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TIDINGS

First Presbyterian Church

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

Sandy Sopata and Linda Long check out the 'scopes

The middle weekend of October found me with a dozen or so FPCValpo women at the Geneva Center. I absolutely love helping lead retreats, so part of me was really excited about what might unfold. But part of me was really hesitant about being away from worship at FPCValpo. Not that I was sitting at home eating bonbons those previous two weeks; I had been on team for the women's Great Banquet the first weekend, and then was leading worship and serving communion for Lake Station Community Presbyterian Church the second weekend. Still. I don't think I've ever been gone for three consecutive weekends in quite some time. So I was hesitant.

But as the weekend at Geneva Center unfolded, it did so beautifully as the Spirit moved within us all, opening our eyes to see 'The God Who Sees Me', based upon the scripture of Genesis 16:13. I was struck, as Betty Richardson opened the retreat, sharing her marvelous collection of kaleidoscopes with us. I was struck by the beauty of each one, the marvelous designs which awaited our eyes as we looked into them. Some, which were quite plain on the outside, revealed the most intricate and beautiful designs as the light bounced from the mirrors into our awaiting eyes. Others, although beautiful to behold in outward design, were not quite as stunning when held up to the light.

What an amazing metaphor for each of us to tumble around with – because the kaleidoscope is meant, not so much to be amazing on the outside, as it is on the inside. Contrary to the messages we receive over and over from media and culture, it's not what's on the outside that counts, nor what God deems important. As Psalm 147:10-11 reminds us, "God's delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love." Or again in 1 Samuel 16:7, "But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'"

Thanks be to our God of mercies, who sees not as the world sees, but sees instead with eyes of love and wisdom. In this season of harvest and thanksgiving, may we all have these God-eyes, as we encounter the stranger in our midst, as we interact with family and friends, as we break bread and share, and play, and work.

I continue serving in Christ,

Pastor Toby

Rhonda Clark, Lou Ann Karabel, Linda Long and Betty Richardson check out the collection

Session Synopsis of
October 17, 2016

Following the election of new Elders and Deacons for the incoming Class of 2019, Session welcomed these newest officers to their Monday night meeting. After introductions, it was explained that those elected will be meeting with teams of current Elders for a brief examination as required by the Book of Order. They will actually be installed and take office on January 8, 2017.

In routine business, Elders received and approved various Ministry Team reports. In addition, they voted to extend an invitation to Presbytery to hold the Presbytery Assembly at FPC on Saturday, February 25, 2017. This will be an honor for our church, but it will also entail quite a bit of planning and many volunteers in order to provide for this important event.

Moderators are also approaching year-end tasks such as writing Annual Reports, determining 2017 Calendar Events, and recruiting new members for their Team Rosters for the coming year. If you have an interest in ANY of the many ministries of FPC, please contact Moderators and volunteer your services! Also feel free to attend ANY of the early November meetings just to see what they are all about. Check the calendar found in your Tidings and weekly Bulletins for the days, times, and locations, and I guarantee you will be warmly welcomed!

Pastor Mark distributed 2017 Moderator assignments, and Pastor Toby will be conducting Elder Training in November. Rose Ross has been appointed our new Parish Nurse. The Operations Team has been discontinued for the time being, but if needed in the future, it will be reinstated. And Pastor Mark encouraged all Elders to be a presence on our FPC Facebook page as this is an important part of our outreach.

In Personnel matters, we are continuing to move toward being able to give Pastor Toby that "official" designation. Session approved submitting to Presbytery's Commission on Ministry our desire to have her be our (Temporary) Covenant Pastor. Pending their approval, we should be able to give her that position at our November meeting. In many ways, it is all a matter of semantics, but we definitely want her to be one of our "pastors!"

There are also several new faces among us! Julia Evans and Walker Johnson have been hired as Co-Directors of Youth Ministry, and Wayne Young has been added to our Nursery Worker Staff.

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

What's Going on With Our Youth Ministry? Who Are These New People at FPCV?

Recently, Walker Johnson and I (Julia Evans) have been hired onto staff to serve as co-directors of youth ministry; Walker focusing on senior high, and I on junior high. We hope to use our time here to build this ministry into a thriving community.

So far, we've been organizing ourselves, trying to meet as many members, students, volunteers and coworkers as possible. We feel that God is on the brink of something within the youth of FPCV. We'll be kicking off our official season on October 16th with pizza, snacks and games and some time to get to know our students. It is important to us to make sure that we take into account how our students and parents feel about this program. After kickoff, we hope to settle into a routine meeting on Sunday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., exploring a variety of topics that are relevant and interesting to our middle and high school students.

Thank you to everyone who has shown their support for us; we can be reached by email and we'll be around on Sunday mornings regularly.

Julia and Walker

About Julia: I graduated from Woodstock High School in Woodstock, IL in 2014 and am currently enrolled at VU, double majoring in psychology and theology. I hope to go into youth ministry when I graduate. I love reading, particularly classic literature, philosophy, and scientific nonfiction. Some of my favorites are "Gone with the Wind," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame, 1984, Brave New World, and Little Women." I like food, the color blue, considering the great existential questions of our world, and writing my own novels and poetry when I can find the time and/or inspiration. Email: julia.evans@valpo.edu

About Walker: Graduated high school in Hutchinson Kansas in 2016. I am currently a freshman at Valparaiso University with intent of studying Theology and possibly Philosophy. I feel as though God has called me here to witness something extraordinary. I enjoy golfing, searching underrated subjects on google, camping, and hammocking in not so normal places. I also love playing guitar, drinking coffee (Dagger Mountain is so cool!!), and listening to people talk about their lives. Email: william.walker.johnson@gmail.com / cell: (620) 960-2662

Christian Education

Adults Learn, 10:00 a.m.

Adult Christian Conversations in Room 101:
Led by Monica Conrad

Pastor's Class in the Friendship Room:

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)

Saints

Manet, Monet and Renoir are just three names associated with Impressionism throughout the world. Come to SAINTS on Wednesday, November 2, to learn about our *Hoosier Impressionists*. Retired VU Law School professor and patron of the arts, Phil Brockington, will educate us through a PowerPoint. Images included in his presentation---except for one---are all part of VU's Brauer Museum of Art collection. Phil serves as a docent there. He will be accompanied by Gregg Hertzlieb, director/curator of the museum. Bring along a friend who has an interest in art and artists!

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling the church office (464-4985) before Wednesday, October 26. If you need to cancel, be sure to notify the office by Monday, October 31. Otherwise, except for an emergency, you will be asked to cover the $9.00 cost since we have to pay the caterer. Thanks!

Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Schirg family upon the death of Charles Schirg.

To the Haney family and friends upon the death of Carl Haney.

Memorials

We thank you for memorials that we have received in memory of Charles Schirg to the PWNS Scholarship and Memorial Funds.

First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, November 4, 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

"Second Sundays" New Young Adult Group!!

Second Sundays
(meets on the second Sunday
of each month)

Join Pastors Mark and Toby at their home on Sunday, November 13, 2016.

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

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the next Men's Breakfast on Sunday, November 13, 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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Deacons Doings

Colossians 3:12 says, "So, those who have been chosen of God , holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." This is what we Deacons do with joyful hearts. One of the things we do is visit our Deacon friends to let them know we think about them and that they are part of our church family.

On October 2nd, we had a Communion Blitz. This is a day we take and serve communion to our friends. Many of these people aren't able to come to church anymore and this is very special to them. We are thankful we can share this with our friends.

Sunday October 16th, the Deacons will be hosting coffee hour. We enjoy doing this and it gives us a chance to show off our baking skills!

Our quarterly meeting is November 20th at noon. We have lots of events to discuss that are coming up during the season of Advent.

Blessings to you all during this beautiful autumn season!

Attendance Sheet

Worship Services	**Sept. 18**	**Sept. 25**	**Oct. 2**	**Oct. 9**
9:00 AM	107		117	107
10:30 AM		155		
11:00 AM	72		52	65
TOTAL:	**179**	**155**	**169**	**172**
Christian Education				
Little Ones	7	4	5	4
JAM	14	9	10	10
Pre-Confirmation	6	3	4	5
Confirmation	3	N/A	5	3
Senior High	2	6	5	2
TOTAL:	**32**	**22**	**29**	**24**

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

Dear Presbyterian Resale Shop Volunteers,

You are invited to an appreciation luncheon:

Date: Monday, November 28th
Time: 12:30 P.M.

Where: Old Town Banquet Center, 711 Calumet Avenue
Why: We appreciate all the work you do for the Shop!

Please R.S.V.P. by November 18 to:

Carolyn Dye at cdjadye@gmail.com or 219-464-8878
Pam Skaltsas at mskaltsas@yahoo.com or 219-252-3175

Or sign up on the sheet located in the backroom of the shop.

Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

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

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

PADS

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

1. Volunteers for meals (dinner on Wednesday evenings and breakfast on Thursday mornings) Great for families to do together!
2. Working the shift from 1:30 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. Thursday mornings
3. Do laundry once a month
4. 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

Thirteen people have committed to be part of the Cuba mission team going November 5 – 12, 2016. Please be in prayer for them as they go to develop relationships and share God's love.

HOLY LAND MISSION TRIP

May 2017 – Flyers are available for those interested.

KENYA R.E.A.L.

Pastor Henry was here October 16, 2016, and shared with us what is happening with this mission. See Ken McAloon if you are interested in helping with this mission.

PRAISE ITEMS: SECOND MILE AND MISSION OFFERINGS COLLECTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- January – $762.00 was donated for Family House
- February – $771.00 was donated to PADS
  The concert for PADS raised $469.00
- March – $1437.00 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 – $1167 was donated for PWNS Scholarships
- September – $556 was donated

Total given this year = $7,350!

$500 was given by Mission to Dora Becker as she begins the TCK Family Care Coordinator.

$500 was given by Mission to the Indiana Dunes Great Banquet

A 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 464-3608 or we meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30. You are welcome to join us!

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 01, 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, November 02, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room, Kitchen
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 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
7:00 PM	PADS	FR, FH, Kitchen

Thursday, November 03, 2016

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

Friday, November 04, 2016

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 05, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

Sunday, November 06, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

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	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	100, 155, 144, 145, 154
10:05 AM	Adult Bible Study	Friendship Room
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, November 07, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

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

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NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 08, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

6:00 AM	Porter County Polls	154, 155
8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

Wednesday, November 09, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 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
7:00 PM	PADS	FR, FH, Kitchen
8:00 PM	iEngage Team	101

Thursday, November 10, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

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

Friday, November 11, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

Saturday, November 12, 2016 - Cuba Mission Trip

Sunday, November 13, 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	Friendship Room
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Elder Training	154, 155
4:00 PM	Second Sundays Group	Off-site
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, November 14, 2016

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

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NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 15, 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
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Committee	154, 155

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 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	FR, FH, Kitchen

Thursday, November 17, 2016

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room
1:00 PM	Pines Village Communion (Rescheduled Date/Time)	Pines Village
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Operations Team	Workroom

Friday, November 18, 2016

Saturday, November 19, 2016

Sunday, November 20, 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	Friendship Room
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Deacons	154, 155
2:00 PM	Elder Training	154, 155
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, November 21, 2016

11:00 AM	Docket Meeting (Rescheduled)	Workroom
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 22, 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
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

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NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 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	FR, FH, Kitchen

Thursday, November 24, 2016 - Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25, 2016 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Sunday, November 27, 2016 - First Sunday of Advent

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	Friendship Room
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Elder/Moderator Training	154, 155
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, November 28, 2016

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

Tuesday, November 29, 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, November 30, 2016

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 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	FR, FH, Kitchen

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.

Christian Food Pantry

In August, the pantry served 283 families which totaled 738 people. Forty-five families were given Kid's Kits before school started. Several mothers expressed appreciation for the help the Kits gave through the summer.

Items needed are as follows:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Corn
- Green Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Pork 'n' beans
- Rice
- Saltines
- Soups
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce (canned)
- Tuna in Water

Thanksgiving items needed are as follows:

- Canned Fruit
- Chicken Broth
- Cranberries
- Green Beans
- JELL-O®
- Mushroom Soup
- Stuffing

Any and all kinds of donations are helpful and appreciated.

—Nan, Anne, Sharon

Church Fall Clean Up October 15th

A huge thank you from the Buildings and Grounds Ministry Team to those approximately 40 amazing Presbyterians who made the day so successful.

Your generous outreach, friendliness, and "can do" approach certainly made the day possible and reflects God's church.

In future months, we will be updating the status of numerous projects we are planning along with the need for your involvement and support.

Again, to those amazing Presbyterians, thank you !

The Building & Grounds Ministry Team

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 on Friday, November 4, 2016, through Saturday, November 12, 2016, please contact:

Jackie Bernal at:
jrogers221@comcast.net
or
219-464-3482

To begin the prayer hotline on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, through Thursday, November 3, 2016, and Sunday, November 13, 2016, and beyond, please contact:

Pastor Toby Mueller at:
tmueller@fpcvalpo.org
or
256-425-3181

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School ("PWNS")

October was a fun month at school with lots of fun projects about pumpkins, bats and spiders to help us enjoy the season of fall and prepare for Halloween. We all enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Coulter's Pumpkin Farm in Westville to take a hayride and see how pumpkins grow on the vine. Then the children picked a special pumpkin from the field to bring home.

Our month ended with both classes participating in our Halloween parties with games and special snacks from our PWNS families. The children were excited to share their costumes with their classmates and to go trick or treating in the church office.

Be sure to stop by our classrooms when you are at church to see some of the children's pictures posted on our photo board in the hallway, and to see the kids' projects on the bulletin board in the enrichment room. The kids are proud of their work.

PWNS is so thankful for recent memorial gifts given by Sharon Harris in memory of Charles Schirg and by Donna Parker in memory of her sister, Pat Halibozek.

This is the final year that Campbell's will be offering their labels for education program. We would like to make this last year our best year yet and would appreciate any labels you would like to collect and donate. For their last year, Campbell's will only accept UPC's with the labels for education logo. You can leave any labels with logos in our PWNS mailbox in the church office.

Mark your calendar for our 10th Annual Barnes and Noble book fair on Sunday, December 4th. For the seventh year, PWNS and our Mission Ministry Unit will be sharing the proceeds of the book fair. For the first time this year, our wonderful Sunday school children will have artwork displayed at the store. We are looking forward to a great day.

Happy fall!

Sheya Bennett
309-5873

Ann Skadberg
405-7188

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

Happy Birthday!

November 1
Dawn Heckard

November 3
Landon Fenters
Marilyn Houston
Carolyn Lelek

November 4
Sharon Passe

November 6
Jaiden Caldwell
Molly Miller
Jack Kinsey

November 7
Doug Hollar
William Stanko
Zachary Von Huben

November 10
Nancy Pedersen

November 11
Rodger Jones
Allison Martin
Kameron Stanko
Gail Wilkes

November 12
Marlie Cole
Melissa Reyna

November 14
Dolly Trapp

November 15
Mark Robison

November 16
John Nuppnau
Lauren Phillips

November 19
Tom Edwards, Jr.

November 20
Gena Banta-Long
Ian Wood

November 22
Trace Aungst

November 23
Bryan Bennett

November 24
Sarabel Nowlin

November 26
Sally Long

November 29
Kevin Nuppnau

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

Resale Shop – November 2016 Schedule

Oct. and Nov.: Kay Exley – 219-464-4154
Dec. and Jan.: Carolyn Dye – 219-464-8878

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

Tuesdays through Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
www.firstpresbyterianresale.com

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Pat Blanco Marilyn Owens ---------- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	2 Ken & Sharon Passe ---------- Carol Bonvissute Judy Hollar	3 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ---------- Mary Henrichs Star Ruwersma	4 Valerie Dussich Alexa Olling ---------- Sue Durnell Pat Tuerff	5 Mary Henrichs Jackie Bernal ---------- Pat Tuerff Linda Hartlerode
8 Marilyn Mohr Sue Durnell ---------- Bob & Sandy Sopata	9 Janice Reichard Joan Johnston ---------- Karen Kelly Kay Exley	10 Rose Ross Marilyn Owens ---------- Star Ruwersma Karen Simerlein	11 Pat Tuerff Ruth Eskilson ---------- Mary Henrichs Inge Nimtz	12 Pam Skaltsas Joan Johnston ---------- Carol Flanagan Alexa Olling
15 Mary Henrichs Pam Skaltsas ---------- Paul Knauff Pat Tuerff	16 Peggy Caprous Mary Jayne Shurr ---------- Carol Bonvissuto TBD	17 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ---------- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	18 Ginger & Jim Boys ---------- Sue Durnell Karen Simerlein	19 Linda Hartlerode Carol Funkhouser ---------- Barb Aungst Leanne Grant
22 Mary Brown Jill McGonigle ---------- Carolyn & Doug Dye	23 Peggy Caprous Mary Jayne Shurr ---------- Karen Kelly Kay Exley	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25 Rose Cummings Alexa Olling ---------- Cheryl Keach Carolyn Lelek	26 Carolyn & Doug Dye ---------- Carol Bonvissuto Pam Skaltsas
29 Betty Richardson Bonnie Swarner ---------- Torrie Bauer Linda Flory	30 Mary Brown Joan Johnston ---------- Inge Nimtz Barb Aungst			

HARRIET DRAPIER / MARY CROSBY CIRCLE

Date: November 17, 2016
Time: 10:00 A.M.

Hostesses: Ruth Ingraham
Beth Florio

Lesson: Ruth Ingraham

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

November 6

9:00 AM
Cathy Cole
Zane Cole
Craig Johnson
Judy Johnson

11:00 AM
Sheya Bennett
Ron Phillips
Jacki Phillips

November 13

9:00 AM
Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard
Don Owens
Marilyn Owens

11:00 AM
Doug Greider
Sarah Greider
Dan Higgins

November 20

9:00 AM
Carolyn Dye
Doug Dye
Karen Huguenard
Larry Wheeler

11:00 AM
Carla Evans
Kathy Evans
Olga Koch

November 27

9:00 AM
Beverly Caldwell
Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
Destiny Vargas

11:00 AM
Ken Koch
Leila Buford
Glenn Buford

SEXTON: Dan Higgins

COMMUNION SET UP, SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 2016
Jim Boys
Melissa Klancer

COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016
PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:
Ginger Boys
Mary Brown

COMMUNION SERVERS

9:00 a.m.
Leila Buford – Team Leads
Jim Hubbard – Team Leads
Cathy Cole
Mike Croarkin
Beth Germann
Sterling Miller

ELDER ON CALL

November	6	Doyll Andrews
	20	Lou Ann Karabel

DEACON ON CALL

November	13	Rhonda Coffin
	27	Mary Brown

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.

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Sterling Miller
Michael Williams

Moderator of Session

Pastor Mark Mueller

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2016

Income	$32,213	YTD Income	$363,062
Expenses	40,831	YTD Expenses	307,461
Over/Short	($8,618)		55,601

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