

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



2 Corinthians 9:6-8 – The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

So that. These two little words, so inconsequential, yet so full. So that. They remind me of a mathematics equation, like  $2 + 2 = 4$ . This and this means that. This side of the equation gives you that side of the equation.

It reminds me of the kinds of things we say to children: eat your peas and vegetables, so that you can grow up to be strong. Do your homework, so that you will get an A / ace the test / not make your teacher mad! We even know these to be true as adults: drive responsibly so that you will not get a ticket / cause an accident / keep your insurance rates down. Just listing these reminds me that there are many, many consequences to the actions we choose to make every day.

The apostle Paul likes ‘so that.’ A lot. And so that reminds us that, if we choose to follow Jesus, if we claim he is our Savior, if we want to be his disciple, our lives are lived so that.... In other words, once we jump on Jesus’ train, life is lived differently.

Life is lived differently, not for ourselves but for others. God provides, so that we can share God’s provision with those who have needs. God gives, so that we can give. God loves us, so that we can love others. God shows us mercy, so that we can give mercy. We are conduits, through which others can see and experience God, so that they too can choose to trust their lives to the Lord.

Fall is harvest time, and our church has just finished its stewardship drive, as we seek to build our 2018 church budget. But stewardship is more than just the monies promised. Our lives are to be lived as good stewards of ALL that God blesses each of us with. What we are given, in time, skills, joys, even sorrows, are also things we are stewards of, and can be shared/used/learned from for others in God’s kingdom.

May we all live into this harvest season, then, literally harvesting in our choices and actions what God has so richly blessed us each with, finding ways to share it with others, so that the Kingdom of God flourishes, even here and now.

I continue serving in Christ,

Pastor Toby

Two very positive reports were received this month. First, the Finance Team announced that the required Annual Audit has been completed by our own Ralph Pollaro, who stated that the 2016 financial statements of the First Presbyterian Church were found to be in order with no modifications needing to be made! This is due in part to the excellent work being done by our Treasurer Ruth Dickey and Business Manager Beverlee Frazee, so be sure to thank them the next time you see them. In addition, your Clerk attended Presbytery's Annual Review of Session Minutes and Registers on August 28, and all books were found to be in order with *no exceptions*. It looks like we are set for another year!

You are probably already aware that two familiar faces have taken on new roles at FPC. Rhonda Clark has been hired to direct both the Adult Choir and the Tone Chimes, and Ken Crews is returning to us as an "official" Student Pastor (now that he has most of his seminary coursework completed). Ken will also be spending some of his time at Portage Presbyterian Church, as we walk alongside them in ministry. We are certainly thrilled that both are serving God among us!

Session also participated in an extended conversation concerning an excerpt from *Canoeing the Mountains*, a book by Tod Bolsinger. Pastor Mark shared some statistics about church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is clear that the church is nearing an end to the era of privilege it has enjoyed for over 1,700 years. Churches nationwide (and worldwide) are experiencing declining membership and are having to work harder and harder to maintain levels of attendance, participation, and giving. You may realize that the same is true at

FPC! The discussion helped Elders understand that we probably don't need to be *trying harder* to do what has been done in the past (which isn't really working); rather we need to redefine what the Sabbath *IS* for our church and be willing to try new things and do things in different ways. A perfect example is what we are doing with our Kids of the Kingdom program. Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. wasn't working well for many, so our Christian Education team is experimenting with a new format and approach during both worship services. They will evaluate effectiveness and progress in another month or so, and if changes still need to be made, we hope to be flexible enough to adapt! In fact, it is that Adaptive Leadership that is needed as we move ahead, searching for ways we can reach and connect with those who *want* to be connected. We will try to LISTEN and let people KNOW WE CARE in order to create an authentic sense of community. Part of that Adaptive Leadership is to critically examine some of the things we have been doing in the past (programs and activities), and if they aren't working, we are going to have to let them go away! What we may need to do is figure out how to "put the FUN back in DYSFUNCTION!" If you have any suggestions or ideas, be sure to let your Session members know!

If you would like more information, remember that you can 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

### A Useful Tax Saving Strategy for Charitable Giving (For those 70 ½ and older)

There is a story written by Loren Eiseley's, *The Star Thrower*. In it, a wise old man finds a young man throwing beached starfish into the ocean. The old man tells the young man that he can't make a difference throwing back one starfish at a time when there are so many washed up on shore.

At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and threw it into the ocean. As it met the water, he said, "It made a difference for that one."

What does Giving mean to you? There are several strategies that we are allowed to use and thereby make a more impactful gift. The Endowment Committee encourages individuals planning year-end gifts to the church to consider taking advantage of the following tax saving strategy.

#### 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 IRA Charitable Rollover provision.

By directing the yearly mandatory withdrawal (RMD) from your IRA be made directly to an IRS approved charity, you do not pay income tax on this money. You do not have to direct 100% of your RMD to the charity but, again, only the donated portion would be subject to the tax benefit.

This strategy is a good fit with the current tax climate. In addition, you also have a better chance of:

1. Lowering the portion of your Social Security income subject to taxation,
2. Keeping Medicare premiums low,
3. Keeping taxable income low if you take the standard deduction, and/or
4. Reducing your vulnerability to the IRS Pease Limitation on itemized deductions.

One caveat: For each donation, you'll have IRA withdrawal paperwork to complete. In light of these paperwork requirements, consider restricting this strategy for your larger contributions.

*Think of this strategy as reducing income subject to taxation (and thus taxes) without having to worry about whether you are eligible for full use of itemized deductions. And, by all means, do consult your accountant or financial advisor if you need further guidance regarding the use of IRA distributions to complete charitable gifts.*

Blessings,

Your Endowment Committee:

Ruth Dickey  
Carolyn Dye  
Cathy Greenawald  
Doug Hollar

Jim Hubbard  
Kathy Joseph  
Paul Knauff  
Pastor Mark Mueller, Ex Officio

## A Meeting of the Congregation

A meeting of the congregation will be on Sunday, October 8, 2017, for the purpose of receiving the Congregational Nominating Team's report on the following nominations:

### Elders Class of 2020

Brad Dirks  
Elizabeth Monroe  
Andrea Phillips  
Chip Wilkes

### Deacon Class of 2020

Mike Becker  
Catherine Harvey  
Dan Higgins

### Youth Deacon Class of 2018

Katie Golding  
Isabelle Gordon

The meeting will open at the end of the 9:00 a.m. service. Opportunity shall be given to the congregation to bring forth nominations from the floor. The nominee must be an active member and in agreement to have his/her name placed in nomination.

## Congregational Health Ministry News

### Flu Shots

Date: October 8, 2017  
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Where: Parish Nurse Office  
Cost: \$25.00, cash, insurance or Medicare

Offered by Gil Drug, Gib Tishler, Pharmacist

Sign up sheet in Hospitality Center.

Walk-ins welcome!

## Fall Church Clean Up Day

Fall Church Clean-Up  
October 14, 2017  
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
(Rain date: October 21, 2017)

### Volunteers Needed

#### Areas to cover:

- Tree Limbs: remove limbs along Val-paraiso St. and transport to composite site;
- Wash exterior windows;
- Flower Beds: prune and clean out for winter; and
- Soffit Repair: repair soffit on South side of building.

Please bring gloves, pruning shears, power saws, cordless drills, and pick-up trucks. Don't have tools? Don't worry! We'll find some way for you to help!

## Building Disciples News

### SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual fall retreat for women will be held at Geneva Center on November 4-5, 2017.  
Watch for more information.

## Geneva Center News

“Thank You”  
and

### An Update from Geneva Center

The Board of Directors and the staff of Geneva Center send a big THANK YOU to the congregation of First Presbyterian Valparaiso for the \$842 gift that came from your July Second Mile Offering.

The property and buildings of Geneva Center are still owned by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley and the board of directors of Geneva Center, Inc. (a separate non-profit entity that is responsible for the operations) is committed to operating in concert with the historical mission of Geneva Center.

The board of GCI and the staff are working hard to get the revenue from operations to a level that can support GCI's operational expenses year over year. Reaching this level of revenue will then allow the donations and financial support from individuals and churches to be used for the capital expenditures that have and will arise in properly caring for and maintaining the 235-acre property and all of its facilities. Repairs, replacements, maintenance and upgrades take funds and thus Geneva Center will always need funding beyond what revenues from operations can provide.

The first nine months of 2017 were good financially for Geneva Center.

- Revenues from operations including Summer Camp with 275 campers have been about 30% higher than for the same period in 2016.
- Expenses have been virtually equal to last year
- Donations & Gifts through 9.30.17 of over \$63,000 have been very important to Geneva Ctr.
- There is a \$25,000 challenge matching grant received in late March from a couple who wish to remain anonymous that has only had \$8,500 of eligible donations received thus far. If we can match the remaining \$16,500 before year's end with individual gifts and support from churches, Geneva Center could receive the full \$25,000 match. [FPCV's gift will be matched.]
- Future bookings (groups committed for the remainder of 2017) are decent and slightly above last year, although there are plenty of available dates in October, November, December, January & February that staff is working hard to fill. These months with weak revenues really hurt the cash flow. Being recognized as a *year-round retreat center* is taking a lot of communication and promotional effort, which is on-going.

The GCI Board has embarked on a longer range strategic planning process now that it is closer to securing the future of Geneva Center. The progress has been real and the commitment to preserving and continuing the legacy of Geneva Center, its impact on the lives of people who attend events there, remains strong. **Thank You** First Presbyterian - Valparaiso for your continued support.

Jim Hubbard, GCI Board President

### Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the Jim and Jodie Peller family upon the death of Jim's mother, Dee.

### Memorials Received

We thank you for the memorials received in memory of Tom Edwards, Sr., and Dee Peller.

## First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, October 6, 2017,  
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 Pastor Toby:  
[tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org)

## Men's Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, October 8, 2017, 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!

## Prayer & Praise Ministry

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to call on our 100+ Prayer Warriors through our Prayer & Praise Ministry hotline. Know that your requests can be held in strict confidence for your privacy, or we can also add your request to our Sunday announcements and/or printed Prayer Sheet. God is always listening! To begin the prayer hotline, please contact Pastor Toby Mueller at:

[tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org)

or  
(256) 425-3181

## Book Study

Please join us for the When Breath Becomes Air\*  
book study at 4:00 p.m. on October 22 and  
October 29, 2017, in the Small Groups Room 101.  
Pastor Toby Mueller will be leading the study.

\*written by Dr. Paul Kalanithi

Trunk or Treat  
Friday, October 27, 2017

5:30 p.m.: Free dinner for all in the Pavilion picnic area

6:00 p.m.: Trunk or Treat around the parking lot

Vehicles will be semicircle parked around the perimeter, and “trunk” decorations are encouraged.

This event is open to the community!

Kids of the Kingdom

...for children age 3 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Children attend the first few minutes of worship service (either 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.) in the sanctuary with parents / caregivers.

After the Children’s Chat, the children are accompanied by leaders/helpers to the Education Wing for a whole group gathering of sing-a-long, Bible story time, crafts, games. (All activities will not be included in each session of Kids of the Kingdom, but will be presented regularly.)

Our goal is to provide an opportunity for our children to know, love and serve God through meaningful lessons and fun activities on Sunday mornings while parents are in worship.

If you know of a family that might join us on Sunday morning, please reach out to give them this information. Our kids are encouraged to bring a friend!

In order to provide this program on Sunday mornings, we are in need of volunteers. We provide the lessons – you can choose what you would like to do; and you do not have to do it alone. We love to work together! Please try it once – let us know what Sunday would work for you. Contact Lisa Thomas, Director of Children’s Ministry at [lthomas@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:lthomas@fpcvalpo.org).

Pre-Confirmation Class

Our Pre-Confirmation Class (6th – 7th graders) are meeting with Mr. Doug Hollar this fall at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Doug felt the call to provide a Bible study class for this special age group. Many thanks to you, Doug Hollar!

Confirmation Class

Bob Marrs and Craig Johnson are team teaching for the 16<sup>th</sup> straight year as they lead this year’s group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders to prepare them for confirmation and membership into the church. We are grateful for their dedicated service and careful guidance of these special youths!

Welcome Ken Crews!

Ken’s official title is Student Pastor, serving in part-time positions here at FPC Valpo and also at FPC Portage, while he completes his degree in ministry.

His enthusiastic leadership with our youth here several years ago before he entered the McCormick Divinity School to begin a master’s degree in theology, was enjoyed and appreciated! Now after three years, Ken and his family have returned to Valparaiso. Ken will guide our Jr. and Sr. High Youth Programs, as part of his responsibilities!

Musically Speaking

A big thank you and best wishes to Rhonda Clark, our Children’s Choir Director for many years, as she assumes her new position as Adult Choir Director. Her enthusiasm and her love of music and kids are her gift to all of us!

Maggi Alexander has volunteered to sing with the Kids of the Kingdom during group time! (We all enjoyed the kids singing with Maggi during 11:00 a.m. service on September 10 as we sang “We Are the Church”.) Thank you so much, Mrs. Alexander!!!

Make Halloween Fun for PWNS!!

Our Nursery School kiddos will ‘trick or treat’ in our gym to all who want to come and treat them! Come one, come all! Dress up and hand out your goodies, or don’t dress up – they will parade by about 9:30 a.m. on October 30 (Pre-K kids) and on October 31 (3-4 year olds) (count on about 40 kids total).



PWNS

After an enjoyable summer, we are excited to be back to begin our 41st year at PWNS with 28 wonderful, enthusiastic preschoolers.

The children are already very busy making new friends and learning to share our school toys. They have done many “food” projects about popcorn, apples, and blueberries. Both classes are busy learning about colors, shapes, and the alphabet.

Thank you to the congregation for your continued support of donated items, including plastic lunchmeat, icing, and Crystal Light containers and metal coffee cans.

Thanks for the generous support of PWNS in the Second Mile Offering from August, which raised approximately \$2,000 to provide partial scholarships for our students with financial needs. We are also very grateful to Presbyterian Women for a \$1,000 donation to our scholarship fund to cover the cost of tuition for one of our students so that she may attend preschool this year.

A very special thank you to Paul and Connie Knauff for purchasing enrollment signs for PWNS, Maggi Alexander for the flowers and balloons to decorate for our open house, and Laurie Swallow for donating some oversized books for us to use during circle time.

Please stop by our classrooms to see our photo board in the hallway and our fun family projects posted on our bulletin board in the enrichment room.

We have a few openings available in our Pre-K class that meets on M-W-F mornings. Please contact one of the teachers if you need any information about PWNS.

Happy Fall!

Sheya Bennett

Ann Skadberg

Presbys News

Hello, and welcome back to another school year! I’m thrilled to be back at First Pres Valpo as your youth director. We’ve got some exciting things planned for this year, not the least of which is the addition of Ken Crews to our Presby’s team! Many of you already know Ken, and I’m looking forward to working with him to make Presby’s the best program it can be.

We will resume our regular meeting time of 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. As usual, we start with games, eat dinner, and have a lesson. I’m focusing on teaching middle schoolers to read the Bible for themselves; it can be intimidating and my goal this year is to make it as accessible as possible. In addition, our senior high Sunday school volunteers have graciously offered to attend Presbys and do a separate senior high lesson for those high schoolers who are interested as they will not be meeting on Sunday mornings.

Finally, I am including opportunities for students to earn a party or two by doing memory verses every week. They can also earn points toward this by just showing up, participating in our activities, and bringing friends! In addition to the party, there are weekly rewards for doing the memory verses. This is an experiment, and may require some tweaking as the year goes on, but I’m looking forward to seeing where this goes.

As always, I am more than happy to answer questions and hear your feedback via email, at [julia.evans@valpo.edu](mailto:julia.evans@valpo.edu). Thank you to all the people who support this ministry, and I hope to see some new faces this year!

Julia Evans, Director of Youth Ministry



## Deacons' Doings

(submitted by Julie Golding)

Oh, Fall! How I love your sun-filled days, your cool nights, the leaves changing color and pumpkin-spiced everything, yet I know what is lurking around the corner when you come a-calling – the gray, chilly skies of winter. I must keep reminding myself to be grateful, appreciative, and enjoy the blessings of today!

I'm grateful for the Deacons and all the great work we are doing this fall to share our blessings. The following are some of our recent "doings:"

At the church Service Fair on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Deacon's made available "share the faith cards" at our table. There were several business card-sized faith cards to choose from and provided many uplifting messages and beloved scripture on beautifully decorated cards. We are passing them along to our Deacon Friends.

Deacons have a "Communion Blitz" scheduled for Sunday, October 1st. We have mobile communion kits made in order to give communion and celebrate this blessing with our Deacon Friends who are shut-ins or in nursing homes. This is a special outreach typically done in the spring and fall.

We are organizing donations for the Advent Bags we give to our Deacon Friends. If you or your group would like to donate items or do some gift-wrapping this fall, please contact Jacki Phillips at 219-670-4345 or [jackidemass@aol.com](mailto:jackidemass@aol.com).

Save some room on your November calendar for a cookie baking day. In mid-November we will organize a social baking event (4 – 6 hours) in the Fellowship Kitchen to do some serious baking in preparation for Kairos and the Deacon Cookie Walk. More details to be announced soon!

Don't miss our Deacon Cookie Walk on December 10<sup>th</sup> and be ready for some delicious cookies and treats to eat or share.

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." Psalm 118:24

## Pick & Treat for Tots Drive

The 5th Annual Pick & Treat for Tots drive, to benefit the Family & Youth Services Bureau's Tot Shop, will be held from October 1 through October 31, 2017. The Tot Shop is an incentive-based program where young parents can shop for needed baby and toddler supplies. However, the items are not given away and they can't be purchased with money. Parents must EARN coupons by going to doctor visits, checkups for their kids, getting immunizations, attending parenting classes and nutrition workshops-doing things that educate them to be better parents. Then they receive coupons after attending these activities, and exchange their coupons for needed supplies like clothing, beds, and books. Over 1,500 local families used The Tot Shop in the past year.

We will be having a chance to donate this month. The Tot Shop accepts new baby and toddler clothes, diapers and wipes, diaper bags, high chair covers, educational toys, sheets and blankets, baby carriers/slings, carrier covers, boppy pillows, and receiving blankets. Monetary donations are accepted too. If you would like to donate to this wonderful mission right here in Porter County, there will be a container in the narthex where you can put your donations. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Knauff.

Thank you in advance for being a group of wonderful givers!

## Mission at Work

“Mission is the purpose of the church”

Our church has an opportunity to do mission for EVERYONE!

These mission opportunities continue for everyone  
at First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso.

**FILL YOUR LIFE:** Love Is Feeding Everyone. We encourage everyone to fill their red grocery bag with items for the food pantry and bring it to church each Sunday.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Contact Brian Johnson to volunteer at [brian@bcjohnson.net](mailto:brian@bcjohnson.net). A new Veteran Build is being done for Tina Sanders, a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

**PADS:** Our church gratefully is part of this ministry of helping the homeless men in our community have a warm, dry place to sleep and meals to eat. We start on October 18 this year and will host every Wednesday/Thursday until mid April.

\*\*\*Urgent Need for Volunteers to Help Staff the 1:30 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. shift, Thursday mornings.  
\*\*\* Please call Beth Germann 219-477-9964 to volunteer or for more information.

**CUBA MISSION:** A building has been purchased for the church in Sabinilla. They are in the process of buying a separate building for a manse for the pastor. Work is being done to make them suitable for their separate uses.

**CUBA MISSION TRIP** – February 2-12, 2018. If interested contact Beth Germann at 219-477-9964.

**KENYA R.E.A.L.** – A mission trip is being planned for the spring of 2019. Please contact Ken McAloon if you are interested in being part of the mission trip. We are also helping with Pastor Henry’s van.

**TEXAS MISSION TRIP** – We are planning a mission trip in the spring to help with the hurricane recovery. We will let the congregation know as soon as details are worked out. At this time only very skilled teams are being sent to Texas and Florida.

**\*\*\*\*GO SERVE\*\*** We are gathering information about the different volunteer opportunities that members of our church are part of. So far, the list includes:

VNA Hospice  
Pines Village  
VNA Meals on Wheels  
Family House  
Resale Shop

Porter Hospital  
VNA Phoenix Room  
Christian Food Pantry Geneva Center  
Hilltop House Hilltop Food Pantry

Please notify Beth Germann of additional volunteer opportunities you are involved with at 219-477-9964 or [bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com).

**PRAISE ITEM:** Second Mile and Mission Offerings collected this year: \$16,836.00!

Mission Team voted to concentrate our Global Mission giving on Kenya R.E.A.L., Cuba, Syria and The Holy Lands after prayerful consideration.

Mission Team is praying about our Local Mission giving which includes PADS, Hilltop House, Christian Food Pantry, Youth Services Bureau, Great Banquet, Kairos, Kairos Outside, Geneva Center. If you want more information about how to get involved with any of these, please contact the church office or Beth Germann.

Thank you for being Jesus’ hands and feet here in Valparaiso, in Indiana, in the United States, and in the World! We are blessed to share our blessings! If you have ideas for future mission opportunities, please contact Beth Germann 219-477-9964. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30. You are welcome to join us!

## Christian Food Pantry

August was busy serving two hundred and sixty-six families which provided food for six hundred and seventeen people. Thirty-eight Kid's Kits were served which finished off that summer program. Items were adequately available through the summer but shelves are now very empty and thoughts for Thanksgiving dinner are being discussed.

All food items are needed for basic giving:

- Canned Fruit
- Pork 'n Beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Tuna in Water
- Peanut Butter

The donations of home-grown fresh vegetables are always appreciated.

Traditional holiday food items will be needed for Thanksgiving:

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes

- Canned Fruit
- Jell-O®
- Green Beans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sweet Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Chicken Broth or Gravy
- Canned Evaporated Milk
- Small Cans of French Fried Onions

These holiday food items will be offered for pick-up before Thanksgiving on November 15, and November 20, 2017.

The pantry is closed the day before Thanksgiving.

—Nan, Anne, Sharon

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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.

Oct. 15    Oct. 22    Oct. 29    Nov. 12    Nov. 19  
Nov. 26    Dec. 10    Dec. 17    Dec. 31

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

To be taken home: \_\_\_\_\_ To be delivered to shut-ins: \_\_\_\_\_

# Grub Run/Walk



**9:00 AM Race Start**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2017**  
**Valplayso, 1400 Glendale Blvd**  
**(1/2 block east of Roosevelt, south side of Glendale)**

**100% of proceeds go to the Christian Food Pantry!**  
*Ask for tax document for deduction purposes.*

Same Day Registration and Sign In ..... 8:00-8:55 AM  
Early registration (on or before October 9) ..... \$20/no shirt  
Early registration (on or before October 9) ..... \$25 with shirt  
Calumet Striders' Gold Cup discount.....take off \$1  
Late registration (after October 9) ..... \$25/no shirt  
*(shirts only guaranteed to pre-registered entries; limited # of shirts on race day.)*  
Online registration .....please go to **T&HTiming.com**  
Make check payable to (and mail to):

**First Christian Church Food Pantry**  
**1507 Glendale Blvd.**  
**Valparaiso, IN 46383**  
**(219) 462-5615**

Race director/contact person.....Shawn Benham  
Cell: (219) 406-2263  
Email: **Benhams56@yahoo.com**



## Age Award Categories, Male & Female

8 & under	13-14	30-34	50-54	70-74
9-10	15-18	35-39	55-59	75-79
11-12	19-24	40-44	60-64	80-and-over
	25-29	45-49	65-69	

1st male and 1st female overall  
1st male and 1st female masters  
Top 3 finishers in each age group  
Top 3 for Athena and Clydesdale

## Packet Pickup

10:00 AM — 7:00 PM on Friday, October 20 at  
Extra Mile (1330 E. Lincolnway)

8:00 AM — 8:55 AM on Race Day at Valplayso

Registration forms for the Grub Run/Walk are located in the Hospitality Center. Thank you!

## October Calendar

### Sunday, October 01, 2017

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Officer Training	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

### Monday, October 02, 2017

8:30 AM	Retired Presbyterian Men	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, October 03, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101

### Wednesday, October 04, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room, Kitchen
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice	Sanctuary
6:15 PM	Building Disciples Team	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155

### Thursday, October 05, 2017

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

### Friday, October 06, 2017

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, October 07, 2017

## October Calendar, continued

### Sunday, October 08, 2017

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Friendship Room
8:30 AM	Congregational Health Team – Flu Shots	Parish Nurse Office
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship – Congregational Meeting following the 9:00 a.m. service	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
4:00 PM	Officer Training	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

### Monday, October 09, 2017

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Stewardship Team	100
6:30 PM	Mission Team	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, October 10, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

### Wednesday, October 11, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Workroom
8:00 PM	iEngage Team	101

### Thursday, October 12, 2017

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

### Friday, October 13, 2017

### Saturday, October 14, 2017

8:00 AM	B & G Fall Clean Up Day	FPC
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## October Calendar, continued

Sunday, October 15, 2017

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
12:00 PM	Deacon Quarterly Meeting	154, 155
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall, Friendship Room
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, October 16, 2017

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Committee	154, 155

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 19, 2017

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

Friday, October 20, 2017

Saturday, October 21, 2017

8:00 AM	Rain Date: Clean Up Day	
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## October Calendar, continued

### Sunday, October 22, 2017

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
4:00 PM	Book Study-When Breath Becomes Air	101
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

### Monday, October 23, 2017

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Session-Rescheduled	154, 155

### Tuesday, October 24, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
9:00 AM	PWNS Gym Day	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

### Wednesday, October 25, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, October 26, 2017

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

### Friday, October 27, 2017

5:30 PM	Trunk-or-Treat Dinner	Pavilion
6:00 PM	Trunk-or-Treat Event	FPC Parking Lot

### Saturday, October 28, 2017



## October Calendar

Sunday, October 29, 2017

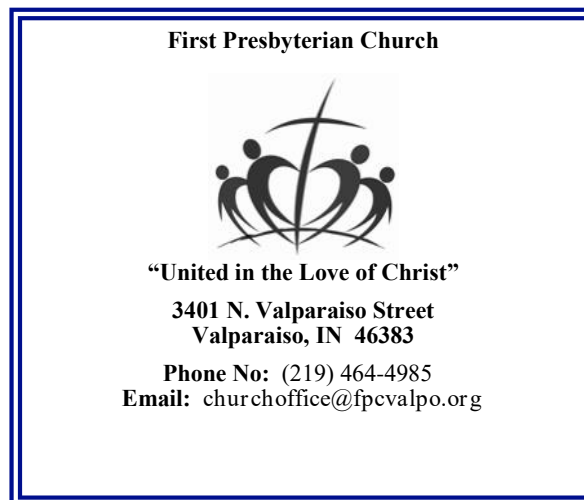
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
4:00 PM	Book Study-When Breath Becomes Air	101
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, October 30, 2017

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101



## Happy Birthday!

October 1  
Diana Austin  
Ellen Corley

October 2  
Kade Borlick  
Isabel Gordon  
Trent Myers  
Madeline Wood

October 3  
Aly Bennett  
Sydney Hughes

October 4  
Bill Jewell  
Mary Jayne Shurr

October 5  
Jill McGonigle

October 6  
Ralph Greenawald  
Fran Morrison

October 7  
Betty Halley  
Brenner Hanna  
Ben Hoham  
Bruce Roth

October 8  
Colleen Falk

October 9  
Samantha Coen

October 10  
Jackie Bernal  
Kassie Stanko

October 11  
Henry Hoham

October 12  
Becky Bluhm  
Jacki Phillips

October 13  
Barry Hughes  
Alexa Olling

October 15  
Carter Fenters  
Patrick Thomas

October 17  
Jeremiah Giles  
Cynthia Robinson

October 18  
Marita Banta-Long  
Judy Johnson  
Lauren Skadberg

October 20  
Sam Lowe

October 21  
Glen Buford  
Kylee Stanko

October 22  
Ben Bennett  
Kent Richardson

October 24  
Linda Hartlerode  
Ruth Ingraham  
Janice Reichard

October 25  
Tanya Parker

October 26  
Elayna Doede  
Jason Gordon  
Phebe Klapp

October 27  
Ruth Eskilson

October 29  
Lisa Thomas

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

## Saints

Please join us for the Saints luncheon. This is a ministry for senior citizens of the church and community.

Determination to save woodlands and wild-life habitats from residential development is what spurred our own Bonnie Swarner and her family to create the Swarner Nature Preserve in the area around Valpo's Wauhob Lake. Bonnie will be our Wednesday, October 4, Saints speaker. She will share the history of this project which she considers a "Garden of Eden." In addition to just saving the land, much effort has been put forth in restoring the area to its natural state. Come "visit" the preserve via pictures Bonnie will show us.

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling the church office (464-4985) before Wednesday, September 27. If you need to cancel, please notify the office by Monday morning, October 2. Otherwise, except for an emergency, you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost of your meal since we have to pay the caterer. Thanks!

## Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

October's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. 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.

Resale Shop – October 2017 Schedule  
 October: 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](http://www.firstpresbyterianresale.com)

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
3 Pat Blanco Joan Johnston ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	4 Rose Olivarri Cheryl Keach ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	5 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Judy Kephshire Kay Exley	6 Mary Henrichs Alexa Olling ----- Ginger and Jim Boys	7 TBD TBD ----- Linda Hartlerode Pam Skaltsas
10 Paul Knauff Nancy Pederson ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	11 Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	12 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Kim Croarkin Carol McCreery	13 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Jill McGonigle Beth Florio	14 Linda Hartlerode Carol Flanagan ----- Julie & Emily Golding Catherine Harvey
17 Mary Brown Nancy Pedersen ----- TBD Cindi Tacker	18 Mary Jayne Shurr Janice Reichard ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	19 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	20 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Nancy Becker Elizabeth Monroe	21 Leanne Grant Linda Kimmel ----- Marilyn & Don Owens
24 Inge Nimitz Inge Culberson ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	25 Barb Aungst Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	26 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Carolyn Lelek Inge Nimitz	27 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Della Hutton Elizabeth Monroe	28 Inge Culberson TBD ----- Carol McCreery Pam Skaltsas
31 Mary Henrichs Alexa Olling ----- Karen Huguenard Marilyn Mohr				

Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle

**Date:** October 19, 2017      **Hostesses:** Nancy Pedersen  
**Time:** 10:00 A.M.              **Co-hostess:** Betty Lyon  
**Lesson:** Nancy Pedersen

We have several openings for October and would appreciate your help at the Resale Shop. It's fun, easy, and quite rewarding. Please consider volunteering. Call Kay Exley at 464-4154.

## 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.

### USHERS SCHEDULE

October 1 9:00 a.m.	Kathy Joseph Karen Huguenard Jerry Kahrs
11:00 a.m.	TBD
October 8 9:00 a.m.	David Goodwin Phebe Klapp Connie Knauff Paul Knauff
11:00 a.m.	Doug Hollar Judy Hollar
October 15 9:00 a.m.	Rose Ross
11:00 a.m.	Catherine Harvey
October 22 9:00 a.m.	TBD
11:00 a.m.	TBD
October 29 9:00 a.m.	TBD
11:00 a.m.	Steve Scarborough

### SEXTON:

Open:	Fred Grosick
Close:	Matthew Byerly

### ELDER ON CALL

October	1	Jim Hubbard
	15	Sterling Miller
	29	Connie Knauff

### DEACON ON CALL

October	8	Julie Golding
	22	Andrea Phillips

### COMMUNION SET UP,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 , 2017

Julie Golding  
Melissa Klancer

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Tanya Parker  
Andrea Phillips

### OCTOBER 1, 2017, COMMUNION SERVERS

Elizabeth Monroe – Team Leads  
Dolly Trapp – Team Leads  
Doug Dye (Dan Higgins)  
Olga Koch  
Jacki Phillips (Mary Jayne Shurr)  
Ron Phillips

\*denotes leader

### Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator:	Carolyn Dye
Treasurer:	Linda Hartlerode
Secretary:	Sue Durnell
Historian:	Mary Jayne Shurr

### The FPC Usher Team Needs Your Help!

We are in need of expanding the FPC usher team. If you would like to join the team, please contact Destiny Vargas at [destiny.vargas2020@gmail.com](mailto:destiny.vargas2020@gmail.com) or (219) 309-7357 or the church office at [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) or (219) 464-4985. Thank you!

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In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Mark Mueller at (256) 425-3152.

To contact the Prayer Teams for emergency prayer, please contact  
Pastor Toby Mueller via email at [tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org) or via phone (256) 425-3181.

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### 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.

### Financial Report

August 2017

Income	\$ 37,443	YTD Income	\$ 341,893.00
Expenses	<u>35,124</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>288,952.00</u>
Over/Short	\$ 2,319		\$ 52,941.00



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FPCVALPO (closed)