

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Lenten Thoughts

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return...

I am writing this on Ash Wednesday, but you will be further into Lent by the time you read this. Still, Lent is always a good time to reflect on who you are, and whose you are. It's even a great time to pick up a new habit, or routine in your life, to help you find balance in your spiritual journey.

To that end, Building Disciples team (which oversees our small group ministry) has purchased, and has available a couple of copies of the following books: *Hallelujah, Anyway* – by Anne Lamott, and *Wondrous Encounters: Scriptures for Lent* – by Fr. Richard Rohr. Neither have DVDs, but both are written by amazing authors who speak into the realities of today's life, and offer much fodder for conversation. Even if you aren't in a small group (so please consider joining one! Lists of small groups are available in the Hospitality Center) you may want to add one or both of these to your reading list!

In addition, your daily devotional life is really important. To that end, I'd like to recommend some other resources:

- *Bread and Wine: readings for Lent and Easter* – Plough Publishing House. A compilation of writers throughout the ages (think Augustine, Buechner, Eckhart, Kierkegaard, Lewis, Merton, and others); 72 readings to take you through the seasons of Lent and Easter.
- *Kneeling in Jerusalem* – Ann Weems. Poems and prayers for Lent and Easter.
- *Beyond Words* – Frederick Buechner. Daily devotions for the entire year, culled from his many writings.

Phone/table apps:



Daily Prayer – daily readings and prayers from our Book of Common Worship.



D365 –an app which has a quick reading, and opportunities for thinking and prayer. Designed for teens, and adults



Pray As You Go – very meditative, akin to Lectio Divina. Reads through the daily scripture twice, with time and questions to reflect on the scripture and your life. My personal favorite right now! (plus, the voices are British...)

I am sure there are others out there that you could add to my list! Let us know what your favorites are on our Facebook page! Share with us how you plan to journey through Lent this year!

Finally, don't neglect worship – the basic, foundational need for believers. In addition to Sunday worship, we will again offer a special Palm Sunday experience to begin Holy Week (3/25), and then host a Maundy Thursday service (3/29 – 6:30 p.m.) and Good Friday service (3/30 – noon). Remember, it is important to walk through Holy Week, before you get to Easter!

I continue serving in Christ,

Pastor Toby

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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Congregational Meeting Synopsis of January 28, 2018

On Sunday, January 28, 2018, Pastor Mark Mueller called the annual meeting of the congregation to order immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service in the worship space and led the gathering in prayer. Twenty-five minutes of business moved quickly:

- Minutes of three congregational meetings in 2017 were approved as presented.
- Jerry Kahrs reviewed the good news of the 2017 financial report, celebrating that the congregation exceeded its pledge commitments for the church. Though some of that giving may be attributable to the changes in tax law for 2018, the finance committee estimates that the generosity of the church contributed about \$15,000 to ministry beyond pledges.
- The congregation elected Kay Exley, Terrie Colosino, Harry Karabel and Paul Knauff to its nominating committee, and 2017 moderator Lou Ann Karabel thanked those who previously served. Those are Julie Fletcher-Golding, Andrea Phillips, Doug Hollar and Rose Ross.
- As a meeting of the corporation, the congregation affirmed the Session election of Elizabeth Monroe as corporation president, and Doyll Andrews as secretary.
- The congregation approved the terms of call for Pastor Mark, including a 3% increase from 2017. Session has approved a similar increase in 2018 for Pastor Toby, who is contracted with Session.
- The Operating Budget for 2018 approved by Session was received as presented by Jerry Kahrs. Session members responded to questions about funding for employee increases as well as capital improvements and essential repairs such as the building pillars.

- Jim Hubbard closed the meeting with prayer.

If you didn't receive a copy of the Annual Report and the 2018 Operating Budget at the congregational meeting, copies are available from the office. In the forty-seven pages of the Annual Report you will find reports of the pastors, finances, 2017 congregational meeting minutes, membership clerk, deacons, the many ministry teams doing the daily work of the congregation, and specific ministries including the weekday nursery school and the resale shop. Pastors and Session members welcome your questions.

- Linda L. Long, Clerk *pro tem*

Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Reshkin family and friends on the death of Mark Reshkin.

To the Don and Rhonda Clark family on the death of Don's mother, Jessie Clark.

To the Linda Hartlerode family upon the death of her daughter-in-law, Susan.

Memorials Received

We thank you for the memorials received in the name of Aidan Harris Carter, Sharon Harris' grandson. They are very much appreciated.

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Session Synopsis of February 19, 2018

The Session and guests met on Monday evening, February 19th for conversation and to take action on a few items. Pastor Mark moderated the meeting. Highlights:

Andrea Phillips led devotions by reading from Phil Ressler's "40 Things to Give up for Lent," and closed with prayer.

Session received numerous reports from working teams, and approved requests from the Congregational Life Team:

- 1) Plans for Palm Sunday Brunch on March 25th between church services.
- 2) Use of the Church Pavilion on June 9th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for congregational Garage Sale.

Members of Session's Christian Education Task Force reported on its analysis of survey responses from the congregation and invited additional responses. Monica Conrad, Paul Knauff and Pastor Toby Mueller cited aspects of other progress and the expanded scope of their inquiry beyond the congregation to relate to the community. Session discussion acknowledged the need for more cross-communication about mission and ministry among working teams and with the whole congregation. The task force will continue its work toward its recommendations.

At the request of the Personnel Ministry Team and in support of its recruiting efforts, Session approved a \$1 hourly increase in pay for nursery assistants to \$11/hour and for nursery coordinator to \$12/hour.

Session agreed to permit the Valparaiso Family YMCA to use the church parking lot for its April 7th "Ring in Spring" Run/Walk.

Before closing, Pastor Mark invited each one present to talk about what was on his or her heart or

mind. Session listened attentively and occasionally discussed concerns raised, ideas generated, disappointments and celebrations.

Pastor Mark wrapped up the conversation by asking Session to envision "What does God want us to do? Where is the 'God wave' I can catch?" and closed with a circle of prayer at 8:07 p.m.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes that 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.

The next Stated Session meeting is March 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Long, Clerk *pro tem*

"Caring Is Contagious"

Please remember to stop by the "Caring is Contagious" board and sign the card being sent out weekly to various church members. Also, feel free to copy the address (paper provided) or simply take your own photo of the address of the card recipient so that you might send your own personal card. We also have provided names and addresses of our Deacon Friends, our youth in college, and names of members with birthdays during the month. You are welcome to send them personal cards as well!

Holy Week

Please Join Us for the Holy Week Celebrations

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

- Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
- Palm Sunday Brunch
- Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018

- Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

- Worship Service at 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, Worship Services:

- Sunrise Service will be held outside in the pavilion area facing the East and (hopefully) the beautiful sunrise will begin at 6:30 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.

Easter Flowers

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order flowers for Easter Sunday Worship Services, please forward the following information to the church office by March 19, 2018. Flowers to choose from are Daffodils, Tulips and Azaleas. The price for the Tulips and Daffodils is \$8.50 per plant. The price for the Azaleas is \$18.00 per plant with all profits going to a local charity, which will be decided by Worship.

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of Daffodils: _____ @ \$8.50 per plant

Number of Tulips: _____ @ \$8.50 per plant

Number of Azaleas: _____ @ \$18.00 per plant

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you so much for sending me all of the beautiful birthday cards! It was wonderful to receive them and much appreciated.

Blessings,

Marcelle Johnson

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Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Just like John in the Bible, 2 John 1:4-6, he thanks the church for being diligent in living out the Truth. You are following God's commandment "Love each other." This action is love where you are helping in a generous way – The Kingdom of God, on earth. You are giving to Pastor Henry's ministry by praying, supporting the van, bringing awareness of the needs to your congregation, and supporting Ken. Thank you!

God bless you so much!

Janet Myers
Kenya REAL

Men's Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, March 11, 2018, 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!

First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, March 2, 2018, 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

Presbyterian Saints

We will have our St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. We will be serving a delicious meal including corn beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and rolls. Come early for punch and snacks. We will not be having a program after the luncheon. We are still looking for someone to line up programs for each month. Looking forward to seeing everyone after our two wintry months hiatus. Please call or email the church office at 464-4985 or churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org by Friday, March 2, 2018, to make a reservation.

Comfort Stitchers News

Know Someone Who Needs a Hug?

Wrap them up and let them be embraced with the love of the Lord through a prayer shawl. The dedicated shawls are located in our Hospitality Center. Look for the blue bags in the cabinet under the library display. Please sign the sheet on the counter when taking a shawl.

The Comfort Stitchers

Deacons Doings

The history of the deacons is an interesting one. The office of the deacon originated in the selection of seven men by the apostles. Saint Stephan, widely considered the first deacon was also the first Christian martyr. Deacons have been known since then as the ones who assist with the charitable works of the church and as such are servants to the poor, hungry, sick, imprisoned and marginalized of society. The origin of the word “deacon” can be translated “through the dust” and refers to the dust raised by busy servants doing this calling.

This month, our deacons will be serving a PADS dinner and breakfast for the homeless men in Valparaiso. We will also be visiting our Deacon Friends and delivering them a beautiful new Easter flower and offering communion if they desire. Some of our current deacons also serve the Kairos ministry. It is nice to know our church is carrying on the legacy of St. Stephan today.

Jason Gordon

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts Troop 920 had a great time at their Klondike Derby in January. The boys finished 3rd in the sled race and 2nd in sled design. The Troop invites any boys ages 11-17 to join them in the adventure of Scouting. For more information contact Scoutmaster John Stocks: 219-464-6226.



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

or

(256) 425-3181

Mission at Work

“Mission Is the Purpose of the Church”

Our church has an opportunity to do mission for EVERYONE!

These mission opportunities continue for everyone
at First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso.

FILL YOUR LIFE – Love is Feeding Everyone. We encourage everyone to fill a 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.

***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

MISSION TRIPS SET FOR 2018 – let us know if you want to be a part of one!

- Syria, Lebanon – January
- Kenya R.E.A.L. – February 10-20
- Texas – March/April/May
- Guatemala – April 28 – May 3
- West Virginia - July 28-August 4
- Brazil – August 24-31
- Holy Lands – September/October
- Cuba - November

TEXAS HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF: Unskilled volunteers are needed to help with recovery efforts. If you are interested in being part of this mission please let Pastor Mark know.

KENYA R.E.A.L.: A mission trip is also 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 WEBCAST presentation will be Sunday, February 25 at 10:00 in the friendship room. Come learn about the Holy Land from a Palestinian Christian who lives there. Information will also be given about the upcoming Holy Land mission trip in August.

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

PRAISE ITEMS: Budgeted giving in 2018 over \$6,530

Second Mile and special Mission Offerings collected in 2018: over \$4,800

There is a Mission Budgeted Giving board in the Narthex.

There is a mission bulletin board by the small group room.

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, and Geneva Center. If you want more information 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!

Mission at Work, continued

Urgent PADS Needs!

Men's Homeless shelter here at our church on
Wednesday nights/Thursday early morning.

Please consider giving three hours of your time to help those in need.

Sign up in the Hospitality Center

or talk to

Olga Koch or Beth Germann

March 8	1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. Shift - Need 1 Volunteer
March 15	1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. Shift - Need 1 Volunteer
March 22	1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. Shift - Need 2 Volunteers
March 29	1:30 a.m. - 5:00 a.m. Shift - Need 1 Volunteer

Christian Food Pantry

In January, the pantry provided food for six hundred and thirty people. Thankfully donations from our supporting congregations and other community organizations have kept the pantry supplied through January when giving often falls short.

The following basic items are needed:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Diapers (Larger Sizes)
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Coffee (Small Cans)
- Cooking Oil (Small Bottles)
- Jiffy® Corn Bread Mix
- Juices
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Pork 'n Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Soups
- Teas
- Tuna in Water

Any donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for any and all kinds of help for the neighbors in our community needing pantry assistance.

Nan, Sharon and Anne

Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

March's Second Mile Offering will be received for the One Great Hour of Sharing 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.

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**First Presbyterian
Mission Trip to the
Holy Land**

August 7-17, 2018

6 nights in Jerusalem

**3 nights in Tiberias
by the Sea of Galilee**

**~\$2,100 + flight
contact:
Tracy @ 916-9176**

2-25-18
PRESENTATION

Live from Jerusalem

Christians in the Holy Land

Join the Mission Team during the adult educational hour at 10 am on February, 25th to learn about the history of the Christians living in the Holy Land and the obstacles they face in today's political landscape of the Israeli occupation.

TOUR

Jaffa; Mt. of Olives; Garden of Gethsemane; Israeli Museum; Ein Karm; West Bank check point/separation wall; shepherd's fields; Church of the Nativity; Church of the Holy Sepulcher; Western Wall; Mt. Zion; Mission to Wi'am; Bethlehem University; tour of refugee camp
AND MUCH MORE!

Mission at Work, continued

Opportunity

Mission to Lesvos Greece Moria Refugee Camp

Date of Trip: July 16-26 or 27, 2018

Cost of Trip: Ground Fees to GEM: \$1,000 (hotel, meals and transportation)
(Application fee, \$150, remaining funds are due in mid-June)
Airfare: Approximately: \$1,200 – \$1,600
Travel Insurance: approx. \$ 50.00
Spending \$ for Miscellaneous

Funding Sources: Your church, personal fundraising, New Harmony Presbytery (last year, \$150.00 ea.)

Team Ratio: Either 1/1 or 2/2 male /female

Purpose of Trip: Our mission is to follow the call of Christ to the “least of these,” a portion of the 65 million displaced people in the world today. We will serve, bringing comfort, compassion, and hope among refugees from 40 different nations, men, women and children. Our mission is to serve others as if serving Christ.

What We Will Do (Probably): We will be working on 8 hour shifts (either 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; 12:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.; 12:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.) with one day off.

We may be passing out food, helping with paperwork, putting up tents, guarding gates; escorting POC's, distributing supplies, friendship, listening, etc.

Accommodations: Hotel in Pantaouga; kitchenette; restaurants within walking distance

Team Preparation: Applications and \$150.00 deposit due to Greater Europe Mission by March 14, 2018

<http://www.gemission.org/opportunities/greece-gem-refuge-short-term-trips>

First Planning Meeting: April 2018

Final Team Preparation: Either in three 2.5 hour segments or on one full day.

Other: your passport must be dated at least 6 months before expiration; include medical and evacuation insurance when tickets are booked.

For More Information: <http://www.gemission.org/refuge>

Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Sunday, March 18th at 12:30 p.m. The Easter egg hunt is open for all children fifth grade and younger. In order to pull off this event, we need your help. We are collecting donations of individually wrapped candy that will be stuffed into plastic eggs for the hunt. Donations can be placed in the bin located in the Narthex.

The event is going to be outside (in the event of bad weather, we will hold the hunt inside) and open to the community, so volunteers will be needed for stuffing eggs, setting up, and leading groups during the hunt. Please let Lisa Thomas know if you are interested in helping by signing the sheet on the table in the Narthex. We would love to see you there. Do not forget to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

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Kids of the Kingdom has survived the wonderful snow of February. We want to thank all those wonderful people who have volunteered to lead our young people. There are a few openings for 9:00 in March. There will be no Kids of the Kingdom on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Look for a new and exciting program coming in April. It is called Sunday Lift.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday March 18th. We are looking for wrapped candy to put into the plastic eggs. You may drop candy in the Narthex or in the CE office.

Plans for the Vacation Bible School to be held June 10-14th continue. Please mark your calendars for this fun event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jason or Becky Gordon.

We hope you have the dates of July 28th to August 4th reserved so you can join summer mission trip to West Virginia! This mission trip is open to high school youth, middle school youth (with one parent) and adult members if space permits. Please contact Ken Crews if you are interested and look for more information to come. Presbys is meeting weekly – contact Julia Evans or Ken Crews for schedules.

Please visit the Geneva Center website for schedules of summer camps (www.genevacenter.org). There are partial scholarships available. Summer camp is a wonderful experience for children so check it out.

Christian Education is working hard to provide fun and Christian activities for our youth. Please prayerfully consider bringing your children, grandchildren and neighbors to these activities. We look forward to seeing you!

Scholarship Applications

Applications for several scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available in the church office. Please submit completed forms to the church office by June 11, 2018.

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.

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School (“PWNS”)

February was a fun month at PWNS as the children stayed busy inside the warmth of our church building. Our classes decorated valentine bags and brought in valentines to share with their classmates for their Valentine’s Day parties. We baked cherry cupcakes to celebrate George Washington’s birthday and marched through the church to celebrate all of our presidents! We held our very own Olympics Day in our spacious gym. The children cheered each other on as we participated in various races and an obstacle course.

We are thankful to Connie Anderson for the monetary gift given in loving memory of her mother, Aileen Owens. We are also grateful for monetary donations from Sharon Harris, Ellen Corley, Paul and Connie Knauff, Marcelle Johnson, Beverlee Frazee, and Judy Kendrick given in loving memory of Sharon’s grandson, Aidan Carter. These donations will help us provide scholarships for preschool students’ families in need of tuition assistance.

A big thank you to Maggi Alexander for coming in to be a guest reader for our Pre-K class. The children enjoyed the stories and spending time with Mrs. Alexander.

We are registering for the 2018-2019 school year. Registration forms are available in the PWNS mailbox in the church office.

Sheya Bennett
309-5873

Ann Skadberg
405-7188

Congregational Health Team News

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Date: March 5, 2018

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Sign Up: Donors can sign up in the Hospitality Center or online at:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give/drive/driveSearchList.jsp?zipSponsor=fpresval>

Walk-ins welcome!
Those with appointments will take priority.

If you have any questions, please contact Rose Ross at heross@comcast.net or (219) 465-1634. Thank you!

March Calendar

Thursday, March 01, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	
3:30 PM	Endowment Meeting	101
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, March 02, 2018

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, March 03, 2018

Sunday, March 04, 2018

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
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class - Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
12:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, March 05, 2018

8:30 AM	Retired Presbyterian Men	Off-site
12:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 5:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	145
6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
7:15 PM	Grief Share Program for Teens	101

Tuesday, March 06, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	IDGB Team Meeting	Sanctuary, Hospitality Center, 154, 145, 144, 155
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101

Wednesday, March 07, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
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
7:00 PM	iEngage Team	Workroom

Thursday, March 08, 2018

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

Friday, March 09, 2018

Saturday, March 10, 2018

9:00 AM	IDGB Team Meeting	Sanctuary, HC, FH, 154, 145, 144, 155
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March Calendar, continued

Sunday, March 11, 2018

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
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class – Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
12:00 PM	CE Task Force	101
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, March 12, 2018

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, March 13, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	IDGB Team Meeting	Sanctuary, 155, Hospitality Center, 144, 154, 145

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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

Thursday, March 15, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, March 16, 2018

Saturday, March 17, 2018

March Calendar, continued

Sunday, March 18, 2018

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
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class – Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
12:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt	FPC-outdoors
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FH, FR
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, March 19, 2018

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

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Committee	154, 155

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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	Sanctuary
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, March 22, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
2:00 PM	Pines Communion	Off-site
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, March 23, 2018

Saturday, March 24, 2018

March Calendar, continued

Sunday, March 25, 2018

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class - Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	CE Task Force	101
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, March 26, 2018

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

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
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, March 29, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Chapel

Friday, March 30, 2018

12:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Chapel
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Saturday, March 31, 2018

Worship Flowers

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.

Mar. 4	Mar. 25	Apr. 8	Apr. 22	May 13	May 27
June 3	June 17	June 24	July 8	July 15	July 22

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

To be taken home: _____ To be delivered to shut-ins: _____

Resale Shop – March 2018 Schedule

March and April Scheduler: Carolyn Dye (219) 464-8878

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

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

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Cheryl Keach TBD	2 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	3 Carolyn & Doug Dye ----- Carol Bonvissuto Cindy Robinson
6 Joan Johnston Karen Vogelsang ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	7 Chris Hurd TBD ----- Carol Bonvissuto Cindy Robinson	8 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Rose Ross Barb Aungst	9 Open 9:00-12:00 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Cleaning PM	10 Closed for Changeover
13 Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pedersen ----- Pastors Mark & Toby Mueller	14 Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	15 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	16 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Ginger & Jim Boys	17 Jackie Bernal Carol Flanigan ----- Julie & Emily Golding TBD
20 Mary Brown Alexa Olling ----- Paul Knauff Karen Huguenard	21 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Carol Bonvissuto Cindy Robinson	22 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Carolyn Lelek Inge Nimtz	23 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Nancy Becker Karen Simerlein	24 Barb Aungst Leanne Grant ----- Catherine Busch TBD
27 Inge Culberson Inge Nimtz ----- Marilyn & Don Owens	28 Mary Jayne Shurr Star Ruwersma ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	29 Janice Reichard Chris Hurd ----- Carol McCreery Karen Simerlein	30 Alexa Olling TBD ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	31 Closed for Easter

We Need Your Help!

Our awesome workers have so much fun together that it's a joy volunteering at the Resale Shop. Join us for a shift or come in on Monday or Friday morning to help in the backroom. Call Carolyn Dye at (219) 464-8878 for more information.

Happy Birthday!

March 1 Chip Wilkes	March 16 Marilyn Owens Laurie Swallow
March 2 Kathy Joseph	March 20 Aiden Andrews Michael Chubb
March 3 Ken Crews David Goodwin Erin Randall Avalyn Richardson Michael Williams	March 23 Sharon Hubbard
March 4 Kim Martin	March 24 Tanya Buff Jill Edwards
March 5 Simon Cole Beth Germann	March 25 Jacob Linn
March 6 Phyllis Bryant Kayla Morgan Higgins Annika Malone	March 26 Margaret Reif
March 7 Macy Highlan Katherin Swarner	March 27 Erin Leto
March 8 Erin Goodpaster	March 28 Patti Parker
March 9 Frances Martinez	March 30 Shayne Wassell
March 10 Aaron Onohan Jean Wheeler	
March 15 Peg Borgman Catherine Busch Carla Miller	

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

Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle's

Next Meeting

Date:	March 15 , 2018	Hostesses:	Rose Cummins
		Co-hostess:	Kathy Rowe
Time:	10:00 A.M.	Lesson:	Janice Reichard

Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator:	Carolyn Dye
Vice-moderator:	Pam Skaltsas
Treasurer:	Linda Hartlerode
Secretary:	Rose Olivarri
Historian:	Mary Jayne Shurr

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

March 4	
9:00 a.m.	Karen Huguenard Jackie Bernal
11:00 a.m.	TBD
March 11	
9:00 a.m.	TBD
11:00 a.m.	TBD
March 18	
9:00 a.m.	David Goodwin Phebe Klapp
11:00 a.m.	TBD
March 25	
9:00 a.m.	TBD
11:00 a.m.	Catherine Busch Steve Scarborough

SEXTON:

Open:	Vic Klancer
Close:	Don Mohr

ELDER ON CALL

March	4	Barry Hughes
	18	Jerry Kahrs

DEACON ON CALL

March	11	Mike Becker
	25	Julie Golding

COMMUNION SET UP, SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

Mike Becker
Valarie Smart-Higgins

COMMUNION SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018 PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Dan Higgins
Valarie Smart-Higgins

MARCH 4, 2018, COMMUNION SERVERS

Olga Koch*
Dolly Trapp*
Doug Dye
Dan Higgins
Jacki Phillips (Mary Jayne Shurr)

*denotes team leaders

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 or (219) 309-7357 or the church office at 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 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

January 2018

Income	\$ 41,223	YTD Income	\$41,223
Expenses	<u>\$ 41,087</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>\$41,087</u>
Over/Short	\$ 136		\$ 136



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