

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



OUR NEIGHBOR, THE CARING PLACE, NEEDS THE COMMUNITY'S HELP!

With the recent changes to SNAP benefits, many of their residents are facing added challenges in accessing consistent meals. They are asking our amazing community to come together and help them provide warm dinners for the clients currently living at their shelter.

Sign up to provide a meal, gather a group, or send takeout...
every meal makes a difference!

Meal Train for The Caring Place, Inc
(<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/n9o3zq>)

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.

PRESBYS YOUTH GROUP

PRESBYS YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR 2026

January:

January 4th Souper Bowl of Caring collection begins
January 7th Presbys 5:30-7:30 p.m. room 100
January 14th Presbys 5:30-7:00 p.m. Boys and Girls Club Teen Room
January 21st Presbys 5:30-7:30 p.m. room 100
January 25th TBD

February:

February 4th Presbys 5:30-7:30 p.m. room 100
February 8th Souper Bowl of Caring last collection date
February 11th Presbys 5:30-7:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Club Teen room.
February 17th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 4:00 p.m. (cook & set up) 5-7 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Presbys led and FF team support
February 18th Ash Wednesday Family Service 5:30-6:00 p.m. Sanctuary
February 22nd Presbys Sunday night service **TBD**

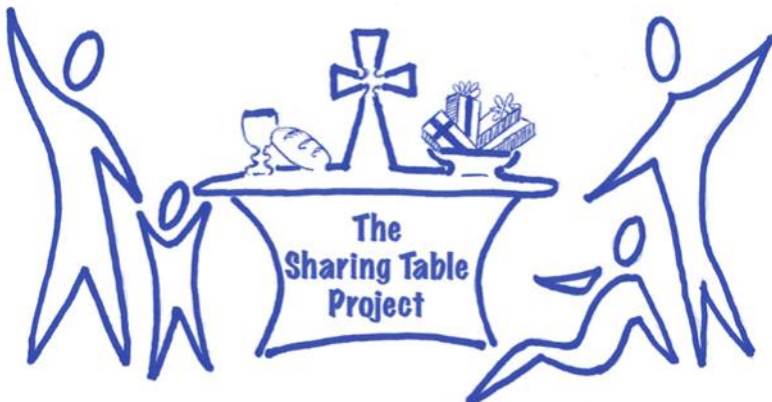
MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS

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PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS DONATION BOX



During this season of giving it is also an opportunity to think about our neighbors. As you shop, all are welcome to pick up a couple of extra items to add to the donation box in the Narthex. These donations will be delivered to Hilltop House regularly. Those in need greatly appreciate your gifts for their personal care and FPC's Membership Team thanks you for your support of the project.



**SECOND MILE OFFERING
FOR
JANUARY IS RECEIVED FOR
Church World Services Blankets**

CWS BLANKETS

Blanket the World in Love

Blanketing the world in love is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets and Kits ministry. Together, we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times.

Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket and kit serves as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares.



Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need:

- \$10** Provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need.
- \$25** Provides a CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit, offering warmth and essential supplies.
- \$60** Family Bundle! Provides blankets and hygiene kits for an entire family, ensuring that they have what they need during challenging times.



*Be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.
Donate to CWS Blankets today! Scan this QR
code to get started*



Scan Me!



Join Others in Sharing *Love and Hope*

"Seeing families' faces light up as we hand them CWS Blankets and Hygiene Kits was unforgettable. These blankets and kits are more than supplies—they're gifts of hope."

—Tamara Skillern, *Rise & Shine*, Rosenberg Library, Galveston, TX

When you support CWS Blankets you:



*Provide Immediate
Solutions*



*Connect with Other
People of Faith*



*Follow Christ's
Example*

God of hope and promises, we pray by sharing these blankets and kits that God's love will be spread far and wide.

Donate today! Give cash, write a check payable to CWS Blankets or visit cwsblankets.org/donate

*"And when we take your gifts to those who need them,
they will thank God."*

—2 Corinthians 9:11

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our preschool is back and ready to kick off the 2026 new year! Winter Break has come to an end and our students are back, rested and ready to learn! We loved hearing all of their stories about the holiday season and all that the students did over break with their families and friends. What a blessed and magical time for all!

This month, our Early Learners will be focusing on shapes and our Pre-K students will continue to build on learning the alphabet, numbers and writing names. We will be having parent/teacher conferences this month to discuss each child's progress throughout the school year as well.

As we look ahead to future student enrollment, registration is open for families looking for a wonderful place for their child's education. We would be happy to give a tour of the facility and speak to any families interested in our preschool program. Families can register online or registration forms are available as well!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

For more info, please call: 219-464-4985 or email: Fpp@fpcvalpo.org

Register online at www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org or visit our First Presbyterian Preschool Facebook page as well.

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. February articles are due by January 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!



CALENDAR

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Happy New Year - Church Office Closed

Friday, January 2, 2026

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Sunday, January 4, 2026 – Souper Bowl of Caring Collection Begins

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Congregational Life	Friendship Room

Monday, January 5, 2026

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
4:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Building and Grounds Team	154/155
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	145
5:30 PM	Presbys	101
6:30 PM	Worship Team Meeting	154/155

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Comfort Stitchers	154/155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, January 9, 2026

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00 AM	Faith Formation	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, January 12, 2026

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
4:00 PM	Preschool Team Meeting	100
4:30 PM	Membership Team (TBC)	101
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154/155

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Presbys	Boys & Girls' Club
6:00 PM	iEngage Team	Online

Thursday, January 15, 2026

10:00 AM	Comfort Stitchers	154/155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, January 16, 2026

Saturday, January 17, 2026

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:00 AM

Faith Formation

FPC

10:00 AM

Worship

Sanctuary

January 19, 2026 - Martin L. King, Jr. Day ~ Church Office Closed: Day of Service

6:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

12:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

FPC

6:00 PM

Sweet Adelines

Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM

Deacons Meeting

154/155

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

10:00 AM

Faithful Friends Bible Study

101

11:00 AM

Agenda Meeting (TBC)

FPC

2:00 PM

Disciples Bible Study

101

5:30 PM

Presbys

101

7:00 PM

Finance Team

154/155

Thursday, January 22, 2026

10:00 AM

Comfort Stitchers

154/155

5:00 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Friday, January 23, 2026

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Sunday, January 25, 2026

9:00 AM

Faith Formation

FPC

10:00 AM

Worship

Sanctuary

TBD

Presbys

TBD

Monday, January 26, 2026

6:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

12:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

FPC

4:30 PM

Scouts

FPC

6:00 PM

Sweet Adelines

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

10:00 AM

Faithful Friends Bible Study

101

2:00 PM

Disciples Bible Study

101

6:30 PM

Session Meeting

Thursday, January 29, 2026

10:00 AM

Comfort Stitchers

154/155

5:00 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary

7:30 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal

Sanctuary

Friday, January 30, 2026

Saturday, January 31, 2026

7:30 AM

Scouts Event

Fellowship Hall

Worship is 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January 1 Rose Ross Scott Werhane	January 15 Kennedy Thomas
January 3 Beverly Dudek	January 16 Jason Adams Judy Schumacher
January 5 Mary Brown	January 18 Brad Dirks
January 6 Matthew Byerly Judy Hollar	January 20 Stacey Buehler Ethan Luick
January 7 Sharon Harris	January 22 Olga Koch
January 9 Ruth Dickey	January 25 Lynsey Buehler
January 10 Todd Coffin	January 29 Aubree Hughes Amy Press
January 11 Owen Crews Ginger Hedrick	January 31 Bob Sopata
January 12 Pat Lowe	

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Mike Becker
Close: Jim Hubbard

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

January 4 Rose Ross
January 18 Jim Peyton

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

January 11 Paul Knauff
January 25 Dan Saros

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

January 4 Michael McKee
January 11 Jason Adams
January 18 Jim Peyton
January 25 Presbys

USHER SCHEDULE

January 4 Jim Gray
Denise Walker
Mike Walker

January 11 Jason Adams
Rose Ross

January 18 Ben Keller
Madison Keller
Julie Fletcher-Golding

January 25 Mary Brown
Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard

COMMUNION SERVERS

January 11 Mike Becker
Sharon Kinsey
Michael McKee

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

January 11 Beth Germann

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Rev. Kim Adams	kadams@fpcvalpo.org
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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>
Rhonda Coffin.....	Stewardship Team
Jim Gray	Finance Team Worship Team*
Madison Keller.....	Membership Team* Mission Team*
Leila Buford	Faith Formation Team Nominating Committee
Jim Gray	Finance Team
Jerry Kahrs	Finance Team* Building and Grounds Team*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson.....	iEngage Team*
Jim Peyton	Mission Team
Andrea Phillips.....	Member Team
Kathryne Penninga	Worship Team Congregational Life Team*
Rose Ross	Congregational Life Team
Allison Schmitt.....	Faith Formation Team* Personnel Team*

*denotes Elder Rep.

**denotes Vice Moderator

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk

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

Jerry Kahrs

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