

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



As I write this, it is snowing outside. Yet I know that by the time you receive this, Easter will be on your mind. The Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday will be right around the corner. And in years past, I would be on the hunt for Easter dresses for my girls. One year, many moons ago, we lived in the Salt Lake valley. The girls were both quite small, but I had their Easter dresses ready. And then it snowed on Easter. Oh, they still wore those dresses, but bundled up underneath warm winter coats!

I find it interesting that this most important date on the Christian calendar is just one day, whereas Christmas is a whole season. Our culture has become quite enamored with a newborn baby, but apparently can't quite figure out how to, or even decide whether it is appropriate to, celebrate death-by-crucifixion, followed by an empty tomb. After all, how does one symbolize an empty tomb? Not as sexy as the star over Bethlehem, or a manger.

Yet *this* is the day that defines us, as disciples of Jesus. *This* is the day that sets us apart from others. *This* is the day which brings us grace. As the psalmist wrote hundreds of years earlier, "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

We are Easter people. Not Christmas people. Easter is the climax event for all four gospels. Christmas is narrated in only two. Easter is the reason we gather, every single Sunday. Every. Single. Sunday.

We are Easter people. Because of God's resurrection power, we can live new lives. As Paul wrote, the old life has gone; new life has begun.

So, how do you live, as Easter people? How is your life different, because of the resurrection? How can people tell you have been covered by grace? How do you live your life so grace-filled, that they want to know what makes you different?

We ARE Easter people. Every. Single. Day. So let your light shine. Be the salt. Offer the cup of cold water.

And may the words of our mouths, and the actions of our lives, bring honor and glory to our risen Savior.

I continue serving in Christ,

Pastor Toby

A familiar face greeted Elders at the March Session meeting. Mr. Joe Ubben, who has worked with Session in the past on Strategic Planning, facilitated discussion on Leadership Development, in particular the Process of Goal Setting. Included were the six components of goal setting; types of goals; and criteria for effective goal setting. Elders were encouraged to work through the process with their Ministry Teams, select a goal, and report back to Session on their findings.

Mission continues to be a driving force at FPC. The Mission Team is considering a fall return trip to Cuba; the Holy Land trip is swiftly approaching (in May); nearly \$8,000 has been received for Syrian Relief; Per Capita payments are continuing to come in; and Henry Hoham's Eagle Scout project to beautify our Pavilion is on track to be completed this spring.

Session also approved the new method of circulating the monthly Tidings. A smaller sized format will be distributed during worship services along with the Sunday bulletin. It is posted on the church website and will be accessible online. Deacons will deliver the Tidings to their Deacon Friends, and those who still prefer to receive it in the mail can request that method.

Worship Team received approval for a Sunrise Service on Easter morning (weather permitting to be held in the Pavilion!), and it was also decided that Pavilion services will begin as soon as weather permits but no later than June 1. Many of us at FPC have fond memories of the Carillon given by the Galloway family many years ago, and requests have been made for it to be brought back into usage. Unfortunately, it has been discovered that the Carillon is in such a state of disrepair that it is no longer functional.

Several items relating to Christian Education were discussed, perhaps the most important being the approval by Session of the 2017 Vacation Bible School curriculum GenOn's A Very Blessed Summer. Important dates in the near future were mentioned as well as a change in Rally Day to the last Sunday in August

(August 27). The Confirmands will be treated to a banquet in May followed by a Called Session meeting during which they will present their Statements of Faith. Worship Bags with activity sheets will soon be introduced for children to use during worship services, available for children ages 3-6 and 7-12, and parents should soon be receiving a survey requesting input for the Sunday School program.

Sometimes issues are presented to Session that need time for Elders to consider their best course of action. Several such items were discussed on which no action was taken. This is the case with the reconfiguration of the Sanctuary; the sound system costs; additional Communion Teams; and one-family services. Elders are thoughtfully considering each of these issues to determine the best options.

Session also gave great thanks to Olga Koch who has served as Clerk Pro Tem in my absence during the past three months. As a former Clerk herself (for many years), Olga's knowledge as well as her generous spirit has helped Session function in a very productive way.

If you would like more information, remember that you can 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

Church Spring Clean Up Projects

Church Spring Clean Up Projects
April 29, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
(Rain Date: May 6, 2017)

We will be working on the following projects:

1. Clean up beds and remove leaves from around the church. Need leaf blower.
2. Pathway brush and debris removal. Need chain saws and pickup trucks for removal to compost site.
3. Pavilion clean up and stick removal from picnic area. Remove slag from beds to pathway.
4. Landscape church sign. Lay down river rock and install plantings. Need wheelbarrows and shovels.
5. Wash church windows.

The Church Sign Project Has Been Completed

The Building & Grounds Team greatly appreciates all who participated:

Anonymous Financial Donor
Wes Chubb-Designer
Zane Cole
Dan Higgins
Barry Hughes
Pastor Mark
Sterling Miller
Tom Swihart

Again, thank you, all of you!

Saints

We all know that “....April showers bring May flowers.” Hopefully, those flowers will bring BEES! Our Wednesday, April 5th, SAINTS speaker will be Ken Theis of Kouts who has been working with bees for over 75 years. According to his daughter, Natalie White, he learned from his father who harvested bees and honey from trees during a time when forests were plentiful and the countryside was covered in flowers and wild clover. Natalie will join her father for SAINTS. She and her young daughters are now continuing the family tradition using modern beekeeping methods. You may remember Natalie, her husband and their daughters as they attended FPC in the recent past. BEE here for SAINTS and BEE in the know about BEES! Google: *Bee Hives at Ken Theis' Family Farm in Kouts* for a preview of the program.

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling the church office (464-4985) before Wednesday, March 29. If you need to cancel, be sure to notify the office by Monday, April 3rd. Otherwise, except for an emergency, you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost since we have to pay the caterer. Thanks!

Men's Breakfast

Due to the Palm Sunday and Mother's Day celebrations, the next Men's Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 11, 2017, at 8:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room.

We hope to see you there - bring a friend!

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The Legacy Fellowship of First Presbyterian Church, Valparaiso

This past February Session approved a proposal to establish The Legacy Fellowship of First Presbyterian Church. The Fellowship is open to any member or friend of our congregation who has or intends to provide a Legacy Gift to our church.

The primary purpose of this Fellowship is: to create an awareness and understanding of Legacy Giving; to encourage members and friends to consider, commit to and follow through with such gifts; and to recognize this special generosity. Through the ages, churches have benefitted and thrived as a result of this type of giving. In fact, they depended on it. But, in recent times, other worthy organizations have become increasingly active in requesting these types of gifts, causing many churches to lose this historic *and crucial support*.

What is a Legacy Gift? *It is a gift made at a future time of the donor's own choosing or through a will or estate plan that is to be an expression of gratitude and thanks to God for all that has been received and enjoyed in life.* A required minimum value is not specified for such a gift. Rather, the donor determines what gift level adequately expresses his/her gratitude for life's accumulated blessings. This makes it possible for anyone, who feels so compelled, to provide First Presbyterian with a Legacy Gift which can then be directed to our church:

- as an outright financial gift;
- as a financial gift to the church through the Endowment; or by
- providing the church with a tangible gift of enduring purpose.

Membership in the Legacy Fellowship will be composed of those individuals who sign a simple letter of intent indicating their plans to make such a future gift to the church as well as those dearly departed members and current members who have already provided such gifts. To learn more about Legacy Giving and The Legacy Fellowship of First Presbyterian Church, just complete the information request form included with this article and send it to the church office. Alternately, please feel free to contact Pastor Mark at 219-464-4985 or a member of the Endowment Committee.

What we do with what we have been given in this life - our abilities, talents, relationships, community and resources - defines our legacy. As Christians, we understand the need to examine our lives, to constantly strive to live fully into God's vision. Whether or not your legacy includes a Legacy Gift to First Presbyterian, do take time, during this Lenten Season, to reflect on God's plan. Your life, indeed, has a purpose and an arc.

Blessings,

Kathy Joseph, Moderator
Endowment Committee

Now we shall see but a poor reflection; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

LIVE FORWARD, GIVE FORWARD

Have you ever considered making a *Legacy Gift* to the church? *Please check the lines that apply.*

- ☐ **Yes**, and I wish to inform the church of my plans. ☐ **No**, but I would like to explore that possibility.
☐ I would like to learn about ***outright gifts to the church*** vs. ***gifts to the church through the Endowment***.
☐ I would like to learn about the tax advantages of certain types of gifts.

Please contact me:

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Email** _____

Address _____ **City/State** _____ **Zip** _____

At your convenience, place in offering plate, drop off to office staff or place in an envelope and mail to address on reverse side.

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Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Marcy Wood family on the death of Patricia Wood.

To the Mike and Mary Jayne Shurr family on the death of Mike's sister and Susan Williams' aunt, Sarah Long.

To the Jon and Cheryl Keach family on the death of Jon's brother, Paul.

Holy Week Celebrations

Please Join Us for the Holy Week Celebrations

1. Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017
 - A. Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
 - B. Brunch Served from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - C. Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.
 - D. Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30 p.m.
2. Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017, Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. (*Cantata*)
3. Good Friday, April 14, 2017, Worship Services in the Chapel
 - A. 12:00 p.m.
 - B. 6:00 p.m.
4. Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017, Worship Services
 - A. Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m. (*weather permitting, the service will be held in the pavilion; otherwise, it will be in the Chapel*)
 - B. 9:00 a.m.
 - C. 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Brunch

Congregational Life invites you to join us for a Palm Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 9, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 am. You are invited after the 9:00 a.m. service, after Sunday school hour or before the 11:00 a.m. service! All food will be provided.

We are requesting you RSVP by tearing off the bottom portion and leaving it in the offering plate or in the Congregational Life mailbox by Sunday, April 2. You may also email Leila at leilabuford@yahoo.com.

Congregational Life Palm Sunday Brunch

Will joyfully be attending:

Names: _____

Number Attending: _____



“Quiet Bags.” Thanks to the Nursery/Enrichment team for this great idea for our youngsters who attend worship service with their parents! Cailey Stankl and her team are preparing bags for our children to use in worship service starting in April. Each bag will contain a printed sheet based on a Bible story along with pencil, crayons, etc. The bags will be hung on a kid-size hall tree, and bags should be returned to the hall tree at the end of worship service. Each week will have a new Bible print-out of pencil and crayon activities.

Egg Hunt April 9, 2017 – Lisa Thomas and team have been requesting and gathering wrapped candy to stuff into the plastic eggs for the egg hunt. There is still time to check the sign-up sheet in the narthex, to offer your help donating candy, stuffing some eggs, and helping on April 9 late morning to set up for the Hunt. This is an opportunity for an outreach to the nearby community, to invite them to share in the fun at our church. The Hunt will begin around 12:30 p.m. on April 9; the same morning as the Palm Sunday Congregation Brunch sponsored by the Congregational Life Team (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.).

Children’s Choir and Puppets will practice at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, to prepare for their Spring Program on the next Sunday, April 23, 2017. Children’s Choir Director Rhonda Clark and Puppeteer leaders Erin Leto, Jason Leto and Bonnie Swarner have helped the kids to work hard to prepare a beautiful spring program at 10:00 a.m. on April 23 in Fellowship Hall. Please come to enjoy this special offering. All Sunday school classes will meet at the regular time of 10:00 a.m., and teachers will accompany the students over to the Fellowship Hall for the program.

Library: Librarian Georgia Coyle and her group have selected some Lenten-themed books and have placed them on the shelf in the Hospitality Room. They may be signed out on the paper there, or come into the Library just around the corner, and let a book find you! It is so easy to check out a book! Write your name and phone number on the yellow sheet on the desk, and also the name of the book, the author and call number on the book spine. Then, enjoy a good read!

Presbys Youth Group News: Julia Evans and William Walker returned from spring break in time to meet with the youth group to stuff candy into plastic eggs on March 19, 2017. An upcoming activity on Sunday April 2 is a service project; the Presbys will be prepping meatballs, chunky spaghetti sauce, Texas toast along with salad and a dessert to be served to PADS on April 5. Presbys who can also help to serve and clean up on the 5th are welcome. An End of the Year Family Picnic will be held at Taltree on Sunday May 7, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Bonnie Swarner is at work arranging a great afternoon for Presbys and families, with guided nature walks, fun activities and a family potluck meal. Julia Evans will be posting more details on Facebook and church weekly communications.

Vacation Bible School dates are Sunday June 11 through Wednesday June 14, 2017, from 5:00 until 7:30 each evening. Please make a note to save the date, and let neighbors and friends know of this special fun opportunity for 4 evenings in June! More news to come. If you would like to help and be involved in any way, please contact Cathy Cole, Pastor Toby or Lisa Thomas.

Pastor’s Class

The Pastor’s Class is at 10:05 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Friendship Room.

April 2—Bible Study
Led by Pastor Mark Mueller

April 9, 16—No Sunday School
(Palm Sunday and Easter)

April 23—No Pastor’s Class
We encourage you to attend the Spring Puppet Music Presentation on April 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

April 30, May 7, 14—The Gospels
Led by Pastor Toby Mueller

May 21, 28—No Pastor’s Class

First Friday Friends = FUN

Now in our second year of First Friday Friends, it seems the fun and friends just don't stop!! We play games, and then we eat. We play games, and we learn. Did I say we play games? Pastor Mark LOVES to play!! Kick the can, Sharks & Minnows, Fox at Midnight, Flashlight Tag...

And we eat well too! Such amazing volunteers throughout this year to help us feed hungry kids! Pastor Nancy and Mike Becker, Jacki and Ron Phillips, Sheya Bennett, Sandy Sopata, Leila and Glen Buford, Ginger Boys and Deb Shaw, Jennifer Lighthiser, and Jamie Tancos – you guys ROCK!!

And what have we been learning? This year we've studied worship – what we do, why we do it. And in March we talked about praying, and learned the ACTS prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) as a way to not just give God a 'laundry list' when we pray. So after talking about it, here is what the kids came up with for a big ACTS prayer:

- Adoration *God, you are....*
Extraordinary; tremendous; nice; loving; one of a kind; amazing, fantastic, loving, forgiving, kind, the light of the world
- Confession *I'm sorry, God...*
For not listening to my parents; for picking on my brother; for not cleaning my room; for being mean to my sister; I don't clean my room.
- Thanksgiving *Thank you, God...*
For air; for siblings; for church; for shelter; for the internet; for food.
- Supplication *Please help, God...*
Keep my family healthy, help me to do well in school; help me with my grandpa feeling better; help heal my grandpa's foot; let my aunt get out of the hospital; help my mom to write her paper; make my brother feel better.

May will be our final First Friday for this school year – but we're looking for volunteers to help! Do YOU want to play with us? Could you help make and serve dinner for us? Can you help teach us?

Please contact Pastor Toby (tmueller@fpcvalpo.org / 219-464-4985) and let her know just how you can help nurture these wonderful children of God!

Join us on Friday, April 7, 2017,
for First Friday Friends

at

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!

This is a ministry for elementary-aged kids (K-6). Invite a friend, and be sure to RSVP to Pastor Toby.

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

or

(256) 425-3181

On the Go Excursions

On the Go Excursions Is Going to
"Tulip Time" in Holland Michigan!

Friday, May 12, 2017

"Piggybacking" on the
Valpo Parks Department Trip.

The day will include:

- ◇ Visit to Windmill Island and Tulip Gardens
- ◇ Lunch at Hope College
- ◇ Time for Shopping in Downtown Holland
- ◇ Optional Wine Tasting Reception

Motor Coach Transportation

All for the cost of \$89

Reservations should be made by calling the Valpo Parks Department at 462-5144.

Bus Departs at 7:30 A.M. from parks office at
Butterfly Park,
and returns by 6:30 P.M.



“Mission Is the Purpose of the Church”

Our church has an opportunity to do mission for
EVERYONE!

These mission opportunities continue for everyone
at First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso.

Fill Your Life – Love Is Feeding Everyone. We encourage everyone to fill their red grocery bag with items for the food pantry and bring it to church each Sunday.

Habitat for Humanity: Contact Brian Johnson to volunteer at brian@bcjohnson.net. A new Veteran Build is being constructed for Tina Sanders, a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

PADS: Thank you to all who helped with this Mission for the 2016-2017 year. Our church gratefully is part of this ministry of helping the homeless men in our community have a warm, dry place to sleep and meals to eat.

Cuba Mission Trip: Over \$14,000 has been raised! This money is going for purchase of the new church building in Sabanilla, for the seminary in Matanzas and for Bibles to be given out in eastern Cuba.

Holy Land Mission Trip: Eight people from our church are joining with members of another church. They will have much to share on their return!

Kenya R.E.A.L. – A mission trip is being planned for the spring of 2018. The hope is to have a medical clinic be part of this trip. Please contact Ken McAloon if you are interested in being part of the mission trip.

Praise Item: Second Mile and Mission Offerings collected this year: \$5,260!

Mission Team voted to concentrate our Global Mission giving on Kenya R.E.A.L., Cuba, Syria and The Holy Lands after prayerful consideration.

Mission Team is praying about our Local Mission

giving which includes: PADS, Hilltop House, Christian Food Pantry, Youth Services Bureau, Great Banquet, Kairos, Kairos Outside, Geneva Center. If you want more information on how to get involved with any of these, please contact the church office or Beth Germann.

Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet here in Valparaiso, in Indiana, in the United States and in the World! We are blessed to share our blessings! If you have ideas for future mission opportunities, please contact Beth Germann 464-3608. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30. You are welcome to join us!



Equipped to Make a Difference in Cuba*

Life will never be the same for Maricela Muniz. She will soon graduate from the Matanzas Evangelical Theology Seminary (SET, for its initial in Spanish) in Matanzas, Cuba, where God has transformed and called her to serve him in her native country of Cuba.

Her first touch with the seminary was in grade school. Maricela was brought up in two locally popular religious traditions, Santeria and Spiritism. However, at the age of 12, she attended Sunday School through a program sponsored by SET in her small rural village. It was there that she first came to the realization of God's grace in her life through Jesus Christ. "I realized that God could help me with my difficulties and give me hope," she shared. As she was nurtured and grew in her faith, she began to feel God's call to ministry.

Upon completing high school, she enrolled in the bachelor of theology program at SET. "My understanding of our participation in God's mission has grown tremendously during the three years that I have been here," said Maricela. In her quiet but strong way, she says she feels equipped to make a difference and is confident in her ministry.

Maricela's ministry focus has been the growing youth movement in her denomination. When she

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Mission at Work, continued

completes the program later this year, she will likely return to lead the youth program, focusing on teaching faithful responses to the expanding “prosperity gospel” and other toxic spiritualities that are spreading rapidly in Cuba.

Praise God for lifting up young people like Mari-cela to serve the growing church in Cuba in the name of Jesus Christ.

SET is the seminary that our Cuba mission team visited in November and that our congregation has sent support, both in the form of monetary donations and in the form of computers and thumb drives.

**Article from the Winter 2017 Reaching Out publication from The Outreach Foundation.*

Christian Food Pantry

In February, two hundred and twenty-seven (227) families were served which provided food for five hundred and one (501) people.

Any and all kinds of donations are helpful and appreciated. The following items are needed:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Coffee
- Dish Detergent
- Kleenex®
- Laundry Detergent
- Mixed Vegetables
- Paper Towels
- Pork 'n Beans
- Shampoo
- Tea

—Nan, Anne, Sharon

Deacons' Doings

Alright, I am not going to lie. I kind of forgot to write the Deacon's Doings article for this month. And by kind of forgot I remembered last Sunday. Then my brother told me I had plenty of time to write this since it was not due until Wednesday. Of course, from then until now I had forgotten about the article. Now it's Wednesday evening, and I am trying to figure out what to write. Once again I am not going to lie, I am struggling. I feel right now is kind of a decompressing time for Deacons. We finished up the year with the Cookie Walk and the Deacon Advent bags. At the beginning of the year, we welcomed the new Deacons and helped with a PADs' meal. It is a very busy time of year for us Deacons. Now, we are decompressing and getting back to the basics. We are visiting our Deacon Friends, preparing communion, sending out caring cards, and much more. This got me thinking: are there things in my own life I could be doing during this decompressing time?? The time from the craziness of the holidays to the summer packed with picnics and baseball games. What are some basics I should be working on? What are some of the basics you should be working on? Take advantage of this decompressing time to work on some of your basics.

Melissa Klancer

Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

April's Second Mile Offering will be received for Indiana Dunes Great Banquet 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.

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

We Welcome the Following to the First Presbyterian Church Family

Pat Lane was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Valpo when she was a child. She later moved to Chicago. In 2005, she returned to Valparaiso. She is retired from Office Max. Her stepson is serving in the Army in Korea. Pat enjoys reading, counted cross stitch and travel.

Darlaine Lorz grew up in Valparaiso with her nine siblings, which included baby brother Zane Cole. She returned here after retiring as Director of Environmental Services for several nursing homes in Lake County, Indiana. After retirement, she and her close companion Heidi, a toy Pomeranian, visited residents in local nursing homes for several years. Darlaine's recipe specialties are her Seashell Salad and the "100 Year Old Cookie" recipe. She joins FPC by Letter of Transfer. She enjoys attending the traditional service when her health permits, often with brother Zane and sister-in-law Cathy Cole.

Karen Mitseff has joined the church by Letter of Transfer from Southminster Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. She was born in Gary and raised her two sons in Valparaiso so she is coming home to First Presbyterian Church. Karen has served as an Elder and Stephen Minister. Reading, genealogy, needlepoint and her two grandchildren in Indianapolis are her special interests.

Lois Tandy comes to us by Letter of Transfer from Clemmons Presbyterian Church in Clemmons, North Carolina. She lived in Pennsylvania, Illinois, South Carolina, and North Carolina before she moved to Chesterton to be closer to family. Lois' daughter, Sally LaBarbera, lives in Valparaiso. Golf and Bridge are her favorite hobbies.

April Calendar

Saturday, April 01, 2017		
9:00 AM	YMCA 5-K Parking	Parking Lot
Sunday, April 02, 2017		
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	CE Classrooms
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class	Friendship Room
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Puppet Practice	Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100
Monday, April 03, 2017		
8:30 AM	Retired Presbyterian Men	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	145
5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Training	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Building & Grounds Team	154, 155
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, April 04, 2017		
8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101
Wednesday, April 05, 2017		
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Lenten Bible Study	Friendship Room
6:15 PM	Building Disciples Team	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
6:30 PM	IDGB Team Mtg.	Sanct., 144/145, HC, Chapel
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, April 06, 2017		
9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
Friday, April 07, 2017		
5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall

April Calendar, continued

Saturday, April 08, 2017

9:00 AM	IDGB Team Mtg.	Sanctuary, FH, HC, Chapel, Kitchen, FR
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Sunday, April 09, 2017 - Palm Sunday

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Palm Sunday Brunch (served until 11:30 a.m.)	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Puppet Practice	144/145 *
12:30 PM	Easter Egg Hunt	FPC
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys	
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, April 10, 2017

11:30 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Stewardship Team	100
6:30 PM	Mission Team	100
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

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4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
6:30 PM	IDGB Team Mtg.	Sanctuary, 144/145, HC, Chapel
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Workroom
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	iEngage Team	101

Thursday, April 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
3:00 PM	Endowment Team	100
7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary

*denotes rescheduled location.

April Calendar, continued

Friday, April 14, 2017 - Good Friday

12:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Chapel
6:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Chapel

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Sunday, April 16, 2017 - Easter Sunday

6:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Service	Pavilion**
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Dress Rehearsal for Spring Program	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary

Monday, April 17, 2017

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Joint Session and Deacons Meeting	154/155
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Committee	154, 155

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
6:30 PM	IDGB Team Meeting	Sanct., 144/145, HC,
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155

Thursday, April 20, 2017

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

Friday, April 21, 2017

Saturday, April 22, 2017

9:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Training	144, 145
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**denotes weather permitting; otherwise, in the sanctuary.

April Calendar, continued

Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	CE Classrooms
10:00 AM	Children's Choirs and Puppets Spring Presentation	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Deacon Quarterly Meeting	154, 155
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100

Monday, April 24, 2017

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Training	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	148, 149
3:45 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
4:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155

Thursday, April 27, 2017

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

Friday, April 28, 2017

Saturday, April 29, 2017

8:00 AM	B & G Spring Clean Up Day	FPC
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Sunday, April 30, 2017

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
9:45 AM	Tone Chime Choir	141
10:00 AM	Adult Christian Conversation	101
10:00 AM	Sunday School	CE Classrooms
10:05 AM	Pastor's Class	Friendship Room
10:45 AM	Children's Choir	141
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Puppet Practice	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Presbys Youth Group	100
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Happy Birthday!

April 1

Rhyder Fenters

April 3

Victoria Olling

April 4

Tom Edwards, Sr.

April 6

Kim Klancer

Lorene Monk

April 9

Debbie Walls

April 12

Connie Knauff

April 13

Timothy Shideler

April 14

Ginger Boys

Pat Buckwell

Rhonda Coffin

Janice Loudermilk

Stephen Williams

April 16

Julie Golding

Hayden Hughes

Jim Peller

April 19

Edison Buff

Mike Croarkin

April 20

Billy Atherton

Mary Henrichs

April 21

Mark Ribordy

Jeffery Von Huben

April 22

Kathy Evans

Cara Germann

Pete Goodpaster

Ken Koch

Tom Swihart

April 23

Cameron Hebert

April 25

Alex Williams

April 30

Terry Diedrich

Mike Nuppnau

Hannah Scheller

Denise Stanko

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

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School

March was a fun month at PWNS as signs of spring finally began to show. The children decorated lions and lambs for their family projects. During the month of March, we had lots of fun with books. We had special Dr. Seuss days and Show-and-Tell days where the children brought in a favorite book to share with the class. Students also filled out a reading list with their families at home and were able to choose a new book to keep when they completed their list of the 10 books they read together.

You can now follow Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School on Facebook to see pictures from some of our weekly activities. It is a great way to keep track of the fun and learning that we have at PWNS.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. Please see a teacher for more information.

Sheya Bennett
309-5873

Ann Skadberg
405-7188

Presbyterian Resale Shop Update

Thanks to our fantastic volunteers---including Scout Troop 920, Pastors Mark and Toby, and a myriad of others---the shop is now open for Spring! Come visit to see our new look. Thank you for your support!!

Carolyn Dye

Resale Shop – April 2017 Schedule

April: Carolyn Dye – 219-464-8878

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

Tuesdays through Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

www.firstpresbyterianresale.com

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Pat Tuerff Karen Simerlein ----- Marilyn & Don Owens
4 Pat Blanco Joan Johnston ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	5 Sharon & Ken Passe ----- Ginger & Jim Boys	6 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Mary Linda Scott Pastor Mark	7 Alexa Olling Jill McGonigle ----- Sue Durnell Pat Tuerff	8 Barbara Aungst Leanne Grant ----- X X
11 Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pedersen ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	12 Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Karen Kelly Carol McCreery	13 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Joan Johnston Della Hutton	14 Mary Brown Pat Tuerff ----- Ruth Eskilson Beth Florio	15 Carol Flanagan Inge Culberson ----- Julie & Emily Golding Carolyn Dye
18 Nancy Pedersen Pam Skaltsas ----- Paul Knauff Pat Tuerff	19 Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	20 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	21 Ruth Eskilson Pat Tuerff ----- Sue Durnell Kim Croarkin	22 Jackie Bernal Pat Tuerff ----- Marilyn & Don Owens
25 Mary Brown Inge Nimtze ----- Peggy Caprous Mary Jayne Shurr	26 Peggy Caprous Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	27 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Carolyn Lelek Inge Nimtze	28 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- Star Ruwersma Barbara Aungst	29 Inge Culberson X ----- Karen Simerlein Linda Hartlerode

Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle – next meeting

Date: April 20, 2017

Hostesses: Beth Florio
Kathy Rowe

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Lesson: Beth Florio

PW Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator: Carolyn Dye
Treasurer: Pam Skaltsas
Secretary: Sue Durnell
Historian: Mary Jayne Shurr

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 SCHEDULE

April 2	
9:00 a.m.	Don Owens Marilyn Owens Betty Richardson
11:00 a.m.	Carolyn Dye Catherine Harvey Ken Koch Olga Koch
April 9	
9:00 a.m.	Zane Cole Beth Germann Connie Knauff Paul Knauff
11:00 a.m.	Jackie Bernal Catherine Harvey Destiny Vargas
April 16	
9:00 a.m.	Leila Buford Jacki Phillips Ron Phillips
11:00 a.m.	Destiny Vargas Tammy Rittel Susan Williams
April 23	
9:00 a.m.	Jim Hubbard Sharon Hubbard Karen Huguenard
11:00 a.m.	Glen Buford Leila Buford Doug Hollar Judy Hollar
April 30	
9:00 a.m.	David Goodwin Fred Grosick Susan Grosick Phebe Klapp
11:00 a.m.	Carla Evans Kathy Evans

SEXTON: Dan Higgins

ELDER ON CALL

April	2	Cathy Cole
	16	Jerry Kahrs
	30	Lou Ann Karabel

DEACON ON CALL

April	9	Melissa Klancer
	23	Ginger Boys

APRIL 2, 2017, COMMUNION SERVERS

Leila Buford*
Jim Hubbard*
Cathy Cole
Mike Croarkin
Sterling Miller

*denotes lead

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.

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Mark Mueller at (256) 425-3152.

To contact the Prayer Teams for emergency prayer, please contact
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Easter Flowers

It's that time of year again! If you would like to order flowers for Easter Sunday Worship Services, please forward the following information to the church office by April 3, 2017. Flowers to choose from are Daffodils, Tulips and Azaleas. The price for the Tulips and Daffodils is \$8.50 per plant. The price for the Azaleas is \$18.00 per plant with all profits going to a local charity, which will be decided by Worship.

Name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of Daffodils: _____ @ \$8.50 per plant

Number of Tulips: _____ @ \$8.50 per plant

Number of Azaleas: _____ @ \$18.00 per plant



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