

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Session's February Meeting was the annual joint meeting with the Deacons where the Deacons have voice, but not vote. Nine Deacons were present and they were commended and thanked for the wonderful work they do with our congregation. Deacon Cindy Robinson reviewed some of the key activities the Deacons engage in to keep connected to and provide support for members of our congregation.

The Elders and Deacons both participated in the Education portion of the meeting which involved reading and discussing the *Apostles' Creed*, a document over 1,000 years old written at a time when people were looking for commonality and affirming the Trinitarian format. The officers also engaged in a meaningful discussion on the *Creed's* phrase, "he descended into hell/to the dead" inspired by I Peter 4:6, that Jesus descended to the dead to proclaim the Gospel to those who died before the Messiah's arrival.

There was reflection on the very beautiful Ordination and Installation Service for our Associate Pastor Ken Crews in our sanctuary on January 22nd with leadership from the Presbytery of Wabash Valley conducting the ordination.

Reports from all the Teams were received and approved.

MOTIONS APPROVED

- As Session makes decisions that affect the **2023 Budget**, those changes will now be reflected in the budget itself in order for Session to be able to have an updated budget to work with and use when making decisions. Therefore...
 - ⇒ Per capita for 2023 has been recalculated to \$13,170 because it is the end of year 2021 membership that is used to determine per capita for 2023.
 - ⇒ \$800 for nursery attendant was eliminated, we will rely on volunteers, and that \$800 increased the budget for part-time Coordinator of Faith Formation to \$6,300
 - ⇒ Pastor Kim's terms of call, as approved by the Congregation, are now reflected in the budget with a salary of \$68,299; Board of Pensions benefit amount being \$28,670 with dental and vision insurance \$170
 - ⇒ Resale Shop budget now shows \$2,000 staff, \$50,000 expenses, \$7,000 sales tax, \$40,000 mission giving.
- The revised Gift Acceptance Policy as presented and explained by Kathy Joseph of the Planned Giving committee of Finance for inclusion in the Session Policy manual. This policy provides the process for how, when a gift is offered to the church, it is reviewed and approved by session prior to it being 'accepted'. (*Details are available to any member upon request.*)
- **Finance Team**, through the Treasurer and Business Manager, to invest \$70,000 from cash currently in the non-interest bearing operating checking account in a 7 months CD at the APR of 3.5%, with early withdrawal penalty imposed only on the amount of funds withdrawn prior to the CD maturity date.
- **Congregational Life**, on behalf of B&G and Faith Formation, amends the Fundraising Policy #S16 regarding Fundraisers within the Church by Outside Groups to require Session's prior approval for any activity (1) to raise funds inside the church building or on church grounds or (2) to raise funds for off-site events.
- **Faith Formation** to host a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, 2/21, from 5pm-7pm with all proceeds to be donated to Dress for School program.

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- **PWNS** to hold a Read-a-Thon fundraiser to be held the last week of February with all proceeds to benefit PWNS.
- All **Team Reports** were accepted as presented.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **Vision & Mission: Investing in the Future...** discussion was had regarding the effort this congregation is undertaking with the help of the Center for Congregation's Resource Grant and the All-Congregation event Saturday, March 11th from 8:30AM to 12:30PM being led by Rev Dr. Luke Bouman of The Enrichment Group. All members of the church are being invited and urged to invest 4 hours and be part of shaping the future ministry & mission of the church.
- **Leadership Retreat** at Geneva Center Saturday March 18 to Sunday March 19th that was originally scheduled in October 2022 but postponed due to COVID issues with several individuals, was discussed. Two facilitators from Leaderwise, a group out of Minneapolis paid for by two grants, will be working with our pastoral staff, members of Session and members of the Vibrant Congregations team in helping them to work effectively as Session and in turn with our congregation. Every congregation at one time or another experiences stormy times where some feel wounded, some are grieving, some may be in conflict and all are dealing with change. The intent of the retreat is to provide attendees with information and a better understanding of the dynamics at play when these situations exist and how to be both faithful and hopeful as each is recognized and addressed.

ONLINE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

FPC VALPARAISO ONLINE GIVING AND PLEDGE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/form/pledge/pledgeincome>
to make a 2023 pledge to FPC
or
<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/form/give/KLYBGIVCVH>
for FPC online giving opportunity.

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/

FIRST PRES VALPO - MARCH 11TH ALL-CONGREGATION GATHERING.... YOU ARE INVITED

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND VISION/MISSION PLANNING EVENT:
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023
8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

All members of First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso, are invited to attend and participate in a long-range planning event to be led by Rev. Dr. Luke Bouman of The Enrichment Group, to be held on **Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 8:30AM to 12:30PM in Fellowship Hall at the church.** It is 2023 and the world is moving forward. All of us at First Presbyterian Valparaiso are ready to move forward too. We are preparing to set forth a path for this church and its congregation for 2023 and beyond. **This investment of our time is important to the future ministry & mission of FPCV.** Pastor Luke will be leading us through a proven, effective, inclusionary process that will build on our strengths as a congregation, invite us to dream about our best possible future and help us to identify the concrete first steps toward building a strong foundation for our future and the people who are best positioned to help us get there from among our current membership. Involving as much of the entire congregation as possible is a key component in the event's success. We want everyone to be there, so please make plans to come and be a part of this important Visioning and Mission defining event. **Our youth members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.** A continental breakfast will be provided along with a light lunch, both meals will be available for consumption during this important and engaging event.

P.S. For those out of the area and unable to be here in person, a way to participate via video conferencing is being developed.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Please communicate your intent to join us: RSVP by March 8, 2023, to the Church Office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org or 219-464-4985 so that we can plan seating and meals for everyone.

DEACONS DOINGS

A DEACON'S PRAYER

Come to our assistance our Lord and our God, that we may do for you all that you ask of us. May we be to others what they need: a body to work when others cannot; a heart to love those who are forgotten; a shoulder to console those whose soul is in need; a smile to brighten your love. Send us to touch others as you would touch them, to hold them as you would, to love them as only you can. We do all of this in Jesus' name, Amen.

When you read the above-captioned prayer, I hope that you take a moment and feel all the works that these simple thoughts are providing. To help others is vital for our Church mission to continue to grow at all levels of community and love. May this Valentine's Day not only reveal a true love of Christ, but also a love for Church, community, and stewardship. Do not forget that chocolate and flowers go a long way too!

Much love and many prayers,

Cindy Robinson

GRATITUDE

*“For Sixty years I have been forgetful, every minute,
But not for a second has this flowing toward me stopped or slowed.
I deserve nothing. Today I recognize that I am the guest the mystics talk about.
I play this living music for my host. Everything is for the host.”*

The Sufi poet Jelaluddin Rumi is right. We are guests on the great, good Earth, and every breath should be one of gratitude to the Host. For us, as Christians, that Host is our heavenly Father, God the creator. The medieval Christian theologian, Meister Eckhart suggests that if the only prayer we say in our lifetime is “thank you” that would suffice.

And why would we not thank God every day for the breath that fills our lungs and for our unique bodies? For loved ones, family and circle of friends. For the bountiful little blessings which arrive in our lives unheralded.

Ingratitude is to shut our eyes to the obvious. But to recognize what one has received and whisper “thank you” puts everything into its proper place and perspective. With gratitude we feel joy. We are ready to light the candles, to celebrate. Gratitude discourages boredom, despair and taking-things-for-granted. But they are welcome in our lives, as well, because we are grateful for everything.

Gratitude paid to all around us becomes a spiritual exercise. Whether it be gratitude for music that enchants or those rare and special moments in life that we wish would last forever, gratitude enlarges our hearts and our humanity, bringing us closer to God.

Dear Friends,

As we move into this new year I wanted to, once again, share with you the above passage adapted from the book, “Spiritual Literacy” by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat because it is a beautiful reminder to live our lives in gratitude. Such a powerful and grace filled way to live one’s life!

For me, as with so many of you, gratitude also includes *taking action* as action reinforces the sense of gratitude which, indeed, connects us more deeply to God. Over the years, abiding members of our congregation have expressed gratitude, not only with their annual financial support, but by recommitting their *invaluable* time and talent to our church family and, further, by providing special gifts and/or final gifts through a will or bequest.

In this new year, consider devoting more time to the spiritual practice of gratitude. Reflect on the struggles and blessings woven together into the incredible God given gift known as....**your life**. Then decide how you may wish to *express* gratitude for all that you are and have received.

Joy and peace to you in 2023!

Kathy Joseph,
Moderator, Planned Giving

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has this flowing toward me stopped or slowed.”*

OPPORTUNITY:

PART-TIME FAITH FORMATION LEADER

FPCV is seeking a part-time person to assume leadership and administration of our Faith Formation program for children, youth, and adults. Strong churches have strong Faith Formation programs and FPCV seeks a committed individual who appreciates the value of Faith Formation efforts to work part-time in keeping ours going and growing. A person with education and experience in planning and executing educational programs, and an understanding of Reformed theology would be ideal.

Responsibilities will include curriculum research & selection, recruiting and training of teachers and volunteers, working with the Faith Formation team and coordinating all educational offerings for youth and adults in addition to organizing Vacation Bible School, Church Camp and working with Presbys are all part of the duties of this position. The Director of Faith Formation will work closely with and report to the Associate Pastor.

Interested individuals should submit their credentials and a cover letter as to why they are interested to:

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

personnel@fpcvalpo.org

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED DURING WORSHIP
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023
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.



“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.

JERRY DAVICH: Did PNW Chancellor Realize His Mistake Only After He Got Called Out Publicly? **Northwest Indiana Times** Jan 6, 2023 (abridged)

When exactly did Purdue University Northwest Chancellor Thomas Keon realize he made a serious and stupid mistake?

Was it immediately after he performed a cartoonish impression of an “Asian” language in response to a Dec. 10 commencement keynote address? Or was it after PNW officials possibly brought it to his attention after the ceremony or later in the day?

Or, as I suspect, was it after a video clip of his impromptu joke went viral, spreading across social media and attracting intense backlash from across the country, as Times Staff Writer William Skipworth noted in **one of his stories** regarding this ongoing issue.

As expected, Keon issued a **formal apology** on the school’s website.

“We are all human. I made a mistake,” he wrote.

This was expected of him in such a high-profile situation. Trouble is, he shared this apology four days after the ceremony. Not four hours. He could have immediately returned to the microphone on stage and issued an apology on the spot. He did not, obviously.

After reading his apology, I reached out to PNW to talk with Keon about a different approach to the type of public apology we’ve seen too many times in recent years. I wanted to ask him a few questions that I’m posing in today’s column. Unfortunately, the university did not respond to my request.

Did his remark reveal a shade of blind-spot racism? Was it unconscious bias at work? Or simply a moment of stupidity considering the situation?

This reflects the continuing discrimination against Asian Pacific communities in 21st-century America. Keon’s attempt at humor fuels the “current climate of anti-Asian hate,” according to Norman Chen, chief executive of The Asian American Foundation.

Should Keon’s off-the-cuff remark be labeled as “racist?” This often-used descriptor is graded on a curve, depending on what was said and when it was said. Is Keon a racist like, say, George Wallace from the 1960s? No, I say. However, was his “joke” a poker tell toward a discriminative attitude toward Asian populations? We may never know.

In less than 30 seconds on a local stage that turned into a national one, Keon’s world turned upside down. The PNW Faculty Senate is demanding Keon’s resignation.

For the rest of us, this should be another teachable moment, compliments of an esteemed higher learning institution.

All of us harbor unconscious biases. Thankfully, they’re not revealed on the stage that Keon now cowers upon. Our lesson plan is to examine our own blind spots. If you can’t find any, then that’s your blind spot.

PRAYER:

Help us to search for the biases that have infiltrated our minds because of our upbringing and experiences. Help us to examine how they became a part of our mind set. Then help us to work at replacing them with an intentional attitude of love and equality for all of God’s children.



JOIN US
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Palm Sunday Walking Processional will be followed by a brown bagged lunch provided by Congregational Life in the pavilion. **Please bring your own lawn chair.**
RSVP requested by March 27th please tmlawson77@yahoo.com (219) 671-1205.

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WHO IS UP FOR SOME FRIENDLY COMPETITION?
Join us for a night of strategy, snacks, and laughs!
Friday, March 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.
Friendship Room
Bring your favorite game night snack to share!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS, CONTINUED

*Catch up over coffee on
Sunday mornings!*



COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Consider hosting a Sunday by signing up in the Hospitality Center or at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA8A92DA2FC1-fpcv>

PARISH NURSE NEWS



Blood Drive **First Presbyterian Church**

Gym
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso

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

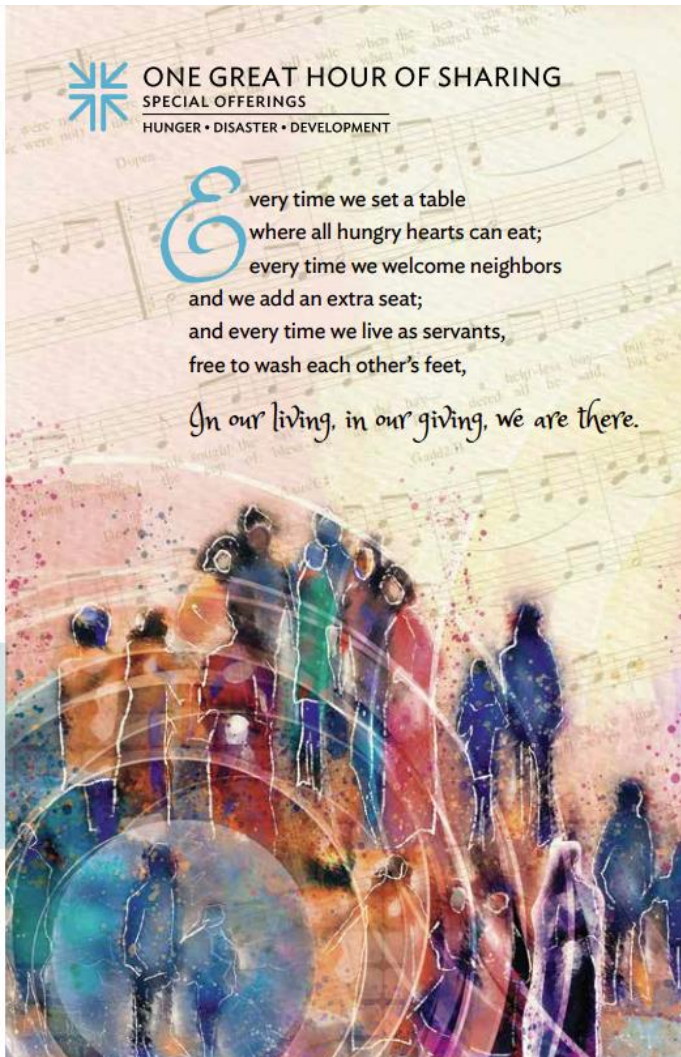
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: FPCValpo to schedule an appointment.

Come give in March and get a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card by email. PLUS, get a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card to help with gas or grocery expenses! You could be one of five lucky winners. Lend an arm; we'll lend a hand. Terms apply: rcblood.org/help.

Donate blood during #RedCrossMonth!

Visit redcrossblood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Blood Donor App to schedule an appointment.

MARCH'S SECOND MILE OFFERING: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING



CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

As the pantry gets a good start on the 41st year of service, the number of families being served at the pantry is moving up as various monies allotted for pandemic help are running out. In January, one hundred ninety (190) families were served helping to provide five hundred ten (510) people with food. Some individuals donating for the pantry request that the money only be used for food. Some people suggest the money be spent on whatever is needed. Since enough whatever money was available, laundry and dish detergents were purchased for those who requested them. Money raised by the Meijer project can only be spent on food so paper goods, cleaning supplies and personal care items donated are especially appreciated. As always any and all donations are put to good use.

Thank you to all who help in any way to assist neighbors in our area in need of pantry aid.

Nan Steeves (founder)
Sharon Crowder



February 22-April 9, 2023

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

WAYS TO GIVE —

- + Through your congregation
- + Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/give-oghs
- + Text OGHS to 91999 to give



-or-

You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering by making an online gift at any time throughout the year. Checks may be sent Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); P.O. Box 643700; Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

JANUARY 2023 SECOND MILE GIVING

\$640 for CWS Blankets – we were able to donate enough to buy 64 blankets!

Thanks to all!

Thanks to your heartfelt gifts, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

To learn more about how your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special offerings. The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

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PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

February is flying by!! We had fun learning about Groundhog Day and made predictions whether he would see his shadow. That led to making shadows, shapes, counting and numbers and making predictions. Both classes learned about dental health and went home with a special dental goodie bag. The Pre K class has continued to work on knowing and writing their letters and counting up to 30!!! The Early Learners had an outdoor play day in the snow!! The teachers found out how much work it is to get a class in snow gear!! The children love to play in the gym and like having an obstacle course!!!! Both classes had fun sharing their love for each other by sharing Valentine cards!!

On February 26th some of our PWNS little friends will be in the narthex to collect any monetary donations for their First PWNS Read-A-Thon. We are going to concentrate on reading books at home and at school and the children will be asking for donations for the books they read from the 26th through March 5th. They will have some fun with a reading activity and the children will be sharing their favorite books. The school will use the money collected to do some special activities this spring!!

Don't forget that we are taking applications for next year. Please tell your families, friends and neighbors!! Word of mouth is our best advertising! Contact the church, teachers or Connie Knauff for information.

FPC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for two scholarships and one service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church will be available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarships> on April 1, 2023. Please submit completed forms to the following address by June 11, 2023:

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 Karen Huguenard at karenhuguenard@gmail.com or 219-464-1576.

Geneva Center Summer Camp 2023

We are so excited about SUMMER CAMP!

Whether you are a first-time camper or have been a camper every summer-we hope you will join us! It's time to get back in touch with nature, re-connect with old friends and meet new friends ...that is what Camp is all about. Gather your friends and register together. Geneva Center has been hosting Summer Camp and creating lifelong memories for over 50 years. Please make plans to attend this year!



We are excited to announce our dates for
Summer Camp 2023

"FruitFull Faith...A Spirit Filled Life"

**Please mark your calendars to make sure you can join us for
an amazing summer camp experience!**

**Registration is now open!
Sign up and pay in full before
May 15th to avoid late charges.**

THANK YOU!

For online registration visit: <https://cwngui.campwise.com/Apps/OnlineReg/Pages/Login.html>

For Summer Camp brochure with descriptions visit:

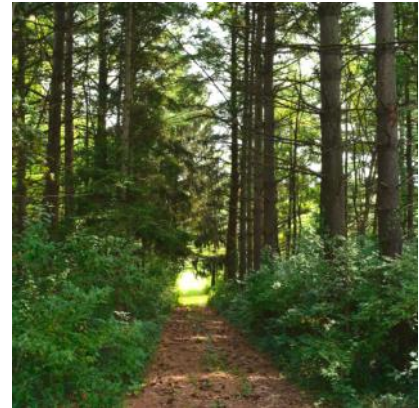
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Camp brochures are also available on the table in the FPC Narthex.

GENEVA CENTER SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED

Explorer Camp: June 12th-17th (Grade 4-5)	\$ 440
You & Me Camp: June 12th-14th (age 5+ and Adult)	\$ 250/person
MAD Camp (Music, Art, Drama) June 19th-24th (Grade 6-12)	\$ 440
You & Me Camp: June 19th-21st (age 5+ and Adult)	\$ 250/person
New Beginnings: June 15th-17th (Grade 1-3)	\$ 250
Middle & High School Traditional: June 26th-July 1st (Grade 6-12)	\$ 440
CROSS Camp (Christian Recreation Outdoor Sports Skills): June 26th-July 1st (Grade 6-12)	\$ 440

grade you have completed in spring of 2023



SEE YOU AT SUMMER CAMP!

CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	Online
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, March 2, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 3, 2023		
Saturday, March 4, 2023		
Sunday, March 5, 2023		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 6, 2023		
12:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive (until 6:00 p.m.)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, March 7, 2023		
10:00 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
5:30 PM	Congregational Life Team	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:00 PM	Planned Giving	101
Wednesday, March 8, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Stewardship	154, 155
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, March 9, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 10, 2023		
7:00 AM	Reports/Minutes Due for Session Packet	Email
5:00 PM	Family Game Night	Friendship Room
Saturday, March 11, 2023		
8:30 AM	All Congregational Gathering: Investing Vision/ Mission Planning Event: Investing in the Future	Fellowship Hall

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12, 2023		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 13, 2023		
11:00 AM	Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, March 14, 2023		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:00 PM	iEngage Team	Online
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
Wednesday, March 15, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Thursday, March 16, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 17, 2023		
Saturday, March 18, 2023		
8:30 AM	IDGB Team	FPC
Sunday, March 19, 2023		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall
Monday, March 20, 2023		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, March 21, 2023		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	DAR	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, March 22, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Thursday, March 23, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, March 24, 2023		
Saturday, March 25, 2023		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26, 2023

9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
2:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FPC
6:00 PM	Presbys	Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 27, 2023

6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
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Tuesday, March 28, 2023

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 30, 2023

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitches	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Chapel
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

**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

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY NEWS

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP YOUR HELP HELPS US HELP OTHERS

OUR MISSION:

The Presbyterian Resale Shop sells high quality, gently used items at a fair price to customers in northwest Indiana. We strive to help those in need, to create a welcoming environment for our customers and to promote teamwork among our volunteers. Our goal is to provide funding to worthy service agencies and charities, locally and globally.

March is one of our favorite months at the Presbyterian Resale Shop. Winter is on the way out and we get ready for spring! We will offer drastically reduced prices beginning March 10th to help clear out our remaining winter merchandise. The Shop will be closed March 17th through March 27th for our semi-annual changeover. Everything in the Shop will be donated to other agencies and we will reopen on March 28th with our spring merchandise.

We get really excited about this undertaking but it requires many dedicated volunteers. If you are not ready or able to commit to volunteering on a regular basis but you would like to learn more about our Mission, please consider donating a few hours during our changeover. Please contact me for specific dates and volunteer opportunities.

Blessings to our Church family and thank you for your continued support.

Mary Linda Scott
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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 10
Aaron Onohan
Jean Wheeler

March 15
Peg Borgman
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.*

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.

ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Mike Becker
Close:
3/5; 3/12 Paul Knauff
3/19; 3/26 Jim Hubbard

COMMUNION SERVERS

March 5 Leila Buford
Sharon Kinsey
Elizabeth Monroe

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

March 5 Sharon Kinsey
March 19 Linda Long

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

March 12 Bonnie Swarner
March 26 Joy Dirks

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

March 5 Johnny
March 12 Michael McKee
March 19 Sharon Kinsey
March 26 Ryne Press

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Sunday, March 5, 2023 June Olling



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<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Marc Buehler	Building and Grounds*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team iEngage**
Sharon Kinsey.....	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Linda Long.....	Finance
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Membership 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**
Jeanne Turner.....	Stewardship Team

* denotes Co-moderator
 ** denotes Elder Rep.

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Cindy Robinson, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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



First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso (public) and
 FPCVALPO (closed)