

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Valparaiso, IN 46383

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



PARISH NURSE NEWS



Blood Drive First Presbyterian Church



Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

Sunday, July 13
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.



Come give blood 7/1 to 7/14 for an exclusive pair of Red
Cross x goodr sunglasses, while they last!



1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP NEWS

The volunteers of your Presbyterian Church Resale Shop are working hard to move your shop to 65 Franklin Street! We are choosing paint colors, shelving units, donation racks and storage sheds...and lots more! When we ask for help putting things together, don't forget to say "YES!"



We will remain open until July 31, and we will accept donations at the Lincolnway location until July 14.

The moving company will "relocate" everything on August 14, 2025.

We will reopen sometime in September.

We will have lots of sales so be sure to stop in and see what's going on!

Mary Linda Scott
Co-Moderator
Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team
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FUNDRAISER AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF VALPARAISO



EXPLORING NEW MEMBER CLASSES

EXPLORING NEW MEMBERSHIP AT FPC VALPARAISO
AUGUST 10, AUGUST 17, AUGUST 24*, AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
9:00 A.M. - 9:50 A.M. IN ROOM 101

Classes for those exploring new church membership will begin Aug 10, 2025, with a series of 4 classes. The leaders will cover different topics each week. Week # 3 (August 24, 2025) is a program covering our vibrant history of the First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso. FPC has a 185-year presence in Valparaiso and Jeanne Turner believes that it is important to know all you can about the church. She will share a 45-minute overview of our 16th century beginnings and The FPC Valparaiso story. If you have considered becoming a new member, would like more information or are just interested in reviewing your church's history, you are welcome to join the group at 9:00 a.m. August 24th in Room 100. Following the completion of these classes, new members will be welcomed during the worship on September 7th. We look forward to seeing you.

**class meets in room 100 on August 24th*

MISSION NEWS

HILLTOP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

Please find the following items that are needed through September 2025:

- Pasta and Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Hearty Soups

Please put any donations in the foyer in or by the grocery cart, marked Hilltop.

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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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain.

bcgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964

GRATITUDE

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: WHAT A WEEK WE HAD!

Decorating, delicious dinners, fun music, Bible stories, crafts, games and new friendships! Each year, Vacation Bible Camp is made possible by our incredible volunteers who provide the dinners and lead the groups and events. From the bottom of my heart, **THANK YOU!**

Much love,

Trish



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Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

Donna Hinton, registered nurse and certified CPR trainer will be certifying & recertifying the preschool teaching staff on

Thursday, July 10, 2025

9:30-11:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/100 [TBD])

There are seven (7) openings to make this a full class (first come, first serve). The cost of the class is \$50.00 (due the day of the class). Fee includes a CPR card and certificate.

*If you would like to take part in this class, please contact Trish Lawson **by Sunday, June 29, 2025.***

(219) 671-1205 or tlawson@fpcvalpo.org

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COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date/time during the in-person at FPC Valpo. Online worship is available (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel).

All are invited 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.

NURTURING “THE JOY OF GIVING”



When I was young, I spent a lot of time before my birthday and Christmas thinking about what I wanted and anticipating what I would receive: a toy gas station, a baseball mitt, a transistor radio... **RECEIVING** gifts brought me great joy! I gradually discovered that **GIVING** gifts to my wife, children, parents and sharing in their joy could also bring me great joy.

However, giving “joyfully” to those beyond family and close friends is a giant step beyond self-interest that many are never able to take. Some give, but out of a feeling of obligation, not joy, and many don’t give at all.

Positive life experiences have helped some of us to cultivate a joyful heart for giving; parents who modeled joyful giving, having been a recipient of joyful giving, an “AHA” awakening, etc.

We can also **intentionally** cultivate our hearts for joyful giving and embrace generosity as a spiritual practice. Here are some ways we can nurture joy in giving:

1. Recognize Giving as Worship

Giving is an act of worship that reflects gratitude for God’s blessings. When you see it as a way to honor Him, it becomes a joyful expression rather than an obligation.

2. Start with Gratitude

A heart overflowing with gratitude naturally leads to generosity. Reflect on the ways God has provided for you and let that gratitude inspire your giving.

3. Give Cheerfully and Willingly

The Bible encourages giving with a joyful heart: *“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”* (2 Corinthians 9:7). When giving is done willingly, it brings fulfillment rather than stress.

4. Focus on the Impact

Seeing how your contributions help others—whether supporting ministries, aiding those in need, or strengthening the church—can deepen your joy in giving.

5. Trust in God’s Provision

Generosity builds faith. Malachi 3:10 reminds us that God blesses those who give faithfully. Trusting that He will provide allows you to give with confidence.

6. Make Giving a Habit

Incorporate generosity into your daily life. Whether through financial gifts, acts of service, or words of encouragement, consistently giving fosters a joyful heart.

Doug Hollar, Planned Giving

MEMBERSHIP TEAM NEWS ~ PICTURE TIME!

It has been many years since FPC Valpo has produced a Church Directory, but with everyone's busy schedules and so many of our members and friends attending worship online rather than in person, your Membership Team has decided to take an easier route. Instead of having every member attend a formal picture-taking session at the church, we are simply going to update our church computer program (REALM) and then make printed directories available or give individuals online access.

In order to accomplish this in a timely manner, the Membership Team is asking **EACH INDIVIDUAL** to take a current picture *with your phone* and email it to Elizabeth Monroe at monroe55016@yahoo.com. (We cannot upload group pictures, so each family member should send an **INDIVIDUAL** picture.) If you have a printed picture that you would prefer to use, simply take a photo of the picture with your phone and send it to Elizabeth at the above email address. (We also cannot use professional pictures.)

iEngage/Membership Teams will also have someone available on Sunday mornings later in July and/or August if you are unable to send your own updated picture. Watch for more information!

This is for **EVERYONE** who worships at FPCV, whether in person or online! Please send in your picture as soon as possible so our REALM Directory can be complete. We want **EVERYONE** represented.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

SUMMER SCHOOL: Summer School at the preschool is Monday, July 28th- Friday August 1st. The preschool through kindergarten class is 9am-11am, and the kindergarten through first grade class is 12pm-2pm. It will be a fun week for the children! Register early to reserve a spot. The cost is \$100 for the week. Families can find more information on our preschool website or Facebook page.

FALL REGISTRATION: The 2025-2026 preschool classes start the first week of September. Our preschool is offering the Early Learners Class (Tuesday/Thursday 9am-11am), PreK class (Mon/Wed/Friday 9am-12pm), and Extend Day PreK class (12pm-2pm).

More information on class offerings and registration forms for Fall and Summer can be found on our Facebook page or website: <https://www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org/classes>.

CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 1, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
Wednesday, July 2, 2025		
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, July 3, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, July 4, 2025 - Church Office Closed		
6:00 PM	Fourth of July Parking Fundraiser	FPC Parking Lot
Saturday, July 5, 2025		
Sunday, July 6, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, July 7, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, July 8, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:00 PM	Preschool Team	100
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 9, 2025		
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, July 10, 2025		
9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, July 11, 2025		
Saturday, July 12, 2025		
Sunday, July 13, 2025		
8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive <i>(Until 1:00 p.m.)</i>	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, July 14, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, July 15, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 16, 2025		
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, July 17, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, July 18, 2025		
Saturday, July 19, 2025		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, July 21, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, July 22, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 23, 2025		
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, July 24, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, July 25, 2025		
Saturday, July 26, 2025		
Sunday, July 27, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, July 28, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, July 29, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 30, 2025		
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
Thursday, July 31, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN.

Join us in the pavilion for worship at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of month, pending weather, through the end of September. Join us in the sanctuary for worship at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month. All are welcome!

** on calendar denotes 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!

July 4 Ben Keller	July 20 Nathan Phillips
July 5 Maggie Christy	July 21 Monica Conrad
July 6 Mike Becker Troy Borlick	July 22 Chris Hoham
July 7 Steve Scarborough	July 23 Cathy Cole Abigail Gibbs-Holland Bob Marrs
July 8 Brenda Brooker Maggi James	July 24 Rev. Dr. Doug Busby
July 11 Linda Izynski	July 25 Bruce Dudek Madison Keller Nicholas Ribordy
July 12 Kenna Pedersen Betty Richardson Dave Spitler	July 26 Pastor Kim Adams Kathryn McIver
July 13 Susan Nannenga	July 27 Stan Olling Leah Ribordy Luke Ribordy
July 14 Betty Seegers	July 29 Tracy Goodpaster Zeke Highlan
July 15 Connie Anderson	July 30 Becky Luick
July 16 Ron Izynski	
July 17 Sarah Greider	
July 18 Delaney Canavan	

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



MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Jim Hubbard (7/6, 7/20, 7/27)
Doug Hollar (7/13)
Close: Bruce Roth

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

July 6 Rhonda Coffin
July 20 Sharon Kinsey

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

July 13 Gina Peyton
July 27 Jim Peyton

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

July 6 Emma Adams
July 13 Wendy Stocks
July 20 Sharon Kinsey
July 27 Presbys

USHER SCHEDULE

July 6 Michael McKee
Suk McKee
Molly
July 13 Doug Hollar
Judy Hollar
Steve Scarborough
July 20 Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
Trent Olling
July 27 Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs
Molly

COMMUNION SERVERS

July 6 Rhonda Coffin
Gina Peyton
Jim Peyton

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

6 Gina



July
Peyton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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Rev. Nancy Becker, Parish Associate	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
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Valarie Smart-Higgins, Custodian	
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In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985.

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Matthew Byerly.....	iEngage Team* Worship Team* Nominating Committee **
Rhonda Coffin.....	Stewardship Team
Jim Gray.....	Mission Team
Madison Keller.....	Faith Formation Team* Membership Team*
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Stewardship Team*
Jerry Kahrs	Finance Team Building and Grounds Team*
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson	iEngage Team*
Linda Long.....	Mission Team **
Kathryne Penninga.....	Worship Team Nominating Committee **
Rose Ross.....	Congregational Life Team
Chip Wilkes	Personnel Team* Finance Team*

*denotes Elder Rep.

**denotes Vice Moderator

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk & Moderator of Membership

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Beth Germann, Moderator

Personnel Team

Jim Hubbard, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

Treasurer

Jerry Kahrs

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