

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

3401 North Valparaiso Street  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Phone: (219) 464-4985

Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



### SESSION SYNOPSIS OF MARCH 17, 2021

There was definitely a sense of hope in the air at the most recent Session meeting. Many of your Elders have received both doses of the coronavirus vaccine; news of in-person Sunday morning Christian Education opportunities; the resumption of PWNS classes; plans for Palm Sunday and Easter activities; Bell Choir practices; and updated safety and compliance plans all point in the direction of the return to 3401 N. Valparaiso Street and the FPCV campus! What a joy!

In reflecting on an eventual return to in-person worship, various feelings may have arisen. Worship over the past year has definitely been challenging. One elder spoke to their journey they have experienced over this past year and the challenges that it posed. But as our technology skills grew, so did our ability to expand the dimensions of our worship. We were forced to adapt in many ways, and our technology has grown and expanded, and many of us may have gotten quite comfortable with worshipping from home, perhaps even in our pj's! Now our worship is about to change *again*, and this could bring about new stresses in moving forward, because no matter what, things will *never* be quite the way they were before. But Deuteronomy 31:8 provides the hope and support that as hard as change is, we still *need* to be moving forward, knowing that God is on our side always: *Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.* We do know that this has been and will continue to be our reality.

Another highlight of the meeting included updates regarding the Ministry Candidates who fall under the care of both our Session and our Presbytery. We are blessed to have *four* such candidates, three who have covenant relationships to become Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and one who is working to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder. **Ken Crews** has completed his requirements for ordination. Prayers for Ken as he enters into a time of discernment regarding next steps. **Tim Reyna** is in the process of taking his final tests to qualify him for ordination and is currently serving the First Presbyterian Church in Winfield. **Bill Rogers** has completed all his requirements and is actively seeking a call; he is currently serving consistent pulpit supply and pastoral care for the First Presbyterian Church in Portage. Our fourth candidate is **Ron Phillips** who is enrolled in the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) program. Once he completes this program, he will join CRE's **Mike Becker**, **Lou Ann Karabel**, and **Jacki Phillips** who also are qualified for this ministry. It is quite unusual and very special to have so many members involved in active pastoral service, but we reap the rewards with all that these members contribute to our congregation. Each of these individuals deserves our affirmation but especially those who are currently working to complete what the Holy Spirit has called them to do.

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## SESSION SYNOPSIS OF MARCH 17, 2021, CONTINUED

Other business included the following...

- Presbytery has provided a tremendous amount of support, encouragement, resources, and other assistance throughout this year of the pandemic (all funded by *per capita* dollars!)
- Presbytery has a project to reduce medical debt that ties in with the Matthew 25 Initiative to help end systemic poverty
- Elders praying for the community have resulted in cards being written (and greatly appreciated!) and pop-up prayers being offered
- There will be three Confirmands joining the church in May (Andrew Adams, Evie Crews, and Gavin Kukler)
- There will be six graduating seniors honored on Youth Sunday in June (Emma Adams, Lynsey Buehler, Emily Coffin, Owen Crews, Katie Golding, and Hattie Hoham)
- Session approved a change in policy which now provides that a **quorum** for all Session meetings in person or via alternative platforms will be a *majority* of the Ruling Elders in current service on the Session. (This will now require seven of the thirteen current Elders; it had previously been established as 33% or four.)

Closing **Joys and Concerns** included the joy of becoming engaged, many vaccinated members, and prayers for health issues.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which will be *posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved (and we are allowed back into the church!). **In the meantime**, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

Dolly Trapp on the death of her daughter, Lynn;

the Gary and Beth Germann family upon the death of Beth's brother, John.

**APRIL'S SECOND MILE OFFERING: KENYA REAL MISSION TRIP**



Ken McAloon is heading to Kenya to meet with Pastor Henry and our Kenya R.E.A.L. friends on April 17, 2021. Ken will be there for two weeks to share auto mechanic knowledge and hopefully rebuild the original van engine that is out of the vehicle and on Pastor Henry's front porch. Ken will also assess the school building process first hand. Janet Myers will be there at the same time and will implement the "Chosen" project that was initiated last year before the pandemic cancelled the 2020 trip. If you would like to participate in the "Chosen" project of prayer partnering and sponsorship please visit <https://www.kenyareal.org/about-3>.

If you would like to donate funds for this mission trip they will go towards buying tools and auto parts for the van. Please send checks to FPC Valparaiso at the following address and include Kenya REAL Mission Trip on the memo line:

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

Ken will be taking a heavy luggage set filled with specific needed parts; so it is not possible for him to transport any other donated goods. Thank you all for your continued support of this ministry, because of you, the children receive a Christ centered education.

Mungu Akubariki  
(God Bless You)!

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**MEN'S NEW CREATION**

Sign-up.com has been updated. We currently are feeding street homeless and are serving 15-20 men & women for breakfast and to go sack lunches. A new list of needed items has been posted. Thank you for your continued support in serving those that need us most. To sign up visit <https://signup.com/go/RKPSSEY> – all are welcome to invite friends to sign up.

## PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL (“PWNS”)

March was a fun month at PWNS as signs of spring finally began to show and some of our students returned for in-person learning. The first week of March we welcomed seven Pre-K class students and eleven 3-4 class students to our classrooms. The children came to school excited to spend time with friends and ready to learn. The children decorated a shamrock picture for their family projects. During the month of March, we had lots of fun with books. We had special Dr. Seuss days and Show-and-Tell days where the children brought in a favorite book to share with the class. Our spring classes are being led by Connie Knauff and Maggi Alexander with the assistance of Lynsey Buehler.

A reminder: you can follow Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School on Facebook to see pictures from some of our weekly activities. It is a great way to keep track of the fun and learning that we have at PWNS.

We are now accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. We are also registering for a new program, Camp Kindergarten, being offered this summer. This program will be led by Karen Robison to help prepare students who will be entering kindergarten this coming fall. Registration forms can be found online at our preschool website, [www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org](http://www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org), in the PWNS mailbox in the church office and on the PWNS bulletin board in the preschool hallway. Please call the church office at 464-4985, or email through the PWNS website with any questions.

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

### SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 during the online worship service (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel) at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Kim invites all to the communion table in your home by bringing a piece of bread/cracker and a cup of juice/wine or whatever common elements you have to celebrate communion. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.



## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

### SUMMER CAMP 2021 IS A “GO” MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

2020 was a bust for Summer Camp, but **2021 will be great**...and all is being made ready to assure that this year's Summer Church Camp experience will be the experience everybody missed last year.

All CDC and State Health Department recommendations will be in effect and camp will be as 'safe' as we can make it.

Time to get back-in-touch-with-nature, re-connect with old friends and meet new friends ...that is what Camp is all about. Gather your friends and register together.

Geneva Center has been hosting Summer Camp and creating lifelong memories for over 50 years; this year will be a special year for all campers who have been cooped up at-home and sheltered for too long.

**RESERVE YOUR DATES IN JUNE & JULY** ... and get ready to make some memories at camp this year. (Sign up before May 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a \$25 late registration fee) [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org)

June 14-16	You and Me 1 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$225.00/ person
June 14-16	New Beginnings (completed grades 1-3)	\$225.00
June 14-19	Explorers (completed grades 4-5)	\$395.00
June 21-24	You and Me 2 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$285.00/ person
June 21-26	MAD (Music, Art, Drama) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional High School (completed grades 9-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional Middle School (completed grades 6-8)	\$395.00
July 5-10	CROSS (Recreation/Sports) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00

### MISSION NEWS

The Mission Team realizes that the state lockdown will affect everyone differently. If there is a financial need that is causing you concern, please reach out to Ken McAloon, Lisa Pavlopoulos, Mission co-moderators, or Pastor Kim. There are funds available to help ease the stress during these trying times. Remember we are stronger together; and know that you are loved.

Stay safe,

Your Mission Team

*You make a difference.*

**Thank you  
for your continued  
support.**



**American Red Cross**

## **BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS**

**First Presbyterian Church**

**March 9**

Registered Donors = 38

**Total Pints Collected = 38**

**Your support will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives!**

**Each donation can save up to 3 lives!**

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | facebook.com/redcrossblood | @redcrossbloodXX

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for two scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships>. Please mail completed forms to the following address by June 11, 2021:

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

The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward a post-high school degree.

The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.

The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who is implementing post-secondary education plans.

Anyone with questions may contact Margaret Alexander, Scholarship Committee Chairman, at 462-8723.

## DEACONS' DOINGS

*submitted by Bob Marrs*

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.” Romans 12:6-8

Spring has sprung on all of us here at First Presbyterian Church. The earth is going from a dormant winter to flowers rising, leaves starting to appear on trees, which always reminds me of the death of Christ on Good Friday to his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Following Christ's example, the Deacons are continuing to serve as the hands and feet of Christ for our church. We are working hard to make sure that those who are homebound are being checked on and informed of church happenings through phone calls, letters, and virtual visits. If you know someone who is in need of a Deacon please let our moderator, Nancy Porter, know at 219.309.7531 or [nancyporter2051@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyporter2051@yahoo.com).

If you have prayer concerns, please reach out to Beth Germann (219.477.9964, [bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com)). If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be added, please let Beth know.

**FUN FACT:** The office of Deacon was established early in the New Testament church to make sure food was distributed to widows and others in need (see Acts 6:1-6). The leader of the first group of Deacons was Stephen - the same person for whom the Stephen Ministry is named.

The Deacons are praying for a time when it is safe for all of us to be together again!

**Until next time I leave you with this blessing:**

May your troubles be less,  
And your blessing be more.  
And nothing but happiness,  
Come through your door.

Peace, Grace and Love to all...

## HOLY WEEK OPPORTUNITIES

*The following Holy Week opportunities are listed in Central Daylight Time.*

### **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021**

- ◆ **PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE AT 10:00 A.M.:** Connect with us online at [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or [www.fpcvalpo.org](http://www.fpcvalpo.org).
- ◆ **PALM SUNDAY PARADE AT NOON, IN-PERSON:** Wear your mask, and let's meet in the church parking lot, practice social distancing, pick up a palm frond, and continue to the walking path across the street, waving our palms celebrating the day our Savior arrived in Jerusalem.
- ◆ **PALM SUNDAY LUNCH, FOLLOWING THE PARADE, IN-PERSON:** Congregational Life invites us to meet in the church pavilion and will provide a brown bag lunch (*bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on*).
- ◆ **PRAYER LABYRINTH, IN-PERSON:** A prayer labyrinth will be available in the pavilion to walk beginning Palm Sunday and will be available for your convenience throughout Holy Week.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021**

- ◆ **MAUNDY THURSDAY WITH COMMUNION ON ZOOM:** Join us on Zoom at **7:00 p.m.** as we journey to the cross. A Zoom link will be sent before Holy Week begins.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021**

- ◆ **GOOD FRIDAY, TENEBRAE:** Join us on Zoom at **7:00 p.m.** A Zoom link will be sent before Holy Week begins.

### **SADDERDAY, APRIL 3, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

- ◆ **VIA FPC FACEBOOK LIVE, FPC YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND FPC WEBSITE:** Join online for a time of reflection and contemplation through scripture, prayer and blues/rock music led by musicians from FPCV and Westminster Presbyterian Church of Munster, IN.

### **RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021**

- ◆ **SUNRISE SERVICE AT 7:00 A.M. WITH COMMUNION, IN-PERSON:** Join us in the church pavilion or on the lawn (*bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on*). Wear your mask and practice social distancing.
- ◆ **ONLINE WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. WITH COMMUNION:** Connect with us online at [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), or [www.fpcvalpo.org](http://www.fpcvalpo.org).

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## OPPORTUNITY – LITURGIST MINISTRY

Serving as the liturgist during worship is a ministry. We invite you to approach it prayerfully. This ministry is open to as many people as possible giving the opportunity to support our liturgists in this “work of the people” (the root of liturgy from Greek). Liturgists may read the Call to Confession, Confession of Sin and Offering Our Lives, while the minister preaches the sermon, offers prayers, and blesses sacraments. Our liturgists are an important part of our worship, and demonstrate how we all minister to the community.

To sign up to serve as liturgist, please click on the link below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/994107930073/false#/invitation>



## CALENDAR

### Thursday, April 01, 2021 - Maundy Thursday

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Worship	Via Zoom

### Friday, April 02, 2021 - Good Friday

7:00 PM	Good Friday Worship	Via Zoom
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### Saturday, April 03, 2021

5:00 AM	YMCA Parking Overflow	Parking Lot
9:00 AM	Piano Practice/Recording	Sanctuary
TBD	Eagle Scout Project	FPC Outdoors
7:00 PM	SadderDay Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website   FPC YouTube Channel

### Sunday, April 04, 2021 – Easter Sunday

7:00 AM	Sunrise Worship	FPC Pavilion/Lawn
10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website   FPC YouTube Channel

### Monday, April 05, 2021 - Easter Monday - Church Office Closed

5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Via Zoom

### Tuesday, April 06, 2021

9:00 AM	Organ/Piano Practice	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Membership Team	Via Zoom
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:15 PM	Worship Team	Via Zoom

### Wednesday, April 07, 2021

5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	148, 149
7:00 PM	Congregational Life Team	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Via Zoom

### Thursday, April 08, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Community Task Force Team	Via Zoom

Friday, April 9, 2021

Saturday, April 10, 2021

## CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Friday, April 9, 2021		
Saturday, April 10, 2021		
Sunday, April 11, 2021		
10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website   FPC YouTube Channel
11:30 AM	Children, Youth and Parent CE Hour	144, 145, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 12, 2021		
11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online
Tuesday, April 13, 2021		
9:00 AM	Organ/Piano Practice	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Prayer Group - Leila	Pavilion / 154, 155
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Via Zoom
Wednesday, April 14, 2021		
10:30 AM	Pre-agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	148, 149
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Via Zoom
Thursday, April 15, 2021		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitches	Via Zoom
Friday, April 16, 2021		
Saturday, April 17, 2021		
9:00 AM	Piano Practice/Recording	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 18, 2021		
10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website   FPC YouTube Channel
11:30 AM	Children, Youth and Parent CE Hour	144, 145, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 19, 2021		
TBD	Congregational Nominating Committee	154, 155
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online
Tuesday, April 20, 2021		
9:00 AM	Organ/Piano Practice	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
Wednesday, April 21, 2021		
5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	148, 149
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	Via Zoom
Thursday, April 22, 2021		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitches	Via Zoom
7:00 PM	Community Task Force Team	Via Zoom
Friday, April 23, 2021		
Saturday, April 24, 2021		
9:00 AM	Piano Practice/Recording	Sanctuary

## CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, April 25, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live \ FPC Website   FPC YouTube Channel
11:30 AM	Children, Youth and Parent CE Hour	144, 145, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 26, 2021

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Online
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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

9:00 AM	Organ/Piano Practice	Sanctuary
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
5:00 PM	Prayer Group - Andrea	Via Zoom

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

5:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	148, 149
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Thursday, April 29, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
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Friday, April 30, 2021

## POETRY PAGE

### GOD'S PEACE

God's tender love and peace  
Is what we all long for  
In a world so hopelessly chaotic,  
So unstable and unsure

It brings stability to our minds  
And calmness to our souls,  
For that is what we desperately need  
As this world can be so cold

We need to have God's peace  
When turmoil's in our lives,  
For God's peace doesn't depend  
On the daily pressures of life

When we have those stressful days,  
God's peace can often soothe  
And bring us such a quiet hope  
That chases away the blues

So when you feel the pressure on,  
Remember, Jesus Christ,  
Receive from Him the peace He gives  
As His daily dose for life!

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**First Presbyterian  
Church of Valparaiso**

**Sunday Mornings  
@ 11:30 a.m.**

*We will not meet on Easter Sun. Apr. 4.;  
however, we are looking forward  
to meeting on  
Sun., April 11, 2021.*

Looking for opportunities to connect with FPCV parents?

Want more information about supporting your child's faith formation at home?

Join Sharon K. Sunday mornings during CE Hour for a parent peer group. There will be opportunities to support one another in the parenting adventure and learn about at-home CE opportunities.

*Questions???*

Email: [gommie1@comcast.net](mailto:gommie1@comcast.net)  
[kencrews@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:kencrews@fpcvalpo.org)

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VALPARAISO PRESENTS...

The "Give Back to Valpo" Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt  
Saturday, April 3, 2021  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Deliver donations to any, or all, of the listed community organizations to receive an Easter Egg. Bring your collected eggs to First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso, 3401 N. Valparaiso St., to receive your Easter gift bag!

Presbyterian Resale Shop  
7 East Lincolnway  
Suggested items:  
1 bag or box of gently used items

Hilltop House  
460 College Avenue  
Suggest items:  
Big crayons, coloring books,  
coffee, creamer, hand-held  
can openers, baby wipes

New Creation Resale Shop &  
Men's Center  
2102 Calumet Avenue  
Suggested items:  
Paper towels, gloves

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FEBRUARY 2021**

Month Income	\$33,806	YTD Income	\$70,567
Month Expenses	<u>(32,537)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(63,140)</u>
Over/Short	\$1,269		\$7,427

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**MAIL OPTION:**

Folks are welcome to mail pledges and gifts to the church at the following address:

First Presbyterian Church  
3401 N. Valparaiso Street  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

**ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OPTION:**

If you would like to have pledges and gifts transferred to the church via electronic transfer, please contact the church office via email at: [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org)

**ONLINE GIVING OPTION:**

If you would like to give pledges and gifts to the church online, please visit the church's website at [www.fpcvalpo.org](http://www.fpcvalpo.org) and click on "To Make a Gift" tab located on the right; or click on the following link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/give/KLYBGIVCVH>

Grateful for all!

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021	
Sunrise Service: 10:00 a.m.:	Matthew Byerly Presbys
April 11, 2021	Matthew Byerly
April 18, 2021	Doug Greider
April 25, 2021	Fred Grosick

## RESALE SHOP NEWS

Out with the old and in with the new! The Presbyterian Resale Shop has completed a thorough spring cleaning and changeover from winter merchandise to all new spring and summer items. We encourage you to stop in and see our wide selection of items for you and your home.

In addition to donating to a wide variety of local charities on a regular basis, the Resale Shop selects one charity per month, and we partner with them for a day. The selected charity sends a volunteer to work with us and in return receives our profits for that day. On April 24, 2021, we will assist The Valparaiso International Center, an independent nonprofit organization that is located in downtown Valparaiso yet serves all of Northwest Indiana. The VIC serves as a forum to learn about different cultures through interactive events, festivals, classes, and discussion groups. It also provides services that help international residents and visitors to feel welcome and to fully enjoy American culture and rights. Please join us in supporting the important work the VIC does by shopping with us on April 24th.

We are delighted to welcome back seven volunteers in April. If you would like to share your time and talents with us, please call me. The small group that has kept the Resale Shop open for the past year could use your help!

Blessings to each of you as you prayerfully consider how you can assist the ministry of the Presbyterian Resale Shop.

Mary Linda Scott  
231-590-5799  
[nana6987@hotmail.com](mailto:nana6987@hotmail.com)



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT:**  
Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

**FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:**



- **Building congregational vitality**
- **Dismantling structural racism**
- **Eradicating systemic poverty**

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)

**RESALE SHOP SCHEDULER:  
MARY LINDA SCOTT (231) 590-5799**

**RESALE SHOP SCHEDULE  
APRIL 2021  
11 AM – 3 PM TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY  
Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281  
[www.firstpresbyterianresale.com](http://www.firstpresbyterianresale.com)**

<b>TUES.</b>	<b>WED.</b>	<b>THURS.</b>	<b>FRI.</b>	<b>SAT.</b>
		<b>1</b> Chiq Colton Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas	<b>2</b> Beth Germann Star Ruwersma	<b>3</b> Abha Kapila Dolly Trapp
<b>6</b> Pastor Nancy Becker Dolly Trapp	<b>7</b> Becky Bluhm Chris Hurd	<b>8</b> Chiq Colton Inge Nimitz	<b>9</b> Mary Brown Mary Linda Scott	<b>10</b> Abha Kapila Dolly Trapp
<b>13</b> Elizabeth Monroe Dolly Trapp	<b>14</b> Dorothy Ailes Kay Exley	<b>15</b> Chiq Colton Inge Nimitz	<b>16</b> Jan Bays Nancy Porter	<b>17</b> Abha Kapila Dolly Trapp
<b>20</b> Mary Brown Pat Lane	<b>21</b> Debbie Kelley Star Ruwersma	<b>22</b> Becky Bluhm Chiq Colton Pam Skaltsas	<b>23</b> Debbie Kelley Mary Linda Scott	<b>24</b> Oxana Grigoryeva Debbie Kelley  Valpo International Center Day
<b>27</b> Star Ruwersma Dolly Trapp	<b>28</b> Kay Exley Debbie Kelley	<b>29</b> Becky Bluhm Chiq Colton	<b>30</b> Jan Bays Debbie Kelley	

**PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY**

Tri-moderators: Pam Skaltsas (219-252-3175)  
Debbie Kelley (239-565-2224)  
Karen Huguenard (219-309-3334)

Treasurer: Jan Bays  
Historian: Mary Jayne Shurr  
Secretary: Cindy Robinson  
Scheduler: Mary Linda Scott (231-590-5799)

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**STORE MANAGER:**  
Pam Skaltsas – (219) 252-3175

**SCHEDULER:**  
Mary Linda Scott – (231) 590-5799

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 3  
Victoria Olling

April 6  
Kim Klancer

April 9  
Debbie Walls

April 12  
Connie Knauff

April 14  
Ginger Boys  
Pat Buckwell  
Rhonda Coffin  
Janice Loudermilk  
Stephen Williams

April 15  
April Fifield

April 16  
Julie Fletcher-Golding  
Hayden Hughes

April 18  
Jeanne Turner

April 19  
Mike Croarkin

April 20  
Mary Henrichs

April 21  
Mark Ribordy

April 22  
Kathy Evans  
Pete Goodpaster  
Ken Koch  
Tom Swihart

April 23  
Cameron Hebert

April 25  
Alex Williams

April 30  
Terry Diedrich  
Mike Nupnau  
Denise Stanko

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

## DUE DATES – TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

### Due Date for Tidings Articles:

The due date for Tidings articles is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. June articles are due by May 15.) Please email articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org)

### Due Date for Bulletin Articles, First Notes and/or Advertisements:

The due date for bulletin articles, First Notes, and announcements are due by noon the Monday prior to the publication.

### PER CAPITA

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. *The cost is \$42.00 per member.* Per capita helps support the decisions of the commissioners to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as they discern the will of Jesus Christ together. It also supports the work of the Presbytery Commission of Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

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**THANK YOU!**



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Rick Exley.....	Building and Grounds Team*
Sharon Kinsey .....	Christian Education Team   Nominating Team
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage   Worship Team**
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\*\* denotes Elder Rep.

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Pastor Kim Adams

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Membership Clerk

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