

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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### SESSION SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 20, 2021

Virtually **EVERYONE** is glad to have 2020 behind us, and Session too is looking forward, welcoming five new Elders and two guests to a packed agenda for the start of 2021! The Zoom meeting began with a review of Robert's Rules of Order (to facilitate smoothly run meetings that allow all to have voice) and a review of all current Session Policies. The beginning of the year is a good time for Session *and* Ministry teams to review our church policies and update them as needed (which also requires Session approval).

**Deacon Moderator Nancy Porter** gave Session an overview of the work of the Deacons, including the Deacon Friend program as well as the FPVC Outreach/Phone Tree Communication Project which was begun due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Both Elders and Deacons wish to continue this program, so Elders Sharon Kinsey and Jacki Phillips will be working with Nancy and the Board of Deacons to ensure its continued success. Deacons were invited to attend the May Session meeting, and Elders extended their hands as Pastor Kim blessed the work of the Deacons.

Elders also had the opportunity to meet and welcome (via Zoom) **Jeff Whitney**, our recently hired Director of Technology. Jeff has already been working hard with the production of on-line offerings, and the Worship and iEngage teams are especially grateful to have him join us.

Session is also beginning a new practice called **Holy Living**. Each month, all Elders will offer daily prayers for two Ministry Teams; additionally two Elders will be offering prayers for the community, and two Elders will be reflecting on the worship experiences throughout the month. At each Session meeting, they will share observations of how the prayers impacted their lives throughout the month. This month, reflections included how awesome it was to be prayed for and how the Holy Spirit had been present, but also how great the needs of our community really are, especially during this pandemic. The question was also posed: *Why aren't we as kind in March as we are in December (during Advent/Christmas)?*

January meetings are often long with so much annual business that needs to take place. This included authorizing the **celebration of the Lord's Supper** [on the first Sunday of each month, Holy Days (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Easter, Christmas Eve, Christmas), the Great Banquet, additional Advent and Lenten services, Pines Village, etc.] either in person or via virtual service platform of choice; authorizing **weddings**; and electing Judy Hollar as **Clerk of Session**, Susan Grosick as Membership Clerk, Ruth Dickey as **Treasurer**, Sharon Kinsey as **President of the Corporation**, and Ken McAloon as **Secretary of the Corporation**. Trish Lawson was appointed as the second elder member of the Congregational Nominating Committee. The **2020 Annual Report** was approved and will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting January 31, 2021, via Zoom. In addition, Kim Croarkin and Sharon Kinsey were elected to represent the Congregation as **Elder Commissioners** at the Presbytery Assembly meeting on February 27, 2021.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In addition, several other topics were discussed, including the following:

- Personnel presented a revised **Terms of Call** for Pastor Kim which was approved and will be presented at the Congregational meeting on January 31, 2021. She will forgo the approved 3% raise due to our budgetary concerns but will receive an additional week of vacation.
- There will be a Called Meeting of Session on Sunday, January 24, 2021, via Zoom, to approve the **2021 Operating Budget**.
- The **Annual Church Statistical Report** for Presbytery was approved (and will be presented to the Congregation as part of the Annual Report).
- Session approved Worship's request to have an **in-person outdoor Sunrise Service** option on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, under the pavilion or at another suitable location TBD.

Session closed out the meeting by sharing **Joys and Concerns**. These included the positive effect of having so many in the congregation praying for those who are grieving, hurting, ill, or suffering in other ways; the uplifting and worshipful Advent and Christmas Eve services; the laying on of hands video during the Ordination of Officers; the excitement of a new year with new officers beginning their ministries; and of course concern for those who ARE still suffering in a variety of ways.

If you would like more information, please read the detailed minutes which will be *posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved (and we are allowed back into the church!). **In the meantime**, please contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION  
JANUARY 31, 2021  
VIA ZOOM**

**FOLLOWING THE ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT APPROXIMATELY  
11:00 A.M. (CST)**

A Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation has been called for January 31, 2021, for the purpose of receiving the 2020 Annual Report and the 2021 Operating Budget; presenting the names of officers for the Corporation as elected by Session; approving the Terms of Call; and receiving the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee on the Members-at-Large nominations for the 2021 Congregational Nominating Committee.

The meeting will convene following the online worship service on Sun., January 31, 2021 at approximately 11:00 a.m. (CST). ***Please note: a Zoom invitation is needed to access the meeting.***

A Zoom invitation was sent to members via email on Thursday, January 28, 2021. If you are a member and do not receive an invitation via email, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) or 219-464-4985.

If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Clerk of Session Judy Hollar at [jbhollar49@gmail.com](mailto:jbhollar49@gmail.com).

## ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED  
ON THE  
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021**



We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, February 14, 2021, during the online worship service (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC Youtube channel) at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Kim invites all 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.

## CHANCEL VISIONING TEAM NEWS

As we continue to navigate the pandemic and make decisions to keep our team members, church members and our partners at Elevate Studios safe, the work of the Chancel Visioning Team has taken small steps forward in this past month, mostly around technical needs and details related to the initial design proposal. These initial steps are building the foundation for larger things that will be reported in future months but for now we have included the bullet point highlights shared last month as a reminder of where we are in the process.

Until we have a larger update to provide, we would like to leave you with two words...**UNITY AND HOPE.**

**UNITY** because we truly believe that the work we are doing as the CVT will help our congregation restore unity in our corporate worship by providing us with the space, technology and spirit-filled atmosphere needed to come together as one worshipping body with countless diverse and perfectly imperfect gifts.

**HOPE** because dreaming and visioning a common project together is a powerful way to bring excitement and joy into our congregation. Let us approach this endeavor with a hopeful exuberance of what we can accomplish together as we celebrate our differences and plan for FPCV's future.

- In November, our congregation's Chancel Visioning Team spent a day in Zoom meetings with our architectural firm Elevate Studio and our ministry teams to talk about our worship history and hopes and dreams for enhancing our sacred space.
- In December, the Elevate Team synthesized what it learned from our diverse points of view to move toward core ideas they will address in their design proposals. Additionally, Elevate's audio technician performed an evaluation of our sanctuary's acoustics.
- In January, the Elevate Team and your Chancel Visioning Team plan to meet through Zoom for a face-to-face conversation to review and revise as necessary those core ideas and plan next steps toward preparing design proposals to share with Session and the congregation. Depending on our measured pace as the pandemic continues to unfold around us, perhaps those ideas will be ready to share in early spring.

## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY

### SUMMER CAMP 2021 IS A “GO” MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND

2020 was a bust for Summer Camp, but **2021 will be great**...and all is being made ready to assure that this year's Summer Church Camp experience will be the experience everybody missed last year.

All CDC and State Health Department recommendations will be in effect and camp will be as 'safe' as we can make it.

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; this year will be a special year for all campers who have been cooped up at-home and sheltered for too long.

**RESERVE YOUR DATES IN JUNE & JULY** ... and get ready to make some memories at camp this year. (Sign up before May 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a \$25 late registration fee) [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org)

June 14-16	You and Me 1 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$225.00/ person
June 14-16	New Beginnings (complete grades 1-3)	\$225.00
June 14-19	Explorers (completed grades 4-5)	\$395.00
June 21-24	You and Me 2 (age 5+ and an adult)	\$285.00/ person
June 21-26	MAD (Music, Art, Drama) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional High School (completed grades 9-12)	\$395.00
July 5-10	Traditional Middle School (completed grades 6-8)	\$395.00
July 5-10	CROSS (Recreation/Sports) (completed grades 6-12)	\$395.00

## POETRY CORNER

### “THE HILL WE CLIMB” EXCERPTS (Amanda Gorman)

When day comes we step out of the shade,  
    aflake and unafraid  
The new dawn blooms as we free it

For there is always light,  
if only we're brave enough to see it  
If only we're brave enough to be it

## POETRY OPPORTUNITY

### A POETIC JOURNEY CONTINUES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS THROUGH LENT

at  
3:00 p.m.  
via  
Zoom

During Advent, a small group led by Lou Ann Karabel met on Zoom for readings and thoughtful discussions of poems related to the Christian walk. ***Our Poetry Journey will continue on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:30 via Zoom through Lent.***

*Join Lou Ann Karabel for a creative poetic journey as she guides participants through meaningful poetry readings and opportunities to respond.*

RSVP to [lakarabel@gmail.com](mailto:lakarabel@gmail.com)  
to receive your Zoom invitation.

***Please note an invitation is needed  
to join the journey  
on Zoom.***

*If you want to know why poetry is  
worth your time, you can also read  
her blog below that was published in  
the January 15, 2021 First Notes.*

## MISSION NEWS

The Mission Team realizes that the state lockdown will affect everyone differently. If there is a financial need that is causing you concern, please reach out to Ken McAloon, Lisa Pavlopoulos, Mission co-moderators, or Pastor Kim. There are funds available to help ease the stress during these trying times. Remember we are stronger together; and know that you are loved.

Stay safe,

Your Mission Team

## PRESBYTERIAN WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School (“PWNS”) currently offers remote support to program families. In-person classes will resume as the PWNS and FPCV leadership deem safe to do so. At such time, classes will meet in the mornings, Monday through Friday, with the possibility of adding afternoon classes in the future.

PWNS is looking for a part-time preschool director/teacher and a teacher’s aide to fill vacancies in our morning preschool program ASAP. PWNS provides an opportunity for 3, 4, and 5 year olds to have a preschool experience in a Christian church setting. We have planned a program to encourage and broaden a child’s horizons, develop new interests, stimulate exploring and creativity. This program has been in existence since 1977. It is preferred that applicants are members of First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso and have a degree and/or experience working with children. Anyone who has a passion for working with children should email their resume to PWNS board member, Margaret Alexander, at [alexandermargaret39@gmail.com](mailto:alexandermargaret39@gmail.com).

## DEACONS’ DOINGS

Deacons continue to serve our church. We have been calling, sending cards, and virtually visiting those in our church community who are homebound and in need of contact from our church. If you know of someone who has this need, please let our moderator know - Nancy Porter, 219.309.7531, [nancyporter2051@yahoo.com](mailto:nancyporter2051@yahoo.com).

In December we delivered over 25 advent bags to our church community. Many people in our church donated items for these bags. Each person received a small live evergreen and 25 small gifts to be opened everyday leading up to Christmas.

Due to COVID restraints many of our activities have not been able to take place. Deacon Beth Germann 291.477.9964, [bcgermann@gmail.com](mailto:bcgermann@gmail.com) is in charge of the prayer chain. If any have prayer concerns, please let Beth know and she will put out an email prayer request. If you would like to be on the list, please let Beth know.

Your Deacons are praying for a future when we can all be together again!



## NEW TEAM AT FPC VALPARAISO

### VIRBRANT CONGREGATION COMMITTEE

In the Vibrant Congregations Initiative, a congregational coaching project through a grant from the Smock Foundation, eight Presbyterian churches in Indiana will spend 18 months Imagining, Telling, and Living a New Story. During an initial retreat, the vibrant in Valparaiso, the FPCV Vibrant Congregation Leadership Team, set an intention for the beginning of this journey: To define, realistically, who we are, our authentic identity, not what we aspire to be, celebrating our joys, gifts and mission.

As part of being a Matthew 25 congregation, we explore building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Our committee of six has been wrestling with the concept of who we are. We have come to the understanding that we are a congregation of a variety of ways of thinking; and therefore, it is very difficult to put us “into a box” that describes us as a whole. That is one of our strengths though because there is room for all at our table.

Our work will attempt to identify our gifts and strengths and help us as a congregation imagine what we can do with those gifts to best be the hands and feet of Jesus to the world around us. This year has presented many challenges, but also opportunities to recognize some strengths and work in new and creative ways to fulfill our mission.

We may not be worshipping together in person, but the church is still at work. Another strength of ours is that we are able to carry on despite disruptions. This congregation has a strong faith and is very giving. Our missions did not suffer financially during this year and we should rejoice in that. And we are sure that the new normal we will experience will present us with many opportunities to expand our ministry and mission.

We look forward to seeing the fruits of our labor manifest in the future of our congregation. May you all have a blessed 2021 and continue to be a blessing to this church with the variety of gifts you possess.

### OPPORTUNITY – LITURGIST MINISTRY

Serving as the liturgist during worship is a ministry. We invite you to approach it prayerfully. This ministry is open to as many people as possible giving the opportunity to support our liturgists in this “work of the people” (the root of liturgy from Greek). Liturgists may read the Call to Confession, Confession of Sin and Offering Our Lives, while the minister preaches the sermon, offers prayers, and blesses sacraments. Our liturgists are an important part of our worship, and demonstrate how we all minister to the community.

To sign up to serve as liturgist, please click on the link below:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/994107930073/false#/invitation>



## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 31, 2021			
	10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
	11:00 AM	Annual Meeting of the Congregation	Via Zoom
	3:00 PM	Poetic Journey with Lou Ann	Via Zoom
Monday, February 01, 2021			
	5:30 PM	Christian Education Team	Via Zoom
Tuesday, February 02, 2021			
	10:00 AM	Membership Team	Via Zoom
	1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
	6:15 PM	Worship Team	Via Zoom
Wednesday, February 03, 2021			
	7:00 PM	Congregational Life Team	Via Zoom
Thursday, February 04, 2021			
	10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitches	Via Zoom
	5:30 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Via Zoom
Friday, February 5, 2021			
Saturday, February 6, 2021			
Sunday, February 07, 2021			
	10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
	11:00 AM	Virtual Coffee Hour	Via Zoom
	3:00 PM	Poetic Journey with Lou Ann	Via Zoom
	6:00 PM	Presbys - Online	Via Zoom
Monday, February 08, 2021			
	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
Tuesday, February 09, 2021			
	1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
	6:00 PM	Prayer Group - Leila	Via Zoom
	6:30 PM	Mission Team	Via Zoom
Wednesday, February 10, 2021			
	7:00 PM	Finance Team*	Via Zoom
Thursday, February 11, 2021			
	10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitches	Via Zoom
	6:30 PM	Community Task Force	Via Zoom
Friday, February 12, 2021			
Saturday, February 13, 2021			

*\*denotes rescheduled and confirmed date*

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sunday, February 14, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
3:00 PM	Poetic Journey with Lou Ann	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Presbys - Online	Via Zoom

Monday, February 15, 2021

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

10:30 AM	Pre-agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting	Via Zoom
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Deacons Friends Roster/Outreach	Via Zoom

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service	Via Zoom
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Thursday, February 18, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
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Friday, February 19, 2021

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Sunday, February 21, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
3:00 PM	Poetic Journey with Lou Ann	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Presbys - Online	Via Zoom

Monday, February 22, 2021

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Via Zoom
5:00 PM	Prayer Group - Andrea	Via Zoom

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

7:00 PM	Session Meeting (Rescheduled Date)	Via Zoom
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Thursday, February 25, 2021

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	Via Zoom
6:30 PM	Community Task Force	Via Zoom

Friday, February 26, 2021

Saturday, February 27, 2021

Sunday, February 28, 2021

10:00 AM	Online Worship Service	Facebook Live / FPC Website / FPC YouTube Channel
3:00 PM	Poetic Journey with Lou Ann	Via Zoom
6:00 PM	Presbys - Online	Via Zoom

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
DECEMBER 2020 – REVISED**

Month Income	\$87,393	YTD Income	\$457,231
Month Expenses	<u>(59,520)</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>(461,191)</u>
Over/Short	\$27,873		(\$3,960)

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

**GIFTS TO THE CHURCH OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**MAIL OPTION:**

Folks are welcome to mail pledges and gifts to the church at the following address:

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

**ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OPTION:**

If you would like to have pledges and gifts transferred to the church via electronic transfer, please contact the church office via email at: [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org)

**ONLINE GIVING OPTION:**

If you would like to give pledges and gifts to the church online, please visit the church’s website at [www.fpcvalpo.org](http://www.fpcvalpo.org) and click on “To Make a Gift” tab located on the right; or click on the following link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/give/KLYBGIVCVH>

Grateful for all!

**LITURGIST SCHEDULE**

February 7, 2021	Scouts and Scouters of Troop 920 & Cub Scout Pack 920
February 14, 2021	Sharon Kinsey
February 21, 2021	Trish Lawson
February 28, 2021	Mike Becker

## RESALE SHOP NEWS

After a spectacular 2020, the Presbyterian Resale Shop is looking forward to continued success in 2021. We continue to be open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Our donations have been averaging over 400 bags per month and our sales are strong. The need in our community is great, both for our customers and for the charities we support.

If you are spending your winter cleaning closets, please consider donating your unwanted treasures to us. We can assist you with contactless drop off at our back door.

Thanks and blessings to our Church family for your support.

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



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT:**  
Building Disciples; Growing in Faith; Serving in Christ's Name

**FPC VALPARAISO IS A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION:**



- **Building congregational vitality**
- **Dismantling structural racism**
- **Eradicating systemic poverty**

[www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)

**RESALE SHOP SCHEDULER:  
MARY LINDA SCOTT (231) 590-5799**

**RESALE SHOP SCHEDULE  
FEBRUARY 2021  
11 AM – 3 PM TUESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY  
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[www.firstpresbyterianresale.com](http://www.firstpresbyterianresale.com)**

TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<b>2</b> Pastor Nancy Becker Dolly Trapp	<b>3</b> Chris Hurd Becky Bluhm	<b>4</b> Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas	<b>5</b> Star Ruwersma Debbie Kelley	<b>6</b> Dolly Trapp Abha Kapila
<b>9</b> Dolly Trapp Pat Lane	<b>10</b> Jan Bays Nancy Porter	<b>11</b> Star Ruwersma Linda Hartlerode	<b>12</b> Mary Brown Debbie Kelley	<b>13</b> Dolly Trapp Abha Kapila
<b>16</b> Mary Brown Dolly Trapp	<b>17</b> Star Ruwersma Pat Lane	<b>18</b> Linda Hartlerode Debbie Kelley	<b>19</b> Jan Bays Nancy Porter	<b>20</b> Dolly Trapp Abha Kapila
<b>23</b> Star Ruwersma Dolly Trapp	<b>24</b> Debbie Kelley Becky Bluhm	<b>25</b> Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas	<b>26</b> Debbie Kelley Star Ruwersma	<b>27</b> Dolly Trapp Abha Kapila

**PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY**

Co-moderators: Pam Skaltsas (219-252-3175)  
Debbie Kelley (239-565-2224)  
Karen Huguenard (219-309-3334)

Treasurer: Jan Bays  
Historian: Mary Jayne Shurr  
Secretary: Cindy Robinson  
Scheduler: Mary Linda Scott (231-590-5799)

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Pam Skaltsas – (219) 252-3175

**SCHEDULER:**  
Mary Linda Scott – (231) 590-5799

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

February 1  
Ron Scott

February 3  
Marci Powell  
Doug Lang

February 4  
Kay Exley

February 6  
Linda Long

February 7  
Gabriel Byerly

February 8  
Jerry Kahrs

February 10  
Sharon Allen  
Sandi Roth

February 11  
Isabella Wunderlin  
Madison Wunderlin

February 12  
Liam Luick  
Karen Vogelsang

February 14  
Rick Exley

February 15  
Janice Axmann

February 16  
Willa Nuppnau  
Julie Pollaro  
Sharon Swihart

February 17  
Sadie Kinsey  
Sharon Kinsey

February 18  
Melissa Klancer  
Wendy Banta-Long

February 23  
Jim Boys  
Valarie Smart-Higgins  
Carolyn Hughes

February 24  
Beverlee Frazee

February 26  
Rose Bianco

February 28  
Donna Parker  
Lisa Vukin

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](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org)

### Due Date for Bulletin Articles, First Notes and/or Advertisements:

The due date for bulletin articles, First Notes, and announcements are due by noon the Monday prior to the publication.

### PER CAPITA

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. *The cost is \$42.00 per member.* Per capita helps support the decisions of the commissioners to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as they discern the will of Jesus Christ together. It also supports the work of the Presbytery Commission of Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

Please email bulletin announcements and First Notes articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at: [dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org).

**THANK YOU!**

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

<u>Elders of Session</u>	<u>Ministry Team</u>
Marc Buehler.....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team
Kim Croarkin.....	Matthew 25 Team   iEngage Team**
Rick Exley.....	Building and Grounds Team*
Sharon Kinsey .....	Christian Education Team   Nominating Team
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage   Worship Team**
Vic Klancer .....	Building and Grounds Team*
Ken McAloon.....	Mission Team*
Lisa Pavlopoulos .....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Jacki Phillips .....	Adult Spiritual Formation Team (CE)
Ryne Press.....	Community Task Force   Mission Team*
Trish Lawson.....	Congregational Life Team   Membership Team**   Nominating Team**
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team

\* denotes Co-moderator

\*\* denotes Elder Rep.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Membership Clerk

Susan Grosick, Membership Team Moderator

Board of Deacons

Nancy Porter, Moderator

Endowment Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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



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