

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



CHANCEL VISIONING TEAM

Our session has contracted with Erich Thompson – Sacred Spaces to create a unique suite of chancel furniture for our worship space. These rough sketches show the designs, noting that further fine-tuning is expected as his work moves forward. The red and blue are placeholders for art glass to be created by our local artists at Hot Shop Valpo. The suite includes the pulpit, large communion table, hanging cross resized but similar to the current mounted cross, a baptismal font, plus small lectern and two pairs of higher and lower side tables as needed for flowers, Christ candle, baptismal oil and pitcher, and the like. Our pieces will be moveable to allow flexible placement and multiple uses. Check out <http://www.erichthompson.net>

Finance account 8-206: Sacred Space and its gifts of \$5,000 are committed to this project. The congregation and its friends are invited to contribute to this account for the chancel furniture. This suite is outside the current budget and other reserve funds, therefore will be funded with dedicated gifts. Down payment of \$13,800 will accompany the signed contract when returned on an expected contract price of \$34,500 for all pieces. Anticipated delivery time is late summer.

WHY DO THIS NOW?

Are we a vibrant congregation today, proficient in the technology for streaming our worship services, faith formation classes and other events into homes? Are we vibrantly alive with music that includes ancient bells and guitars, piano and organ, bongos and snares, classical solos and swinging choir anthems? Are young children wiggling and coloring at our PrayGround table? Are there preschoolers eager to enter the building on Monday mornings? Do dynamic leaders preach the Word that illustrates and challenges us to live as Christ would have us live in today's challenging world? Do we sponsor Pop-up missions that serve immediate needs in our community? That's who we are, and so much more.

What does our current chancel space show about us with its mix of "70's Modern" pieces and old traditional pieces? What does our worshipping community see, whether in the sanctuary or newcomers online? A missing pulpit replaced by a lectern pulled from storage...cracked baptismal font holding water we cannot see...odds and ends to hold the Christ candle, baptismal pitcher, the large Bible, flowers as offerings...



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CHANCEL VISIONING TEAM, CONTINUED

Will theologically designed chancel furniture enhance our worship with symbols and colors of our faith? Will pleasing, quality pieces in our chancel attract new attention to the Word, experiences of the waters of baptism and the Lord's Supper at the communion table, and the Celtic cross above us with its infinite circle reminding us of God's unending love?

The Chancel Visioning Team and Session say "Yes!" to these questions. Working with Erich Thompson, a Presbyterian pastor whose ministry is working with congregations to envision furniture for worship space, we intentionally chose to design theologically rather than "match" the architecture design. Together we developed a suite of related pieces: chancel furniture that was moveable, echoing core design details yet each with a theological message. Water will be visible in the font with clear glass that suggests the presence of the Holy Spirit in waters of baptism. The Word will be read and spoken from a centered place of prominence that suggests God as Creator. The Table is rounded to be inclusive and on the floor with the people. Both the Table and the rescaled and rebuilt cross above the chancel will remind us of the gifts of Christ through bread and wine, and His resurrection. Five auxiliary pieces will be used as needed.

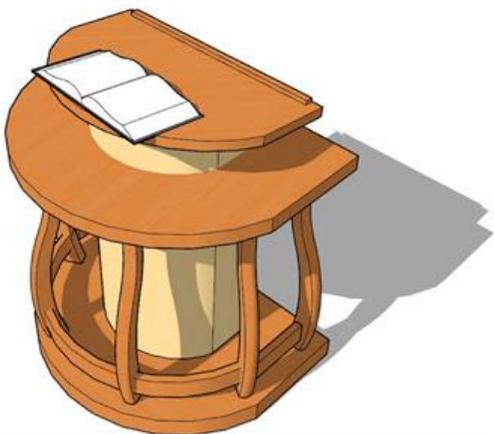
The pieces are designed to accommodate our paraments patterned after our art glass windows that illustrate God's presence throughout scripture. They provide creative flexibility and are meaningful in our current chancel as well as in potential future chancel renovations. Now is the right time to set aside our mismatched furniture from the 70's (or before) and embrace beauty with fresh symbols enhancing worship in the chancel. The artisan-crafted chancel furniture is a special project for us – conceived through many Zoom and masked meetings during two years of pandemic disruption – both to celebrate the church we are today and to inspire those worshipping as the church of tomorrow.

The chancel furniture will get us started toward overall church building renovations. It's doable immediately through dedicated gifts, memorials and other new funding for something beautiful that will renew our attention in our worship space. This bold leap of faith may inspire and energize us to move forward with a longer term capital campaign for our building to support new ministry and refreshed visibility in our community as a vibrant congregation in the 21st century.

Working together as the Chancel Visioning Team off and on these past two years

Jason & Pastor Kim Adams
Matt Byerly
Ken Crews
Rick Exley
Chris Hoham
Doug Hollar
Jim Hubbard

Jerry Kahrs
Harry Karabel
Vic Klancer
Ken Koch
Linda Long, Moderator
Bruce & Sandi Roth
Jeff Whitney



MISSION NEWS

Thank you for hosting a CWS Blankets Offering this year. Your congregation's support means so much to me and to so many of our neighbors around the world who, because of you, are reminded that [they are loved](#).

Because of your generosity, someone seeking warmth will find it... whether it's after a tornado or when neighbors are seeking refuge in a shelter.

Through your blankets ministry, you continue to be the hands and feet of Christ.

First Presbyterian Church, thank you for your loving-kindness.

Gratefully,

Matthew Stevens
Director of Congregational Campaigns, CWS

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

Dr. Jeannie Rhodes' family and friends on the death of Pastor Wayne Rhodes.

DEACONS DOINGS

With all the turmoil in the world right now, laughter is the best medicine. There are 110 Bible verses about laughter. One of them is Proverbs 17:22 – “A joyful heart is good medicine but a broken spirit dries up the bones.” In those Bible verses, God reveals his sense of humor to make a point. Life is much more stress free and enjoyable, if we can laugh at ourselves as well as other funny situations. When our daughter went to Vet school, she left us with her animals to take care of. While they are a lot of work to take care of, they provide us with plenty of entertainment as well. In Genesis 1:25, it says that He first surrounded Adam with these creatures to relieve Adam's loneliness. I think the animals also provided Adam with joy. Mothers also provide us with laughter and joy as well as encouragement and nurturing. Proverbs 31:25 says, “She is clothed with strength and dignity, she can laugh at the days to come.” Remember your Mother on this Mother's Day with a funny story, a laugh, and a smile on your face.

Blessings,

June Olling

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

BUILDING AND GROUNDS



SCOPE OF WORK:

The B+G's Team works daily, throughout the year, maintaining First Presbyterian Church, Classrooms, Meeting Rooms, Pavilion and Grounds so as to provide a safe, comfortable and beautiful environment for our Faith Communities Worship, Education and Celebrations.

1973 CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION

We strive to keep up with preventative maintenance and/or repair critical infrastructure, winter, spring, summer & fall, of our physical facility and grounds with local contractors and Congregational Volunteers.

This is not always an easy task considering our original facility, which includes the Sanctuary, Sacristy, Fellowship Hall (gym), Kitchen and the original North & West Hallway Classrooms are now 49 years old constructed in 1973. The South hallway, Small Groups & Presbys' rooms, Friendship Room, PWNS office & Classrooms, the Nursery, our Hospitality Center and Office additions were constructed in 1999, now 22½ years old.

SOME OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ Overseeing & Occasional Custodial Duties
- ◆ Maintain Mechanical Systems
- ◆ Snow & Ice Removal
- ◆ Summer Lawn & Weed
- ◆ Spring & Fall Grounds Cleanup
- ◆ Event Setup and Cleanup
- ◆ Scheduling Facility Sextons
- ◆ Assisting & Reviewing Facility Use Requests
- ◆ Monthly Reporting to Session
- ◆ Annual Reporting to the Congregation
- ◆ Annual Safety Inspections



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 submit completed forms to the following address by June 11, 2022:

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date during the in-person at FPC Valpo and online worship services (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.

WORSHIP NEWS

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 and Confession of Sin, 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>



“MATTHEW 25 REFLECTION” presents information chosen by our Matthew 25 Team to inform and inspire our church family to actively engage in activities and with initiatives that reduce poverty and racism in our local communities and beyond.

Most of us believe we are not racist. We feel that we treat people of color with kindness and respect. We **easily recognize** and speak out against **racist individuals** who act out through cross burning, hate crimes, or racist rhetoric.

However, we **do not easily recognize** the **structural racism** that is woven into every aspect of society. Structural Racism is the many racial inequalities that result from American systems and policies that we have always accepted without question.

The best way to gain an understanding of Structural Racism is by looking at the inequalities it produces. Having previously examined inequalities of **wealth, education, and housing**, this month we continue by looking at the vast inequalities in **Health Care and Employment**.

Healthcare

- A. Infant mortality for black people is more than double the rate for white people.
- B. Life expectancy at birth: on average white people live 4 years longer.
- C. Cancer death rate per 100,000 – Men: 233.5 for African Americans vs 197.3 for white people. Women: 156.0 for African Americans vs 141.9 for white people. These disparities exist for most chronic conditions including obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and asthma for African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans compared to white people.
- D. As of May 6, Covid-19 deaths recorded in Chicago showed the death rate for black people was 3½ x the death rate for white people. Similar results in most states.
- E. Research indicates that across virtually every type of diagnostic and treatment intervention **black people and other minorities receive fewer procedures and poorer-quality medical care than do white people.**
- F. Due to low wage jobs with no benefits, high unemployment, and living in economically depressed neighborhoods, **black people have large numbers of uninsured and less access to vital medical care** that most of us take for granted.

Employment

- A. Black persons unemployment rate has been 2x that of white persons for 60 years, no matter what has been going on in the economy.
- B. Black people with college degrees are 2x more likely to be unemployed than other graduates.
- C. Job applicants with white-sounding names get called back about 50% more often than applicants with black-sounding names.
- D. A vast majority of employment decision-makers are white. **White people find 70% of their jobs through an inside recommendation offered by a family member or friend.**

As we read, study, and discuss Matthew 25 issues, we need God’s help in fully recognizing the injustice and inequality that continue to exist because of systemic poverty and structural racism. Please add your voice daily in asking that God guide us and empower us, individually and as a church family, in our Matthew 25 efforts. We also need His help in finding meaningful ways for us to act in response to our love and concern.

Prayer in response to today’s article:

Lord, lead and direct my thoughts as I reflect upon the inequalities in health care and employment within our nation. Amen.

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL

We wish all of you a Wonderful Spring!!! We are hoping that spring is here by the time you read this!!! We have so much we want to do and would like some warmer weather!!! We have been able to go to the playground a few times. We just celebrated Easter with an Easter Celebration and an egg hunt which we had in the Fellowship Hall! The children loved the field trip to the library downtown. They toured the children's section, read some books, did a craft, and then toured the library garden. Some of our friends got their library cards!! We have been learning our parent's phone number and celebrate learning it by calling that parent!!! Our caterpillars have arrived and we are watching them grow! Look for our butterflies in the next weeks. The Pre-K class is learning some songs for their special night of Pizza with our Parents!!! It is hard to believe May will be our last month of school!!! We have a lot to do!!!

We still have a few spots for next year so please spread the word to your friends and neighbors!!!

MATHEW 25 NEWS

THANK YOU!

The Matthew 25 Team would like to thank our Congregation and the Mission Team for making the Bicycle Fundraiser for Beveridge Elementary School in Gary such a success. Many children will be blessed by your generosity!

Donations like yours make a tremendous difference in the work our church can do for the community.

God was good to us when we went to purchase them! Not only did God give us good weather to pick them up, Walmart also gave us a wonderful discount. The manager led us outside and said "take all the bikes you want for \$50." So we did just that! For that, we want to thank Walmart as well for their kindness... it is contagious!

Donations like yours make a tremendous difference in the work our church can do for the community. Thank you for your generous support. Together we can make a difference.

Kim Croarkin

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

MATTHEW 25

www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

HOOSIER BURN CAMP



Hoosier Burn Camp* is a nonprofit organization committed to providing life-changing experiences for young people who have suffered the physical and emotional trauma associated with a severe burn injury. This can go a long way towards helping these young people to reach levels of prosperity that they might not have attained without the support and friendships of the positive people that they meet at events such as the annual summer camp. Oftentimes traumatic events lead to poverty.

- ◆ Inflatable or Compact Lake Floats, Toys, and Games
- ◆ Stream Machine Type Water Toys/Soakers
- ◆ Pool Noodles
- ◆ Swim Goggles
- ◆ Aloe Vera
- ◆ Drawstring Backpacks
- ◆ Small Flashlights or Headlamps
- ◆ Water Proofing Spray for Tents
- ◆ Individual Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Individual Emergency Ponchos
- ◆ Super Soakers
- ◆ Beach Towels
- ◆ Basketballs, Frisbees, and Other Sports Gear

The deadline for turning in donations is May 6, 2022.

GRATEFUL FOR ALL!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS

“TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!”

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS:



**FPCV Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)
All Are Welcome – Donating back 20%**

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

300 Porters Vale Blvd, Valparaiso, IN

20% of the pre-tax total will go back to FPCV when you place your receipt in the clear Plexiglass box at the registers after ordering.

****In order for the fundraiser to officially happen, each month we need a minimum of 20 RSVPs to the link below by May 15!**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/215024>

BUILDING AND GROUNDS NEWS

We need your help opening and closing the church before and after our Worship services for the following months in 2022.

“O” indicates an “open” date and we need your help “O”

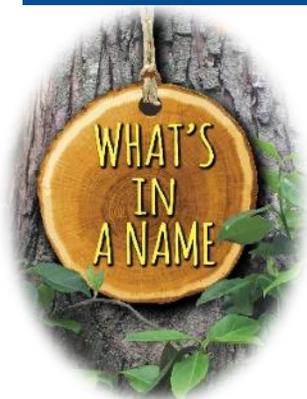
“👤” simply means we have a volunteer;
and we thank you for your help “ ”

<u>Month</u>	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>
June	👤	O
July	👤	👤
August	👤	O
September	👤	O
October	👤	O
November	👤	👤
December	👤	O

Please consider helping out your Faith Community in this very simple service.

In addition, someone is needed to close on May 8, 2022, after worship.

If you are available to sign up or would like additional information regarding this ministry, please contact Vic Klancer at:
219-216-4555 ~ or ~ vic-klancer@comcast.net



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMP 2022
Save the dates on your calendar and make plans to attend!
Register Online at: www.genevacenter.org

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS
“WHAT’S IN A NAME?”

This year’s theme allows us to explore who God made us to be. Through time and in sacred moments, names take on meaning beyond their spoken sound. Discussions during camp examine how you were named and who God intended you to be.

Geneva Center has been hosting its summer camps for over 50 years and we are excited to welcome this year’s campers!! This is the time of year to reunite with old friends, make new friends, and enjoy time in the beautiful outdoor setting that Geneva Center provides. Summer camp 2022 is the place where lifelong memories are created!

We want to reassure all campers and their families that all CDC and State Health Department recommendations will be in effect to ensure that summer camp is safe. We have not had a single case of COVID on site in the past two years. Safety for all is our first priority.

Register for “What’s In A Name” Summer Camp now at www.genevacenter.org
REGISTER AND PAY IN FULL BEFORE MAY 15, 2022, TO AVOID \$25 LATE FEE
Call Cathy with questions at 574-223-6915

June 13-18	Explorers (completed grades 4-5)	\$ 415.00
June 13-15	You and Me 1 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$ 235.00 / person
June 13-15	New Beginnings (completed grades 1-3)	\$ 235.00
June 20-25	MAD (Music, Art, Drama) (completed grades 6-12)	\$ 415.00
June 20-22	You and Me 2 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$ 235.00 / person
June 27-July 2	Traditional Camp (completed grades 6-12)	\$ 415.00
June 27-July 2	CROSS (Recreation/Sports) (completed grades 6-12)	\$ 415.00

Geneva Center is a year-round facility that can accommodate your group any time of year. We are an interdenominational retreat, camp and conference center located on 235 wooded acres. We have a main Conference Center equipped with A/V resources and WiFi, bedrooms to accommodate 63 guests in 31 hotel-like rooms, an outside Olympic-size swimming pool with shaded pavilion, 6 cabins with showers that sleep up to 16 each, A lakeside pavilion with bench seating or picnic tables, wonderful indoor and outdoor meeting & worship spaces, miles of wooded trails, a great dining hall with excellent food, a huge labyrinth...and more. It is a first-class site nestled between new Hwy 31 And Old Hwy 31 just 5 miles north of Rochester, Indiana. Contact Cathy to make reservations for your group activity. 574-223-6915



The Presbyterian Resale shop is off to a great start in 2022. Our total sales through March are just over \$20,000 and the first quarter of the year is our “slow season” so we are excited about the prospect of another great year!

We donated \$10,250 through March and approved \$3,500 in donations at our April board meeting. These totals include gifts to a wide variety of charities including Presbyterian Disaster Relief and the American Red Cross for Ukraine support, the FPC Youth Mission Trip, the Caring Place and the Christian Food Pantry. We strongly believe in supporting mission work in our church as well as helping others in our community and around the world.

We appreciate the support of FPC. Whether you are a volunteer or a generous donor of goods, we thank you!

If you would like more information about our mission or would like to join us in our joyful work, please contact me.

Mary Linda Scott
nana6987@hotmail.com
231-590-5799

THANK YOU

Oh what a blessing you all are! You are a fragrant offering and a mirror of God’s grace. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you for supporting and acting in love to our family in Kenya. Your gifts helped our kindergarten class graduate. You helped to provide meat, beans, veggies and even pop as a treat. You helped feed these students and their guardians/parents. This is a big step in their life and you are a part of their story. May God bless you and keep you and be gracious to you.

Janet
Kenya Real

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 01, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed**	Sanctuary, Online
11:00 AM	Presbys (Tentative Time - After Worship)	Off-site
Monday, May 02, 2022		
Tuesday, May 03, 2022		
10:30 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
5:00 PM	Congregational Life Team	Online
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, May 04, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team (TBC)	Online, 144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	Online
Thursday, May 05, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 06, 2022		
Saturday, May 07, 2022		
Sunday, May 08, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed**	Sanctuary, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	101
Monday, May 09, 2022		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off Site
Tuesday, May 10, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
7:15 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Online
Wednesday, May 11, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
Thursday, May 12, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 13, 2022		
7:00 AM	Reports/Minutes Due for Session Packets	Email
Saturday, May 14, 2022		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15, 2022		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed**	Sanctuary, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Nominating Team	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	101
Monday, May 16, 2022		
Tuesday, May 17, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
12:00 PM	DAR Group	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, May 18, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
10:30 AM	Monthly Meal Out - McAlister's Deli (until 8:00 p.m.)	Off-site
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	Online, 154, 155
Thursday, May 19, 2022		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 20, 2022		
Saturday, May 21, 2022		
Sunday, May 22, 2022 - Confirmation Sunday		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed**	Sanctuary, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	100
Monday, May 23, 2022		
Tuesday, May 24, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, May 25, 2022		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
Thursday, May 26, 2022		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 27, 2022		
Saturday, May 28, 2022		
Sunday, May 29, 2022		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed**	Sanctuary, Online
Monday, May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed		
Tuesday, May 31, 2022		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

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FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY THROUGH MID-APRIL 2022

Vibrant congregations give generously from heartfelt gratitude for the gifts they have received. This is our stewardship witness – what we have done – from January 1 through mid-April:

- Total operating & capital income was \$152,045 or 36% of our budgeted income
- Total operating & capital expenses were \$154,455 and 31% of budgeted expenses
- This puts us \$2,409 behind for now.

In addition to operating and capital giving, this year through the middle of April we received \$44,000 in special donations and distributed \$42,000. Some of those major gifts were for mission and outreach: \$2,130 for the bikes/helmets/locks awards to the Beveridge students; \$2,248 for Christmas Joy offering; \$1,615 for CWS blankets; \$1,110 in 2nd Mile offering gifts for Hilltop Neighborhood House and its pantry; \$3,255 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; and \$2,095 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our net temporarily restricted accounts rose \$1,900 by mid-April.

This is money for ministry that brings us:

- Gifted preachers and teachers of the Word and talented staff that lead and support our ministry teams, whether with music, bookkeeping, planning or administrative tasks;
- Guest musicians to enrich our worship services;
- Website, Facebook, emails and streaming to reach shut-ins, medically vulnerable people, wanders seeking a church move, our own members in need of information;
- Zoom to share adult faith formation classes to people at home and get-work-done meetings;
- Arts and crafts to keep young hands engaged and to add images, texture, flight of fancy to our worship space;
- Space to share with community singers, serve as collection site for camp needs, provide a week-day nursery, host Scouts and so much more.

**It's exciting to be part of this lively, engaged congregation
of disciples of Jesus!**

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

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

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

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at: dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org.

Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1 Carolyn Dye	May 17 Anne Hurst Trent Olling
May 2 Trey Buehler	May 18 Donna Cummins Harry Karabel
May 3 Barbara Aungst Allison Skadberg	May 19 Susan Grosick
May 4 Karen Robison	May 23 Ken McAloon
May 5 Kathy Rowe	May 24 Heather Crews Brooke Spitler
May 7 Madeleine Kinsey	May 25 Nancy Porter
May 9 Doyll Andrews Jim Hubbard Joanne Webb	May 26 Lenny Corso Bill Rogers Jaxson Taylor
May 11 Tom Byerly Lou Ann Karabel Grady Thomas	May 27 Joy Dirks
May 12 Andrea Phillips	May 28 Paul Knauff
May 15 Norman Brooker Marilyn Mohr Lisa Pavlopoulos Pete Shaw	May 30 Doug Dye Virginia Greich
May 16 Carol Byerly Jacob Goodpaster Michael Skaltsas	May 31 Carla Evans Paul Grant

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

ROSTER

SEXTON

Open:	Rick Exley (5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/29)
	Doug Hollar (5/22)
Close:	Mike Becker (5/1, 5/15, 5/29)
	TBD (5/8/)
	Jerry Kahrs (5/22)

COMMUNION SERVERS

May 1	Vic Klancer Linda Long Elizabeth Monroe
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ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 1	Ron Phillips
May 15	Linda Long
May 29	Elizabeth Monroe

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 8	Cindy Robinson
May 22	June Olling



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
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Linda Long.....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Membership Team
Karen Mitseff.....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
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Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team Nominating Team**

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Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Membership Clerk

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Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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