

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Water is truly an amazing substance. This past week I watched nine straight days of snow fall from the heavens. I shoveled it, walked in it, tried to melt it and even drove on it. Today, this snow is beginning to melt into water. Thank God!

Water is so common.

Its chemical composition is the bonding of two gases, hydrogen and oxygen. We are familiar with its various forms from steam; to the liquid; to the solid, ice and snow. We drink it, bathe in it, swim in it, float over it, generate electricity with it, soak the grass with it and buy special clothes for it.

Water is a remarkable substance given to us by God.

When you think about it, water is rather amazing in that we experience it daily. Out in the hot sun all day working hard, your throat begins to dry out and your tongue feels parched. You try to lick your lips and want a drink. As the sweat drips from your brow, a picture comes to your mind of a tall clear glass of ice water, the ice cubes tinkling invitingly against the inside of the glass and beads of water sparkling on the outside of the glass. You almost tumble over your own feet in your rush inside for a drink of water to refresh your throat, body and mind from the thirst of heat and work.

Water is refreshing.

Water also cleanses us.

After a hard day of backbreaking work, nothing feels quite as good as a long hot shower. To scrub off the sweat and grime is not just to clean the body, but water makes one feel like a new person. We use gallons of water every day to clean our bodies, clothes, dishes, cars and pets.

Water is essential as well.

All creatures require water to live. When the Apollo 13 spacecraft experienced problems in space, the grave concern was not power but the reserve of water that was essential for every operation of the space craft.

Water naturally plays a huge role in the Bible. Hagar and Ishmael would have died in the wilderness without water when their skin of water was used up. The Lord opened Hagar's eyes to find a well of water.

Water became the means through which God saved Noah and his family. God was said to have waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was prepared, in which few were saved through water.

Later, God saved the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt through the water of the Red Sea.

Under the Law of Moses, God required that the priests wash themselves with water before entering the tabernacle in service to God, and failure to do so meant death.

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Most assuredly, I say unto you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

What is truly amazing about water is that the very element which we desperately need and use so much, God has blessed in exceeding abundance in the form of dew, rain, ponds, lakes, creeks, streams, rivers, seas and oceans.

All of this reminds me of God's provision for me. More and more these days, water reminds me of God's abundant care and love.

Blessings!

Mark

Session Synopsis of March 19, 2018

Session met on Monday evening, March 19th for conversation and to take action on a few items and talk about the life of the congregation. Pastor Mark moderated the meeting. Highlights:

- Cathy Cole led devotions by reading from her writing and a piece by Doyle Andrews in *First Notes* about reaching out as “helping hands” to be a congregation of connections serving Christ, and closed with prayer.
- Session received numerous reports from work- ing teams, and took the following actions:
 - 1) Approved request from Building and Grounds Team for \$3,000 from capital funds for in-house work on drainage project on the north side of the church building to alleviate degradation of the roof columns.
 - 2) Endorsed application supported by the Mission Team to the presbytery mission committee for funding in support of Syria and Lebanon minis- tries through the Outreach Founda- tion.
 - 3) Approved request to host the Cub Scouts’ Duty to God event on March 22, 2018, in the sanctuary with wor- ship and offering that will include teaching about Presbyterian beliefs and practices; Praise Band will lead congregational singing.
 - 4) Received and approved reports from Pastor, Building and Grounds, Build- ing Disciples, Christian Education, Congregational Life, Endowment, Finance, iEngage, Membership and Session Clerks, Mission and Worship Teams, and minutes of previous meeting.
- Session celebrated multiple stories about the Hunt for 3,400 Easter Eggs that brought togeth- er about 120 children and families, and nearly that many volunteers to our church grounds on Sunday afternoon, March 18th.
- Personnel Ministry Team continues recruiting for one more nursery assistant for Sunday morn- ings.
- Pastor Mark again invited each around the table to talk with Session about what was on his or her heart or mind. Topics discussed matters of congregational life: training new people on the sound system, plans for puppeteers in worship, the LIFT events on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in April, upcoming mission trips, Sunday morning studies of I and II Timothy, range of channels for inviting the community to worship and events at our church and telling stories of learning something new, i.e. being transformed, and matters of pastoral care.
- Pastor Mark closed by asking each member to live as a voice for how we as Christians treat others and reflect the love Christ has for us. Session closed with circle of prayer at 8:00 p.m.

The next Stated Session meeting is April 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. with the Deacons.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes that 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,

Linda Long, Clerk *pro tem*

Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Doug and Judy Hollar family on the death of their sister-in-law Jacqueline.

Congregational Health Team News

The Red Cross Blood Drive was a great success on March 5, 2018.

Donors: 20
Units Donated: 20
New Donors: 1
Number of Patients Helped: 60

I want to thank the following for stepping up and helping. It wouldn't have been a success without you!

Marilyn Ellis
Sharon Hubbard
Kim Klancer
John Rittel
Dawn Scarborough
Jerry Valdivia

If I missed anyone I apologize and please know that your help was greatly appreciated!

Thank you all!

Blessings,

Rose Ross

Sexton Ministry

The Sexton Ministry Team is in need of volunteers for the following:

Close: July, October and November

Open and Close: August and September

Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Rose Ross at 465-1634 or sign up in the church office.

Thank you and blessings,

Rose Ross

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Holy Week

Please Join Us for the Holy Week Celebrations!

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

- Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
- Palm Sunday Brunch served from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018

- Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

- Worship Service at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, Worship Services:

- Sunrise Service will be held outside in the pavilion area facing the east and (hopefully) the beautiful sunrise will begin at 6:30 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.

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.

Apr. 8	Apr. 22	May 13	June 3	June 17	June 24
July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 12

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

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

Coffee Hour

Attention families and small groups - please consider signing up to host a Coffee Hour in April or May. 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 Coffee Hour clipboard in the Hospitality Center.

If this feels overwhelming to you, keep it simple with purchased baked goods or fruit, cookies or crackers. Still too much? We have a closet of goodies that just need to be placed on trays (we provide those too!) and cleaned up once the 11:00 a.m. service begins. Contact Julie Golding with any questions at:

219-921-9042

or

fletcherjulie3@gmail.com

Thanks for your support!

Men's Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, April 8, 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!

First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, April 6, 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 Pastor Toby:

tmueller@fpcvalpo.org

Presbyterian Saints

Please join us on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, for our next Saints luncheon. The program following the luncheon will be given by Ken Tucker on World War I. It has been 100 years since the treaty that ended World War I. This program will review the events that preceded the war and the terrible costs in human life and treasure that resulted. We are looking forward to seeing you at our April luncheon.

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling or emailing the church office at (219) 464-4985 or churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org by Friday, March 30, 2018. If you need to cancel, please notify the office by noon on Monday, April 2, 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. Thanks.

Deacons Doings

HOSPITALITY: *Treating visitors in a way that makes them want to come back.*

That's the short definition from our Worship and Hospitality Team.

I am a new Deacon. Recently, I did my first Sunday as Deacon-on-Call (short job description: greet people Sunday morning and help ushers take the collection).

Greeting first time visitors is a challenge for people like me who are not natural born salesmen. I managed, a little awkwardly, to welcome a visiting couple, get them to the Hospitality Center for a cup of coffee and send a few people over to meet them.

After worship they told me they were not used to our style of worship.

"We have two services," I replied, "with quite different styles of worship. Please come back to see the other service some time soon. We have two pastors as well. It would be good for you to hear both of them."

I didn't forget to give them a visitor bag and I offered a mini-tour of the building if they had time. "Maybe next time," they said.

Not too bad for a beginner I thought. At least I didn't give them a reason to stay away. Did that couple come back? I haven't seen them, but then I attend the service with the worship style they didn't care for.

There are dozens of churches in town and no guarantee anyone will ever come back. All we can do is provide the best possible worship experience we can and offer our hospitality.

If you've read this far I want to encourage you to take a few moments some Sunday morning to seek out visitors. Greet them and find out where they're from. Show them how to get a cup of coffee and share one with them. Treat them in a way that might make them want to come back.

Hospitality is the sum of many small parts, a smile, a handshake, directions around the building, a snack to munch on. These things come naturally to a handful of people in our congregation. But if you're more like me, why not give it a try sometime soon. Hospitality can brighten your day as well as that of a stranger.

Mike Becker

"Caring Is Contagious"

Please remember to stop by the "Caring is Contagious" board and sign the card being sent out weekly to various church members. Also, feel free to copy the address (paper provided) or simply take your own photo of the address of the card recipient so that you might send your own personal card. We also have provided names and addresses of our Deacon Friends, our youth in college, and names of members with birthdays during the month. You are welcome to send them personal cards as well!

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

or

(256) 425-3181

Mission at Work

Urgent PADS Needs!

The Men's Homeless shelter here at our church on
Wednesday nights/Thursday early morning needs your help.

Please consider giving three hours of your time to help those in need.

Sign up in the Hospitality Center

or talk to

Olga Koch or Beth Germann

April 5 1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. Shift - Need 1 Volunteer

April 12 1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. Shift - Need 1 Volunteer

Christian Food Pantry

In January, the pantry provided food for six hundred and thirty people. Thankfully donations from our supporting congregations and other community organizations have kept the pantry supplied through January when giving often falls short.

The following basic items are needed:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Diapers (Larger Sizes)
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Coffee (Small Cans)
- Cooking Oil (Small Bottles)
- Jiffy® Corn Bread Mix
- Juices
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Pork 'n Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Soups
- Teas
- Tuna in Water

Any donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for any and all kinds of help for the neighbors in our community needing pantry assistance.

Nan, Sharon and Anne

Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

April's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet 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.

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Holy Land Mission Trip

- August 7: Fly. Aug 8: Arrive in Tel Aviv. Visit the port city of Jaffa – St. Peter Church and the story of Peter in the house of Simon the Tanner. Transfer to Jerusalem to the hotel.
- Aug 9: Start the day with a pilgrimage visit to Mount of Olives with a panoramic view over the city of Jerusalem. Walk the Palm Sunday path from the Pater Noster Church to the garden of Gethsemane. Visit the Wailing Wall, the most holy site for the Jews all over the world. Stop at the Israeli museum where you can see the model of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus (Jerusalem second temple period) and the shrine of the book – the place where you can learn about the Dead Sea scrolls. End the day in the village of Ein Karem. See the Church of the Visitation and the birth place of St. John the Baptist.
- Aug 10: Leave Jerusalem towards southern city of Bethlehem (West Bank, Palestinian Authority). Drive through the check point and the separation wall. Visit the monastery of the Shepherds Fields, where the angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds announcing the birth of Jesus. Visit the Nativity Church, the birth place of the Lord, and St. Catherine Catholic Church. Mission to Bethlehem University, Bethlehem Bible College and/or Wiam, tour a refugee camp.
- Aug 11: Drive to the wilderness to visit Masada, Herod's most amazing desert fortress. Then drive to Qumran to visit the remains of the settlement and the caves where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Stop at the Dead Sea for a float in this unique salty lake. (And enjoy a drink at the world's lowest elevation bar, if you want!).
- Aug 12: Early morning start with a walk in Jerusalem in the Old City. Walk the Way of the Cross and visit the Holy Sepulcher Church. This is the place of the crucifixion and the tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ. Attend the English speaking Sunday worship in the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Then proceed to Mount Zion to visit the Last Supper room and the church of St. Peter in Gallicantu.
- Aug 13: Today we concentrate on the Biblical City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount area. Visit the City of David. Southern steps. Western Wall and the Western Wall Tunnel.
- Aug 14: Leave Jerusalem towards the coastal plain and visit the remains of Caesarea Maritima, Herod's biggest city. The place where Cornelius the centurion met Simon Peter and believed in Christianity. This is also the place where St. Paul was in prison. On the way to the Sea of Galilee, drive through Nazareth and visit the amazing church of the Annunciation. Overnight in Tiberias by the sea.
- Aug 15: Drive to the Golan Heights to visit the biblical city Dan. Enjoy a walk in the natural park and the biblical remains of Dan. Then drive to Caesarea Philippi, the place where Peter declared Jesus as the Son of God. Overnight in Tiberias by the sea.
- Aug 16: Today we will finalize our pilgrimage concentrating on Jesus's public ministry. We will start our day with a worship by the lake near the church of the Multiplication and the story of feeding the five thousand. Then visit the church of St. Peter's Primacy and Jesus appearing to his disciples. See the remains of Capernaum, Jesus's Galilean headquarters, and the chapel of the Beatitudes. Finalize the day with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Overnight in Tiberias by the sea.
- Aug 17: Early check out and transfer to the airport.

Cost: \$2,100 (extra for a single room) + flight (currently running only \$700!)

Please contact Tracy Campbell @ 219-916-9176 or tlc.andrews@gmail.com

Sign up by March 30! The sooner the better as flights are running cheap right now!!!

Mission Trip to Brazil

Beth Germann and Carolyn Dye are going to Brazil in August to join a group led by Juan Sarmiento from The Outreach Foundation. They would be happy to have you join them for a week of meeting and worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ, attending a conference entitled "Making Disciples with the Church in Brazil", and exploring ministry sites, as well as spending a day in Sao Paulo. For more information see the flyer below, talk to Carolyn Dye and/or Beth Germann or visit The Outreach Foundation website at www.theoutreachfoundation.org.

Travel with The Outreach Foundation to learn more about God's mission in Brazil. The trip will be led by Outreach's Associate Director for Mission Juan Sarmiento. Our hosts will be Outreach's Coordinator for Portuguese speaking ministries Jose Pezini and leaders of The Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil (IPIB). Cost of the trip is approximately \$3000 including airfare from Atlanta and all in-country costs: room, board, transport and two day participation in the conference "Making Disciples: The Essence of Mission".



AUGUST 24 – 31, 2018 MAKING DISCIPLES WITH THE CHURCH IN BRAZIL

The focus of the trip will be sharing with congregations that are prioritizing discipleship as a way of developing new congregations among younger generations that have become disconnected from traditional church structures. We will travel around Sao Paulo, Campinas, Valinhos and Sao Jose do Rio Preto visiting with new believers, pastors, recently planted congregations, and established congregations that are starting others. We will worship with brothers and sisters in Christ and learn from some of the leaders of a growing Presbyterian-led church planting movement that includes leaders from several Reformed and evangelical denominations.



**Come and see
what God is
doing!**

**Meet brothers
and sisters you
didn't know you
had!**

**Be encouraged
and be an
encourager**

**Take a step (or
more) outside
your comfort
zone!**

**Learn as you
share with others
who follow Jesus
in a very different
context**

**THE OUTREACH
FOUNDATION**

www.theoutreachfoundation.org

615-778-8881

Contact Lisa Dill for more
information and to register

Mission at Work, continued

Opportunity

Mission to Lesbos Greece Moria Refugee Camp

Date of Trip: July 16-26 or 27, 2018

Cost of Trip: Ground Fees to GEM: \$1,000 (hotel, meals and transportation)
(Application fee, \$150, remaining funds are due in mid-June)
Airfare: Approximately: \$1,200 – \$1,600
Travel Insurance: approx. \$ 50.00
Spending \$ for Miscellaneous

Funding Sources: Your church, personal fundraising, New Harmony Presbytery (last year, \$150.00 ea.)

Team Ratio: Either 1/1 or 2/2 male /female

Purpose of Trip: Our mission is to follow the call of Christ to the “least of these,” a portion of the 65 million displaced people in the world today. We will serve, bringing comfort, compassion, and hope among refugees from 40 different nations, men, women and children. Our mission is to serve others as if serving Christ.

What We Will Do (Probably): We will be working on 8 hour shifts (either 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; 12:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.; 12:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.) with one day off.

We may be passing out food, helping with paperwork, putting up tents, guarding gates; escorting POC's, distributing supplies, friendship, listening, etc.

Accommodations: Hotel in Pantaouga; kitchenette; restaurants within walking distance

Team Preparation: Applications and \$150.00 deposit due to Greater Europe Mission by March 14, 2018

<http://www.gemission.org/opportunities/greece-gem-refuge-short-term-trips>

First Planning Meeting: April 2018

Final Team Preparation: Either in three 2.5 hour segments or on one full day.

Other: your passport must be dated at least 6 months before expiration; include medical and evacuation insurance when tickets are booked.

For More Information: <http://www.gemission.org/refuge>

Christian Education News

LIFT is Coming to Christian Education after Easter.

What is LIFT? Living In Faith Together is a gathering that brings generations together to share food, fellowship and learning for one hour on Sunday mornings. This pilot program will replace Kids of the Kingdom, and will be held on Sunday April 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Christian Education encourages children, families and adults of all ages to come together to share this hour. The four common components are: sharing a meal together at tables, exploring a scripture theme among generations, developing a community through non-competitive recreation, and worshiping together through prayer.

RSVP LIFT today. Please contact the church office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org or 219-464-4985.

Kids of the Kingdom will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter as Kids will join parents in scheduled worship services. There will be no Kids of the Kingdom classes in April.

Geneva Center Summer Camps for Children and Youth offers a variety of summer camps. Go to www.genevacenter.org for complete summer camp information and online registration; or checkout the brochure displayed in the CE wing on the door of room 144-145.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for several scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available in the church office. Please submit completed forms to the church office by June 11, 2018.

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

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

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

Anyone with questions may contact Margaret Alexander, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at 462-8723.

April Calendar

Sunday, April 01, 2018 – Easter Sunday

6:30 AM	Sunrise Service	Pavilion
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary

Monday, April 02, 2018

8:30 AM	Retired Presbyterian Men	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	145
6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 03, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101

Wednesday, April 04, 2018

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

Thursday, April 05, 2018

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

Friday, April 06, 2018

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, April 07, 2018

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April Calendar, continued

Sunday, April 08, 2018

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Congregational Life Team (Rescheduled)	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:00 AM	LIFT*	144, 145, Fellowship Hall
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Puppets	Stage
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, April 09, 2018

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, April 10, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

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

Thursday, April 12, 2018

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

Friday, April 13, 2018

Saturday, April 14, 2018

April Calendar, continued

Sunday, April 15, 2018

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:00 AM	LIFT*	144, 145, Fellowship Hall
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Puppets	Stage
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
3:00 PM	Appalachian Mission Trip Meeting	Friendship Room

Monday, April 16, 2018

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Session	154, 155

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	IDGB Team Meeting	Sanctuary, HC, 154, 145, FR
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Committee	154, 155

Wednesday, April 18, 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	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site

Thursday, April 19, 2018

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

Friday, April 20, 2018

6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, April 21, 2018

9:00 AM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
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April Calendar, continued

Sunday, April 22, 2018

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:00 AM	LIFT*	144, 145, Fellowship Hall
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Puppets	Stage
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Deacon Quarterly Meeting	154, 155

Monday, April 23, 2018

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

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site

Thursday, April 26, 2018

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

Friday, April 27, 2018

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Sunday, April 29, 2018

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:00 AM	LIFT*	144, 145, Fellowship Hall
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Puppets	Stage

Monday, April 30, 2018

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

*denotes Living In Faith Together (Children, Families and Adults)

Opportunity

Study Buddies and Backpack Program

The current need is for 2-3 people for the Backpack Program. The work is about 1½ hours, once per month, at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.

Backpack Program

Contact: Janice Harris
Email: jbookmark42@gmail.com
Phone: 419-308-4356 (the 419 area code is correct)

Study Buddies

Contact: Joyce McMurtrey
Email: mcmurtrey1@comcast.net
Phone: 464-4422 / 219-242-7945

If anyone is interested, he/she can contact Janice Harris who will go through the details of the program and get him/her a copy of the Valparaiso Community Schools background check form. Anyone entering a school needs to be approved by the schools via the background check form.

Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle's

Next Meeting

Date:	April 19, 2018	Hostesses:	TBA
		Co-hostess:	TBA
Time:	10:00 A.M.	Lesson:	Janice Reichard

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School ("PWNS")

March was a fun month at PWNS as signs of spring finally began to show. The children decorated an Easter egg picture for their family projects. During the month of March, we had lots of fun with books. We had special Dr. Seuss days and Show-and-Tell days where the children brought in a favorite book to share with the class. Students also filled out a reading list with their families at home and were able to choose a new book to keep when they completed their list of the 10 books they read together.

A special thank you to Donna Parker for the generous memorial gift given in memory of her sister, Pat Halibozek, and her niece, Leslie Hahn. Thank you also to Paul and Connie Knauff for a donation to help with the expense of our students' annual plate making.

You can now follow Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School on Facebook to see pictures from some of our weekly activities. It is a great way to keep track of the fun and learning that we have at PWNS.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Please see a teacher for more information.

Sheya Bennett
309-5873

Ann Skadberg
405-7188

Resale Shop – April 2018 Schedule

April Scheduler: Carolyn Dye (219) 464-8878

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.
3 Pat Blanco Joan Johnston ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	4 Chris Hurd Alexa Olling ----- Carol Bonvissuto Cindy Robinson	5 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Carol McCreery Mary Linda Scott	6 Mary Henrichs Alexa Olling ----- Cindy Robinson TBD	7 Jackie Bernal Linda Hartlerode ----- Cindy Robinson TBD
10 Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pedersen ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	11 Sally Hawke Joan Hohnston ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	12 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Rose Ross Mary Linda Scott	13 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Nancy Becker Karen Simerlein	14 Linda Hartlerode Pam Skaltsas ----- Linda Hartlerode Pam Skaltsas
17 Mary Brown Barbara Aungst ----- Paul Knauff Karen Huguenard	18 Mary Jayne Shurr Star Ruwersma ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	19 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	20 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	21 Barbara Aungst Leanne Grant ----- Carolyn & Doug Dye
24 Inge Culberson Inge Nimtzt ----- Karen Simerlein Karen Volgelsang	25 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	26 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Carolyn Lelek Inge Nimtzt	27 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Ginger & Jim Boys	28 Carol Flannigan TBD ----- Catherine Busch Julie & Emily Golding

Resale Shop News

Changeover went smoothly due to all the hard working volunteers, including the Valpo HS Golf Club Team and the Methodists taking items to the Christian Appalachian Project. Come see what is new. Prepare to be amazed!

Carolyn Dye is scheduling for April and has some openings just for you. Please call her at 219-464-8878.

Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator:	Carolyn Dye
Vice-moderator:	Pam Skaltsas
Treasurer:	Linda Hartlerode
Secretary:	Rose Olivarri
Historian:	Mary Jayne Shurr

Happy Birthday!

April 1
Rhyder Fenters

April 3
Victoria Olling

April 6
Kim Klancer
Lorene Monk

April 9
Debbie Walls

April 12
Connie Knauff

April 13
Timothy Shideler

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

April 16
Julie Golding
Hayden Hughes
Jim Peller

April 19
Edison Buff
Mike Croarkin

April 20
Mary Henrichs

April 21
Mark Ribordy

April 22
Kathy Evans
Pete Goodpaster
Ken Koch
Tom Swihart

April 23
Cameron Hebert

April 25
Alex Williams

April 30
Terry Diedrich
Mike Nuppnau
Hannah Scheller
Denise Stanko

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

Financial Report

February 2018

Income	\$ 30,663	YTD Income	\$ 71,886
Expenses	<u>\$ 39,514</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 80,601</u>
Over/Short	\$ (8,851)		\$ (8,715)

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

Easter Sunday

April 1

9:00 a.m. Beth Germann
 Rose Ross
 Larry Wheeler

11:00 a.m. Ken Koch
 Olga Koch
 Steve Scarborough

April 8

9:00 a.m. Jackie Bernal
 Connie Knauff
 Paul Knauff

11:00 a.m. TBA

April 15

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

11:00 a.m. TBA

April 22

9:00 a.m. Rose Ross

11:00 a.m. TBA

April 29

9:00 a.m. TBA

11:00 a.m. Steve Scarborough

SEXTON: John Rittel

ELDER ON CALL

April 1 Lou Ann Karabel
 15 Connie Knauff
 29 Sterling Miller

DEACON ON CALL

April 8 Katie Golding
 22 Ron Izynski

COMMUNION SET UP,
 SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018

Mary Jayne Shurr
 Dolly Trapp

COMMUNION SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018
 PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Mike Becker
 Dolly Trapp

APRIL 1, 2018, COMMUNION SERVERS

Doyll Andrews *
 Andrea Phillips*
 Rhonda Coffin
 Barry Hughes
 Jerry Kahrs
 Lou Ann Karabel

*denotes team leaders



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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 or via phone (256) 425-3181.

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<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Doyll Andrews	Mission Team
Rhonda Coffin.....	Stewardship Team
Cathy Cole.....	Christian Education Team*
Brad Dirks	Worship Team
Barry Hughes	Building and Grounds Team*
Jerry Kahrs	iEngage Team
Lou Ann Karabel.....	Building Disciples Team
Connie Knauff.....	Christian Education Team*
Sterling Miller	Building and Grounds Team*
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Finance Team
Andrea Phillips.....	Congregational Life Team
Chip Wilkes.....	Personnel Team

*denotes Co-moderator

<u>Moderator of Session</u>	<u>Clerk of Session Pro Tem</u>
Pastor Mark Mueller	Linda Long

Clerk of Session
Judy Hollar



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