

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



WE MAKE INDIANA OPPORTUNITY

Everyone should have a place to live that is affordable, safe, and near the resources they need to thrive. But housing in Valparaiso and across Porter County is becoming harder for everyone to afford - and we're coming together to change that. Join people of faith and community leaders with We Make Indiana on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. (CDT) at Christ Lutheran Church in Valparaiso for the Porter County Housing Assembly! We're gathering over 200 faith and community members to invite our city leaders to take action with us that can make housing more abundant and affordable for everyone. Your presence can make a difference!

WE MAKE INDIANA
FAITH IN OUR FUTURE

Porter County
HOUSING ASSEMBLY

MAKE HOUSING ABUNDANT AND AFFORDABLE!
JOIN FAITH AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
PARTNER WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Saturday, May 3
2:00 pm CT

Christ Lutheran Church
2610 N Campbell St, Valparaiso, IN

RSVP Today!



wemakeindiana.org info@wemakeindiana.org 317-294-5909

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

Our preschool classes are wrapping up the school year in May. It has been a wonderful school year of fun-filled learning experiences of all varieties. In May the classes will be celebrating moms with our Muffins with Mom party. The Pre-K class is also looking forward to a trip to the bus barn and the end of year celebration.

SUMMER SCHOOL: The preschool is offering a summer school program the week of July 28-August 1st. Preschool and Kindergarten aged children are invited to register. Kids will learn through play and stations and have a lot of fun. Find more information on our website or Facebook page.

FALL REGISTRATION: The registration for the 2025-2026 preschool classes is open. More information on class offerings and registration forms for Fall and Summer can be found on our Facebook page or website: <https://www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org/classes>.

The preschool is always welcoming volunteers and donations. Please email your inquiries: Fpp@fpcvalpo.org

**JOIN PASTOR JULIA
AS SHE LEADS US TO...**

Encounters
WITH JESUS

Post Resurrection Appearances of Jesus
**Sundays: May 4th, & May 11th 9am in the Friendship Room
(Adult Faith Formation)**

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FAREWELL COFFEE HOUR
HONORING**

The Rev. Dr. Julia Zhao

**Sunday, May 11, 2025 following Worship
Cake and coffee will be served.
There will be a basket for cards.**



VBC 2025 VOLUNTEER CALL OUT MEETING!

Sunday, May 4, 2025, after Worship
Room 145 (next to Trish's office)

We will begin the planning for what we know will be an exciting VBC!
(June 15-18, 2025)

If you can't make it but are interested in volunteering,
please contact Trish at tlawson@fpcvalpo.org.

Hope to see you there!



GRATITUDE

Brad and Joy Dirks would like to share the following regarding the Easter flower tribute:

How wonderful for the recognition from a member of our church family. Please share with everyone how much this means to us.

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I would like to thank everyone for the lap blanket that Rose brought me. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bryan Smith

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON
MAY 4, 2025
AT
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date/time during the in-person at FPC Valpo. Online worship is available (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel).

All are invited to the communion table in your home by bringing a piece of bread/cracker and a cup of juice/wine or whatever common elements you have to celebrate communion. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.

DUE DATES: TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

DUE DATE FOR TIDINGS ARTICLES is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. March articles are due by Feb. 15.) Please email articles to Dawn in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

DUE DATE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES, SCREENS, FIRST NOTES AND/OR ADVERTISEMENTS is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn in the church office at: dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org.

Please email screen announcements to Jeff at jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org.

THANK YOU!

OPPORTUNITY



UPDATED
EVENT DETAILS!

Native Plant Swap

Join FPCV and the Valpo Native Plant Group for a swap of native plants to Northwest Indiana

Saturday May 31, 2025 under the Pavilion

9am-12pm

*Consider to help clean up the Meditation Path & Pollinator Garden anytime between 9am-1pm

Links to examples of Native Plants to Northwest Indiana to share and swap:

<https://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/POL-6/POL-6.html>

<https://finder.indiananativeplants.org/>

<https://www.kibi.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Recommended-Pollinator-Plant-List.pdf>

<https://www.gardenia.net/guide/great-pollinator-plants-for-indiana>

DEACONS DOINGS

Easter has come and gone for 2025, but the reason for Easter lives every day of our lives. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! With the leadership of Deacon Beth Germann, First Presbyterian Deacons continue to serve as the Hands and Feet of Christ throughout the year.

In April, we delivered flowers to our homebound friends whom we try to visit regularly. The Deacons at First Presbyterian now serve nearly 20 members who are unable to attend church on a regular basis. Your Deacons continue to prepare and clean up for communion services. Your Deacons continue to assist with Celebration of Life luncheons. Your Deacons serve twice a month as Deacon on Call, and your Deacons help in numerous other ways such as ushering, volunteering at the Resale Shop, selling cookies at the annual Craft Fair, etc. AND it is all FUN!

This month we are sending a huge thank you to Sharon Harris. Although Sharon is no longer an “official” Deacon, she continues to provide birthday cards, sympathy cards, check in phone calls, etc. to many, many members of First Presbyterian. Sharon has faithfully served this role for many, many years. Thank you, Sharon!

Nominating season is just around the corner. If you are asked to serve as a Deacon, prayerfully consider and say “YES”. It is always a rewarding experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Knauff



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Spring Clean Up and We Need Your Help



Please Join Us On
May 3, 2025
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.
with May 10th as a
rain-out date.



We'll be cleaning up our flower beds,
grounds, pavilion & Meditation Pathway.

We'll meet at the Pavilion for coffee
donuts and assignments.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for scholarships and the service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church will be available on-line at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships> on April 1, 2025. Please submit completed forms to the following address by June 8, 2025:

First Presbyterian Church, 3401 N. Valparaiso Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383 Attn: Scholarship Committee

- The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward an associate, baccalaureate, or advanced academic or professional 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 has made meaningful contributions to church, school and/or community and is implementing post-secondary education plans.
- Additionally, because of a generous and anonymous donation made last year, the scholarship committee is able to offer an award to adult or traditional-aged church members pursuing any type of post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact Committee members: Jason Gordon jrgordon@comcast.net, Connie Knauff pcknauff@comcast.net, Doug Hollar djhollar@comcast.net, Cathy Greenawald cathygreenawald@comcast.net.

MISSION NEWS

DAYBREAK/PADS OPPORTUNITIES

Daybreak Homeless Shelter is in need of volunteers!!

Visit: <https://daybreakvalpo.org/volunteer>

They really need volunteers to provide and cook meals for around 30 people starting at 5:00 PM each night. To help with the overnight, Shifts run from 7:00pm - 11:00pm, 11:00pm - 3:00am, and 3:00am - 7:00am.

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WE MAKE INDIANA NEWS

We Make Indiana is a non-Partisan organization that unites faith communities to make Indiana safe, healthy and whole. We work together to transform our community, so everyone has the opportunity to prosper. In Porter County, we envision where all people have access to healthcare, live in safe, affordable housing, and enjoy clean air and water. We are a movement that partners with public officials to affect public policies so everyone can flourish.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING MEETING WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

- ♦ May 3, 2025, from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Large group assembly with all legislators to discuss affordable/attainable housing.

Please come if possible.

If you have any questions, reach out to Beth Germann or Bonnie Swarner.

PRAYER AND PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain.

bcgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 1, 2025

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, May 2, 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00 AM	Spring Clean Up Day	FPC-outdoors
9:00 AM	Blue and Gold Banquet Setup	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	Pavilion, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
1:00 PM	Blue and Gold Banquet	Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 5, 2025

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

9:30 AM	PC Preschool Chapel Time	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155

Thursday, May 8, 2025

9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
9:30 AM	PC Preschool Chapel Time	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, May 9, 2025

Saturday, May 10, 2025

9:30 AM	Visitation Fellowship	FPC
11:00 AM	Carolyn Scarborough Memorial Service	Sanctuary

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, May 12, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 13, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:00 PM	Preschool Team	100
4:30 PM	Membership Team (TBD)	Friendship Room
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101
Wednesday, May 14, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
Thursday, May 15, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 16, 2025		
Saturday, May 17, 2025		
Sunday, May 18, 2025		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	Pavilion, Online
Monday, May 19, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 20, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101
6:30 PM	Deacons Team Meeting	154, 155
Wednesday, May 21, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (TBC)	Hospitality Center
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	Preschool Celebration	Sanctuary, FR
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
Thursday, May 22, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 23, 2025		
Saturday, May 24, 2025		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 25, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, May 26, 2025 - Church Office Closed - Memorial Day		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 27, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101
Wednesday, May 28, 2025		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, May 29, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 30, 2025		
Saturday, May 31, 2025		
9:00 AM	Valpo Native Plant Group	Pavilion
12:30 PM	NWIAA Gathering	Fellowship Hall

Worship in the pavilion schedule begins Sunday, May 4, 2025: 1st & 3rd Sundays of month, pending weather, starting May 4, 2025, and concluding at the end of September.

** on calendar denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel:*

www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream,

www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAmVd6XW_pTQ, or

www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo

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Serving in Christ's Name

FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:



MATTHEW 25

• **Building congregational vitality**

• **Dismantling structural racism**

• **Eradicating systemic poverty**

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1 Carolyn Dye	May 17 Anne Hurst Trent Olling
May 2 Trey Buehler	May 18 Donna Cummins Harry Karabel
May 3 Allison Skadberg	May 19 Susan Grosick
May 4 Karen Robison	May 23 Ken McAloon
May 5 Kathy Rowe	May 24 Brooke Spitler-Nigh
May 7 Madeleine Kinsey	May 25 Jim Gray Nancy Porter
May 9 Doyll Andrews Jim Hubbard Joanne Webb	May 26 Lenny Corso Jaxson Taylor
May 11 Tom Byerly Lou Ann Karabel Grady Thomas	May 27 Joy Dirks
May 12 Andrea Phillips	May 28 Paul Knauff
May 15 Norman Brooker Marilyn Mohr Lisa Pavlopoulos	May 30 Doug Dye
May 16 Carol Byerly	May 31 Carla Evans Paul Grant

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Doug Hollar
Close: Paul Knauff

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 4 Chip Wilkes
May 18 Matthew Byerly

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 11 Beth Germann
May 25 Ben Keller

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

May 4 Ron Scott
May 11 Allison Schmitt
May 18 Matthew Byerly
May 25 Gavin

USHER SCHEDULE

May 4 Mary Brown
Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard

May 11 Michael McKee
Suk McKee

May 18 Doug Hollar
Judy Hollar
Steve Scarborough

May 25 Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
Trent Olling

COMMUNION SERVERS

May 4, 2025 Doug Hollar
Judy Hollar
Chip Wilkes

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

May 4, 2025 Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985.

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Matthew Byerly.....	iEngage Team* Worship Team*
Rhonda Coffin.....	Stewardship Team
Jim Gray.....	Mission Team
Madison Keller.....	Faith Formation Team* Membership Team*
Sharon Kinsey.....	Faith Formation Team Stewardship Team*
Jerry Kahrs.....	Finance Team Building and Grounds Team*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson	iEngage Team*
Linda Long.....	Mission Team **
Kathryne Penninga.....	Worship Team Nominating Committee *
Rose Ross.....	Congregational Life Team
Chip Wilkes	Personnel Team* Finance Team*

*denotes Elder Rep.

**denotes Vice Moderator

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk & Moderator of Membership

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Beth Germann, Moderator

Personnel Team

Jim Hubbard, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

Treasurer

Linda Long

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First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso (public) and
FPCVALPO (closed)