

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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SESSION SYNOPSIS OF APRIL 19, 2023

Session meetings always begin with time set aside for education. As you may recall from previous synopses, in 2023 Elders are studying the creeds that compose our *Book of Confessions*. In January the *Nicene Creed* was examined, and in February it was the *Apostles Creed*. The next creed is being discussed in several segments as it is quite long. The *Scots Confession* was written by John Knox and several other Protestant ministers during the 16th century Reformation period after the Scottish parliament earned sovereignty from England. In this section, elders struggled with the concept of the virgin birth as well as the usage of some rather strong language which contained aspects that might be considered inappropriate today but were probably important in the stance of the Scots in opposition to the Roman Catholic Church at that time. It was also noted that the current Church of England is *not* a Reformed church in the way Presbyterians are Reformed — in fact, the Church of England follows a Catholic order system, upholds many customs of the Roman Catholic Church, but embraces fundamental ideas birthed during the Protestant Reformation.

The second regular feature of every session meeting is a discussion of Holy Living at FPCV. Elders pray for selected Teams, and sharing nearly always reveals the work of the Holy Spirit in some prominent way. This month, Faith Formation moderator Sharon Kinsey shared how things hadn't been going well with the start of the Sharing Table Project, but suddenly, she felt the prayers and everything just seemed to fall into place. Likewise, Membership Team moderator Elizabeth Monroe felt the Holy Spirit on her shoulder as she talked for over an hour with an individual who has been watching services online, is moving to Valpo, and is excited to join our congregation. Both also shared how meaningful and rewarding the entire Lenten season has been, from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. The music, lighting, study, poems, artwork ~ all were incredible. The posting of Easter morning pictures on social media went viral and garnered many positive responses!

A special highlight of the meeting was congratulating Elder Trish Lawson on her recent hiring as interim part-time Director of Faith Formation, but it also involved sadness as Trish needed to resign her position on Session since she is now on staff. Trish will obviously remain an active member of our congregation, and her enthusiasm will be apparent in many activities.

Another important item on the agenda was the Annual Roll Review. The Book of Order requires that Session review the rolls every year. Because it is Session's responsibility to "seek to restore members to active participation," the rolls are reviewed to determine which members have been inactive for quite some time. However, since Covid hit in 2020, many have been worshipping online rather than in-person, so signing an attendance pad is not necessarily a good criteria for participation. As a result, several Elders volunteered to make contact with some inactive members to encourage them to return to church, or if not return in person, to let them know that they are still cared for, prayed for, and loved.

In addition, several **MOTIONS** were approved:

- **Finance** recommended contracting with audit firm Comer, Nowling to conduct a modified audit/review of First Presbyterian Church and its missions for 2022 and to consult on the structure of a 2023 audit. (This is required by our *Book of Order* G-3.0113.)

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- **Worship recommended offering Outdoor Services in the Pavilion on the first and third Sundays, weather permitting, beginning May 1, 2023, continuing into the fall dependent upon weather conditions.**
- Session approved the following signatures on the checking account at Horizon Bank: Susan Davis, Connie Knauff, Linda Long, and Allison Schmitt.
- **Email motion** to approve the use of Fellowship Hall, Friendship Room & Pavilion for 1 1/2 hours on Thursday, May 4, from 6PM-7:30PM by the Izaak Walton League of America's local Porter County Chapter to conduct a Family Nature Night educational event.
- A *draft* (not yet approved) of an updated Facility Use Policy & Fees document and associated forms was presented by Finance for a first reading. Elders were asked to discuss the policy and fees with their respective teams and this will hopefully be voted upon at the May Session meeting.
Mission asked for an Administrative Commission to be formed to address issues related to the mission of FPC Valpo.

Elders shared many joys related to individual families and our church family, but they also expressed deep concerns about difficult issues, discord, and gun violence occurring both near and far.

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. **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 of Session

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to:

The Mike Shurr and Susan Nannenga family upon the death of Mary Jayne Shurr.

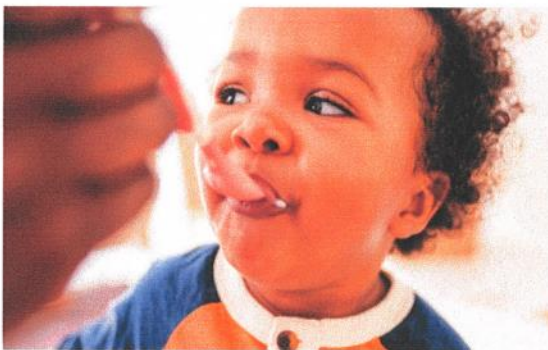


OFFERING of LETTERS

Brice and Nikki Mosher own and operate Infinity Microfarm in Missaukee County, Michigan, which works within a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) framework, bringing together a group of local people who support the farm's work. The Moshers charge \$20 per box of fresh fruits and vegetables. Thanks to a federal nutrition program called the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP), about half of the farm's CSA shareholders also participate in the Supplementary Nutrition Assistance Program, better known as SNAP. The SNAP participants pay only \$5 of the \$20 cost, with the rest covered by a GusNIP grantee. It's a great deal for both the families that participate in SNAP and the Moshers.



Unfortunately, only a small fraction of the 41 million people who receive SNAP benefits have access to GusNIP incentives. **Increasing U.S. government support for GusNIP in the Farm Bill will help ensure more families have access to fresh, nutritious fruits and vegetables.**



Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations, and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger.

By taking part in Bread for the World's 2023 Offering of Letters in support of the Farm Bill, you will help support domestic nutrition programs like GusNIP and SNAP, as well as funding for critical international food assistance programs.

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BREAD FOR THE WORLD, continued

Bread for the World is a Christian coalition advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Their mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help **end hunger and food insecurity in the U.S. and around the world.**

Our Church's letter writing campaign is to ask our two U.S. senators, Mike Braun and Todd Young, as well as our Rep. Frank Mrvan to support the renewal of the upcoming Farm Bill in the Congress. The goal is to help end hunger in this country and globally.

Every five years or so, Congress takes up a massive piece of legislation known as the farm bill, which covers everything from supporting farmers to ensuring that those short of food don't go hungry. The cost of the bill is nearly \$100 billion a year. Right now, Congress is in the middle of the farm-bill cycle again.

In fiscal year 2021, more than 41 million Americans participated in SNAP and the total cost of the program was more than \$113 billion. In FY2022, SNAP costs were projected to increase by 18%, largely due to the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) update, which was authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill. Federal nutrition assistance programs, including SNAP, serve 1 in 4 Americans. Given the broad reach of the federal nutrition assistance programs, it is imperative that they serve families in need, operate efficiently, and provide families with the foods they need to achieve both food and nutrition security.

The nutrition title composed 76% of total 2018 Farm Bill spending, making it the costliest title by far, with most of the funds going to SNAP. According to the Congressional Budget Office's May 2022 baseline for the legislation's major programs, the 2023 Farm Bill is estimated to cost \$1.295 trillion over 10 years, making it the first ever farm bill to exceed \$1 trillion. The nutrition title is projected to make up 84% of total 2023 Farm Bill spending.

For the first three Sundays of May Mission Team is encouraging a letter writing campaign to Senator Braun, Senator Young, and

Representative Mrvan. There will be instructions for the letters. There will be prewritten letters for those desiring to use them. However, each letter needs to have at least two personal reasons for writing the letters added to the bottom, such as your support of food banks or other ways you support the fight against hunger. Please sign the letters and include your address. This personal addition will help in getting the letters read. There will be envelopes for you to hand address. There will be three boxes in the church's narthex for letters. The envelopes will be stamped and mailed to our two senators Mr. Todd Young and Mr. Mike Braun and our representative, Mr. Frank Mrvan.

For those who wish to mail letters from home, here are the addresses:

Representative Frank Mrvan
7895 Broadway, Suite A
Merrillville, IN 46410

Senator Mike Braun
404 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Todd Young
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In March, one hundred ninety-four (194) families were served which provided food for four hundred ninety-four (494) people. Tickets were handed out with information for picking up Easter dinner menu items in April. Two extras were offered to celebrate March: green dish detergent and Oreo® mint cookies. Green items were appreciated.

Basic items are always needed. These are foods that are packed in every bag that is given to each family being served.

- Canned Mixed Veggies, Green Beans, and Corn
- Canned Pasta
- Catsup
- Cereals (large and small)
- Egg Noodles
- Health Care Items
- Mac n' Cheese
- Manwich®
- Mustard
- Pancake Mix
- Paper Products
- Peanut Butter
- Pickles
- Pork n' Beans
- Rice (one pound boxes)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Sugar
- Syrup
- Tuna in Water

If you *use it – like it – need it* are good measures as to what are appropriate donations for families needing pantry assistance. Everything is appreciated.

DEACONS DOINGS

(submitted by Joy Dirks)

I am writing this month's article during Holy Week, as we look forward to the Resurrection of Christ, and the promise of eternal life.

The Easter flowers have arrived and the Deacons have distributed them to their Deacon Friends. Just like at Christmas time, these flowers are always eagerly anticipated by our Deacon friends. They help cheer them up with a beautiful spring flower, and a chance for a visit by a church member, which is a great way to stay in contact with what is going on at church.

We continue with the monthly setup and cleanup for communion. We have updated procedures we have put in place. Our funeral procedures have also been updated thanks to Trish Lawson.

With the weather starting to feel warmer and our Daffodils in bloom, we are anxious for spring to be in full gear. The sunshine energizes us and this is good news for our Deacon Friends, who although getting out and about is not always easy, can appreciate the beauty of nature in the spring.



“Matthew 25 Reflection” presents information chosen by our Matthew 25 Team to inform and inspire our church family to actively engage in activities and with initiatives that reduce poverty and racism in our local communities and beyond.

VIOLENCE AGAINST THE BLACK CHURCH -from the June 2023 Equal Justice Initiative calendar

The Black church has long been central to Black culture in America, a symbol of independence, social uplift, liberation, strength, and revolution. During the Civil Rights Movement, protests like the Montgomery Bus Boycott were organized at Black churches.

That made Black churches a target for white fear, anger, and violence. On September 15, 1963, white men fire-bombed the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the largest Black church in Birmingham, Alabama, murdering four young Black girls. By the late 1990s, at least 80 Black churches throughout the South had been burned, fire-bombed, or vandalized.

The targeting of Black churches dates back to the 19th century. In 1822, after Denmark Vesey was executed for planning a rebellion of enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina, white residents burned down the African Methodist Episcopal Church where Vesey had preached about freedom.

Two centuries later, on June 17, 2015, a white gunman motivated by white supremacy entered the rebuilt “Mother Emanuel” and opened fire on a Bible study group, killing nine Black worshippers, including the church’s senior pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney.

Racially motivated attacks still target the Black church today. Over 10 days in spring 2019, arson attacks in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, destroyed three historically Black churches that had been essential centers of the Black community for more than a century.

Despite facing unrelenting violence, the Black church persists, inspiring and holding up people engaged in the struggle for racial equality.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, help us to identify ways to work with others in our community who are engaged in the struggle for racial equality.



*calling all
crafters*

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE IS HOSTING A
SATURDAY CRAFTERS RETREAT**
(separate from the craft fair)!

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9am-3pm

Fellowship Hall (enter at Door C)

Bring whatever you are working on for a full day of
crafting, fellowship and FUN!!

A light breakfast will be provided as well as coffee and
water. Feel free to bring snacks and /or lunch.

Come and go as you please!

Please RSVP to Trish Lawson **no later than May 6th**
tmlawson77@yahoo.com or 219-671-1205

Congregational Life...

Building community one event at a time!

Geneva Center Summer Camp 2023

We are so excited about SUMMER CAMP!

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



We are excited to announce our dates for
Summer Camp 2023

"FruitFull Faith...A Spirit Filled Life"

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

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

THANK YOU!

For online registration visit: <https://genevacenter.org/summer-camp/>

For Summer Camp brochure with descriptions visit:

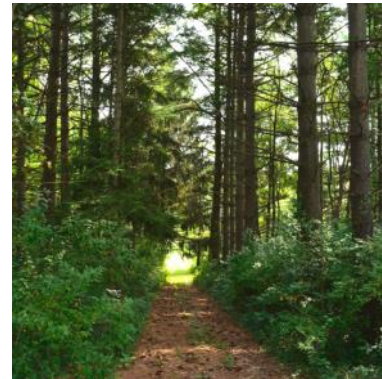
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Camp brochures are also available on the table in the FPC Narthex.

GENEVA CENTER SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTINUED

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

grade you have completed in spring of 2023



SEE YOU AT SUMMER CAMP!

CALENDAR

Monday, May 1, 2023		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 2, 2023		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
7:00 PM	Planned Giving (Revised time)	101
Wednesday, May 3, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	Online
Thursday, May 4, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitches	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 5, 2023		
Saturday, May 6, 2023		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7, 2023		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC Pavilion, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	Chapel, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	FPC
Monday, May 8, 2023		
11:00 AM	Pre-agenda Meeting (TBC)	Online
11:00 AM	Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 9, 2023		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
7:15 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Friendship Room, Online
Wednesday, May 10, 2023		
9:00 AM	PWNS	PWNS Classrooms
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
6:00 PM	Stewardship Team	154, 155
7:30 PM	Finance Team (Revised Time)	Friendship Room
Thursday, May 11, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
11:00 AM	Agenda Meeting (TBC)	FPC
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 12, 2023		
Saturday, May 13, 2023		
9:00 AM	Craft Retreat	Fellowship Hall, Kitchen
Sunday, May 14, 2023		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	FPC
Monday, May 15, 2023		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 16, 2023		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:00 PM	DAR Group	Friendship Room
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:00 PM	Deacons Meeting	154, 155
Wednesday, May 17, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155
Thursday, May 18, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 19, 2023		
Saturday, May 20, 2023		

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CALENDAR

Sunday, May 21, 2023 - Confirmation Sunday		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC Pavilion, Online
12:00 PM	Campaign Team	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	FPC
Monday, May 22, 2023		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 23, 2023		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, May 24, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room
Thursday, May 25, 2023		
10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
5:00 PM	Bell Choir	FPC
6:30 PM	Choir	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, May 26, 2023		
Saturday, May 27, 2023		
Sunday, May 28, 2023		
9:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes	FPC
10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
6:00 PM	Presbys	FPC
Monday, May 29, 2023		
6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
Tuesday, May 30, 2023		
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
Wednesday, May 31, 2023		
10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	101

**denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel:*

www.fpcvalpo.org/worship-livestream,

www.youtube.com/channel/UC8Za9RpS1LFHAMVd6XW_pTQ, or

www.facebook.com/1stPresChurchValpo

**PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP
YOUR HELP HELPS US HELP OTHERS**

OUR MISSION:

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

Spring sales have exceeded our expectations at the Presbyterian Resale Shop. And strong sales mean we can help support more great causes in our community. In April we gave assistance to The Caring Place, Hilltop House after School Food Program, Geneva Center, and the Red Cross of Northwest Indiana.

If you haven't visited the Resale Shop recently, stop in and check out our new spring and summer merchandise and our new Book Nook. And don't forget to drop off the unwanted treasures you find when you do your spring cleaning!

The Resale Shop is an important mission of FPC and our continued success depends on our volunteers. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us help others.

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

Mary Linda Scott
nana6987@hotmail.com
231-590-5799

DUE DATES – TIDINGS ARTICLES, BULLETIN ARTICLES AND SCREENS

Due Date for Tidings Articles:

The due date for Tidings articles is the 15th of the month prior to the publication. (i.e. June articles are due by May 15.) Please email articles to Dawn Scarborough in the church office at dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

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

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

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

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

Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1
Carolyn Dye

May 2
Trey Buehler

May 3
Allison Skadberg

May 4
Karen Robison

May 5
Kathy Rowe

May 7
Madeleine Kinsey

May 9
Doyll Andrews
Jim Hubbard
Joanne Webb

May 11
Tom Byerly
Lou Ann Karabel
Grady Thomas

May 12
Andrea Phillips

May 15
Norman Brooker
Marilyn Mohr
Lisa Pavlopoulos
Pete Shaw

May 16
Carol Byerly
Michael Skaltsas

May 17
Anne Hurst
Trent Olling

May 18
Donna Cummins
Harry Karabel

May 19
Susan Grosick

May 23
Ken McAloon

May 24
Heather Crews
Brooke Spitler-Nigh

May 25
Nancy Porter

May 26
Lenny Corso
Jaxson Taylor

May 27
Joy Dirks

May 28
Paul Knauff

May 30
Doug Dye
Virginia Grcich

May 31
Carla Evans
Paul Grant

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

ONLINE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

FPC VALPARAISO ONLINE GIVING AND PLEDGE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/form/pledge/pledgeincome>
to make a 2023 pledge to FPC

or

<https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteri76732/-/form/give/KLYBGIVCVH>
for FPC online giving opportunity.

TREASURER'S UPDATE THROUGH MID-APRIL

Our First Presbyterian Church family continues to give generously to support the work of living out the Gospel in our community – from our staff to our church facilities to our mission and ministry teams:

- **OUR CHANCEL SUITE** envisioned during the pandemic is in place and dedicated in April. Its curves invite our eyes to move across our chancel, from the splashing water that reminds us of our forgiveness in baptism at the font, to the Word spoken from the pulpit and read from the lectern, to offerings of flowers and the Christ Candle on tables, to sharing the Feast at the table. Special gifts were designated in 2021, 2022 and this year to have our unique suite created for our worship space. The gifts covered suite delivery, two art glass inserts (one for the pulpit and another for the font, yet to be created by our local glass shop) and costs to hang the beautiful wooden Celtic cross that matches our cornerstone and suite.
- **THE SHARING TABLE PROJECT** leading us into the future is funded by congregational gifts, a grant from the Center for Congregations plus the remainder of a legacy gift from a decade ago.
- Funds distributed from our Endowment and some savings will fund the new part-time **Faith Formation Coordinator** for the remainder of this year.
- Funds from our Endowment and legacy gifts will fund **scholarships** for our young people.
- Together, our giving supports our **worship** music and arts that animate our Thursdays and glorify God on Sundays...fellowship events and hospitality organized by **Congregational Life**...the mission giving encouraged by our **Mission Team**...services supporting our church administration and facility led by **Buildings & Grounds** and **Finance & Stewardship** Teams...**Personnel Team** who care for our staff...**Faith Formation's** intergenerational approach, and more. **Your giving** makes these possible.

As of mid-April, we received \$215,425 toward our pledged operating income of \$445,572. In addition, we received nearly \$9,500 in general giving for operations, \$2,800 for per capita to support our greater church, \$9,000 designated for missions such as 2nd Mile and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and extra gifts for guest musicians, memorial gifts and others – totaling \$291,308. Our preschool maintains its strong foundation with tuition on target and expenses in line.

Expenses overall are at 26% of budgeted operating expenses. That's good news! Building utilities are more than we expected this winter and early spring, but some other line items are under budget. Some capital improvements are coming this summer, funded by our Capital Fund and a grant from the Smock Foundation, to bring drinking water stations, ADA accessible entries, and other essential needs.

We give from gratitude for God's generous blessings, centered around the gift of the Risen Christ – and share in worship and ministry together because we seek to be a vibrant congregation, one that lives God's Message by what we say and do. Thanks be to God!

– Jeanne Turner, Stewardship Moderator
– Linda Long, Finance Moderator

FPC SCHOLARSHIPS

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

First Presbyterian Church
3401 N. Valparaiso Street
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Attn: Scholarship Committee

The annual Anne Lauterbach Scholarships are available to high school graduates of any age who are pursuing education toward a post-high school degree.

The annual Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who is active in First Presbyterian Church and in the community and who has been accepted by a two or four-year institution of higher learning.

The First Presbyterian Church Service Award will go to a graduating high school senior who is implementing post-secondary education plans.

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

**COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED DURING
WORSHIP
on
Sunday, May 7, 2023
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 and online worship services (via Facebook Live/FPC website/FPC YouTube channel).

All are invited to the communion table in your home by bringing a piece of bread/cracker and a cup of juice/wine or whatever common elements you have to celebrate communion. This way, our faith community can be joined together for the sacrament even though we are physically apart.

MINISTRY ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Matthew Byerly
Close: Ron Phillips

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 7 Trish Lawson
May 21 Ron Phillips

DEACON ON CALL SCHEDULE

May 14 June Olling
May 28 Sheya Bennett

LITURGIST SCHEDULE

May 7 Jim Hubbard
May 14 Michael McKee
May 21 Ron Phillips
May 28 Presbys

USHERS SCHEDULE

May 7 Mary Brown
Julie Golding
May 14 Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff
May 21 Amy Press
Ryne Press
May 28 Elizabeth Monroe
Rose Ross

COMMUNION SERVERS

May 7 Trish Lawson
Andrea Phillips
Lisa Vukin
Pentecost Sunday
May 28 Isabel Gordon
Jason Gordon
Michael McKee

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

May 7 Bob MARRS
Linda MARRS
Pentecost Sunday
May 28 Cathy Greenawald

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

E-MAIL ADDRESS

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Pastor Ken Crews, Associate Pastor	kencrews@fpcvalpo.org
Sue Davis, Business Manager.....	sdavis@fpcvalpo.org
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Dan Higgins, Custodian	
Valarie Smart Higgins, Custodian	
Judy Hollar, Clerk of Session	churchoffice@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.

Elders of Session

Ministry Team

Marc Buehler	Building and Grounds*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team iEngage**
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Linda Long.....	Finance
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Membership Team
Ron Phillips.....	Adult Spiritual Formation Team Faith Formation Team**
Ryne Press.....	Mission Team Matthew 25 Team**
Trish Lawson	Congregational Life Team Nominating Team
Ron Scott.....	Personnel Team Nominating Team**
Jeanne Turner.....	Stewardship Team

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Building and Grounds Team

Vic Klancer

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

Board of Deacons

Cindy Robinson, Moderator

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Planned Giving Committee

Kathy Joseph, Moderator

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