

# First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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## SESSION SYNOPSIS OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The February Session Meeting is always a Joint Meeting with the Deacons. This year, six Deacons were able to attend: Nancy Porter, Betty Richardson, Joy Dirks, Cathy Greenawald, Linda Marrs and Cindy Robinson and were welcomed by Pastor Kim.

### ELDER TRAINING:

Fittingly, the topic of this month's elder training was about Deacons: The Ministry of Compassion & Service, and about Ruling Elders: The Ministry of Discernment & Governance. The Elders and Deacons were to have read the information detailed about each as found in the Book of Order. Some good conversation took place, and it was noted that the Deacons are a ministry of Session in addition to being a ministry of compassion and caring.

**TEAM OF THE MONTH: Deacons** *{Each month one of the Ministry Teams takes responsibility for describing their work and responsibilities, are prayed for by the other teams and report how that felt, what they learned being in prayer for the wider community + give reflections on worship}.*

- Deacons are vital to the life of our church and have multiple responsibilities, the most recognized being communicating and staying connected with members of our congregation throughout the year. Each Elder spoke briefly about how he/she views and appreciates the work of the Deacons, especially how dedicated they are and how well they have kept in touch with the congregation throughout these trying times of the pandemic.
- The Deacons noted that since they are charged with praying for others, it is an adjustment for some of them to accept being prayed-for.
- Pastor Kim and Session not only prayed for the Deacons but expressed openly their importance and how much their compassion and caring are felt by all who come in contact with them.

### REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Accepted were the reports submitted by Ministry Teams, from Staff, approved Minutes of past meetings.
- Established Commissioners for the upcoming Presbytery of Wabash Valley Assembly on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Elders Karen Mitseff and Sharon Kinsey will represent FPCV.
- Began working on a process for scheduling Communion Servers for the rest of 2022, so that each Communion has its servers pre-established. Any ordained Elder (once an Elder always an Elder) is eligible to serve communion and it is hoped all those who are eligible to serve will feel called to participate in communion as a server at least once throughout the coming year.

In addition, the following business was conducted:

### MOTIONS:

- Finance & Stewardship Team moved: **To authorize Linda Long as Treasurer Pro Tem to conduct banking business on behalf of the church.** (Even though the entire Finance & Stewardship Team is collectively assuming the responsibilities of Treasurer of the Corporation on a pro tem basis, it is practical to have a single person be the point of contact.) **APPROVED**
- Buildings & Grounds moved: **To allow local Girl Scout Brownie Troupe #35651 to sell and distribute Girl Scout cookies in and around the Narthex, Main Entrance, Drive-through and adjacent Parking Lot on March 13, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **APPROVED**
- Congregational Life moved: **To approve the Annual FF/CL Car Wash & Yard Sale scheduled on Saturday, June 18, 2022 with a freewill donation for the carwash going to the Mission Trip and \$20 fee for table rental and freewill offering at the yard sale to go to Congregational Life.** **APPROVED**
- Congregational Life moved: **To approve the 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 12, 2022, in Fellowship Hall including a \$25.00 table rental fee.** **APPROVED**

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SESSION SYNOPSIS OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021, CONTINUED

- Congregational Life moved: **To approve a Palm Sunday Walking Path Procession/Brown Bag Lunch event on April 10, 2022, following 10:00 a.m. worship. APPROVED** (Weather permitting, lunch to be held in/around the pavilion and ‘to-go’ options. If inclement weather, a lunch ‘to-go’ option will be offered.
- Congregational Life moved: **To enter into a partnership with Hoosier Environmental Council (“HEC”) APPROVED** (This partnership simply gives us access to a lot of good information about renewable energy options we may want to consider as well as access to what issues exist where it might be appropriate for our church to be involved.)
- Faith Formation moved: **To approve a pancakes-to-go fundraiser on Saturday, March 12, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., with ticket sales to occur pre and post-worship on Sundays 2/20, 2/27, and 3/6, and at the time of the event. Funds from the event will support the FPCV summer mission trip. APPROVED**
- Faith Formation moved: **To approve an Ash Wednesday Family Worship Service to be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. APPROVED**
- Faith Formation moved: **To approve locating a ‘Dedicated Offering Box’ in the Narthex throughout Lent with donations going to the Mission Trip fund. APPROVED**
- Worship Team moved: **To approve an Outdoor Easter Sunrise Service in addition to Sunday AM worship on Easter Sunday. APPROVED**
- iEngage Team moved: **To approve use of available restricted funds up to \$3,000 to purchase a dedicated computer and Pro-Presenter software to improve our Sunday morning visual presentations and provide on-screen lyrics for those that stream or view our worship services virtually. APPROVED** (This software is user friendly and will allow our Media Techs to operate more effectively and efficiently. The church does not have a dedicated computer for live-streaming and we have been relying on members’ personal computers, some of which are not as updated as needed, to help with our live-streaming and in support of our virtual worship services.)
- Personnel Moved: **To add Martin Luther King Day, now a recognized Federal holiday, as a paid holiday for all staff, clergy and non-clergy. APPROVED**

#### Praises/Joys/Prayers/Concerns:

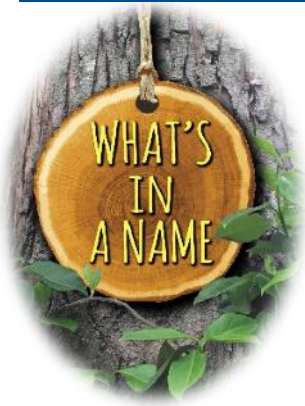
Prayers were requested for this congregation and for our Deacons who carry out such an important role within it. Prayers for peace in this world where rising tensions and global clashes may erupt into violence or war at any time.

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. **In the meantime**, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk Pro Tem if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hubbard, Clerk Pro Tem





**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](http://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](http://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*



## PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL (“PWNS”)

PWNS is having a great year!!! We returned to school very excited and ready to learn!!! The pre-k children are continuing to get ready for kindergarten in the fall as well as having fun reading stories, experimenting with ice and snow, playing in the gym and taking walks outside to see the nature around our church building. Their parents were able to see how their children are progressing with written examples of their work and having an opportunity to talk to the teachers. Unfortunately their class missed 4 days of school in January and one day in February due to COVID and the weather. The teachers were great in sending videos of things to do and having packets available to do at home. One of those days will be made up in April. The 3-4 (Early Learners) class has welcomed in two new students to our fun class. Both classes just enjoyed celebrating Valentine’s day with sharing love by exchanging Valentines with each other.

Sign ups for our classes next year are continuing to take place. If you know of anyone who may qualify, please check out our website or contact the church or Connie Knauff (219-241-0556).

We are excited for a partnership between PWNS and the Caring Place, our neighbors. PWNS is offering free tuition to any preschool (3 years or above) children while they are living at Caring Place. We are excited for this as these children have not had an opportunity to have preschool services while at this facility. We look forward to having some children join us.

Again, thank you so much for all your support of our preschool!!

### STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

#### WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Learn more about what Stephen Ministers are and do in the following video from a Stephen Ministry church in Virginia.

<https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/1596?mnbsm=1>

Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but they all share a passion for bringing Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need.

Since 1975, more than 600,000 people from more than 13,000 congregations and other organizations have been trained as Stephen Ministers. Our congregation has trained several members over the years. Currently we have three or four people, and plan a series of training sessions this spring when we can comfortably gather in person.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**



# CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

## **2022 LENTEN WORSHIP @ FPCV**

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

*Family Service @ 5:30 p.m.*

*Service @ 7:00 p.m.*

Sunday Mornings @ 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:05 p.m.

3/9, 3/16, 3/30, 4/6

(Not gathering on 3/23)

## **THE WORSHIP ARTS WORKSHOP - OPEN STUDIO**

Thursday Evenings, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

3/3, 3/10/ 3/17, 3/31, 4/7

(Not gathering on 3/24)

### **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/)



**‘PANCAKES TO GO’ FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday, March 12th  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
\$5 per ticket**

**Tickets available before and after 10:00 a.m.  
worship 2/20, 2/27, 3/6 and day of event.**

**Let FPCV youth do all the work while you enjoy a  
delicious breakfast! Simply purchase your tickets  
and pick up your breakfast at FPCV Door C.**

*All proceeds will benefit  
the  
FPCV Summer 2022 Mission Trip.*







## EASTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

That means it's time to fill Easter Eggs for the annual FPCV Easter Egg Hunt and we need your help! Please consider donating individually wrapped Easter candy for this year's Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th. Donations can be dropped in the collection bin in the Narthex Sunday, March 6th through Sunday, April 3rd.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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## EASTER EGG HUNT & COMMUNITY GIVE BACK SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022 @ 11:00 A.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VALPARAISO

Bring tradition and mission together! Donate to one or more partner organizations anytime during their regular collection hours on Thursday, April 14th, Friday, April 15th, or Saturday, April 16th (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.) and earn two golden tickets. Bring your tickets to the FPCV Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m. for a chance to win a SPECIAL PRIZE BASKET! Partner organizations include:

- Hilltop Neighborhood House Food Pantry, 606 Union Street (Non perishable food items)
- New Creation Resale Shop, 2102 Calumet Ave (Gently used clothing, furniture, household goods, books, music, etc.)
- Dressed for School, 653 Hayes Leonard Road (New clothing, with tags on, and new shoes for school-age children and youth)

*\*Donations received at FPCV for the above organizations on the day of the Egg Hunt will receive one golden ticket entry into the prize basket raffle!*

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**Blood Drive**  
**First Presbyterian Church**

Gym  
3401 N. Valparaiso Street  
Valparaiso

**Monday, March 7**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Donate blood during #RedCrossMonth!**

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment.

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## 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.  
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](mailto:vic-klancer@comcast.net)





**WE'RE DONE WITH WINTER!**

We're ready to clean house and bring in all new spring merchandise. We call it Changeover and it only happens twice a year at the Presbyterian Resale Shop.

Our Half Price Sale began February 22, 2022, and we will continue to reduce prices through March 4, 2022. Everything's gotta go!

The Resale Shop will be closed beginning March 5, 2022 through March 14, 2022.

We will have a grand reopening on March 15, 2022 with all new merchandise! Spring will be in the air!

Spring is a great time to think about how you can help the Resale Shop. Our motto is "Your help helps us help others." That applies to our shoppers and our volunteers. Please contact me if you would like to get involved with a great group doing great things in our community.

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

**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](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com) or (219) 477-9964.



## DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Nancy Porter, Deacon Moderator)

As we move through Lent in preparation for the joy of Easter the deacons send out love and caring to each of you. That is a lot of caring since once ordained as a deacon a person is a deacon forever. However, when currently serving on the committee it is called being “active”. Just who are the active deacons this year? Here is the team: Class of 2022 - Dave Goodwin, Phebe Klapp, Nancy Porter, Lisa Vukin; Class of 2023 - Cathy Greenawald, Bob Marrs, Linda Marrs, Cindy Robinson; Class of 2024 - Joy Dirks, Sharon Harris, June Olling, Betty Richardson, Bella Wunderlin, Madi Wunderlin. All of us are there for you.

As part of caring for the congregation Valentines messages were sent out to our Deacon Friends. Calls, cards, and some visitations are ongoing. For the time being the Caring Card project (where you the congregation join in on signing cards that are placed on the bulletin board in the narthex) is on hold. However, please contact any of us should you like suggestions of folks you might contact with cards of your own. Having been a recipient of such caring myself I know how comforting it can be to hear from our church family.

Perhaps this year’s Lenten journey will lead you to new friend connections through FPC Valpo. Your deacons encourage you to join us in such a ministry.

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# So you want to talk about race

“Fascinating, real,  
and necessary.”  
—THE ROOT

Ijeoma Oluo

## MATTHEW 25 BOOK CLUB TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 6:30 PM FPCV CHAPEL

The FPCV Matthew 25 Team invites interested persons to a one-night Book Club gathering to discuss Ijeoma Oluo’s *So You Want to Talk About Race*.

Oluo is an exceptional writer with a rare ability to be straightforward, funny, and effective in her coverage of sensitive, hyper-charged issues in America. She explores the complex reality of today’s racial landscape. *So You Want to Talk About Race* explores cultural appreciation, the school-to-prison pipeline, micro-aggressions, the minority myth and much more.

The book can be purchased on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or Bookshop.org (supporting independent bookstores).

Questions???

Email Kim at [kmcroarkin@aol.com](mailto:kmcroarkin@aol.com) or Beth at [bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com)



**“TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!”**

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS:

**FPCV Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)  
All Are Welcome! Spread the Word!**



**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

300 Porters Vale Blvd  
Valparaiso, IN  
**Donating back 20%**

*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 March 13!**

<https://www.groupraise.com/events/215022>

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**COFFEE HOUR UPDATE!**

Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 numbers, Coffee Hour will be suspended until further notice. The health and safety of our congregation is a top priority and we thank you for your understanding.

Trish Lawson  
Elder & Congregational Life Moderator





*CONGREGATIONAL LIFE JOYFULLY INVITES YOU TO THE*  
*Palm Sunday Walking Path Processional*  
*&*  
*Brown Bag Lunch*

*Date: Sunday, April 10, 2022*  
*Time: Following the 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday service all are welcome to walk the approximately 1.5 mile path across the street and circle back to the pavilion for a brown bag lunch.*  
*RSVP: Sunday April 3, 2022 (for the lunch order) to Trish Lawson at 219-671-1205 or [tmlawson77@yahoo.com](mailto:tmlawson77@yahoo.com)*

*JUST A FEW NOTABLES:*

- *Wearing comfortable clothing and shoes is recommended for the procession after service*
- *There will be people stationed at different spots on the path if assistance is needed*
- *Weather permitting, lunch will have two options:*
  - 1) *Pick up to go; or*
  - 2) *Lunch under/around the pavilion (please bring your own seating)*
- \*\* In the event of inclement weather, folks are welcome to pick up lunch to go.*
- *Please be mindful of social distancing and/or other's comfort level when gathering*



## MATTHEW 25 REFLECTION



“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.

“Nurses of Color Fight ‘Open Wound’/Majority report bias and disrespect in workplace”  
By Nada Hassanein (USA TODAY: News-Press.com 2-12-22/condensed)

Every day, Kechinyere IheduruAnderson walked into work at a Massachusetts hospital with her fingers crossed, holding her breath. The Black, Nigerian-born nurse braced herself for the demeaning treatment.

Her supervisors brushed off patient taunts. Her white counterparts doubted the accuracy of her patient charts, looking for faults. She watched as senior staff bossed around Black nursing assistants. She’d pray her caustic co-workers weren’t on the surgical unit schedule that day. For years, she said, higher-ups dismissed her complaints, citing the longtime careers of some of her co-workers. “Are you sure you didn’t misunderstand?” they said.

Iheduru-Anderson stuck it out. A nurse of three decades, she lives in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, and directs Central Michigan University’s nursing program. She’s dedicated her career to researching racism within the nursing field and mentoring young nurses of color. “The history of nursing is rooted in segregation and discrimination. It is a microcosm of what is happening in society,” she said. “For the most trusted profession, it is kind of ironic, isn’t it? The profession that is supposed to care for people that cannot even care for its own constituents.”

A survey of more than 5,600 nurses by the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing reported an overwhelming majority of nurses of color say they experienced or witnessed racism. More than 90% of Black nurses surveyed say they’ve experienced racism. More than 70% of Asian nurses report the same, along with 69% of Hispanic nurses. About 3 of 4 nurses say they witnessed racism in the workplace. More than half say they challenged racialized treatment in the workplace, and 64% said no changes resulted from their efforts. About 70% of the Black nurses surveyed report experiencing discrimination directly from health care facility leaders, 68% from patients and 66% from their own peers.

Increasing awareness of racism in nursing was one of the main goals of the survey, said Ernest Grant, the commission’s co-leader and president of the American Nurses Association. “It’s like an open wound that continues to fester, and it’s not going to get better. If anything, it’s going to get worse,” he said. “By bringing this issue to the light, we can begin to address it as a profession.” Nurses of color are underrepresented in the registered nurse workforce. A Health Resources and Services Administration survey found 73% of the nation’s registered nurses are white; 7.8% are Black, 5.2% are Asian, 10% are Hispanic or Latino, and less than 1% Indigenous.

Grant said he hopes the findings encourage leaders within the field to face their biases and help cultivate a culture of respect for nurses of color. The nursing field needs to be welcoming, he said, so up-and-coming minority nurses know “no matter what color your skin is, that you have a voice and that you are respected.”

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### REFLECTION:

What are my immediate feelings and thoughts when a non-white nurse enters the room to attend to me? Are they any different than when a white nurse enters the room?

### Prayer in response to today’s article:

**Lord, help me to honestly reflect upon the biases that my up-bringing and life experiences have instilled in me. Help me to examine their validity through the lens of your love and grace for all. Help me to replace them with a new understanding and compassion for all who are suffering from poverty and racism. Amen**

As we read, study, and discuss Matthew 25 issues, we need God’s help in fully recognizing the injustice and inequality that continues 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.



## 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>

### ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

#### **SUNDAY COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON ASH WED, MARCH 2, 2022 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. worship and Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. worship during the in-person 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.



# CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 01, 2022

9:00 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	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:15 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online

Wednesday, March 02, 2022 - Ash Wednesday

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	Family Ash Wed. Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary/Online

Thursday, March 03, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
5:30 PM	Worship Arts Workshop - Open Studio	Hospitality Ctr./144
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 04, 2022

5:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
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Saturday, March 05, 2022

8:00 AM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
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Sunday, March 06, 2022

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

Monday, March 07, 2022

1:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 6:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 08, 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
7:00 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Online

Wednesday, March 09, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (Revised Time)	Online
6:05 PM	Cultivating and Letting Go Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 10, 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
5:30 PM	Worship Arts Workshop - Open Studio	Hospitality Ctr./144
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 11, 2022

Saturday, March 12, 2022

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# CALENDAR

Sunday, March 13, 2022 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
9:30 AM	Brown Troop / Girl Scout Cookies Sales (until 2:00 p.m.)	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

Monday, March 14, 2022

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
12:30 PM	DAR Group	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting	154, 155, Online

Wednesday, March 16, 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
6:05 PM	Cultivating and Letting Go Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	Online, 154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 17, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
5:30 PM	Worship Arts Workshop - Open Studio	Hospitality Ctr./144, 145
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 18, 2022

Saturday, March 19, 2022

8:00 AM	IDGB Team	FPC
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## CALENDAR

Sunday, March 20, 2022

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

Monday, March 21, 2022

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, March 22, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 24, 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
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, March 25, 2022

Saturday, March 26, 2022

Sunday, March 27, 2022

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

Monday, March 28, 2022

7:00 PM	Scouts Troop 920	Fellowship Hall
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Tuesday, March 29, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	Off-site
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
6:05 PM	Cultivating and Letting Go Service	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	PADS Ministry	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 31, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
5:30 PM	Worship Arts Workshop - Open Studio	Hospitality Ctr./144
6:00 PM	Awakening Team Meeting	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary



### FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2022

*Thank you for your gifts for the ministry activities of our congregation and for our greater community. Your generosity with time, skills and money lives out our mission to build disciples, grow faith, and serve in Christ's name.*

January giving totaled	\$ 31,204
• Operating Fund	\$ 28,289
• Capital Fund	\$ 1,100
• Restricted Gift	\$ 200
• 2nd Mile Offering*	\$ 1,615

January expenses were:

- Operating Expenses \$ 40,440
- Capital Expenses
- Expenses paid from dedicated and restricted accounts
- 2nd Mile Distributions

2022 Ministry & Mission Operating Budget \$499,989

- Approximately \$41,665/month

*\*denotes for CWS blanket ministry*

*The February Financial Report will be reported in each week's First Notes during March.*

*Hopefully it will reflect operating income for 2022 at or greater than \$83,330 to meet the budgeted operating expenses for First Presbyterian Church.*

### PER CAPITA

“Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love...”

Once again our per capita is \$42 per member. In giving to support *per capita*, we are saying, “Thank you for the gift of the Church.” We are working together, seeking the mind of Christ, working for justice and mercy in the world, and participating in God's continual reformation of the Church.

**WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER.**

[pcusa.org/percapita](https://pcusa.org/percapita)

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### WAYS TO GIVE TO THE CHURCH

**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 <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/give/KLYBGIVCVH>:
- **Direct payment by QCD withdrawal (tax free) from your IRA savings.** To give a QCD or "Qualified Charitable Donation" if you are 70 1/2 or older, you may consult with your tax advisor and arrange through your investment provider who will advise on its procedure.
- **Naming First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso** to receive a gift from your will or estate plan.

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**What are some of the ways your church pledge or donations support the operations of First Presbyterian Church?**

- Our Pastor Kim, Ken our director of Faith Formation and youth, Jeffrey our director of music and digital ministries, Dawn our church administrator, Sue our business manager, and other part-time musicians and staff.
- Support our ministry teams that include mission giving and our Buildings & Grounds team that cares for our property, our session, presbytery, synod and general assembly who lead our PC(USA) through governance by ruling elders and ministers with per capita funding.
- Giving **Beyond Your Annual Commitment supports missions and special needs like:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Christmas Joy and other denominational missions - see [presbyterianmission.org](http://presbyterianmission.org); 2nd Mile gifts for Church World Services and its blanket ministry and care for refugees; Hilltop Neighborhood House and the Christian Food Pantry in Valparaiso; New Creation and the PADS program for men experiencing homelessness; the Caring Place for women, and so many other local, state and national organizations engaged in caring for those needing our love and extra help

#### **GIFTS TO OUR CAPITAL ACCOUNT PROVIDE FOR:**

- Improvements or replacement of land, buildings, furniture, fixtures, equipment, software beyond the typical \$2,000 threshold.
- Major repairs or replacement that improve efficiency, extend an item's useful life, or increase capacity like replacing the water pipes last year.

Examples are improved lighting, sound, heating and cooling, accessibility, chancel furnishings, and the like.

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## FINANCE NEWS, CONTINUED

Living as faith-filled disciples of Jesus during an ongoing pandemic makes planning so difficult. Holding one another in prayer and noticing God's generosity around us - big and small - reminds us that each is loved and we support one another. Not everyone is able to make his/her pledge commitment. Others know that times of crisis will evoke increased giving. Those who are able have an opportunity to step up their financial commitment and experience the joy of making a difference. If those who are able increase their giving by 10% to 25%, we will meet our operating budget, celebrate our mission giving to others, and build some capital reserve to protect and enhance our church building dating from 1973 and its addition in 1998. Could your generous heart give more in 2022, compared to previous years?

*...Be assured that... we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works...As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us. Colossians 1: 9-12 from The Message*

– The Finance Team welcomes your questions.

## MISSION NEWS: PADS MINISTRY

### PADS MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Would you be willing to make dinner, breakfast, or help in other areas needed for PADS this year?

New Creation is checking in the men each week. They must be vaccinated and tested weekly to be part of the program and wear masks except when eating and sleeping.

The meal volunteer sheets are in the Hospitality Center at church for you to sign up.

In addition, if you can help with the PADS Ministry, please visit the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48afaa23a0fbc52-pads>

Thank you for all you have done and are doing for our homeless men!

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### CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In January, one hundred thirty-one families were served which provided food for two hundred eighty-one people. Donations of food, cleaning supplies and money continue to be generous. During the month, “extra” items of laundry detergent, paper towels and tissues were offered to clients. It is planned that additional fresh items of fruits and veggies will be offered along with hot chocolate, coffee and tea as “extras” during the cold months. As always, any and all giving at any time is appreciated and makes extra items available to the pantry clients.

Nan Steeves  
Sharon Crowder



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 1  
Chip Wilkes

March 2  
Kathy Joseph

March 3  
Ken Crews  
David Goodwin  
Erin Randall  
Avalyn Richardson

March 5  
Simon Cole  
Beth Germann

March 6  
Phyllis Bryant

March 7  
Macy Highlan  
Katherin Swarner

March 8  
Erin Goodpaster

March 9  
Frances Martinez

March 10  
Aaron Onohan  
Jean Wheeler

March 15  
Peg Borgman  
Catherine Busch  
Carla Miller

March 16  
Marilyn Owens  
Laurie Swallow

March 20  
Aiden Andrews

March 23  
Sharon Hubbard

March 24  
Jill Edwards

March 26  
Emma Adams

March 27  
Erin Leto

March 30  
Shayne Wassell

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

### ROSTER

#### SEXTON

Open: Jerry Kahrs (3/6, 13, 27)  
Rick Exley (3/20)

Close: Jerry Kahrs (3/6, 13, 27)  
TBD (3/20)

### COMMUNION SERVERS

Ash Wed., March 2

Kim Croarkin  
Karen Mitseff  
Elizabeth Monroe

Sunday, March 6

Matthew Byerly  
Jim Hubbard  
Linda Long

### ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

March 6 Elizabeth Monroe  
March 20 Karen Mitseff

### DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

March 13 Linda Marrs  
March 27 Bob Marrs

## 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 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](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org).

**THANK YOU!**



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CHURCH STAFF

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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>
Marc Buehler.....	Building and Grounds*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team   iEngage**
Kim Croarkin.....	Matthew 25 Team   Mission Team**
Sharon Kinsey .....	Faith Formation Team   Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage   Worship Team**
Vic Klancer .....	Building and Grounds Team*
Linda Long .....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Elizabeth Monroe .....	Membership Team
Karen Mitseff .....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Ron Phillips .....	Adult Spiritual Formation Team   Faith Formation Team**
Ryne Press .....	Mission Team   Matthew 25 Team**
Trish Lawson.....	Congregational Life Team   Nominating Team
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team   Nominating Team**

\* denotes Co-moderator

\*\* denotes Elder Rep.

### Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

### Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

### Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

### Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

### Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

### Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

**MISSION STATEMENT: BUILDING DISCIPLES; GROWING IN FAITH; SERVING IN CHRIST'S**



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