



TIDINGS

First Presbyterian Church

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Mission Statement: Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

In the middle of September, the Mueller family gathered in Holland, Michigan for some time together. This was a first for everyone in terms of an experience in the beautiful state of Michigan.

The days were delightful. Walking trails were everywhere. Frisbee golf, nature trails, shopping and sightseeing were the order of the day and we had a spectacular time.

I was grateful for time to rest, reflect and refresh. I have come to understand that time away is critical for effective ministry. Time away is vital for all of us but for me I sense more clearly what God is trying to say to me amid the very loud noise of culture and ministry.

Therefore, each day, while on vacation I commit to long walks. I love the outdoors and Michigan is a beautiful place to walk and enjoy the outdoors. Generally speaking, my walks in Michigan were uneventful. I would see an occasional black squirrel, walk through a meadow of ferns or find myself in a densely packed forest. All of this was a bit unusual for me. Occasionally, though, something odd would happen. For example, one day I was walking along the beach in the early afternoon hours. The waters of Lake Michigan were refreshing as they would brush up on my feet. The day was a cloudless one with waves a couple of feet high. As I scanned the horizon, the beauty of the place seemed to melt the tension of life and put things in proper perspective once again. As I looked out upon the vastness of the lake though I noticed something in the water a few feet from shore. It was a bobber of sort, somewhat gray. Upon closer examination it turned out to be a tennis ball.

What was a tennis ball doing by itself bobbing in the water? I didn't answer the question nor did I do anything about the tennis ball. I took the pleasure of stopping and doing nothing for a moment. I simply watched as a wave would wash the tennis ball ashore. Just as quickly the ball would roll back out into the water only to be washed ashore again by another wave. It was an endless cycle repeated over and over again.

Secretly I thought I was glad I was not the tennis ball. But as the afternoon went on, I thought perhaps God was communicating that I was a lot like the tennis ball. At home I would get up in the early morning hours and go to the office. Then at mid-morning I would be off for a quick walk in the park next to the church. Then, I was back to the office for a staff meeting. Then, I went home for lunch. Soon I was off for afternoon visits. The ebb and flow of ministry... of life. Like the tennis ball I rolled back into the water only to be washed ashore. After a period of time, some of this gets very old and tiring.

It wasn't long before I was thinking about the words of the theologian Soren Kierkegaard in 1835. He wrote in his journal, "What I really lack is to be clear in my mind.... the thing is to understand myself, to see what God really wishes for me to see.... What good would it do me to explain the meaning of Christianity if it had no deeper significance for me and my life?"

Frankly, I needed some time to clear my mind and this time in Michigan helped me.

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We all need this time. Jesus needed it as well.

There is a significant element in the life of Jesus that involved retreating from the ebb and flow of life. Perhaps even Jesus grew weary and tired from time to time.

Charles Baudelaire wrote, "For the perfect idler or for the passionate observer it becomes an immense source of enjoyment.... to be away from home and yet to feel at home anywhere; to see the world, to be at the very center of the world, and yet to be unseen of the world, such are some of the minor pleasures of those independent, intense and impartial spirits, who do not lend themselves easily to linguistic definitions."

It was good to be away for a while. Thank you for the opportunity.

The tennis ball story doesn't end there. Apparently God thought it important to remind me of what I had learned. Truth be told, I felt some empathy for that tennis ball hopelessly caught in the ebb and flow of life as I was. I promptly picked it out of the water and put it on the beach free of the water and the waves.

Two people were about 50 yards behind me on the same beach. Unbeknownst to me they picked up the tennis ball and eventually turned around and came upon my older daughter Lauren who was playing with Zoe, our two year old lab at the beach. These people gave the tennis ball to Zoe to play with.

Zoe brought the tennis ball back to the house and promptly laid it at my feet later that afternoon. I received it as a gift and a reminder of the need to retreat.

Blessings!
Mark

The bolded information was inadvertently omitted in the paper copy of the October Tidings. Sorry for the inconvenience.

After a hugely successful Installation Ceremony for Pastor Mark (He is FINALLY OFFICIALLY our 18th Head Pastor!!), Session didn't have a great deal of business to discuss.

Building Disciples Team requested a Called Session Meeting for October 30, 2016, for the purpose of receiving new members; Christian Education Team confirmed the use of GenOn Ministries curriculum for the Senior High Sunday School class; and Congregational Nominating Committee has set the fall Congregational Meeting for October 16, 2016, for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2019 and the Congregational Nominating Committee Members-at-Large for 2017. In addition, although it wasn't an easy decision, Session agreed with Worship Team's request to eliminate Fifth Sunday One Family services and instead follow the regular Sunday morning worship schedule of 9:00 a.m. Worship, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, and 11:00 a.m. Worship. Session realizes this will make Congregational Life activities a bit more challenging because early attenders must return after a period of time; but Elders will support ALL the activities that Congregational Life promotes.

In Old Business, Personnel Team is excited to be very close to finalizing the Youth Ministry Director position. In fact, by the time you read this, there could be one or two Valparaiso University students hired to work with our Middle School and High School Presbys, so watch for upcoming announcements!

Also extremely important for this congregation is our movement toward finally being able to offer Pastor Toby the position for which she is best suited. As of this writing, Session is waiting to hear from the Board of Pensions, the PCUSA entity that controls the benefits for employees and sets forth requirements and the costs that will apply. In the meantime, Session moved, seconded, and approved moving Pastor Toby to full-time status in her current position with a salary to reflect a ¼ increase in her time. This should become effective October 1, 2016, with the benefits outlined by Personnel.

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And finally, Mission Team reminded Session that the purpose of the church is MISSION, and if Elders ask members to follow the Biblical imperative to tithe, then Session should also be willing to tithe our church budget. FPC has followed this model in the past, but we are not currently doing so. As Moderators turn in their budget requests, they are encouraged to truly follow Christ and enrich the lives of others by both personally and collectively tithing!

If you would like more information, remember that you can read the detailed minutes that are always available (once approved) in the Session book in the front office near the receptionist's desk. 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

Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Donna Parker family on the death of her sister, Pat Halibozek;

To the Destiny Vargas family on the death of her grandfather, Richard Bukser.

To the Ann Klipstine family on the death of her husband, John.

To the family of Rosemary Long upon her death (Shurr family).

New Young Adult Group!!

Second Sundays

(meets on the second Sunday
of each month)

Join Pastors Mark and Toby at their home on the second Sunday of each month ([beginning October 9, 2016](#)) for some refreshment, with each other, and from the world!

4:00 p.m.—Please RSVP to Pastor Toby,
tmueller@fpcvalpo.org

First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, October 7, at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the 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

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Sunday, October 9, at 8:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room as we celebrate Christian fellowship and a delicious meal!

We hope to see you there - bring a friend!

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Christian Education

Adults Learn, 10:00 a.m.

Adult Christian Conversations in Room 101:

Led by Monica Conrad

Pastor's Class in the Sanctuary:

October 2

Led by Pastor Nancy Becker

October 9, 16, 23: Mental Health –Depression, Anxiety, Addiction

Led by Dr. Lawrence Pincus

October 30

Led by Pastor Mark Mueller

November 6, 13, 20—Prayer

Led by Lou Ann Karabel

November 27—Advent

Leader to be announced.

December 4—Advent

Leader to be announced.

(No class 12/11, 12/18, 12/25)

Holy Land Mission/Vision Trip

Join us as we travel to the Holy Land May 15-27, 2017 with The Outreach Foundation! **Deadline to sign up is November 1, 2016.** We will visit strategic partners including Bethlehem Bible College, Palestinian Bible Society, and a reconciliation ministry, as well as have time to experience the sites of the biblical narrative, and the places where Christ's life and ministry became incarnational, including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Jericho, and the Dead Sea. More information can be found on flyers in the Narthex; **please sign up with Dawn in the church office (dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org or 464-4985) by November 1 if you are interested in going!**

Land Cost: \$2,480, double occupancy; single supplement, \$650. Not included is round trip air, two meals, and tips.

Go to www.theoutreachfoundation.org/trips for more details.

New Members Class!!

Want to know more about what it means to be Christian, a Presbyterian, and an FPC Valpo person? Come join us for a 3 week series (including lunch!) following the 11am service on 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30 in the Friendship Room! ALL are invited – you don't have to be a non-member to come find out more! PLEASE join us! (and RSVP so we know how much to prepare!)

Please RSVP to Pastor Toby
tmueller@fpcvalpo.org, or
219-464-4985 ext. 1

or to
Doyll Andrews
dandrews3@sbcglobal.net, or
219-680-7402

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

Presbyterian Resale Shop

Thanks to all our fantastic volunteers over the weekend and at the Popcorn Fest weekend: Scout Troop 920, Pam, Linda, Sue, Darlene, Dottie, Carol, Alexa, Carolyn, Carol, Rose, Fran, Barbara, Mary Jayne, Pat, Linda, Helen, Betty, Jackie, Karen, Kay, Betty, Linda, Karen, Becky, Sharon, and so many others that have contributed by working in the back room and filling the more than 80 slots working the counter every Tuesday through Saturday each month, the Presbyterian Resale Shop has changed-over to Fall and Winter items. Great job, everyone!!

We couldn't do it without your help!
Come see the difference.
There's something to interest everyone.

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. 16	Oct. 23	Nov. 6	Nov. 13
Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

To be taken home: _____

To be delivered to shut-ins: _____

Women's Retreat at Geneva Center, Rochester, IN



FPC Valpo is sponsoring a women's retreat at the beautiful Geneva Center from noon Saturday, October 15 – noon Sunday, October 16, 2016. Using Betty Richardson's beautiful collection of kaleidoscopes as our focal point, our theme is: The God Who Sees Me. Come play with us! Look for beauty all around us, and within us, as we search scripture, tell stories, use color and enjoy God's creation as well as our fellowship! \$75/person double occupancy, \$95/person single occupancy, which includes three meals and retreat materials. Registration forms are available in the Narthex, and due to Elizabeth Monroe (or Pastor Toby's box) by **October 9, 2016**. Please see Pastor Toby or Ruling Elder Lou Ann Karabel for more details. Come join in the fun with us!

On the Go Excursions

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

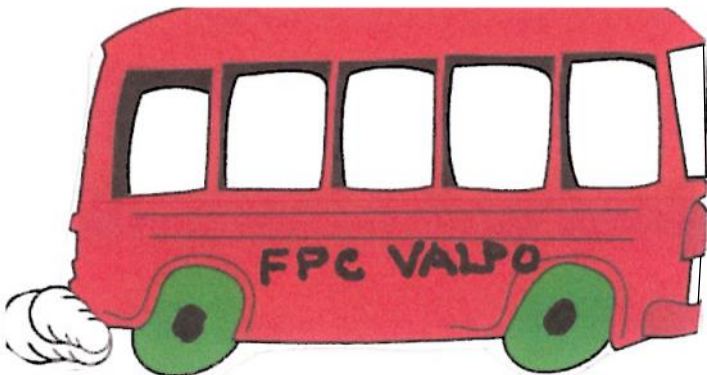
Adult excursion to see a matinee performance of
"Pump Boys and Dinettes"
a musical comedy
at
Theatre at the Center in
Munster

Lunch, Performance, Transportation
Cost: \$80

Leave the church at 10:45 a.m.
Return by 5:00 p.m.

Make checks payable to FPC Valpo.
Please include
"On the Go Excursions" on the memo line.

For more information see Pastor Nancy Becker.



Special Thanks

My dear friends,

Thank you for your intercessory prayers during my illness. Your carding calls and cards helped me through a very tough time.

May God richly bless each of you,

Marcelle Johnson

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Church family,

Bill and I would like to thank ALL of you for your thoughts, prayers and all the beautiful cards. Also thanks to Pastor Mark and Pastor Toby for coming to Chicago to visit.

God Bless you ALL!

Bill and Martha Baltas

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:** A new door and ramp was built for Kate Sawtell. Thank you to the church and outside volunteers who helped Kate be more mobile!

There are many new homes being worked on this year. Contact Brian Johnson to volunteer at brian@bcjohnson.net

PADS: We will be hosting again starting in October 19, 2016, at our church. If you know you would like to help this fall/winter, please let Beth Germann know 477-9964. Needs include:

- Volunteers for meals (dinner on Wednesday evenings and breakfast on Thursday mornings) Great for families to do together!
- Working the shift from 1:30 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. Thursday mornings
- Do laundry once a month
- Intake from 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings

NEW MISSIONS: Mission has funds if you have a specific mission you want us to become involved in. Please contact Beth Germann or any Mission team member. We want to hear what missions you are passionate about!

CUBA MISSION TRIP: 13 people have committed to be part of the mission team going November 5 – 12, 2016. Please look out for more information and requests!

HOLY LAND MISSION TRIP: May 2017 – Flyers are available for those interested.

Kenya R.E.A.L. – A thank you note was received for our donations. The May 2017 Mission Trip is postponed due to the election being held in Kenya. See Ken McAloon if you are interested in helping with this mission.

Praise Items – Second Mile and Mission Offerings Collected:

January	\$762.00 was donated for Family House
February	\$771.00 was donated to PADS
	The concert for PADS raised \$469.00
March	\$1,437.00 was donated to One Great Hour of sharing
April	\$533.00 was donated to Kairos Outside
May	\$853.00 was donated to Kid's Alive
June	\$857.00 was donated for Mission Helping Mission
July	\$792.00 was donated for Disaster Relief
August	\$1,167 was donated for PWNS Scholarships

Total given this year = \$6,784!!

A new college age mission group has started up. Contact Christine McAloon if you are interested in joining them. They are setting up activities for the 2016 – 2017 school year.

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 477-9964; or we meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

Christian Food Pantry

In July, 240 families were served which provided food for 589 people.

Basic food items needed are as follows:

- ◇ Canned Soups
- ◇ Canned Fruit
- ◇ Canned Veggies (corn, green beans, etc.)
- ◇ Cereal
- ◇ Pancake Mix and Syrup
- ◇ Pork 'n Beans

Other items needed are as follows:

- ◇ Cooking Oil (small bottles)
- ◇ Dish Detergent
- ◇ Facial Tissue
- ◇ Laundry Detergent
- ◇ Bathroom Tissue

As always the answer to the question of ‘what do you need?’ If you use it or like it – pantry families use it and like it.

—Nan, Anne, Sharon

Grub Run/Walk

Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Valplayso, 1400 Glendale Blvd
(1/2 block east of Roosevelt,
south side of Glendale)

More information is included on the registration forms found on the credenza in the Narthex.

Proceeds go to the Christian Food Pantry.

Church Clean Up Day

October 15, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. – Noon
Rain Date – October 22, 2016

Volunteers Needed:

Please bring gloves, pruning shears, shovels, power saws, wheel barrels, and pick up trucks

Areas to Cover:

- ◆ Church Beds – prune and clean out for winter-need pruning shears/gloves
- ◆ Clean Church Windows inside and out.
- ◆ Vacuum ledge above church sanctuary

North Entrance

- ◆ Prepare drainage trench – need wheel barrels, shovels, and gloves
- ◆ Remove yews

Pathway Preparation

- ◆ Clear under growth areas-need power saws/gloves

Church Sign

- ◆ Need two loads of city mulch to spread around sign and spruce
- ◆ Severely cut back burning bushes and take to compose site – need power saw and pickup trucks

SECOND MILE OFFERING AND CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

October's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Peacemaking 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.

Pick and Treat for Tots

During the month of October, the Youth Service Bureau sponsors a program to help collect supplies for their Tot Shop. The Tot Shop is located in downtown Valparaiso on Lincolnway St. and has a mobile unit that visits La Porte, Knox, and Winamac. The Shop provides Moms with needed baby and toddler items which they can purchase with coupons that they earn from completing activities such as prenatal exams, wellness baby checks, health screenings, immunizations, parenting classes, and nutrition programs. The Tot Shop and mobile units currently serve over 2,000 people each year. Items in the Tot Shop include cribs, baby clothes, diapers, strollers, high chairs, and books and toys. How can you help? During the month of October, please donate new items that will be taken to the Shop to help restock their supply. Monetary donations are always welcome.

Items needed at this time are:

- Fall jackets and hooded sweatshirts (sizes newborn to 18 months)
- Diapers (ONLY newborn and size 4)
- Diaper bags
- High chair covers
- Educational/developmental toys
- Baby carriers/slings
- Carrier covers
- Crib sheets
- Children's blankets, receiving and heavier
- Baby sleepers and clothes

There will be a container in the narthex to place your items during the month of October. Thank you in advance for all your support with Pick and Treat for Tots. Any questions call Connie Knauff at 462-8614.

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Saturday, October 01, 2016

Sunday, October 02, 2016 - World Communion Sunday

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	Conference Room
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	100, 155, 144, 145, 154
10:05 AM	Adult Bible Study	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, October 03, 2016

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

Tuesday, October 04, 2016

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 05, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	FR, Kitchen, 154/155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:15 PM	Building Disciples Team	Workroom
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155

Thursday, October 06, 2016

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:00 PM	Endowment Team	101
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, October 07, 2016

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall/Gym
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Saturday, October 08, 2016

9:00 AM	Awakening Team Meeting	Sanctuary, 155, Friendship Room, 101, 154
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OCTOBER

Sunday, October 09, 2016

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	100, 155, 144, 145, 154
10:05 AM	Adult Bible Study	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym
4:00 PM	Second Sundays (Young Adult Group)	Off-site
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, October 10, 2016

11:00 AM	Docket Meeting	Workroom
11:30 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Christian Ed Team - Rescheduled	145
6:00 PM	Stewardship Team	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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
6:00 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	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 13, 2016

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	IDGB Reunion Group	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym
7:00 PM	Operations Team	Workroom

Friday, October 14, 2016

Saturday, October 15, 2016

9:00 AM	Fall Clean Up Day	FPC
12:00 PM	Women's Retreat	Geneva Center

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Sunday, October 16, 2016

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	100, 155, 144, 145, 154
10:05 AM	Adult Bible Study	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	New Members' Class	Friendship Room, Kitchen
12:00 PM	Women's Retreat	Geneva Center
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, October 17, 2016

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	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/Gym

Thursday, October 20, 2016

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room
5:00 PM	Trunk-or-Treat	Parking Lot, Fellowship Hall/Gym
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym

Friday, October 21, 2016

Saturday, October 22, 2016

9:00 AM	InterPlay Workshop	Fellowship Hall/Gym
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Sunday, October 23, 2016

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	100, 155, 144, 145, 154
10:05 AM	Adult Bible Study	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	New Members' Class	Friendship Room, Kitchen
1:00 PM	VNA Memorial Service	Sanctuary, Hospitality Center
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, October 24, 2016

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

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

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
6:00 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	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/Gym

Thursday, October 27, 2016

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

Friday, October 28, 2016

Saturday, October 29, 2016

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Sunday, October 30, 2016

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Sunday School	100, 155, 144, 145, 154
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:05 AM	Adult Bible Study	Sanctuary
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	New Members' Class	Friendship Room, Kitchen
12:00 PM	Called Session Meeting	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, October 31, 2016

7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall/Gym
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Looking Ahead:

Services on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2016, will be at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 8:00 pm.

There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2016.

There will be one service at 10:00 a.m. on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2017.

It feels like it's been a rough start to the new school year for me. Computer glitches, ornery kiddoes, new curriculum, and already I have piles of ungraded papers and articles to read. I think I probably feel the same way every year until I switch gears from the lazy days of summer to "back-to-school" mode. As Deacons, we also wind down a bit over the summer... fewer meetings and no big projects. However, we still go about the Lord's business of visiting or calling our Deacon Friends, setting up and presenting the communion elements, creating caring cards, and keeping our eyes and ears open for members in need. Now that autumn has arrived, your Deacons are beginning to plan for the season ahead. Some members are collecting token gifts for Advent bags while others are ordering Christmas plants for our Friends. Our Cookie Sale requires lots of preparation and organization. A budget for the coming year is due and folks are thinking about how they can best use their time and talent on the Board of Deacons for the coming year. I love the scripture that says "... Whatever you do work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." (Colossians 3:23) The Deacons ask you to pray for us as we move ahead in service this year. You are all in our prayers as we join hands as a community and go about the Lord's business.

Blessings to you all!

Attendance Sheet

Worship Services	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Sept. 4	Sept. 11
8:00 AM	48	50	44	
9:00 AM	81	65	82	102
11:00 AM	56	64	55	54
TOTAL:	185	179	181	156

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2016

Stacey Buehler

Janet Helsper

Daniel Higgins

Sharon Kinsey*

Christina Kukler

CLASS OF 2017

Mary Brown

Matthew Byerly

Rhonda Coffin

Carolyn Hughes

Melissa Klancer

Tanya Parker

Andrea Phillips

CLASS OF 2018

Ginger Boys

Jim Boys

Carla Evans

Kathy Evans

Jason Gordon

Jacki Phillips

Ron Phillips

Mary Jayne Shurr

YOUTH DEACONS

CLASS OF 2016

Allison Skadberg

*denotes Moderator

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School (“PWNS”)

After an enjoyable summer, we are excited to be back to begin our 40th 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.

Also, thanks for the generous support of PWNS in the Second Mile Offering from August, which raised \$1,167!

A very special thank you to Paul and Connie Knauff for a donation in memory of Ed Ross and to Sharon Harris for a donation in memory of Nina Schirg.

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 3-4 class that meets on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please contact one of the teachers if you need any information about PWNS.

Happy fall!

Sheya Bennett
309-5873

Ann Skadberg
405-7188

Saints

Our Wednesday, October 5th, SAINTS program will feature more of Indiana's 200-year history with a "twofer", that is, two speakers sharing their knowledge! Most of you probably know of Kevin Pazour, Executive Director of the Porter County Museum. In April of this year he was appointed Porter County Historian. Kevin spoke at SAINTS in March of 2009. Joining him will be our own Sharon Swihart who is a history buff and Valpo's Clerk-Treasurer as well as treasurer of the museum's Board of Trustees. She spoke to us in September 2012 about preserving Valpo's deteriorating city record books (1857 to 1905). More records have been discovered since 2012. Both speakers will draw from their wealth of information to make for a very interesting program. Be there and bring a friend!

Please join us for the noon luncheon. Since our meals are catered, it is important that you call the church office at 464-4985 by the Wednesday before each monthly gathering to make your reservation. If you must cancel, please be sure to do so by the Monday before the program. Otherwise (except for an emergency), you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost since we have to pay the caterer for your lunch.

Christian Education News

The Christian Education Team will be hosting Coffee Hour on October 9, 2016. At that time, we invite you to come and see the new location of our Church Library in Room 140. We are planning to exhibit some old Bibles including two volumes from our old church. It is a two volume format of the Old Testament published in 1904. Also included is an interesting volume which contains four translations of the scriptures. We also would like to include old Bibles belonging to members of our congregation. Perhaps you have an old family Bible to share; if so, please contact Georgia Coyle.

Our beautiful new bookcases which were constructed and presented to our library by Zane and Cathy Cole, have been installed.

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

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 23

Braedon Rossetti

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 28

Dee Allen

October 29

Cheryl Marckese
Lisa Thomas

October 31

Carl Haney

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

Resale Shop – October 2016 Schedule

Oct. and Nov.: Kay Exley – 219-464-4154

Dec. and Jan.: Carolyn Dye – 216-464-8878

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.
				1 Jackie Bernal Pat Tuerff ----- Bob & Sandy Sopata
4 Pat Blanco Joan Johnston ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	5 Ken & Sharon Passe ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	6 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Mary Henrichs Star Ruwersma	7 Valerie Dussich Sally Hawke ----- Sue Durnell Pat Tuerff	8 Barb Aungst Leanne Grant ----- Carol Flanagan Alexa Olling
11 Marilyn Mohr Mary Henrichs ----- Carolyn Dye Doug Dye	12 Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	13 Rose Ross Betty Richardson ----- Star Ruwersma Karen Simerlein	14 Pat Tuerff Judy Kendrick ----- Ginger & Jim Boys	15 Linda Hartlerode Mary Henrichs ----- Alexa Olling Carol Funkhouser
18 Barb Aungst Sue Durnell ----- Paul Knauff Pat Tuerff	19 Peggy Caprous Mary Jane Shurr ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	20 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	21 Ruth Eskilson Janice Reichard ----- Nancy Becker Karen Simerlein	22 Marilyn Owens Pat Tuerff ----- Mary Henrichs Carol Bonvissuto
25 Inge Nimtz Dana Hice ----- Carolyn Dye Doug Dye	26 Peggy Caprous Mary Jane Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	27 Linda Harvey Nancy Pedersen ----- Carolyn Lelek Inge Nimtz	28 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Carol Funkhauser Pat Blanco	29 Sue Durnell Torrie Bauer ----- Linda Hartlerode Inge Nimtz

HARRIET DRAPIER / MARY CROSBY CIRCLE

Date: October 20, 2016

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Hostesses: Rose Cummins

Kathy Rowe

Lesson: Mary Stoner

PW Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator: Carolyn Dye

Treasurer: Pam Skaltsas

Secretary: Sue Durnell

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 2

9:00 a.m. Carolyn Dye
Doug Dye
Karen Huguenard
Larry Wheeler

11:00 a.m.

Chris Hoham
Susan Williams
TBD

October 9

9:00 a.m. David Goodwin
Cathy Greenawald
Phebe Klapp
Ron Izynski

11:00 a.m.

Doug Hollar
Judy Hollar
Beth Germann

October 16

9:00 a.m. Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
Betty Richardson
Destiny Vargas

11:00 a.m.

Jim Knopf
Debbie Shaw
Pete Shaw

October 23

9:00 a.m. Julie Golding
Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs

11:00 a.m.

Ginger Boys
Jim Boys
Sandy Hartlerode

October 30

9:00 a.m. Fred Grosick
Susan Grosick
Kim Klancer
Vic Klancer

11:00 a.m.

Bob Bernal
Jackie Bernal
Dan Higgins

SEXTON: Michael Williams

COMMUNION SET UP, SATURDAY, OCT. 1, 2016

Matthew Byerly
Dan Higgins

COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Sharon Kinsey
TBD

COMMUNION SERVERS

9:00 a.m. **Fred Grosick – Team Leads**
Craig Johnson – Team Leads
Doyll Andrews
Monica Conrad
Lou Ann Karabel
Michael Williams

ELDER ON CALL

October	2	Sterling Miller
	16	Michael Williams
	30	Cathy Cole

DEACON ON CALL

October	9	Ron Phillips
	23	Jacki Phillips

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

2	Susan Grosick
9	The Thomas Family
16	Deacons
23	Cathy Greenawald
30	TBD

We Appreciate Our
Tidings Crew,
Church Office Team, and
Photography Team!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO
FINANCIAL REPORT
August 2016

Income	\$ 32,502	YTD Income	\$ 330,849
Expenses	<u>\$ 29,523</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 266,631</u>
Over/Short	\$ 2,979		\$ 64,218

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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO

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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Leila Buford, Congregational Life
Cathy Cole, Christian Education*
Monica Conrad, iEngage
Mike Croarkin, Worship
Beth Germann, Mission
Fred Grosick, Finance
Jim Hubbard, Personnel
Craig Johnson, Stewardship
Lou Ann Karabel, Christian Education*
Sterling Miller, Building and Grounds*
Michael Williams, Building and Grounds*

MODERATOR OF SESSION

Pastor Mark Mueller

CLERK OF SESSION

Judy Hollar

*denotes Co-moderator



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