

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



### Surprises!

Toby and I had just seen the last museum on our recent trip to Paris, France when we decided to eat lunch at one of the hundreds of restaurants along the streets of Paris. On this day, we stopped at an attractive corner deli not far from the Musée d'Orsay. We were escorted to the upper floor of the restaurant where we sat down and rested our weary legs.

Our table was in a small room adjacent to a kitchen. Surprisingly, many tables were located in this tiny room. The waitress invited us to sit down next to a young man. Wherever we went in France, we were always close to other people who were eating. On this day, we sat next to this man no more than six inches from his table. Since this guy was so close to us, I kind of felt we had joined him for lunch.

In a quick glance at the man, I noticed he happened to be wearing a shirt with a bulldog on the front. The lettering was faded but it appeared to be English. His shirt was teal blue, but I could not place where he was from. So, I took a chance and said, "Are you from the States?"

It turned out that this young man's name was Zach. He had just graduated from Butler University in Indianapolis and was on an 11 day vacation treat to celebrate his graduation from college. He was a fine young man, very polite and well-spoken. I thought he was somewhat brave in travelling by himself.

Toby and I talked with Zach for nearly an hour. We conversed about where he was living while in France. He likely had a good home with loving parents. At the end of our time, we said goodbye as if we were family. This had been a special time. It was certainly surprising that three people from Indiana could find themselves at a remote table in the middle of a foreign country.

Life is full of surprises, a lot them pleasant ones.

Just yesterday, I was playing a game with the preschoolers at VBS. Eleven little preschoolers had arrived for 20 minutes of games. I had decided before hand to play duck, duck, goose. To my amazement more than half of the class had never heard of the game. So I introduced it.

I held each little preschooler's hand as they played the game. At least that was the way it was going until I took the hand of one little girl to help her play. She promptly took her hand back. She looked at me in her confident manner and said, "I know how to do this." Wow! I laughed out loud. It was another surprise, a pleasant one.

Life has many wonderful surprises if we can take time to notice them. These surprises come in large and small ways.

The Bible has many wonderful surprises as well. I am constantly amazed at the beauty of these surprises.

I think back on the stories of Samuel, Paul, Mary and Peter. There are so many twists and turns in those stories but each of them have wonderful surprises contained within the story.

God is going to birth the Savior in a twelve year old little girl. That is surprising.

Samuel hears voices and is young, yet is called to lead the people of God. Peter denies our Lord, but God builds the church upon this unlikely man. Paul is that great persecutor of Christians, and yet Paul becomes one of those people.

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## Surprises, continued

Just the other day, I happened to read an article about the story of Naomi.

In the Book of Ruth, we learn about this marvelous and courageous woman.

While living in a foreign land, she lost her husband and two sons and returned with only her daughter-in-law Ruth and a heart full of sorrow. “Do not call me Naomi [pleasant]; call me Mara [bitter],” she told her former neighbors, “for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me” (Ruth 1:20).

As sad and as tragic as the story of Naomi is, somehow a discouraged Naomi kept looking for God. She kept herself open to God’s wonderful surprises. She believed that God had not forgotten her but loved her and would provide for her despite the tragedies that were taking place in her life.

What appeared to be a dead-end for Naomi had become a doorway for new surprises and opportunities.

The Old Testament book of Ruth is a brief narrative infused with an amazing sweetness and grace as “the Lord” is mentioned time after time.

Through Naomi and other characters in the Bible we are reminded that God works in surprising ways to make His love known and to accomplish His purposes—even during difficult times.

God’s surprises continue. So take heart. God has not stopped showing His kindness to you and me. Remain open and look.

Blessings!  
Mark

### Pastoral Visit

If you would like a visit from the one of the pastors, please contact Dawn in the church office at [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org) or 219-464-4985 to set up a time.

### Memorials Received

We thank you for the memorials received in memory of Larry Lane. They are very much appreciated.

### July 1, 2018, Worship Services

Please join us on Sunday, July 1, 2018. We will have two services of worship:

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| 8:00 a.m.  | Outdoor Worship Service in the Pavilion     |
| 10:00 a.m. | Blended Service of Worship in the Sanctuary |

Due to the revised schedule, the Pastor's Class Bible Study will not meet on Sunday, July 1, 2018.

Bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

### Disciples Bible Study

Disciples Bible Study, which meets on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., is beginning the study of Disciple: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study. We welcome all who wish to accompany us as we learn more about the Bible and listen to what the Spirit has to tell us through Scripture.

For more information contact Carolyn Dye at [cdjadye@gmail.com](mailto:cdjadye@gmail.com) or 464-8878.

## Session Synopsis of June 18, 2018

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord” begins Psalm 95, and “Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything” according to Plato. Elder Brad Dirks began our Devotions this month with these verses to introduce an inspirational music video by Sarah Van der Ploeg and Josh Jones, the son of two of our members. You might enjoy the clip the Elders contemplated:

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c\\_qRgdeHS9s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_qRgdeHS9s)).

Two Personnel Team items were introduced by Elder Chip Wilkes. First, we are excited that our own Lynsey Buehler (a sophomore at Wheeler High School) has been hired to work in our Nursery on Sunday mornings. Lynsey will be a great addition to our staff.

But it is with great sadness and regret that Elders accepted the resignation of our beloved organist Janice Axmann. Janice has served FPC loyally for 19 years, but she has decided it is time to relocate closer to her daughter in Texas. Please join us in celebrating Janice’s long ministry to our church during a special Coffee Hour farewell on July 22, 2018. If you wish to contribute to a parting gift for Janice, please direct this to Beverlee in the office.

Christian Education Team has chosen the Spark curriculum for Kids of the Kingdom for the 2018-19 school year which was approved. The LIFT curriculum was approved for use in a multigenerational class of kids and adults on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday morning of each month of the school year at 10:00 a.m. Kids of the Kingdom will take place at 10:00 a.m. on the remaining Sundays.

In planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, it was approved to have two services on July 1, at 8:00 in the Pavilion and at 10:00 in the Sanctuary. Also, Ken Crews and Presbys are planning a fundraiser of parking cars on July 4<sup>th</sup> for the fireworks celebration.

In other business, Session addressed several topics:

- Pastor Mark gave an update of our relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Portage. (They value us very much, and they LOVE Ken Crews!)

- Elders directed the Clerk to write letters concerning our four graduating seniors/incoming college freshmen to both Presbytery and to the respective local churches asking them to make connections with the students. The Clerk was also asked to contact Valparaiso University to see if there are students who might be Presbyterians so we can invite them to our church.
- A letter from PC(USA) invited our congregation to join their national commitment to end hunger. Mission Team will evaluate this possibility.
- Pastor Mark reminded Elders that budget numbers will be due later this summer.
- Pastor Mark also reminded Elders that the General Assembly is currently meeting in St. Louis (our own Linda Long is a delegate!), and they are addressing a number of very serious issues.
- Building Disciples proposed that Policy #BD1 be rescinded. Following discussion, Session approved, as we currently follow the Book of Order Membership policy which is all that is necessary.
- Elder Sterling Miller, Moderator of Building & Grounds, announced that FPC has passed the Homeland Security Boiler Inspection!

Session was also reminded that there will be no meeting in July, and regularly scheduled team meetings will not take place. If members of the congregation have questions or concerns, however, they are encouraged to contact any Elder or the Pastors.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

## “Answer the Call”

“Answer the Call.” That is what I came away with after listening to Pastor Mark’s sermon “Speak for Your Servant Is Listening” on June 3. God calls us to be His hands and feet, love our neighbors, and make disciples of all the people.

What will be our response? God’s method of contacting us doesn’t necessarily come with Caller ID – how will we know it is God speaking to us? As Pastor Mark said, “God can use his word, his creation, music, and others (to name a few) to speak to us.” Sometimes we are hesitant to take the call. However when we answer God’s call, oftentimes we are blessed in addition to blessing others. For example, in calling a friend to go walking, camaraderie was gained by both parties as well as an energy that lasted through the day. In answering a request to help at a funeral dinner, not only was the family of the deceased helped, but the workers also gained fellowship and a sense of purpose.

God calls us to give of our time, talents, and treasures – actually all are things given to us by God in the first place. In the Presbyterian Church, we have something called Per Capita, which is a \$40 amount divided between Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly – linking all of the Presbyterian churches together as one body of Christ. Part of this money goes out to help churches in paying for education programs, in giving grants for mission work, and so on.

We, at First Pres Valpo, are committed to paying our entire Per Capita bill; and this money doesn’t come out of the pledge monies of our members. You must make a separate contribution. Our members’ giving to Per Capita is way behind last year’s giving. There is a poster in the Narthex with houses on it saying “It Takes a Village.” Please contribute \$40 so that we all can work together as one body to help reach others both locally and globally.

Please, answer the call.

Thank you,

Rhonda Coffin, Stewardship Moderator

## Building Disciples News

SAVE THE DATE!  
August 31 – September 2, 2018

The Building Disciples Ministry Unit will live-stream the Center for Action and Contemplation’s annual conference, *Conspire*. This year’s theme: *The Path of Descent Is the Path of Transformation*.

Father Richard Rohr, founder and director of the CAC, is an author and teacher of contemplation, non-dual consciousness and social justice. In addition to Rohr, speakers will include Brian McLaren, Barbara Brown Taylor, Barbara Holmes and Mirabai Starr. Find more information at <https://cac.org/events/conferences/>.

There is no charge for this event.

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Gospelized lives are lives that have encountered Jesus Christ. Christ’s call leads to a continually unfolding story for each of us.

On Sunday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m. in room 101, join Lou Ann Karabel in a discussion of one chapter of John Indermark’s *Gospelized Lives: Encounters with Jesus*.

This book is a study for anyone who desires to think deeply about hearing and responding to Christ. We will discuss “Called,” a chapter focusing on five people whose experiences with Jesus called them to new lives.

If you’d like to examine the book, you can find a copy on a table in the church library.

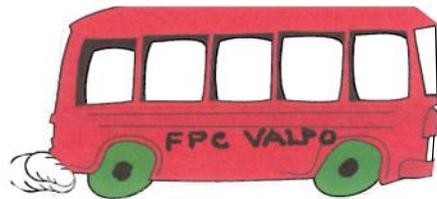
Please prayerfully consider joining us!

## On-The-Go Excursion

Railcats Baseball!!  
Sunday, July 29, 2018

A family friendly outing for the whole church family.  
Come out and cheer for the Gary/Southshore Railcats as they play the St. Paul Capitals.  
Bring the family. Bring some friends. Game starts at 2:10 p.m.

Meet in the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. to carpool to the game. Once we arrive at the stadium, we will meet in front of the box office to purchase tickets together in the same section.  
Reserved Section Tickets cost \$10.  
This is a great way to enjoy America's pastime with the church family.



On The Go Excursions  
Is Thinking Ahead – Hamilton!!!!

January 6, 2019

The cost is \$199 which includes: play, bus transportation, and box lunch.

Please call the Valpo Parks Department at 462-5144 to make a reservation as we will be traveling with them.

The bus leaves at 11:30 a.m. (after 9:00 a.m. worship service) from the Valpo Parks Office, 3210 N. Campbell Street, Valparaiso.

## Parish Nurse Team News

The Parish Nurse Team is in the process of compiling a list of church members who are CPR and AED certified. If you are certified, would you please contact me at the phone/email below?

In addition, we are looking at the possibility of offering a CPR/AED class at FPC. We would need at least five students confirmed before the instructors would commit to teach the class. The cost would be approximately \$25/person depending how many students; and the class would last 2-3 hours. Please contact me at [HERoss@comcast.net](mailto:HERoss@comcast.net) or 219-465-1634 if you are interested in taking the class.

Thank you and blessings,

Rose Ross

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**American  
Red Cross**

# POWER *in the* blood

*You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life!*

## **Blood Drive** **First Presbyterian Church**

Gym  
3401 N. Valparaiso Street  
Valparaiso

**Sunday, July 15**  
**8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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

Order ID: Item ID: Qty: Lot# - 038105310 - ApNumber

## Coffee Hour

Attention families and small groups - please consider signing up to host a Coffee Hour in July. 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](mailto:fletcherjulie3@gmail.com)

Thanks for your support!

### 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

### A Heartfelt Thank You

Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your donation to the Hilltop Food Pantry. Thanks to donations such as yours, our flood disaster has become a tremendous opportunity for us to help so many families who run short of food money. You have helped us continue to be a presence in our community dedication to improving people's lives!

Sincerely,

Hilltop Neighborhood House

### Presbyterian Saints

Please join us on Wednesday, July 11, 2018\*, at 12:00 p.m. for our next Saints luncheon. The program following the luncheon will be given by the Butterfly Ladies: Laura Tucker, Linda Mapes, and Carolyn Dye. They will present the program "The Elusive Monarch: Where has it been and where is it going?" This team raises monarch (and the occasional swallowtail) butterflies. At that time, they will bring in various stages of the monarch life cycle: egg, larval instars, chrysalids, and adult butterflies/weather and monarch migration permitting. In addition, they will have suggestions as to how you may attract butterflies and other pollinators to your yard.

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling or emailing the church office at 219-464-4985 or [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) by Friday, July 6, 2018. If you need to cancel, please notify the church office by noon on Monday, July 9, 2018. Otherwise, except in an emergency, you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost of your meal as we have to pay the caterer. Thank you.

*\*denotes due to the fourth of July, we will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.*

### Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Carol and Tom Byerly family upon the death of Carol's father, Richard Lynch.

To the Michele Stolpe family upon the death of her husband, Dean.

## Romper, the River Otter News!

### A Rolling River Rampage Report from Romper, the River Otter



Hi Everybody! It's me, Romper! We had a great time June 10 - 13 at VBS. I had fun with my 40+ friends and the Paddle Captains. We had great dinners with the families each evening. (I brought my own "catch of the day.") Then we met in the sanctuary to start the rolling river rampage, where each of our four groups followed the blue river through the church for a rotating 15 minutes each at Bible Story, Mission/Snack, Craft, Science, Games. Those leaders gave great lessons!

We finished out the evenings with a gathering in the sanctuary by the waterfall to dance and move to the songs on the video and recall our lesson of the evening. Harry Karabel even wrote a special song for VBS called "Water". Wow!

One night, we had a special guest who joined us for dinner and traveled around to our group sessions! It was Ruth Ingraham! She told me that she and the other members of the church love to see the kids and it makes them feel so happy when kids are around in the service. We love her; she did not get wet even once, but she came very close to the blue paper rolling river.

Guess where I am now!!! Big surprise! I have traveled across town to the First Christian Church to help them with their Rolling River Rampage! They said they would take good care of me! Our church wrapped up big paper waterfall set and offered it to the First Christian Church to use for their June 17 -21 Rollin' River Rampage. They were thrilled! You should have seen us wrapping up the waterfall and carting it in the bed of a pickup truck across town! It's good to help our neighbors!

Thanks for your donations of money in water bottles that we collected for the mission "Living Waters of the World." It will be awesome to hear how much money was in all the water bottles to help bring clean water to where they need it in the world!

You can bet I'll be back to FPC Valpo soon to make a surprise appearance. Heading for the river now ..... Bye!!!

Love, Romper

## Deacons Doings

Any special plans for summer?

Not really. Well maybe for individual Deacons. For the group as a whole it will be business as usual.

Summer is a time for many of us to slow down, spend extra time with family and friends, maybe travel a little or just get out in nature and walk with God.

But when it comes to serving our congregation the Deacons are not taking the summer off. We will back each other up as needed for individual time away. But you will find us still greeting people on Sunday morning, visiting homebound friends, taking flowers to hospitals and retirement homes, preparing the elements for communion, serving communion to members at home, sending "caring" cards to the sick, coordinating transportation to church and medical appointments, and saying prayers for those ill or in need.

Service to God's people isn't something we need to get away from, although it can feel like that at times, a sign perhaps we aren't doing it quite right. We may need to take a break to renew our spiritual connections and tune up our attitudes a little. That's nothing to be ashamed of. Serving God and God's people is a privilege our Lord grants us. Such service doesn't even happen except under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we need to pray for that.

May you have a wonderful summer blessed with opportunities to serve.

## 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 a red grocery bag with items for the food pantry and bring it to church each Sunday.  
We will start hosting again in October!

MISSION TRIPS SET FOR 2018 – let us know if you want to be a part of one!

Syria, Lebanon – January

Kenya R.E.A.L. – February 10-20

Guatemala – April 28 – May 3

West Virginia – July 22-July28

Cuba - September 6-14 - there are still spaces available!

Holy Lands 2019

Guatemala 2019

Kenya R.E.A.L. – A mission trip is also being planned for the spring of 2019. Please contact Ken McAloon if you are interested in being part of the mission trip.

MALAWI MATTERS – items are being collected to support this mission.

PRAISE ITEMS: Budgeted giving in 2018 over \$10,000

SECOND MILE AND SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS collected in 2018: over \$7,000

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. PADS ministry is over and will start up again in October. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the First Presbytery church mission succeed in helping the homeless men in our community have a warm, dry, safe place to sleep. And have a delicious dinner and breakfast served by volunteers showing them God’s love. Here is a partial list of the volunteers who helped this year. It takes over 40 volunteer hours each week (not counting food preparation) to fully staff PADS.

Mission voted to be in support of Affordable Housing Initiative in Valparaiso. Let us know if you would like to be part of this initiative.

There is a Mission Budgeted Giving board in the narthex.

There is a mission bulletin board by the small groups room.

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, and Geneva Center. If you want more information 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 at (219) 477-9964. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to join us!

### Malawi Matters Ministry

We need your help as we are collecting the following items for Malawi:

- 60 Rolls of Masking Tape
- 60 Rolls of Duct Tape
- 60 Pairs of Scissors (adult)
- 300 Glue Sticks
- Vitamins

Please deposit your donations in the basket located on the table in the narthex by July 29, 2018. Together we can make a difference. Thank you.

## Christian Food Pantry

There were 218 families served in May which food provided for four hundred and forty-eight people.

Kid's Kits are being offered through the summer. The following kits were given in years past:

- 2015 – 304 kits were given
- 2016 – 310 kits were given
- 2017 – 241 kits were given

Items included in the Kid's Kits are listed below. There is a great need for the 8 oz. juice boxes.

- Applesauce Cups
- Canned Pasta
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Cookies (Small Bags)
- Crackers (Small Bags)
- Fruit Cups
- Jell-O® Cups
- Juice Boxes (8 oz.)
- Mac & Cheese
- Pudding Cups
- Snacks (Small Bags)
- Tooth Brushes
- Tubes of Toothpaste (Small)
- Tomato Soup

The following basic items are needed:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Diapers (Larger Sizes)
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal

- Cooking Oil (Small Bottles)
- Juices
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Pork 'n Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Soups
- Tuna in Water

Thanks to all who contributed to the postal drive project. A big thank you to all involved in the Memorial Day concert celebration. The "admission fee" to the concert was food donations. The pantry received a wide variety of basic supplies from the celebration which was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all our congregations for the continuing help, concerns and support for this program. The pantry was set up 35 years ago to help our neighbors needing pantry assistance.

Nan, Sharon and Anne

### Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

July's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Geneva Center 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.

## July Calendar

Sunday, July 01, 2018		
8:00 AM	Pavilion Service of Worship	Pavilion
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Blended Service of Worship (revised time)	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Presbys	100
Monday, July 02, 2018		
8:30 AM	Retired Presbyterian Men	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	100
Tuesday, July 03, 2018		
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
Wednesday, July 04, 2018 - Church Office Closed		
TBD	Fourth of July Fundraiser (parking for the fireworks)	FPC
Thursday, July 05, 2018		
9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitches	154, 155
6:00 PM	Small Group	101
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
Friday, July 06, 2018		
Saturday, July 07, 2018		

## July Calendar

Sunday, July 08, 2018		
8:00 AM	Pavilion Service of Worship	Pavilion
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 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
Tuesday, July 10, 2018		
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
Wednesday, July 11, 2018		
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints - Rescheduled	Friendship Room, 154, 155
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Fellowship Hall
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
Thursday, July 12, 2018		
9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:00 PM	Small Group	101
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
Friday, July 13, 2018		
Saturday, July 14, 2018		
Sunday, July 15, 2018		
8:00 AM	Pavilion Service of Worship	Pavilion
8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 2:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 16, 2018		
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
Tuesday, July 17, 2018		
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
Wednesday, July 18, 2018		
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Fellowship Hall
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
Thursday, July 19, 2018		
9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Small Group	101
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
Friday, July 20, 2018		
Saturday, July 21, 2018		

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## July Calendar, continued

Sunday, July 22, 2018		
8:00 AM	Pavilion Service of Worship	Pavilion
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 23, 2018		
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
Tuesday, July 24, 2018		
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
Wednesday, July 25, 2018		
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
Thursday, July 26, 2018		
9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
2:00 PM	Pines Communion	Off-site
6:00 PM	Small Group	101
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
Friday, July 27, 2018		
Saturday, July 28, 2018		
Sunday, July 29, 2018		
8:00 AM	Pavilion Service of Worship	Pavilion
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
Monday, July 30, 2018		
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
Tuesday, July 31, 2018		
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101

## 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.

July 15	July 29	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 26	Sept. 2
Sept. 16	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4

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

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

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

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

**Resale Shop – July 2018 Schedule**  
**July – Sept. Scheduler: Pam Skaltsas (219) 252-3175**

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  Closed for the Holiday!!	5 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Chris Hurd Alexa Olling	6 Jim & Ginger Boys ----- Della Hutton Cindy Robinson	7 Chiq Colton Nancy Pedersen ----- Barb Aungst Leanne Grant
10 Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pedersen ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	11 Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	12 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Carol McCreery Rose Ross	13 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Nancy Becker Karen Simerlein	14 Linda Hartlerode Elizabeth Monroe ----- Catherine Busch Julie Golding
17 Mary Brown Alexa Olling ----- Karen Huguenard Paul Knauff	18 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	19 Chiq Colton Pat Puffer ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	20 Ruth Eskilsen Mary Henrichs ----- Linda Hartlerode Betty Seegers	21 Carol Bonvissuto Cindy Robinson ----- Don & Marilyn Owens
24 Inge Culberson Inge Nimtze ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	25 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	26 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Carolyn Lelek Inge Nimtze	27 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Ellen Falk Carol Flannigan	28 Elizabeth Monroe Pam Skaltsas ----- Linda Harvey Pam Skaltsas
31 Alex Olling Cindy Robinson ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar				

<b>Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry</b>	
Moderator:	Carolyn Dye
Vice-moderator:	Pam Skaltsas
Treasurer:	Linda Hartlerode
Historian:	Mary Jayne Shurr
Secretary:	Cindy Robinson

## Happy Birthday!

July 5  
Darlene Beatty  
Maggie Christy

July 6  
Mike Becker  
Troy Borlick

July 7  
Steve Scarborough

July 8  
Brenda Brooker  
Brenda Faurote  
Owen Hebert  
Maggi James

July 9  
Hannah Chubb

July 11  
Linda Izynski

July 12  
Bob Lyon  
Kenna Pedersen  
Betty Richardson  
David Spitler

July 13  
Scott Izynski  
Dottie Staats  
Susan Williams

July 14  
Joyce Adams  
Wesley Chubb  
Juliana Kahrs  
Tenley Lazar  
Delaney Scheller  
Betty Seegers

July 15  
Connie Anderson

July 16  
Ron Izynski

July 17  
Sarah Greider

July 18  
Delaney Canavan  
Allison McAloon

July 19  
Noah Simmons

July 20  
Nathan Phillips

July 21  
Monica Conrad

July 23  
Cathy Cole  
Abigail Gibbs  
Robert Marrs, II

July 24  
Caroline Hedman

July 25  
Bruce Dudek  
Nicholas Ribordy

July 26  
Joe Greich

July 27  
Stan Olling  
Leah Ribordy  
Luke Ribordy

July 28  
Mary Stoner

July 29  
Tracy Goodpaster  
Zeke Highlan

July 30  
Pat Blanco  
Rebecca Luick

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

### First Presbyterian Church



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## Resale Shop News

Dear Resale Shop Volunteers, and Church Family,

We appreciate all you do for the shop. It's because of you, we have been able to donate \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 a year back into our community, plus, the free clothing to those in need.

At this time, we are desperate for help. Unfortunately, we have had to depend on the same circle of volunteers for back room help, scheduling, counter help and window displays. We need help! Please consider an extra shift at the desk, helping in the back room, or making a phone call, or 20.

Many of our amazing volunteers have either moved away or left due to health reasons, and we are not getting enough new volunteers to carry on. After more than 75 years of service to our community we may have to close our doors.

Please consider with prayer in your heart, the help you may be able to give, an extra day on the counter, helping restock our shelves, adding your creative flair, or adding your name to our emergency coverage list; so we may keep our mission alive for another 75 years.

Respectfully,

The Resale Shop Board

Carolyn Dye, Moderator  
Linda Hartlerode  
Cindy Robinson  
Mary Jayne Shurr  
Pam Skaltsas, Vice-moderator

### 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

May 2018

Income	\$ 31,823	YTD Income	\$195,385
Expenses	<u>\$ 42,468</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>\$189,498</u>
Over/Short	\$ (10,645)		\$ 5,887

## 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

July 1 – Two Services (revised schedule)

8:00 a.m.    TBD

10:00 a.m.    David Goodwin  
Phebe Klapp  
Trent Olling

July 8

8:00 a.m.    Cathy Cole  
Zane Cole

9:00 a.m.    Vic Klancer  
Connie Knauff  
Paul Knauff

11:00 a.m.    Sheya Bennett  
Ron Phillips

July 15

8:00 a.m.    David Goodwin  
Phebe Klapp

9:00 a.m.    Rodger Jones  
Susan Jones  
Rose Ross

11:00 a.m.    Glen Buford  
Leila Buford

July 22

8:00 a.m.    Craig Johnson  
Judy Johnson

9:00 a.m.    Carolyn Dye  
Doug Dye  
Janice Reichard

11:00 a.m.    Catherine Busch  
Steve Scarborough

July 29

8:00 a.m.    Jim Hubbard  
Sharon Hubbard

9:00 a.m.    Fred Grosick  
Susan Grosick  
Karen Huguenard

11:00 a.m.    Carla Evans  
Kathy Evans

### SEXTON:

Open:        Dan Higgins  
Close:        Ron Phillips

### ELDER ON CALL

July        1    Rhonda Coffin  
              15    Cathy Cole  
              29    Brad Dirks

### DEACON ON CALL

July        8    TBD  
              22    TBD

### COMMUNION SET UP

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2018  
TBD

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:  
TBD

### JULY 1, 2018, COMMUNION SERVERS

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

\*denotes leaders



# 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](mailto: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

Moderator of Session  
Pastor Mark Mueller

Clerk of Session  
Judy Hollar



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