

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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### On Giving a Speech...

At the most recent event in the Mueller family, that of the marriage of our daughter Ashley to a young man by the name of Seth Powell, I was asked to give a five minute speech after the wedding vows.

It was a privilege to be asked to speak at this special occasion. The setting would be a brunch served at an incredible house nestled in the hills of Gainesville, Georgia amid 75 acres of pine and magnolia trees.

The vows were now complete and the rings exchanged. This simple, sacred ceremony was a moving time of commitment and romance. Now about thirty of us had assembled around a large table on an enormous balcony overlooking a large Georgia lake. People had eaten a light brunch of eggs, scones and fruit and it was time for the speeches and toasts.

The Powell family went first. I was thankful. Each presenter was unique telling different stories about the groom that were interesting, embarrassing and revealing.

Then it came time for me to speak. I was tasked with talking about the bride.

I wondered how I would do. How would a father feel at the wedding of a daughter? I had done this before with my older daughter Lauren. However that setting, time, place was different. I thought I would struggle as I did when Lauren was married. I had to speak at that occasion as well. I mean what does a father say in five minutes of a person you have known for their whole life?

After wrestling with the emotions and feelings of the day for several weeks I decided to begin with the words, "Ashley, I love you!" That said it all for me. I had made a vow to each of my daughters that they would hear those words from me every day for their entire life. I said it to them before bedtime every night when they were little. I say it to them after a phone call every time I talk with them these days. I am probably no different than you. "I love you!" says it all.

However, the rest of the group at the brunch wanted a whole lot more. I thought they would. So I proceeded to talk about Ashley as I saw her. I left my funny bone at home (at my daughter's request) and just talked about the little girl who had now become the bride of the day.

I used the first letters of her name to describe Ashley to others.

"A" is for Articulate. Ashley is one of the better writers that I know. She was not given that gift from me, but she is a fantastic writer and speaker.

"S" is for Sporty. Ashley does a lot of things athletically. She runs, bikes, swims and plays Ultimate Frisbee. Recently, she talked me into entering a half triathlon in May of 2018.

"H" is for Heart. Ashley is so passionate. Her heart is huge, especially for the down and out.

"L" is for Lord. Ashley loves the Lord. She prays and reads the Bible and talks with God every day. She is a follower of Jesus.

"E" is for Excellence. Ashley strives to do everything in the best possible way. She does not settle for second-best easily.

"Y" is for yellow. The color yellow captures Ashley's personality for me. She is bright and happy in her approach to life.

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With that my five minute speech was finished. Shortly thereafter we were off to the wedding reception.

All of us are called from time to time to give a speech. I don't know how well I did, but I was happy to make it through it.

On the way back to Indiana after the wedding, I was reading through the Book of Acts. Ironically, I read about the times that the Apostle Paul had to make a speech. Read Acts 25 and 26 when you have some time. Paul's speech in those chapters is before officials that are determining if Paul should be put to death. The ruling religious elite want Paul executed. So Paul talks about his conversion on the road to Damascus and then proceeds to talk about his call to proclaim the good news of the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Paul gives many speeches in the Bible. Sometimes he speaks in the temple or before Roman officials. Sometimes Paul speaks before angry crowds. Each time, though, Paul speaks about what he believed to be true in his heart. Paul spoke from the heart.

Paul loved the Lord, and he did not turn away from any occasion to let others know God sent His only Son to die on the cross.

Paul preached Christ and Christ crucified.

In reflecting upon all the recent events in my life and in reading the Bible, I am coming to the conclusion that speaking from the heart brings life to me. We can talk facts, information and chronology of events to fill our minds. That is good too, but nothing quite connects for me like words shared from the heart.

Perhaps the same could be said of you.

Enjoy your day!

Blessings!  
Mark

### Memorials Received

We thank you for the memorials received in memory of Georgia Coyle.

### Opportunity

#### Nursery Help Needed!

We are in immediate need of two more folks to work in our nursery on Sunday mornings! Great pay, and even greater people!

For more information, please contact Jim Hubbard at [jhubbard3727@frontier.com](mailto:jhubbard3727@frontier.com) or 920-602-0322.

Pass the word!

### Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

Georgia Coyle family and friends upon her death.

To the Chris Hoham and Monica Conrad family upon the death of Chris' mother, Hilda.

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One of the highlights of this Session meeting was the examination of the 2018 Elders which the congregation elected earlier this month. We heard the very moving Statements of Faith of these called servants (Brad Dirks, Elizabeth Monroe, Andrea Phillips, and Chip Wilkes), and you can be assured that you will be in good hands with this newest class of Elders.

Another highlight was a presentation by Mike Becker from the Worship Team. He offered thoughts on various hospitality issues in our church, wondering whether we are organized for *radical* hospitality. He acknowledged that our pastors are very strong in their preaching and their practice of hospitality on Sunday mornings, but this alone cannot turn our hospitality *radical*. Therefore, the Worship Team recommended (and Session enthusiastically approved and endorsed) the formation of a Task Force to prayerfully seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as they study the elements of hospitality and seek more effective ways to organize. Members of several Teams will comprise this Task Force, including Worship (Mike Becker), Congregational Life (Leila Buford), and members of Building Disciples and Mission Teams. If anyone in the congregation is interested in participating on the Task Force, please contact Mike or Leila and join the discussion.

Pastor Mark distributed Communion Team assignments for 2018 with a slightly modified schedule. Worship Team had initially decided (and Session had approved) for a number of reasons to alternate monthly Communion by Intinction at the 9:00 service. That decision has been modified to serve by Intinction during the summer months as well as on holiday and/or single service Sundays. This will also make preparation and clean-up by the Deacons much more manageable. Worship Team also recommended that a single morning worship service be held on December 24 plus two Christmas Eve services at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with the Praise Band playing at the 7:00 p.m. service.

Much other business came before Session, including the following:

1. Session granted approval to allow Pastor Mark to write a grant for Malawi Matters for the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.
2. Jim Hubbard has volunteered to create a Manual of Administrative Operations as required by Presbytery.
3. Finance presented a draft of the 2018 Budget which will hopefully be approved at the November Session meeting and presented to the Congregation in January.
4. Building & Grounds presented an ongoing urgent issue with the pillar on the northwest corner of the sanctuary and was given permission to pursue an appropriate course of action.
5. Congregational Life is excited to partner with Worship and Christian Education Teams for the Hanging of the Greens following a single service on December 3, 2017. Activities are planned for the children, a soup luncheon will be served, and all will help prepare the sanctuary for the Advent season.
6. Personnel reported exceptional staff evaluations, salary increases for staff, and approval of Terms of Call for the pastors (which will be reported at the January Annual Meeting).

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

## Mission at Work

### 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 you to fill your red grocery bag with items for the food pantry and bring it to church each Sunday.

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. We started on October 18 this year and will host every Wednesday/Thursday through mid-April.

\*\*\*Urgent need for volunteers to help staff the 1:30 AM – 5:00 AM shift, Thursday mornings.  
\*\*\* Please call Beth Germann 219-477-9964 to volunteer or for more information.

CUBA MISSION: A building has been purchased for the church in Sabanilla. They are in the process of buying a separate building for a manse for the pastor. Work is being done to make them suitable for their separate uses.

CUBA MISSION TRIP – FEBRUARY 2-12, 2018. If interested contact Beth Germann 219-477-9964.

KENYA R.E.A.L. – A mission trip is being planned for the spring of 2019. Please contact Ken McAloon if you are interested in being part of the mission trip. We are also helping with Pastor Henry’s van.

HOLY LAND MISSION TRIP – The Outreach Foundation is taking another mission trip to the Holy Land May 15-26, 2018. See Pastor Mark if you are interested in being part of this mission.

TEXAS/FLORIDA MISSION TRIP – We are planning a mission trip in the spring to help with the hurricane recovery. We will let the congregation know as soon as details are worked out. At this time, only very skilled teams are being sent to Texas and Florida.

RELAY FOR LIFE – SPRING OF 2018. If you would like to be part of this, please let Beth Germann know.

Praise Item: Second Mile and Mission Offerings collected this year: \$25,955!

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

## Christian Food Pantry

There were two hundred and fourteen families served in September which provided food for four hundred and fifty eight people.

All food items are needed for basic giving:

- Canned Fruit
- Pork 'n Beans
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Tuna in Water
- Peanut Butter

As always, through the last 35 years the pantry depends on donations from our sponsoring congregations to assist in serving the families in our 'neighborhood' needing pantry help. Thank you.

Traditional holiday food items will be needed for Thanksgiving:

- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Jell-O®
- Green Beans

- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Sweet Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Chicken Broth or Gravy
- Canned Evaporated Milk
- Small Cans of French Fried Onions

These holiday food items will be offered for pick-up before Thanksgiving on November 15, and November 20, 2017.

The pantry is closed the day before Thanksgiving.

—Nan, Anne, Sharon

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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.

Nov. 19    Nov. 26    Dec. 10    Dec. 17    Dec. 31

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

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

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

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

## We Welcome Rev. Juan Sarmiento to the Pulpit on November 19, 2017.

Rev. Juan Sarmiento serves as Associate Director for Mission with the Outreach Foundation, an organization that connects Presbyterians with the purpose of building the capacity of the church for the proclamation of the Good News in more than 37 countries. He served as Evangelism Catalyst at the Presbyterian Mission Agency and U.S. Director of PM International which focuses in holistic service in North Africa and the Middle East. Juan has been a pastor in English, Portuguese and Spanish speaking congregations and very active as a trainer and speaker in the areas of church planting, leadership development and cross-cultural outreach. His formal education for ministry includes Columbia, Louisville, San Francisco and Fuller Theological Seminaries. He is a member of the American Society of Missiology.



### First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, November 3, 2017,  
at  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in 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](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org)

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, November 12, 2017, at  
8:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room as we celebrate  
Christian fellowship and share a delicious meal!

We hope to see you there - bring a friend!

### 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

# Israel/Palestine/Jordan Mission-Vision Trip

MAY 15-26, 2018

Join Associate Director Marilyn Borst and visit Outreach's strategic partners: Bethlehem Bible College, Palestinian Bible Society and Musalaha (a reconciliation ministry) to learn of their work and witness. We will also meet with other Palestinian Christian ministries to learn how they are seeking to be faithful under pressure and with peace, a seemingly elusive ideal in this controversial but compelling place.



There will, of course, be ample time to experience the sites of the Biblical narrative and the places where Christ's life and ministry became incarnational, including the Jerusalem area, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Galilee, as well as Jericho and the Dead Sea. Participants will be expected to absorb assigned readings which will help prepare them to explore the history and politics of a contested land and to wrestle with the often-distorted theologies which have skewed our understanding of what the Bible teaches us about that land and the divine covenants (in both the Old and New Testaments) which were formed in that crucible.



We will also spend some days in Jordan visiting the refugee ministries of Middle East Council of Churches, who, through their Orthodox Initiative, are bringing hope and healing to both Syrian and Iraqi refugees. We will spend time with the students and staff of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf where, for 50 years, this Anglican boarding school has dispensed both loving care and quality education. There will be an add-on option to see Petra.

**LAND COST: \$2,480, double occupancy.**  
Not included in cost: R/T air, two meals, tips.

**For more information: Lisa Dill (615) 778-8881**  
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### Unlock the Value of Your Appreciated Stock

“Planned Giving” is usually defined as making charitable gifts that require planning before they are made. Planning involves more than deciding the amount that an individual wishes to give or a cause one wishes to support. By planning the type of gift, one may be able to make a significantly larger gift by simply utilizing Federal and State tax provisions for charitable giving.

Consider this example. Mr. and Mrs. Generous have a heart for helping others and want to make a gift to the Mission and Ministry Fund of their church’s Endowment. The Generous family is also very tech-savvy and started investing in Apple stock in the early 1990s. Since then, Apple stock has greatly appreciated. If they sell any shares of this stock in order to make a donation to the church, they will have to pay substantial capital gains taxes.

Fortunately, the Generous’ discussed their gift plan with their CPA. She suggested they make the gift of stock *directly* to the church. This way, they would not only avoid the capital gains taxes but still be able to take a tax deduction for the *entire* gift. She also explained how easy it was to give stock *directly* to the church. This guidance resulted in a win-win for both Mr. and Mrs. Generous and for the church since the money that would have gone to capital gains taxes went to the church instead.

Do you have stocks in your portfolio that have performed well but you do not want to sell due to the capital gains taxes that you would owe? Unlock that stock’s full value by giving it directly to the church and also qualify for a charitable deduction on your tax return as well. (Publicly traded stocks and cash are the only assets that entitle the donor to charitable deductions based on the Fair Market Value when donated to a nonprofit organization.)

Consider making a gift by using this strategy. For more information contact Beverlee Frazee in the church office at 219-464-4985 or reach out to a member of the Endowment Committee.

Blessings,

Karen Vogelsang, Endowment Committee  
Doug Hollar, Endowment Committee

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## 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 and the gym. Thanks to all of the church members that helped to make trick-or-treating fun for the children.

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. Also, be sure to like and follow us on Facebook @ Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School to see our posts about what we have been busy doing at school each week.

PWNS is so thankful for the recent memorial gift given by Sharon Harris in memory of Dee Peller.

Mark your calendar for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Barnes and Noble book fair on Sunday, December 3rd. Come by the store and buy a book or two and see some artwork from our PWNS students and our Kids of the Kingdom children. We are looking forward to a great day.

Happy fall!

Sheya Bennett & Ann Skadberg

## Congregational Life News

Hanging of the Greens!

Sunday, December 3, 2017,  
at  
10:00 a.m.

One service to bring us all together  
to decorate our church!

Kids of the Kingdom will be performing a Christmas Carol for us to enjoy! All children are welcome to join us for a special Kids of the Kingdom Sunday making a decoration to honor the birth of baby Jesus! After the worship service we will have a special time with children making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, decorating Christmas cookies and playing games!

Parents and members of all ages will help decorate our beautiful church and then join us for soup and sandwiches. We will provide tomato basil, chicken noodle, potato, lemon rice and broccoli soups! Plus sub sandwiches and dessert!

Let's make this a Hanging of the Greens to remember! Invite a friend to come enjoy a morning of worshipping our Savior, laughter, singing, decorating and eating! Everyone is welcome! Please join us!

## Building and Grounds News

October 14<sup>th</sup> Fall Church Clean Up

Building & Grounds Team thanks the 24 congregation members who participated in:

- ◆ Removing brush and limbs from along Valparaiso Street and the south church property.
- ◆ Pruning the bushes and flowers around the church for winter.
- ◆ Repair of six sagging soffit panels.
- ◆ The washing of all the exterior church windows.

The church looks well cared for and ready to welcome the congregation and visitors.

Again thank you!

## November Calendar

Wednesday, November 01, 2017

|          |                                |                           |
|----------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study            | 101                       |
| 12:00 PM | Saints Luncheon                | Friendship Room, 154, 155 |
| 3:30 PM  | Disciples Bible Study          | 101                       |
| 5:00 PM  | Reformation Ringers            | Chapel                    |
| 6:15 PM  | Building Disciples Team        | 101                       |
| 6:30 PM  | B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys | Off-site                  |
| 7:00 PM  | It's them again...             | 155                       |
| 7:00 PM  | PADS                           | Fellowship Hall           |

Thursday, November 02, 2017

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

Friday, November 03, 2017

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| 5:30 PM | First Friday Friends | Fellowship Hall |
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Saturday, November 04, 2017

Sunday, November 05, 2017

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|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Liturgical Service of Worship | Sanctuary          |
| 9:00 AM  | Pre-Confirmation Class        | 100                |
| 9:15 AM  | Kids of the Kingdom           | CE Rooms           |
| 9:45 AM  | Coffee Fellowship             | Hospitality Center |
| 10:00 AM | Congregational Life Team      | Friendship Room    |
| 10:00 AM | Confirmation Class            | 154                |
| 10:15 AM | Adult Choir Practice          | 148, 149           |
| 11:00 AM | Contemporary Praise Service   | Sanctuary          |
| 11:15 AM | Kids of the Kingdom           | CE Rooms           |
| 1:00 PM  | Cub Scouts                    | FH, FR             |
| 6:00 PM  | The Leftovers                 | 101                |
| 6:00 PM  | Presbys Youth Group           | 100                |

Monday, November 06, 2017

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

Tuesday, November 07, 2017

|          |                              |          |
|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| 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 08, 2017

|          |                                |                 |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study            | 101             |
| 3:30 PM  | Disciples Bible Study          | 101             |
| 5:00 PM  | Reformation Ringers            | Chapel          |
| 6:30 PM  | B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys | Off-site        |
| 7:00 PM  | It's them again...             | 155             |
| 7:00 PM  | PADS                           | Fellowship Hall |
| 8:00 PM  | iEngage Team                   | 101             |

Thursday, November 09, 2017

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

Friday, November 10, 2017

Saturday, November 11, 2017

## November Calendar

Sunday, November 12, 2017

|          |                               |                    |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 8:00 AM  | Men's Breakfast               | Friendship Room    |
| 9:00 AM  | Liturgical Service of Worship | Sanctuary          |
| 9:00 AM  | Pre-Confirmation Class        | 100                |
| 9:15 AM  | Kids of the Kingdom           | CE Rooms           |
| 9:45 AM  | Coffee Fellowship             | Hospitality Center |
| 10:00 AM | Confirmation Class            | 154                |
| 10:15 AM | Adult Choir Practice          | 148, 149           |
| 11:00 AM | Contemporary Praise Service   | Sanctuary          |
| 11:15 AM | Kids of the Kingdom           | CE Rooms           |
| 6:00 PM  | The Leftovers                 | 101                |
| 6:00 PM  | Presbys Youth Group           | 100                |

Monday, November 13, 2017

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|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 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             |
| 7:00 PM  | Boy Scouts                        | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

|          |                              |          |
|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| 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 15, 2017

|          |                                |                 |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study            | 101             |
| 10:30 AM | Widows' Group                  | Friendship Room |
| 3:30 PM  | Disciples Bible Study          | 101             |
| 5:00 PM  | Reformation Ringers            | Chapel          |
| 6:30 PM  | B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys | Off-site        |
| 7:00 PM  | It's them again...             | 155             |
| 7:00 PM  | PADS                           | Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 PM  | Finance Team                   | Workroom        |

Thursday, November 16, 2017

|          |                               |                 |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 9:30 AM  | The Comfort Stitchers         | 154, 155        |
| 10:00 AM | Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby   | Friendship Room |
| 2:00 PM  | Pines Communion - Rescheduled | Off-site        |
| 6:00 PM  | Cub Scouts                    | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 PM  | Praise Band                   | Sanctuary       |

Friday, November 17, 2017

Saturday, November 18, 2017

## November Calendar, continued

Sunday, November 19, 2017

|          |                                     |                                  |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Liturgical Service of Worship       | Sanctuary                        |
| 9:00 AM  | Pre-Confirmation Class              | 100                              |
| 9:15 AM  | Kids of the Kingdom                 | CE Rooms                         |
| 9:45 AM  | Coffee Fellowship                   | Hospitality Center               |
| 10:00 AM | Confirmation Class                  | 154                              |
| 10:00 AM | Deacon Training                     | 101                              |
| 10:00 AM | Pastor Juan Sarmieto's Presentation | Friendship Room                  |
| 10:15 AM | Adult Choir Practice                | 148, 149                         |
| 11:00 AM | Contemporary Praise Service         | Sanctuary                        |
| 11:15 AM | Kids of the Kingdom                 | CE Rooms                         |
| 1:00 PM  | Cub Scouts                          | Fellowship Hall, Friendship Room |
| 6:00 PM  | The Leftovers                       | 101                              |

Monday, November 20, 2017

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|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 5:00 PM | Journeys of Faith | 101             |
| 7:00 PM | Boy Scouts        | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

|          |                              |          |
|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| 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 Scouts Committee         | 154, 155 |

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

|          |                                |                 |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study            | 101             |
| 3:30 PM  | Disciples Bible Study          | 101             |
| 5:00 PM  | Reformation Ringers            | Chapel          |
| 6:30 PM  | B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys | Off-site        |
| 7:00 PM  | It's them again...             | 155             |
| 7:00 PM  | PADS                           | Fellowship Hall |

Thursday, November 23, 2017 - Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24, 2017 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25, 2017

## November Calendar

Sunday, November 26, 2017

|          |                               |                    |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 9:00 AM  | Liturgical Service of Worship | Sanctuary          |
| 9:00 AM  | Pre-Confirmation Class        | 100                |
| 9:15 AM  | Kids of the Kingdom           | CE Rooms           |
| 9:45 AM  | Coffee Fellowship             | Hospitality Center |
| 10:00 AM | Confirmation Class            | 154                |
| 10:15 AM | Adult Choir Practice          | 148, 149           |
| 11:00 AM | Contemporary Praise Service   | Sanctuary          |
| 11:15 AM | Kids of the Kingdom           | CE Rooms           |
| 6:00 PM  | The Leftovers                 | 101                |
| 6:00 PM  | Presbys Youth Group           | 100                |

Monday, November 27, 2017

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

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

|          |                              |          |
|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| 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 29, 2017

|          |                                |                 |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study            | 101             |
| 3:30 PM  | Disciples Bible Study          | 101             |
| 5:00 PM  | Reformation Ringers            | Chapel          |
| 6:30 PM  | B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys | Off-site        |
| 7:00 PM  | It's them again...             | 155             |
| 7:00 PM  | PADS                           | Fellowship Hall |

Thursday, November 30, 2017

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

## Happy Birthday!

November 1  
Dawn Heckard

November 3  
Landon Fenters  
Marilyn Houston  
Carolyn Lelek

November 4  
Sharon Passe

November 6  
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

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 23  
Bryan Bennett

November 24  
Sarabel Nowlin

November 26  
Sally Long

November 29  
Kevin Nuppnau

November 30  
Kinsley Spicer

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

## Saints

Please join us for the Saints luncheon. This is a ministry for senior citizens of the church and community.

It's time to travel again! At our Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Saints gathering, Dave Kenning will take us to "*Vancouver Island and The West Coast Trail, Graveyard of the Pacific*". Some of you have been on previous "trips" with him to Alaska and Iceland. He is an excellent tour guide, so you won't want to miss this latest adventure. Dave is retired from the Porter County Career Center. Bring a friend to make the trip with you.

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling the church office (464-4985) before Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. If you need to cancel, please notify the office by Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, except for an emergency, you will be asked to cover the \$ 9.00 cost of your meal as we have to pay the caterer. Thanks!

## Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

November's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Keyna REAL 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.

**Resale Shop – November 2017 Schedule**  
**Nov. and Dec. Scheduler: Kay Exley (219) 464-4154**

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.   |
|--|---|--|--|--|
|  | 1<br>Rose Olivarri<br>Karen Vogelsang<br>-----<br>Carol Bonvissuto<br>Judy Hollar     | 2<br>Becky Bluhm<br>Pam Skaltsas<br>-----<br>Carolyn Lelek<br>Maggi James      | 3<br>Barb Aungst<br>Mary Henrichs<br>-----<br>Chris Hurd<br>TBD  | 4<br>Carol Flanagan<br>Mary Henrichs<br>-----<br>Closed for<br>Appreciation<br>Luncheon                |
| 7<br>Alexa Olling<br>Joan Johnston<br>-----<br>Beth Germann<br>Karen Hugueanrd | 8<br>Joan Johnston<br>Janice Reichard<br>-----<br>Kay Exley<br>Karen Kelly            | 9<br>Betty Richardson<br>Rose Ross<br>-----<br>Kim Croarkin<br>Maggi James     | 10<br>Mary Brown<br>Mary Henrichs<br>-----<br>Beth Florio<br>TBD   | 11<br>Linda Hartlerode<br>Pam Skaltsas<br>-----<br>Barb Aungst<br>Leanne Grant                         |
| 14<br>Marilyn Mohr<br>Nancy Pedersen<br>-----<br>Carolyn Dye<br>Laura Tucker   | 15<br>Rose Miracle<br>Mary Jayne Shurr<br>-----<br>Carol Bonvissuto<br>Carol McCreery | 16<br>Pat Puffer<br>Betty Richardson<br>-----<br>Pat Buckwell<br>Judy Kendrick | 17<br>Ruth Eskilson<br>TBD<br>-----<br>Nancy Becker<br>Cindi Tacker  | 18<br>Jackie Bernal<br>Linda Hartlerode<br>-----<br>Julie Golding<br>Emily Golding<br>Catherine Harvey |
| 21<br>Mary Brown<br>Nancy Pedersen<br>-----<br>Karen Hugueanrd<br>Paul Knauff  | 22<br>Rose Miracle<br>Mary Jayne Shurr<br>-----<br>Kay Exley<br>Karen Kelly           | 23<br><br>Happy Thanksgiving!<br><br>Closed                                    | 24<br>Rose Cummins<br>Alexa Olling<br>-----<br>Pat Blanco<br>TBD   | 25<br>Carolyn & Doug<br>Dye<br>-----<br>Marilyn & Don<br>Owens   |
| 28<br>Inge Culberson<br>Inge Nimtz<br>-----<br>Carolyn Dye<br>Laura Tucker     | 29<br>Ginger & Jim Boys<br>-----<br>Judy Hollar<br>Cindi Tacker                       | 30<br>Becky Bluhm<br>Pam Skaltsas<br>-----<br>Inge Culberson<br>Inge Nimtz     | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>We Need Your Help!</b></p> <p>We have several openings in November and would appreciate your help at the Resale Shop. It's fun, easy, and quite rewarding. Please consider volunteering. Call Kay Exley at 464-4154.</p> |  |

**Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle**

**Date:** November 16, 2017    **Hostesses:** Ruth Ingraham  
**Co-hostess:** Vilma Lee Reusch  
**Time:** 10:00 A.M.            **Lesson:** Nancy Pedersen

## 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 5  |   |
| 9:00 a.m.   | Connie Knauff<br>Paul Knauff<br>Betty Richardson        |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Beth Germann  |
| November 12 |   |
| 9:00 a.m.   | Carolyn Dye<br>Doug Dye<br>David Goodwin<br>Phebe Klapp |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Catherine Harvey<br>Olga Koch                           |
| November 19 |   |
| 9:00 a.m.   | Karen Huguenard<br>Kathy Joseph<br>Jerry Kahrs          |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Leila Buford<br>Beth Germann                            |
| November 26 |   |
| 9:00 a.m.   | David Goodwin<br>Jim Hubbard<br>Phebe Klapp             |
| 11:00 a.m.  | Doug Hollar<br>Judy Hollar<br>Steve Scarborough         |

### SEXTON:

|        |              |
|--------|--------------|
| Open:  | Ron Phillips |
| Close: | Brad Dirks   |

### ELDER ON CALL

|          |    |               |
|----------|----|---------------|
| November | 5  | Rhonda Coffin |
|          | 19 | Barry Hughes  |

### DEACON ON CALL

|          |    |                |
|----------|----|----------------|
| November | 12 | Carolyn Hughes |
|          | 26 | Mary Brown     |

### COMMUNION SET UP, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

Andrea Phillips  
Tanya Parker

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017 PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Mary Brown  
Mary Jayne Shurr

### NOVEMBER 5, 2017, COMMUNION SERVERS

Doyll Andrews \*  
Monica Conrad\*  
Rhonda Coffin  
Barry Hughes  
Jerry Kahrs  
Lou Ann Karabel

\*denotes leaders

### Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

|            |                  |
|------------|------------------|
| Moderator: | Carolyn Dye      |
| Treasurer: | Linda Hartlerode |
| Secretary: | Rose Olivarri    |
| Historian: | Mary Jayne Shurr |

### The FPC Usher Team Needs Your Help!

We are in need of expanding the FPC usher team. If you would like to join the team, please contact Destiny Vargas at [destiny.vargas2020@gmail.com](mailto:destiny.vargas2020@gmail.com) or (219) 309-7357 or the church office at [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) or (219) 464-4985. Thank you!



# 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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### 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

September 2017

|            |                  |              |                   |
|------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Income     | \$ 31,412        | YTD Income   | \$ 373,313        |
| Expenses   | <u>\$ 37,083</u> | YTD Expenses | <u>\$ 326,111</u> |
| Over/Short | \$ (5,671)       |              | \$ 47,202         |



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FPCVALPO (closed)