

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026, following 10:00 a.m. worship for the purpose of receiving the 2025 Annual Report and the 2026 Operating Budget, presenting the names of officers for the Corporation as elected by Session, approving the Terms of Call, and receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee on the Members-at-Large nominations to the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee and elect a Deacon to the Class of 2028.



FPCV SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER (Gluten free & vegetarian options available)

Tuesday, February 17th
5:00pm-7:00pm
\$7/adult \$5/child 10 & under
\$20/family (4+ members)
In-person Dining or To-go
Tickets sold in the Narthex
after worship through
February 15, 2026
**All proceeds will support
Youth Mission Projects**

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!

Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026

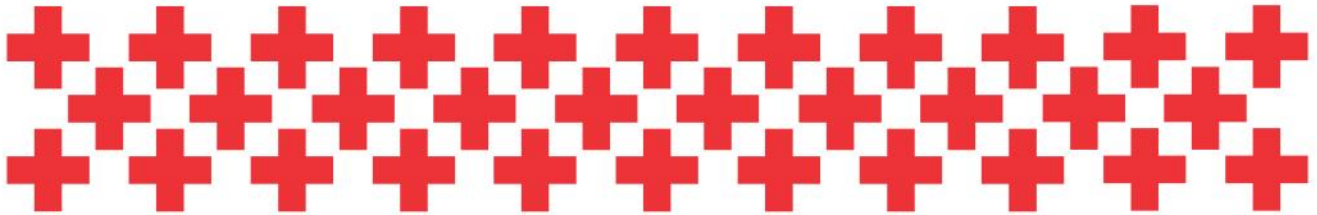
**Ashes to Go: From 11am to 1pm
come and receive ashes and a
blessing under the FPC portico
near the main entrance.**

**Ash Wednesday Service:
Join us for worship at 6:30pm**

All Are Welcome!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **First Presbyterian Church**

Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

Sunday, February 1
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FPCValpo to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®



**Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a \$20 e-gift card to your
choice of merchant. See rcblood.org/heart**



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an appointment.

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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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SECOND MILE OFFERING

FOR

FEBRUARY IS RECEIVED FOR

Hilltop House Offering & Pantry Food Boxes

MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS

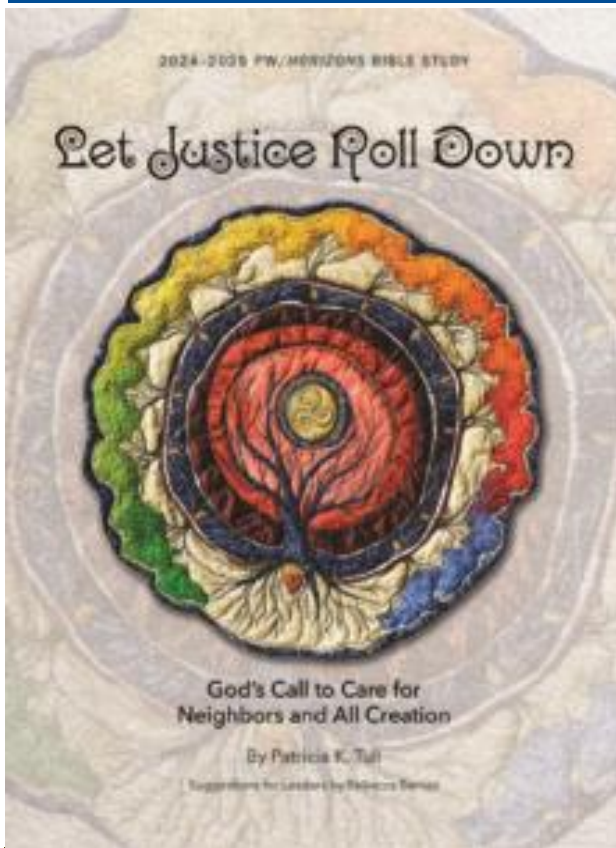


MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS

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.





LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN

Join us 9:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room as Sharon Kinsey walks us through the last two chapters of an earlier study from *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* on **Sunday, February 1, 2026**
Sustaining Creation's Health for All

All Are Welcome!

THE **GOSPEL** OF MATTHEW Discipleship in a Divided Age

Join us for an in depth look into Matthew's Gospel
with Stephen Howell
Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room
February 8, 2026 through April 5, 2026

All Are Welcome!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL NEWS

We LOVE our First Presbyterian Preschool students and families! February is the month of love. To celebrate, our Early Learners and Pre-K classes will be having Valentine's parties and will exchange Valentines with their classmates. There will be cards, candy and caring! This month as well, we will have a dental hygienist visiting each class to talk about all things dental hygiene with the students. It's always good to have a healthy balance to all that sweetness! And we LOVE caring for our teeth!

We also LOVE to read! And what better way to get the kids reading or at least taking the steps toward reading is to introduce them to the local library. Our preschool classes will be taking a field trip to the Valparaiso Public Library on February 24th & 25th. The kids will learn how to look for books within the library, can even get their own library card and see all that the library has to offer other than books as well. It is always a fun field trip for the kids and what a way to enhance learning even further!

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

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.

DEACONS' DOINGS

As we begin 2026, I would like to thank the dedicated service from the Deacon Class of 2025. Thank you to Shea Bennett, Gina and Jim Peyton, Betty Richardson, and Bonnie Swarner for serving as the hands and feet of Christ from 2023 through 2025. Because of their outreach, communion was prepared, members and visitors were welcomed on Sunday mornings, Deacon friends unable to get to church on a regular basis were visited, Advent bags were delivered to these same members, Communion was provided for our Deacon friends, and the Deacons participated in the "Cookie Walk" as part of the annual Craft Fair.

The good news is that Bonnie Swarner will continue as a Deacon in the Class of 2028 along with Anne Henriksen, Dan Higgins, and Dan Saros. With the Leadership of Deacons' Chair, Beth Germann, the Deacons will continue to serve our church in many ways. If you know of a church member who would like a Deacon Friend, please contact one of the names listed in the Class of 2028 along with Jean Patton, Jason Gordon, Denise Walker, Ben Keller, or Paul and Connie Knauff,

Blessings for a great 2026 from your Deacons.

Paul Knauff

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HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Thanks to FPC members for your generous support of the deacon Christmas advent bag project. Sixteen bags containing a small wrapped gift for each day of Advent were distributed to "Deacon Friends" to brighten their holiday season.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 1, 2026		
8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 1:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, February 2, 2026		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, February 3, 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, February 4, 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	Presbys	100
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	145
6:30 PM	Worship Team Meeting	154/155
Thursday, February 5, 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, February 6, 2026		
Saturday, February 7, 2026		
Sunday, February 8, 2026		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, February 9, 2026		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, February 10, 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, February 11, 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, February 12, 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, February 13, 2026		
Saturday, February 14, 2026		

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15, 2026		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, February 16, 2026		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, February 17, 2026		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
4:00 PM	Finance Team (Rescheduled)	154/155
5:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (until 7:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Sanctuary
February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday		
10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	FPC
11:00 AM	Ashes to Go (until 1:00 p.m.)	FPC
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary
Thursday, February 19, 2026		
10:00 AM	Comfort Stitchers	154/155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines - Rescheduled	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 20, 2026		
Saturday, February 21, 2026		
12:00 PM	Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 22, 2026		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, February 23, 2026		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, February 24, 2026		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	FPC
5:30 PM	Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Sweet Adlines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, February 25, 2026		
10:00 AM	Faithful Friends Bible Study	101
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	
Thursday, February 26, 2026		
10:00 AM	Comfort Stitchers	154/155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines/GLS	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, February 27, 2026		
Saturday, February 28, 2026		

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!

February 1 Ron Scott	February 14 Rick Exley
February 3 Marci Powell	February 16 Willa Nuppnau Julie Pollaro
February 4 Kay Exley	February 17 Sadie Kinsey Sharon Kinsey
February 6 Linda Long	February 18 Wendy Banta-Long
February 7 Gabriel Byerly	February 23 Jim Boys Carolyn Hughes Valarie Smart-Higgins
February 8 Jerry Kahrs	February 24 Beverlee Frazee
February 10 Sandi Roth	February 26 Rose Bianco
February 11 Isabella Wunderlin Madison Wunderlin	February 28 Donna Parker Lisa Vukin
February 12 Liam Luick Karen Vogelsang	

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

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON	
OPEN:	
February 1	Vic Klancer
February 8	TBD
February 15	TBD

ASH WEDNESDAY	
February 18	TBD
February 22	TBD

CLOSE:	
February 1	Dan Higgins
February 8	Dan Higgins
February 15	Dan Higgins

ASH WEDNESDAY	
February 18	Dan Higgins
February 22	Dan Higgins

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 1	Jerry Kahrs
February 15	Kathryne Penninga

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

February 8	Jason Gordon
February 22	Anne Henriksen

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

February 1	Jerry Kahrs
February 8	Mike Becker
February 15	Sharon Kinsey
February 22	Kaylee

USHER SCHEDULE

February 1	Mary Brown Michael McKee Suk McKee
February 8	TBD
January 15	TBD
January 22	TBD

COMMUNION SERVERS

February 1	Jerry Kahrs Michael McKee Ron Scott
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Ash Wednesday	
February 18	Jason Adams Mike Becker Rhonda Coffin

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

February 1	Jean Patton
Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	
February 18	Beth Germann

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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Valarie Smart-Higgins, Custodian	
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Dawn Scarborough, Church Administrator.....	dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org
John Stocks, Custodian	
Jeff Whitney, Director of Worship Music & Digital Technology	jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org

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

Elders of Session

Ministry Team

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.....	Membership 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

Andrea Phillips

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)