

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Mission Statement: Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

BEEP!! BEEP!!



Get ready for another great adventure with First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso's Vacation Bible Camp 2025!

Join us June 15-18th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(family dinner at 5:30pm)

Register online- <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/vacation-bible-camp-registration>
or pick up a registration at the church.

Any questions: contact Trish at tlawson@fpcvalpo.org

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VACATION BIBLE CAMP SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

This year the Faith Formation & Vacation Bible Camp Teams have decided to again take up a collection of school supplies for the elementary schools in need. If you wish to join in the giving, see the list below. All supplies can be placed in the box below the "Road Trip" display. Please drop off the supplies by Sun., June 22, 2025, as we will offer a blessing over them during Children's Moment.

- 24ct boxes of Crayola crayons
- 12ct boxes of Crayola colored pencils
- 12ct boxes of Ticonderoga #2 pencils (pre-sharpened)
- 10ct boxes of washable Crayola markers
- Backpacks
- Wide width loose leaf paper
- Blunt tip scissors
- Dry Erase Markers (black & multicolored)
- Glue sticks
- Hand sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Kleenex
- Wide width 1 subject notebooks

**ALL ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE NARTHEX NEAR
THE "ROAD TRIP" DISPLAY.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for scholarships and the service award to be given by First Presbyterian Church are available online at <https://www.fpcvalpo.org/scholarship>. **Please submit completed forms to the following address by June 8, 2025:**

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 an associate, baccalaureate, or advanced academic or professional 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 has made meaningful contributions to church, school and/or community and is implementing post-secondary education plans.
- Additionally, because of a generous and anonymous donation made last year, the scholarship committee is able to offer an award to adult or traditional-aged church members pursuing any type of post-secondary education plans.

MISSION NEWS

HILLTOP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS

Please find the following items that are needed through September 2025:

- Pasta and Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Hearty Soups

Please put any donations in the foyer in or by the grocery cart, marked Hilltop.

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DAYBREAK/PADS OPPORTUNITIES

Daybreak Homeless Shelter is in need of volunteers!!

Visit: <https://daybreakvalpo.org/volunteer>

They really need volunteers to provide and cook meals for around 30 people starting at 5:00 PM each night. To help with the overnight, Shifts run from 7:00pm - 11:00pm, 11:00pm - 3:00am, and 3:00am - 7:00am.

PRAYER AND PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain.

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

MISSION NEWS, CONTINUED

Did you ever stop to think of where your mission dollars have gone over the course of a year? Going through the Mission Team's mailbox early this year, there were several "receipts" and "Thank You's" for our church's donations. Here is a listing of the primary beneficiaries of our mission giving in 2024:

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

\$3,725.00 for Disaster Relief
\$337.50 for Peace & Global Witness

HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

\$655.00 for childcare, Food Pantry & Bookmobile

CHURCH WORLD SERVICES

\$590.00 for Blankets

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA

\$8,000.00 for Missionary support for 550 missionaries and projects impacting 70 countries, and church planting and disciple making in the US and abroad

OPPORTUNITY ENTERPRISES

\$2,000.00 which supports in service of their mission to create inclusive and equitable opportunities for people of all abilities

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Donna Hinton, registered nurse and certified CPR trainer will be certifying & recertifying the preschool teaching staff on
Thursday, July 10, 2025
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Fellowship Hall/100 [TBD])

There are seven (7) openings to make this a full class (first come, first serve). The cost of the class is \$50.00 (due the day of the class). Fee includes a CPR card and certificate.

If you would like to take part in this class, please contact Trish Lawson by Sunday, June 29, 2025.
(219) 671-1205 or tlawson@fpcvalpo.org

THE ARC OF LIFE:

Thoughts during the season of rebirth



The arc of life moves from one season to another. spring turns to summer, summer to fall, fall to winter, winter to spring in an endless cycle. Jobs, projects, ministry, and family life, all have their seasons. Life itself moves through seasons-from infancy to childhood, middle age, and older adult leading to eternity.

Each season, each setting, has its joys, lessons and sorrows. As we walk with Jesus, he leads us into and through the changing seasons. Through it all, in His presence, we have already begun to experience the eternal life found in relationship with the Father.

From: leadlikejesus devotionals

Dear Friends,

Every time I read this passage I am reminded of:

the passing of time;
how much the remainder of my life on earth needs to count for something;
how often I have felt the presence of the holy one in the form of joy, awe, and protection;
how I will never be able to fully return, in kind, all the blessings received; and
the humbling thought of just what my legacy will be.

I suspect many people may have similar feelings.

Presbyterians are a reflective people who understand the concept of legacy writ large. Animated by a sense of gratitude for all we have received in this life, we know how important it is to give back through our actions and efforts that impact others; the principles and values we live by; the relationships we nurture; and the way we steward all we have received. Sometimes, however, amid busy days, we forget to take stock and to keep the idea of personal legacy present and intentional. We have been given the great gift of a life from a God whose purpose for us on this earth has always been to truly learn how to love and to do as much good and as little damage as possible. Perhaps referring to the above passage from time to time will help each of us remember that the seasons are passing and that plans need to be made.

Wishing you personal renewal and abundant blessings this Spring!

Kathy Joseph
Moderator, Planned Giving

STEWARDSHIP TEAM NEWS

During this time of year with Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, and even Pentecost, I am reminded about how much we all need others to show us the way, mold us as people, and work with us to accomplish goals.

As Pastor Kim mentions, the Presbyterian Church is a connectional church. We are joined by churches in our area and across the country to work together to help those in need, be good stewards, and spread the Gospel.

One of the ways these missions are accomplished is through Per Capita funds. Each member of the PC(USA) is asked to contribute a set amount which is distributed to Presbyteries, Synods, and the General Assembly. Our amount for 2025 is \$44.66 per member. That money provides for the cost of bringing together people in the General Assembly, training events, special speakers, and the support of leaders in the church and future pastors approaching ordination.

FPCV is committed to paying our full requested share based on our membership figures. According to our 2025 budget, we have \$12,500 designated as an expense with only \$2,500 planned to come in as revenue. Per Capita is not automatically taken out of your offering. If you are a person who receives a box of offering envelopes, you will see a blue envelope specifically for Per Capita. However, if you give through automatic withdrawal, you need to make an extra contribution designated for Per Capita. When members pay for their Per Capita, money is freed up in our budget to be used for other missions.

Please consider making your own contribution of \$44.66 to Per Capita to join in the connection of Presbyterians working together in doing good.

Submitted by Rhonda Coffin, Moderator of Stewardship

GRATITUDE

Many thanks to my church family for the outpouring of love and support my family and I received during this difficult time of loss. We are so grateful for the many prayers lifted up for Ken and for the visits that always brightened his day. May your love, prayers and grace continue to be with us as we navigate this journey of grief and healing.

Olga Koch and Family

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The preschool had an amazing year. We cannot wait to welcome new and returning families this summer and fall.

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Summer School at the preschool is Monday, July 28th – Friday, August 1st, 2025. The preschool through kindergarten class is 9am-11am, and the kindergarten through first grade class is 12pm-2pm. It will be a fun week for the children! Register early to reserve a spot. The cost is \$100 for the week. Families can find more information on our preschool website or Facebook page.

Fall Registration: The 2025-2026 preschool classes start the first week of September. Our preschool is offering the Early Learners Class (Tuesday/Thursday 9am-11am), PreK class (Mon/Wed/Friday 9am-12pm), and Extend Day PreK class (12pm-2pm).

More information on class offerings and registration forms for Fall and Summer can be found on our Facebook page or website: <https://www.pwnspreschoolvalpo.org/classes>.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	FPC
Monday, June 2, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, June 3, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	PCPS Board Meeting	154, 155
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:30 PM	Membership Team	101
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Planned Giving	101
Wednesday, June 4, 2025		
9:30 AM	PC Preschool Chapel Time	FPC
1:00 PM	Building and Grounds	154, 155
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	154, 155
Thursday, June 5, 2025		
9:30 AM	PC Preschool Chapel Time	FPC
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, June 6, 2025		
Saturday, June 7, 2025		
Sunday, June 8, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, June 9, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, June 10, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
4:00 PM	Preschool Team	100
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Mission Team	154, 155
Wednesday, June 11, 2025		
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
Thursday, June 12, 2025		
9:00 AM	MT Meeting	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, June 13, 2025		
Saturday, June 14, 2025		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, June 15, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
5:30 PM	Vacation Bible Camp ("VBC")	FPC
Monday, June 16, 2025		
5:30 PM	VBC	FPC
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, June 17, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	145
5:30 PM	VBC	FPC
Wednesday, June 18, 2025		
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (TBC)	FPC
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	VBC	FPC
7:00 PM	Finance Team (TBC)	154, 155
Thursday, June 19, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines Rescheduled	Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, June 20, 2025		
Saturday, June 21, 2025		
Sunday, June 22, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, June 23, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, June 24, 2025		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 25, 2025		
2:00 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, June 26, 2025		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, June 27, 2025		
Saturday, June 28, 2025		
Sunday, June 29, 2025		
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
Monday, June 30, 2025		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101

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WORSHIP IN THE PAVILION SCHEDULE HAS BEGUN.

Join us in the pavilion for worship at 10:00 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of month, pending weather, through the end of September. Join us in the sanctuary for worship at 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month. All are welcome!

** on calendar 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

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FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:



- Building congregational vitality
 - Dismantling structural racism
 - Eradicating systemic poverty
- www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON
PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025 (second Sunday)
AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date/time during the in-person at FPC Valpo. Online worship is available (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.

DUE DATES: TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

DUE DATE FOR TIDINGS ARTICLES is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. March articles are due by Feb. 15.) Please email articles to Dawn in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

DUE DATE FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES, SCREENS, FIRST NOTES AND/OR ADVERTISEMENTS is noon the Monday prior to the publication.

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

Please email screen announcements to Jeff at jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org.

THANK YOU!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RESALE SHOP NEWS

Your Presbyterian Church Resale Shop is MOVING!

Our current lease expires on August 31, and we have found a new home!



Our new address will be 65 Franklin Street, and we hope to be open for business in September.

The next few months will provide us with many challenges, and we look forward to working with our great group of volunteers to make our move happen.

We will try to keep you all updated on our progress and we will gladly welcome any new volunteers who want to get involved!

Mary Linda Scott
Co-Moderator
Presbyterian Church Resale Shop Management Team
nana6987@hotmail.com
231-590-5799

DEACONS DOINGS

April has come and gone with hopefully all of its showers. The silver lining is April did bring us the Good News of Easter with the Deacons delivering flowers to all our Deacon Friends.

With the arrival of May, we will yet again, be visiting our Friends. Sadly, we have lost some in the past months. If anyone knows of others who would enjoy visits, phone calls, an occasional greeting card, flowers, and Advent bags please contact any Deacon to request adding them to our Deacon Friends list.

We are excited to receive Session approval to provide parking in the church lot on the 4th of July to be able to enjoy the fireworks. Jason Gordon has offered to manage this Deacon project. A good will offering will be collected.

After the last weeks of storms and seemingly non-stop rain just the thought of Summer is a Blessing!

We wish you a HAPPY ONE!

PRAYER & PRAISE MINISTRY

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, you are welcome to contact the Prayer Warriors through the Prayer and Praise Ministry chain: bcgermann@gmail.com or (219) 477-9964.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 1 Debra Daugherty Harry Turner Susan Jones	June 17 Sally Hawke
June 2 Christina Dougherty Dylan Wray	June 19 Norma MacKenzie
June 3 John Bianco	June 20 Beverly Caldwell Pam Skaltsas
June 6 June Olling	June 26 Tina Kukler
June 11 Samantha Braggs	June 27 Fred Grosick
June 12 Benjamin Braggs Hattie Hoham	June 30 Sterling Miller Stuart Robbins Dan Saros

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



MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Doug Hollar
Close: Dan Higgins

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

June 1 Johnny
June 15 Rose Ross
June 29 Jerry Kahrs

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

June 8 Connie Knauff
June 22 TBD

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

June 1 Johnny
June 8 Michael McKee
June 15 Mike Becker
June 22 Allison Schmitt
June 29 Presbys

USHER SCHEDULE

June 1 Kathy Joseph
Jerry Kahrs
Molly

June 8 Jim Gray
Denise Walker
Mike Walker

June 15 Amy Press
Ryne Press
Rose Ross

June 22 Julie Fletcher-Golding
Ben Keller
Madison Keller

June 29 Mary Brown
Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard

COMMUNION SERVERS

June 8 Emma Adams
Jason Adams
Matthew Byerly

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

June 8 Jean Patton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

Rev. Kim Adams	kadams@fpcvalpo.org
Rev. Nancy Becker, Parish Associate.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Dr. John Bernthal, Organist.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Rhonda Clark, Handbell Choir Director.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Sue Davis, Business Manager	sdavis@fpcvalpo.org
Dan Higgins, Custodian	
Valarie Smart-Higgins, Custodian	
Judy Hollar, Clerk of Session.....	churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org
Trish Lawson, Director of Faith Formation.....	tlawson@fpcvalpo.org
Dawn Scarborough, Church Administrator.....	dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org
John Stocks, Custodian	
Jeff Whitney, Director of Worship Music & Digital Technology	jwhitney@fpcvalpo.org

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office at 219-464-4985.

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Matthew Byerly.....	iEngage Team* Worship Team*
Rhonda Coffin.....	Stewardship Team
Jim Gray.....	Mission Team
Madison Keller.....	Faith Formation Team* Membership Team*
Sharon Kinsey.....	Faith Formation Team Stewardship Team*
Jerry Kahrs.....	Finance Team Building and Grounds Team* Nominating Com.**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Team
Johnny Lawson.....	iEngage Team*
Linda Long.....	Mission Team **
Kathryne Penninga.....	Worship Team Nominating Committee **
Rose Ross.....	Congregational Life Team
Chip Wilkes.....	Personnel Team* Finance Team*

*denotes Elder Rep.

**denotes Vice Moderator

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer, Moderator

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk & Moderator of Membership

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Beth Germann, Moderator

Personnel Team

Jim Hubbard, Moderator

Clerk of Session Pro Tem

Jim Hubbard

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

Treasurer

Linda Long

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FPCVALPO (closed)