

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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At the invitation of the Wabash Valley Presbytery, I attended conflict mediation training in Chicago at the Lombard Peace Institute last week. I was asked to receive training so that I could help congregations deal with conflict.

The five day event was paid by the Wabash Valley Presbytery and included six others from the presbytery. We joined seventy others that had gathered from around the country in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The training was fabulous, and I did learn a great deal about conflict.

If I could summarize the thrust of the conference, (the takeaways) I learned that conflict is normal. It is a part of life.

John Paul Lederach in his incredible article, *“Understanding Conflict: The Experience, Dynamics and Structure of Conflict,”* states that most conversations about conflict begin by defining what conflict is. These definitions tell us much about what we believe about conflict.

How would you complete some of these sentences?

Conflict is like...?

My family does conflict like....?

I do conflict like a....?

The Western world views conflict as a source of heat (boiling, hot, simmering). Most of us do not have good words associated with conflict. Even the word, “conflict” is rooted in a Latin word that means “to strike together.” In the West, we expect friction when it comes to conflict. In a sense we feel out of balance and anticipate trouble.

The Chinese on the other hand use a symbol for conflict that implies danger and opportunity. Such a view does not view conflict as a collision but rather a challenge. Growth can take place.

All of us take our understanding of conflict into our disagreements. If there was a suggestion from the Lombard Institute about how to approach those situations it would be this:

1. Be hard on issues!
2. Be soft on people!

Our experience with conflict would be immeasurably more rich if we looked at conflict as normal with certain challenges. People are not to be viewed as the enemy. People are simply voicing their emotional viewpoints. We would all be better off if we were nicer toward people while fully examining the issues.

Aside from some of those golden nuggets, another stunning revelation (yet so obvious) was that conflict is found everywhere in the Bible. Stop and think about the many stories of conflict in the Bible. Conflict begins in Genesis and ends in Revelation. It is found everywhere.

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In the Bible there are national enemies, oppressors, and even people in the church that are problematic. Jesus had problems with religious leaders and foreign powers. Satan is always creating conflict. In addition, the Apostle Paul had one conflicted church after another. That is the New Testament. The Old Testament is filled with conflict as well. I am reading a book detailing the conflict between Jacob and Esau. Think of Moses, Cain, Abel, David and Saul. Conflict is very much a part of the Bible.

Conflict in the church should not surprise us.

The greatest take away from the entire week at the Lombard Peace Institute for me was the emphasis upon getting conflicted people together. While this can seem risky and scary, the presenters were adamant that conflict resolution requires the warring parties to sit down and talk to each other. This is not another opportunity to shout anger and frustration. Rather, with a skilled mediator, the disgruntled parties are given a chance to speak and in turn reflect back what was heard by the other party. As differing views are shared, regrets are shared as well. Healing strategies come forth and people can move forward toward resolution.

Conflict! No one likes the word, yet it is one word we should come to expect as normal and one where we can grow deeper in our love for each other and for God.

Blessings!

Mark

### 8:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, August 26, 2018, (*rescheduled date*) is the last day of the season for the 8:00 a.m. outdoor pavilion worship service.

Hope to see you there!

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for the next Men's breakfast on Sunday, September 9, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room as we celebrate Christian fellowship and share a delicious meal!

We hope to see you there - bring a friend!

### First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, September 7, 2018, at 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for First Friday Friends! This is a ministry for elementary-aged kids (K-6).

Dinner and FUN included!! Invite a friend, and be sure to RSVP to Pastor Toby:

[tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org)

### Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Katie Myers family upon the death of her husband, Trent.

### Pastoral Visit

If you would like a visit from the one of the pastors, please contact Dawn in the church office at [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org) or 219-464-4985 to set up a time.

#### First Presbyterian Church



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Session began the August meeting by welcoming the familiar face of Nancy Porter. Many of you will remember Nancy who is the daughter of our former Librarian Georgia Coyle and the mother of Molly Randolph. Nancy has decided to bring her servant heart and join our congregation, so please welcome her as she “officially” joins the FPC family.

We are also grateful for the services of Becky Flannery! After volunteering in June with our Vacation Bible School team, Becky decided she needed to find another way to be involved, so she has agreed to teach in the Kids of the Kingdom program. We need more servant hearts like Becky and Nancy!

After much careful consideration, Finance Team has determined the distribution of a monetary gift from the estate of long-time member Dee Peller. Ten thousand dollars each will be distributed for Hand Bells, Mission & Ministry Fund, and Small Projects. We are certainly grateful for the generosity of the Pellers.

It is also the time of year that our Ministry Teams are beginning to craft budgets for next year. Pastor Mark reminded Moderators that priorities must be set and numbers crunched in order to achieve the goals that are most important to us as a church. If you have any suggestions, wishes, or budget items you think should be taken into consideration, be sure to speak with your Elders. Budget requests will be given to Finance by the end of September.

In late July, Membership Clerk Susan Grosick and I attended our Annual Minutes and Register review. During this meeting, Presbytery determines if we are keeping accurate minutes and records according to the requirements of the Book of Order. Thankfully, we passed with flying colors! In addition, we received suggestions and ideas about ways in which we can not only do our jobs better but also help our church to function both in the community and within the Presbytery. Presbytery also encourages Elders to participate in the larger church/Presbytery, and I have volunteer forms if any congregation member wishes to volunteer at the Presbytery level.

In happier news, what was reported last month about the retirement of our organist Janice Axmann isn't true anymore! Due to changes in her family situation, Janice will be able to remain as our organist, but in a slightly lesser capacity. She will be sharing her accompanist duties with Elder and Worship Team Moderator Brad Dirks who is actually a very familiar contributor to our musical worship.

As is often the case, Pastor Mark provided time for Elders to be in conversation with each other sharing thoughts and ideas for the good of the church. Topics included:

- The importance of the youth programs Ken Crews and Julia Evans have been developing (i.e., the West Virginia Mission Trip, Presbys, etc.)
- The popularity of the First Friday programs (including babysitting for parents!)
- The need to perhaps offer something for young parents during the Sunday school hour when their children are participating in Kids of the Kingdom.
- The upcoming webcast by Richard Rohr and others during Labor Day weekend.
- Nearly 1/3 of the tickets have been sold to the Carrie Newcomer concert and workshop, but Elders should strongly consider attending if they have not already purchased their tickets.
- Huge “Thank-you’s” to Sterling Miller and Zane Cole for reconfiguring the sound board, and to Simon Cole who is heading up the sound board techs!
- Excitement is building around the Church Picnic this Sunday.
- Rally Day for Sunday school is also this Sunday and TEACHERS are STILL NEEDED!
- Several Elders praised the recent addition of asking for prayer requests from the congregation during services. The connection with other members who have requests helps us realize that many have needs similar to our own!

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which are *posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved. Also feel free to contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

## Presbyterian Saints

Please join us on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, for our next Saints luncheon. Following the luncheon, Joy and Brad Dirks will present a musical tribute to Rodgers and Hammerstein. The presentation will give background on the lives of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. In addition, the program will include various musical numbers from favorite Broadway productions, written and produced by the famous musical duo.

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling or emailing the church office at [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) or (219) 464-4985 by Friday, August 31, 2018. If you need to cancel, please notify the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018. Otherwise, except in an emergency, you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost of your meal as we have to pay the caterer. Thank you.

## Prayer & Praise Ministry

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to call on our 100+ Prayer Warriors through our Prayer & Praise Ministry hotline. Know that your requests can be held in strict confidence for your privacy, or we can also add your request to our Sunday announcements and/or printed Prayer Sheet. God is always listening! To begin the prayer hotline, please contact Pastor Toby Mueller at:

[tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org)

or

(256) 425-3181

## Building Disciples News

### An Opportunity for Spiritual Growth and Fellowship

The Building Disciples Ministry Unit will live-stream the Center for Action and Contemplation's annual conference, *Conspire*, at our church, August 31-September 2, 2018. This year's theme: *The Path of Descent Is the Path of Transformation*.

Father Richard Rohr, founder and director of the CAC, is an author and teacher of contemplation, non-dual consciousness and social justice. Several members of First Presbyterian Church have read his books, studied his work in small groups, and receive his daily devotions online.

In addition to Rohr, speakers will include Brian McLaren, Barbara Brown Taylor, Barbara Holmes and Mirabai Starr. For information on each of these renowned speakers and theologians, go to <https://cac.org/conspire2018/conspire2018-presenters/>.

The conference schedule is as follows:

- Friday, August 31, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 1, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 2, 8:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Each day's schedule includes presentations by the keynote speakers, as well as opportunities for reflection, discussion, and contemplative practices. You may come and go at any time during the weekend. There is no charge for the event.

For a full schedule, go to <https://cac.org/conspire2018/conspire-2018-schedule/>.

If you have any questions, contact the church office at [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) or 464-4985.



# CARRIE NEWCOMER

*the beautiful not yet*  
with pianist Gary Walters



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## Deacon Doings

### **Fresh Start** By Jim Boys

I was a 5th grade teacher for 38 years and like many of my students, I approached the new school year with both an eager spirit and a sadness that my summer vacation was over. One of my duties as a teacher was to go over the student handbook with my class which was time consuming and boring for all concerned. This ordeal was followed by my yearly “pep talk”. In this short sermonette, I basically urged my students to look at the coming school year as a fresh start.

You see, I would tell them “It doesn't matter If you were a straight ‘A’ student last year or whether you

just got to 5th grade by the skin of your teeth; you all have clean slates.”

Although I did not dare to mention Jesus our Lord and Savior in school, I couldn't help but to think to myself that Jesus offers all of us a "fresh start" at any time or in any place. We just have to ask for it!

So in closing, if you feel that you have fallen short of being the person that God wants you to be, it's not too late to ask God to clean your slate and help guide you to be the person he would like you to be. That being said, class is dismissed!

## Christian Food Pantry

Two hundred forty-one families were served in July which provided food for five hundred and eighty-eight people. In addition, one hundred three Kid's Kits were given out!

The following basic food items are greatly needed:

- Corn (canned)
- Cereals
- Green Beans (canned)
- Mac & Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Soups
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce (canned)
- Tuna in Water

Thanks for remembering and donating for the needs of the families in our neighborhood in need of our pantry's services.

Nan, Anne and Sharon

### Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

September's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Kairos' Ministry. You will find envelopes in the slots on the back of the chairs for your convenience.

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, there is a basket in the entryway for that purpose.

## Christian Education Calendar of Events

- 9/7 First Friday Friends: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
RSVP: [tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org)
- 9/9 Kids of the Kingdom: 10:00 a.m.
- 9/16 Kids of the Kingdom: 10:00 a.m.
- 9/23 Kids of the Kingdom: 10:00 a.m.
- 9/30 Kids of the Kingdom: 10:00 a.m.

## Church Library

### News from our Church Library

A Birthday Book Club is coming!!

This will help our collection of  
children's books to G R O W !!!



...Details coming soon!!!

## Heartfelt Thank Yous

Thank you for your generous gift to our childcare program. We would not be able to carry out our mission without your support. The board, staff, and families of Hilltop cannot thank you enough!

Thank you!

Albert Miller  
Board Member

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Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to Hilltop Neighborhood House! The children and families of Hilltop greatly appreciate you!

Sincerely,

Eric Jaso  
Board Member

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I would like to express my gratitude to Pastor Toby and the Prayer Warriors for their steadfast love, caring and prayers during the illness of my great-granddaughter Josslyn.

Thank you and God bless you all,

Marilyn Ellis

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I want to thank each of you for your visits, prayers, cards and gifts. I miss all the little things I could do; and especially the garden flowers which I can no longer do. I hope to start attending church again in the near future. I miss my church family so much! The people in this church are wonderful and God fearing Christians. I have been blessed to know you!

Kathy Rowe



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# MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT



**AMBERLY NEESE**

Comedian / Author / Speaker  
from Aspire Womens Events

**LELAND KLASSEN**

Lead Role in the movie *Extraordinary*  
and Christian Stand-up Comedian

**JONNY DIAZ**

Christian Recording Artist with  
hits *Breathe* & *More Beautiful You*

## A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER & MUSIC

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Show 6:00PM | GA Doors 5:30PM | VIP Doors 5:00 PM

## HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN CENTER

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FOR 2** **\$35**

**VIP TICKETS  
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at 5:00pm and pre-show Q-n-A  
with the speakers

**VIP/RESERVED  
FOR 2** **\$75**

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reserved seats in front section,  
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Most of us are familiar with the scholarships provided through our Endowment Scholarship Fund. You may not be aware, however, that as our Endowment Mission and Ministry Fund has grown, it too, is having an impact on our church. In fact, the combined Mission and Ministry dollars returned to the church in 2017 and 2018 are currently being used to support most of the costs associated with the upcoming Carrie Newcomer concert. The result is that First Presbyterian is not only able to sponsor a first rate, spiritually oriented concert and workshop experience for our members and surrounding community, but we are also able to use the proceeds generated from this special event to support a much deserving new neighbor, The Caring Place. This is a local and important Valparaiso organization that provides service and shelter to victims of violence and their children.

What wonderful gifts come back to the church and to each of us as a result of those who have directed legacy gifts to the Endowment!

During the last three years, the Endowment Scholarship Fund, primarily supported by the Lauterbach Scholarship gift, has distributed over \$13,000 in scholarships to our outstanding students. Approximately \$5,000 distributed over the last two years from the Mission and Ministry Fund will help support the Newcomer concert, and over \$3,400 has been distributed from the Music Fund of the Endowment to support the purchase of music and other related needs.

At this time gifts to the Endowment total \$208,015. After adjustments are considered (investment earnings, administrative and investment fees and the distributions that come back to the church) the Endowment balance reported to us by the Porter County Community Foundation (the organization that holds and invests our Endowment dollars) is \$229,459. Clearly, our Endowment is working well for First Presbyterian.

If you would like to consider making a legacy gift to the Endowment, a gift in which the principal is conserved and a portion of the earnings returned to the church annually, please feel free to contact a member of the committee.

With blessings,

Your Endowment Committee

Ruth Dickey  
Cathy Greenawald  
Doug Hollar  
Jim Hubbard  
Katherine Joseph  
Paul Knauff  
Karen Vogelsang

Ex Officio: Pastor Mark Mueller

You are welcome to contact the church office at [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) or 219-464-4985 for team members' contact information.

# Answer the Call

*You are cordially invited to  
First Presbyterian Church of  
Valparaiso's*

*Celebration Sunday*

*Sunday, September 16, 2018*

*Comfort food Coffee Hour*

*10:00 AM to 11:30 AM*

*Friendship Room*

*Pledge cards will be turned in during  
either the 9:00 or 11:00 services.*

cut along the dotted line

**RSVP on or before September 13th**

**Name:**

**Number Attending:**

**Sorry, Cannot Attend:**

Please place in  
the offering plate  
or call the church  
office at 464-4985

# CARRIE NEWCOMER

*the beautiful not yet*

The Beautiful Not Yet:  
Living with Hope in Hard Times

Join us for a mini-retreat led by  
Carrie Newcomer  
September 22, 2018  
1-4pm, in the Friendship Room

\$35/person – Seating is Limited!

Tickets available  
in the church office  
(Mondays-Fridays, 8am-3pm).

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## Worship Flowers

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE WORSHIP FLOWERS in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office or sign up on the clipboard chart located on the north bookcase in the Hospitality Center. Thank you.

Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11
Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 30	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

To be taken home: \_\_\_\_\_ To be delivered to shut-ins: \_\_\_\_\_



## September Calendar, continued

Saturday, September 01, 2018

8:30 AM	Live-streaming Event	Friendship Room
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Sunday, September 02, 2018

8:45 AM	Live-streaming Event	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Congregational Life-Relocated	Library
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 03, 2018 – Labor Day – Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 04, 2018

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

Wednesday, September 05, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	144, 145
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
5:30 PM	CE Team-Rescheduled	145
6:15 PM	Building Disciples Team	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	iEngage Team	Workroom

Thursday, September 06, 2018

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

Friday, September 07, 2018

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 08, 2018

## September Calendar, continued

Sunday, September 09, 2018

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary

Monday, September 10, 2018

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Stewardship Team	100
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds-Rescheduled	154, 155
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Mission Team	101

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Break Bible Study	101
6:15 PM	Worship Team (Rescheduled)	101

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Workroom

Thursday, September 13, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 14, 2018

Saturday, September 15, 2018

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## September Calendar, continued

### Sunday, September 16, 2018 - Celebration Sunday

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Celebration Sunday Comfort Food Coffee Hour (until 11:30 a.m.)	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, September 17, 2018

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Session	154, 155

### Tuesday, September 18, 2018

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

### Wednesday, September 19, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site

### Thursday, September 20, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 21, 2018

### Saturday, September 22, 2018

1:00 PM	Workshop - Carrie Newcomer	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Carrie Newcomer Concert	Sanctuary

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## September Calendar, continued

Sunday, September 23, 2018

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary

Monday, September 24, 2018

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
6:00 PM	Small Group	Friendship Room

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

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

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Chapel
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site

Thursday, September 27, 2018

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

Friday, September 28, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Sunday, September 30, 2018

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class-Bible Study	101
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary

## Happy Birthday!

September 1  
Bonnie Swarner

September 2  
Raymond Miller

September 3  
Della Hutton

September 4  
Evelyn Crews  
Justin Giles

September 5  
Katelynn Stanko

September 6  
William Clark

September 7  
Sandra Corso  
Tom Eskilson  
Janean Gertsmeier  
Darlaine Lorz

September 8  
Garry Anderson  
Kyla Deible  
Bridgett Kinsey

September 9  
Dan Higgins

September 10  
Ansen Andrews

September 12  
Gary Germann  
Jerry Valdivia

September 13  
Suzan Von Ehr

September 14  
Tracy Campbell

September 15  
Cathy Greenawald  
Robbie Greenawald  
Rebecca Lazar

September 16  
Sheri Zilai

September 17  
Martha Baltas  
Crystal Fenters  
Donny Rossetti

September 18  
Craig Johnson

September 19  
Kieth Carlson  
Sylvia Graham  
Janet Helsper  
David McGonigle  
Virginia Nordlund

September 22  
Jerry Seegers

September 23  
Winnie DeMass

September 24  
Sheya Bennett  
Carly Randolph

September 25  
Steve Heckard

September 26  
John Rittel

September 27  
Walt Alexander  
Kathy Welter

September 29  
Emily Coffin  
Becky Gordon  
Ann Klipstine

September 30  
Christine McAloon

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

### Per Capita

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. The more per capita paid by each member, fewer funds will come out of our operating budget. The cost is \$40.00 per member.

### Financial Report

July 2018

Income	\$38,751	YTD Income	\$266,840
Expenses	<u>30,379</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>254,683</u>
Over/Short	\$8,372		\$12,157

**Resale Shop – September 2018 Schedule**  
**Sept. Scheduler: Pam Skaltsas (219) 252-3175**

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

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<b>Tues</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sat.</b>
				1 Closed for Labor Day Weekend!
4 Pat Blanco Joan Johnston ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	5 Chris Hurd Alexa Olling ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	6 Linda Flory Janice Reichard ----- Della Hutton Cindy Robinson	7 Mary Henrichs Karen Vogelsang ----- Betty Seegers Karen Simerlein	8     Popcorn Fest!! 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pat Blanco Catherine Busch Carol Flannigan Linda Hartlerode ----- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker ----- 2-5 p.m. Becky Bluhm ----- 3-6 p.m. Betty Richardson Kent Richardson
11 Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pedersen ----- Cathy Cole Cindy Robinson	12 Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	13 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Linda Hartlerode Rose Ross	14 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Becky Bluhm Karen Simerlein	15 Don Owens Marilyn Owens ----- Cathy Cole Carol McCreery
18 Mary Brown Betty Richardson ----- Pastor Nancy Becker Paul Knauff	19 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	20 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	21 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Karen Simerlein Pam Skaltsas	22 Elizabeth Monroe Pam Skaltsas ----- Chiq Colton Pam Skaltsas
25 Inge Culberson Inge Nimtz ----- Ginger Boys Jim Boys	26 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	27 Chiq Colton Karen Huguenard ----- Carolyn Lelek Inge Nimtz	28 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Carolyn Dye Karen Simerlein	29 Barb Aungst Leanne Grant ----- Linda Hartlerode Carol McCreery

**Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle**

**Date:** September 20, 2018     **Hostesses:** Kathy Rowe  
Dottie Staats  
**Time:** 10:00 A.M.     **Lesson:** Ruth Ingraham

**Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry**

**Moderator:** Carolyn Dye  
**Vice-moderator:** Pam Skaltsas  
**Treasurer:** Linda Hartlerode  
**Historian:** Mary Jayne Shurr  
**Secretary:** Cindy Robinson



## Ministry Roster

If there are any changes, please find a substitute and notify the church office as soon as possible to facilitate bulletin printing. Thank you for your time and ministry.

### USHERS

September 2

8:00 a.m. David Goodwin  
Phebe Klapp

9:00a.m. Jerry Kahrs  
Kathy Joseph  
Karen Huguenard

11:00 a.m. Olga Koch  
Beth Germann

September 9

9:00 a.m. Craig Johnson  
Judy Johnson  
Trent Olling

11:00 a.m. Carla Evans  
Kathy Evans

September 16

9:00 a.m. Jackie Bernal  
David Goodwin  
Phebe Klapp

11:00 a.m. Glen Buford  
Leila Buford

September 23

9:00 a.m. Jim Hubbard  
Sharon Hubbard  
Betty Richardson

11:00 a.m. Steve Scarborough  
Susan Williams

September 30

9:00 a.m. Fred Grosick  
Susan Grosick  
Rose Ross

11:00 a.m. Sheya Bennett  
Chris Hoham

### SEXTON:

Open: Rick Exley

Close: Jerry Kahrs (9/2)  
Zane Cole (9/9, and 9/16)  
Mike Becker (9/23 and 9/30)

### ELDER ON CALL

Sept.	2	Lou Ann Karabel
	16	Connie Knauff
	30	Sterling Miller

### DEACON ON CALL

Sept.	9	Mary Jayne Shurr
	23	Ron Phillips

### COMMUNION SET UP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

Catherine Busch  
Dolly Trapp

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Dan Higgins  
Valarie Smart Higgins

### SEPTEMBER 2, 2018, COMMUNION SERVERS

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

\*denotes leaders



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Doyll Andrews .....	Mission Team
Rhonda Coffin.....	Stewardship Team
Cathy Cole.....	Christian Education Team*
Brad Dirks .....	Worship Team
Barry Hughes .....	Building and Grounds Team*
Jerry Kahrs .....	iEngage Team
Lou Ann Karabel.....	Building Disciples Team
Connie Knauff.....	Christian Education Team*
Sterling Miller .....	Building and Grounds Team*
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Finance Team
Andrea Phillips.....	Congregational Life Team
Chip Wilkes.....	Personnel Team

\*denotes Co-moderator

### Moderator of Session

Pastor Mark Mueller

### Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar



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