking Ministry. You will find envelopes in the slots on the back of the chairs for your convenience.

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, there is a basket in the entryway for that purpose.

Presbyterian Saints

On Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 12:00 p.m., the Saints program will feature Jim Hubbard talking about SCORE Chapter 0310 NW Indiana. Jim will share information about the organization and about some of his most "unusual" cases. Don't know what SCORE is? Come find out.

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling or emailing the church office at 464-4985 or churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org by Fri., Nov. 1, 2018. If you need to cancel, please notify the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018. Otherwise, except in an emergency, you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost of your meal as we have to pay the caterer. Thank you.

Deacons Twenty Centuries Later

Deacons date from a time so early in the church the twelve Apostles were the session. Seriously! See Acts 6. That was the first of many delegations of duty necessary so the church could grow to 2.3 billion believers, one third the world's population. But deacons might never have happened except for a political controversy.

The Greek Christians claimed the Hebrew Christians were discriminating against Greek widows. The dispute brought a second problem into focus. "It is not desirable for us [Apostles] to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables" (Acts 6:2). Both problems were solved at once. Seven deacons (not so called until later) would serve food to the needy, freeing up the apostles to "devote [themselves] to prayer and the ministry of the word" (6:4).

If a Presbyterian church decides to have deacons today, their "ministry... is one of compassion, witness and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless,... or anyone in distress" (Book of Order G-2.0201). Duties needn't end there. "Deacons may also be given special assignments... such as caring for members in need, handling educational tasks, cultivating liberality in giving, collecting and disbursing monies... or overseeing buildings and property..."(G-2.0202). That list covers most of what the Valparaiso session does. Congregations may also choose to have no deacons at all.

Valparaiso deacon duties are close to the basic Book of Order (2.0201) ministry without a lot of "special assignments." Things still change, through innovation, variation in needs for service, and the

number of deacons. Session has made substantial reductions over a three year transition period that ends this year. A twenty-four member board was cut to twelve, and may enter 2019 with as few as nine deacons. This has led to some changes and more are likely to come.

But when it comes to dealing with change nothing tops that first century deacon board. One day Deacon Stephen took up preaching and "full of grace and power... performing wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8).

Opposition to the church was not just culture wars and atheist lawsuits back then; it tended toward mob action. As Deacon Stephan was stoned to death he prayed, as did Jesus on the cross, for God to forgive his murderers (Acts 7:60).

Things we cannot plan for often affect the church more than those for which we can. That's why much biblical advice is about being ready—just being ready for, well... anything. Scripture counsels us as well to plan wisely where we can.

So your deacons plan to continue greeting people on Sunday morning this fall, visiting the home bound, praying for the church and its members, delivering flowers, preparing communion, and generally exercising the gifts of compassion and service. We're also putting aside a little time for the unexpected.

It's a fun group doing God's work, and one you maybe should think about. If you can think of anyone, including yourself, that might want to consider becoming a deacon, let the Nominating Committee know—Doyle Andrews or Jacki Phillips. They can show you a job description and answer your questions.

Congregational Life News

Dear Church Family,

Please consider hosting a Coffee Hour at least one time this fall. It's a wonderful way to practice "Radical Hospitality" as you provide much appreciated treats or snacks to young and old, familiar and new faces of our church family.

Sign up on the clipboard in the Hospitality Center.

Partner with another person or family or get your small group or committee together to host a Coffee Hour this fall.

If this feels overwhelming to you, keep it simple with purchased baked goods or fruit, cookies or crackers. Set up by 9:30 a.m. and clean up once the 11:00 a.m. service begins. Contact Julie Golding with any questions at:

219-921-9042 or fletcherjulie3@gmail.com

November Calendar

Thursday, November 01, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, November 02, 2018

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, November 03, 2018

Sunday, November 04, 2018 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	LIFT	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Presbys Go To Lunch	Off-site
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 05, 2018

8:30 AM	Retired Presbyterian Men	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:00 PM	Christian Education Team	145
6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Team	100 (rescheduled location)
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room

Tuesday, November 06, 2018

6:00 AM	Porter Co. Elections	154, 155
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101

Wednesday, November 07, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room, 154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
6:15 PM	Building Disciples Team	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	iEngage Team	Workroom
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 08, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 09, 2018

Saturday, November 10, 2018

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November Calendar, continued

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Confirmands Class Breakfast	Off-site
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, November 12, 2018

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Stewardship Team	100
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Mission Team	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Committee Meeting	140

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Workroom
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 15, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 16, 2018

Saturday, November 17, 2018

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November Calendar, continued

Sunday, November 18, 2018

10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
10:00 AM	One Family Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Reception in Honor and Celebration of Pastors Mark and Toby	Hospitality Center
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, November 19, 2018

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 22, 2018 - Thanksgiving Day, Church office closed

Friday, November 23, 2018 - Holiday, Church office closed

Saturday, November 24, 2018

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November Calendar, continued

Sunday, November 25, 2018

8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 1:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, November 26, 2018

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Session Rescheduled	154, 155
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Committee Meeting	140

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 29, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
2:00 PM	Pines Village Communion	Pines Village
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, November 30, 2018

Happy Birthday!

November 1
Dawn Heckard

November 3
Landon Fenters
Marilyn Houston
Carolyn Lelek

November 4
Sharon Passe

November 6
Jack Kinsey

November 7
Doug Hollar
William Stanko

November 10
Emily Golding
Nancy Pedersen

November 11
Rodger Jones
Allison Martin
Kameron Stanko
Gail Wilkes

November 12
Marlie Cole
Melissa Reyna

November 14
Dolly Trapp

November 15
Mark Robison

November 16
John Nuppnau
Lauren Phillips

November 17
Harrison Bennett

November 19
Tom Edwards, Jr.

November 20
Gena Banta-Long

November 23
Bryan Bennett

November 24
Sarabel Nowlin

November 26
Sally Long

November 29
Kevin Nuppnau

November 30
Kinsley Spicer

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

Resale Shop News

Fall and Christmas Decorations Needed

If while sorting through your fall and Christmas decorations, you find that you have some you have grown tired of putting up for the seasons and want to give them a good home, please bring them to the Presbyterian Resale Shop. We will find homes for them.

Thanks for your support!

Resale Shop – November 2018 Schedule

Nov. – Dec. Scheduler: Kay Exley (219) 464-4154

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

Tuesdays through Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

www.firstpresbyterianresale.com

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Linda Flory Jill McGonigle ----- Chiq Colton Pastor Nancy Becker	2 Mary Henrichs Cindy Robinson ----- Karen Simerlein Mary Linda Scott	3 Barb Aungst Leanne Grant ----- Catherine Busch Janet Will
6 Pat Blanco Joan Johnston ----- Karen Huguenard Star Ruwersma	7 Chris Hurd Alexa Olling ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	8 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Rose Ross Elizabeth Monroe	9 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Cathy Cole Karen Simerlein	10 Carol Flanningam Cindy Robinson ----- Marilyn and Don Owens
13 Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pederson ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	14 Joan Johnston Janice Reichard ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	15 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Star Ruwersma	16 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Karen Simerlein Inge Nimtz	17 Andrea Phillips Mary Linda Scott ----- Carol McCreery Nancy Porter
20 Mary Brown Betty Richardson ----- Karen Huguenard Paul Knauff	21 Mary Jayne Shurr Star Ruwersma ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Linda Hartlerode Karen Simerlein	24 TBD TBD ----- Julie Golding TBD
27 Cathy Cole Jill McGonigle ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	28 Mary Jayne Shurr Star Ruwersma ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	29 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltas ----- Carol McCreery Inge Nimtz	30 Ginger and Jim Boys ----- Beth Germann Mary Linda Scott	

Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle

Date: November 15, 2018 **Hostesses:** Janice Reichard
Dottie Staats
Time: 10:00 A.M. **Lesson:** Mary Stoner

Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator: Carolyn Dye
Vice-moderator: Pam Skaltas
Treasurer: Linda Hartlerode
Historian: Mary Jayne Shurr
Secretary: Cindy Robinson

Ministry Roster

If there are any changes, please find a substitute and notify the church office as soon as possible to facilitate bulletin printing. Thank you for your time and ministry.

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November 4

9:00a.m. David Goodwin
Phebe Klapp
Trent Olling

11:00 a.m. Chris Hoham
Sheya Bennett

November 11

9:00 a.m. Doug Hollar
Judy Hollar
Rose Ross

11:00 a.m. Carla Evans
Kathy Evans

November 18

9:00 a.m. David Goodwin
Phebe Klapp
Karen Huguenard

11:00 a.m. Glen Buford
Leila Buford

November 25

9:00 a.m. Leila Buford
Craig Johnson
Judy Johnson

11:00 a.m. Julie Golding
Steve Scarborough

SEXTON:

Open: Ron Phillips
Close: Jason Gordon

ELDER ON CALL

Nov. 4 Brad Dirks
18 Connie Knauff

DEACON ON CALL

Nov. 11 Catherine Busch
25 Jason Gordon

COMMUNION SET UP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Jim Boys
Mary Brown
Lauren Phillips
Karen Vogelsang

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Ginger Boys
Mary Brown
Lauren Phillips
Karen Vogelsang

NOVEMBER 4, 2018, COMMUNION SERVERS

Brad Dirks*
Elizabeth Monroe*
Cathy Cole
Connie Knauff
Sterling Miller
Chip Wilkes

*denotes leaders

We Need Your Help

We are in need of people to serve as ushers for the 11:00 service. If you are able to join the team please contact Susan Jones at:

(219) 929-5606

or

rodgerandsusanjones@gmail.com

Thank you!

Per Capita

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. The more per capita paid by each member, fewer funds will come out of our operating budget. The cost is \$40.00 per member.

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 Lou Ann Karabel..... Building Disciples Team
 Connie Knauff..... Christian Education Team*
 Sterling Miller Building and Grounds Team*
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 Andrea Phillips..... Congregational Life Team
 Chip Wilkes..... Personnel Team

*denotes Co-moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Nancy Becker

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Financial Report

September 2018

Income	\$ 38,585	YTD Income	\$ 339,519
Expenses	<u>39,476</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>325,780</u>
Over/Short	\$ (891)		\$ 13,739



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