

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



MAKING PROGRESS ON SACRED SPACES CHANCEL FURNISHINGS

Erich Thompson of Sacred Spaces is crafting a suite of artisan furniture for our chancel as the first step to enhance our worship space. Erich, a Presbyterian minister, listens to the dreams of congregations and crafts those visions into chancel furnishings. To keep in touch, he lunched with several of us at Montreat, NC, in June.

So far, Erich has progressed from oak and mahogany boards to legs with inlays.



Here's the vision for the table, font, pulpit and the Celtic cross of the Risen Christ hanging under a restored, reengineered skylight. Imagine a baptismal pitcher with flowing colors like these that might store under the clear glass bowl of the font. Or imagine a hand-blown glass panel with the HotShop's Indiana dunes motif as part of the pulpit to remind us of God the Creator. The final design will emerge as the artists collaborate with one another and with the Chancel Visioning Team.

Thanks to the many who have contributed to the envisioned chancel furnishings. If you wish to help fund this special project, you may note SACRED SPACE on the memo line of your check, or in comments through online giving.



Boundless Grace by Ginger Boys

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
THROUGH
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

1st and 3rd Sundays,
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Pavilion

2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays,
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

All are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

First Presbyterian Church
of Valparaiso
Sunday, August 7, 10:00am

✓ Pencils

✓ Chromebook

✓ More Kleenex than anyone
could ever use in a lifetime

✓ Furry friend

Whatever is on the school supply list this year, load it in your backpack and bring it to worship on August 7th for a special blessing to begin another amazing school year!

CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The scholarship committee is pleased to announce the recipients for this year:

- Lauren Phillips received the Lillian Wilson Graeber Scholarship.
- Madison (Maddie) Wunderlin received the Presbyterian Service Award.
- Recipients of the Anne Lauterbach Scholarship include Emma Adams, Marc (Trey) Buehler, Lynsey Buehler, Catherine (Katie) Golding, Lauren Skadberg, Shayne Wassell and Lauren Phillips.

Members of the Scholarship Committee are:

Cathy Greenawald
Jason Gordon
Doug Hollar
Connie Knauff
Karen Huguenard (Chair)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS



THE MUSTARD SEED APPROACH

FPC Valpo is partnering with

GREEN TREE PLASTICS, LLC

collecting bottle caps and lids that will be recycled into benches we can enjoy for years to come!

The collection bin is located in the Hospitality Center with a full list of acceptable caps and lids.

For more info contact

Trish Lawson or check out **GREEN TREE PLASTICS, LLC**
(Bottle Caps to Benches Project) at the link below:

greentreeplastics.com

Thank you for your participation!

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COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

Consider hosting a Sunday by signing up in the Hospitality Center or at the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA8A92DA2FC1-fpcv>

*Catch up over coffee on
Sunday mornings!*



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Sunday Summer Block Party!!

**Sunday, August 21, 2022
following Worship**

**Congregational Life is hosting a
catered picnic lunch with an
afternoon concert featuring:**



****Please RSVP by August 1, 2022, to Trish Lawson
(219) 671-1205 or
tmlawson77@yahoo.com**

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

HEARTFELT SYMPATHIES

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to Leanne and Paul Grant and Molly and Brandon Miller upon the death of Barbara Aungst.

“TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!”

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE PRESENTS:



FPCV Monthly Meal Out (“MMO”)

All Are Welcome!

Wednesday, August 17, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

300 Porters Vale Blvd, Valparaiso, IN

Donating back 20%

20% of the pre-tax total will go back to FPCV when you place your receipt in the clear Plexiglass box at the registers after ordering.

****In order for the above fundraiser to officially happen, we need a minimum of 20 RSVPs.**

Visit <https://www.groupraise.com/events/219709> to RSVP.**

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Certificate of Recognition

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In recognition of your commitment and dedication to the American Red Cross Premier Blood Partner Program. Your support is critical to our lifesaving mission. Each year we deliver nearly 6.4 million blood products to hospital patients—and we could not do it without you.

106 UNITS COLLECTED IN 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Chris Hrouda'.

J. Chris Hrouda, President
Biomedical Services



American Red Cross
Premier Blood Partners Program



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**American
Red Cross**

Thank you!



Blood Drive
First Presbyterian Church

Sponsor Group

July 10, 2022

Date of Drive

33

Total Number of Donors

0

First Time Donors

34

Units Collected

102

Potential Number of Lives Saved

When you made the decision to host a blood drive, you helped change lives.

DEACONS DOINGS

The Deacons continue to reach out in many ways to help our church community.

Monthly cards are being sent to our Deacon friends. We are also making visits and phone calls to keep in touch.

Let us know if there is someone we need to add to our list by contacting Nancy Porter at 219-309-7531 or nancyporter2051@yahoo.com.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you have prayer concerns, please reach out to Beth Germann at bcgermann@gmail.com. If you are not on the prayer chain and would like to be added, please contact Beth.

ADVENT BAGS: We are asking for 25 individuals/groups to help provide 30 of the same items, wrapped for our gift bags. If you or your church group would like to be a part of this event, please contact Linda Marrs, at lmarrs@comcast.net for more details.

August will soon bring many going back to school or perhaps starting a new job. As we go into the new school year, let us support our teachers and students with many prayers.

The Lord has done amazing things for us. –Psalm 126:3

May the God of HOPE fill you with JOY and PEACE.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS NEWS



We need your help opening and closing the church before and after our Worship services for the following months in 2022.

“O” indicates an “open” date and we need your help “O”



” simply means we have a volunteer;
and we thank you for your help.

Month	Open	Close
September		O
October		O
November		
December		O

Please consider helping out your
Faith Community in this very simple service.

If you are available to sign up or would like additional information
regarding this ministry, please contact Vic Klancer at:
219-216-4555 ~ or ~ vic-klancer@comcast.net

MATTHEW 25 REFLECTION



“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.

WHAT DO THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE “MATTHEW 25 LOGO” REPRESENT?

The circular shape represents unity and equality. Like God, a circle has no beginning and no end, and it symbolizes our continuing effort to help one another. The shape also suggests a globe that points to our engagement with the world.

The three interlocking figures represent the equality of all people without gender or race bias. They have their arms around each other, symbolizing friendship, protection and service. The number three suggests the three focus areas of congregational vitality, structural racism and systemic poverty, as well as the Trinity.

The color palette is bright, lively, friendly and energetic — suggestive of our active commitment.

Finally, the legend “Matthew 25” below the symbol is the literal identification of the mark. We use a handwritten font to make the point that active engagement in the world requires human effort.

WORSHIP NEWS

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 and Confession of Sin, 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>

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022, AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the above-captioned date 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.

PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP MINISTRY NEWS

WE NEED YOU!

Our community has been very generous with their donations and the Resale Shop volunteers are overwhelmed. Please prayerfully consider giving a few hours of your time. Help is needed sorting donations and placing garments on hangers. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Please contact Pam Skaltsas at 219-252-3175 for days and times when you could make a difference. Thank you.

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.

The Resale Shop served 895 customers in June and our sales totaled \$8,632. We donated \$3,000 in June to The Caring Place, FPC PWNS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Porter County Animal Shelter, and the Presbytery of Wabash Valley. We strive to support a wide variety of charities and service organizations.

We appreciate the support of FPC. Whether you are a volunteer or a generous donor of goods, we thank you!

If you would like more information about our mission or would like to join us in our joyful work, please contact me.

YOUR HELP HELPS US HELP OTHERS!

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



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THE PRESBYTERIAN RESALE SHOP IS TURNING 80!

We're so excited and we're going to celebrate twice!

All current and former volunteers are invited to share in the fun.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

The Resale Shop will host Coffee Hour immediately following worship at FPC. The Congregation is invited to join us as we celebrate this milestone in FPC's ministry to our community

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022, AT 4:00 P.M.

Where: Valparaiso VFW 705 Roosevelt Road

Who: All present and former volunteers and one guest

Chicken and dessert will be provided.
Please bring a dish to share.

We will have a live band to help us celebrate!

RSVP: Mary Linda Scott (231-590-5799; or Karen Huguenard (219-309-3334) by **Mon., Sept. 19, 2022.**

CALENDAR

Monday, August 01, 2022

Tuesday, August 02, 2022

10:30 AM	Membership Team	154, 155
12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
5:00 PM	Congregational Life Team	Online
6:00 PM	iEngage Team Meeting	Online
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds	Friendship Room
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

Wednesday, August 03, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
5:30 PM	Faith Formation Team	Online, 144, 145
6:30 PM	Worship Team	Online

Thursday, August 04, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, August 05, 2022

Saturday, August 06, 2022

Sunday, August 07, 2022

10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
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Monday, August 08, 2022

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
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Tuesday, August 09, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC
6:30 PM	Mission Team	Online
7:15 PM	Matthew 25 Team	Online

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Finance Team	154, 155

Thursday, August 11, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, August 12, 2022

7:00 AM	Reports/Minutes Due for Session Packet	Email
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Saturday, August 13, 2022

**denotes in-person and streamed online: Facebook, fpcvalpo.org, FPC YouTube Channel. In addition, 10:00 a.m. Worship will be held in the Pavilion on the first and third Sundays of the month and the Sanctuary on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays through September 4, 2022.*

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CALENDAR

Sunday, August 14, 2022

10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:00 AM	Congregational Nominating Team	101

Monday, August 15, 2022

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
12:00 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, Online

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
7:00 PM	Session Meeting	154, 155

Thursday, August 18, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, August 19, 2022

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Sunday, August 21, 2022

10:00 AM	Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*	FPC, Online
11:30 AM	Block Party Catered Lunch with an Afternoon Concert Featuring Absolution	Pavilion

Monday, August 22, 2022

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

12:00 PM	Men's Bible Study	101
1:30 PM	Bulletin Notes Meeting	Hospitality Center
6:00 PM	Sweet Adelines	FPC

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

10:00 AM	Wed. Morning Bible Study	Friendship Room
12:30 PM	Parkinson's Support Group	Friendship Room

Thursday, August 25, 2022

10:00 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
10:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Team	101
7:30 PM	Worship Team Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, August 26, 2022

Saturday, August 27, 2022

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CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28, 2022

10:00 AM

Worship Svc. Live & Streamed*

FPC, Online

Monday, August 29, 2022

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

12:00 PM

Men's Bible Study

101

1:30 PM

Bulletin Notes Meeting

Hospitality Center

6:00 PM

Sweet Adelines

FPC

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

10:00 AM

Wed. Morning Bible Study

Friendship Room

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MISSION NEWS

CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

In June, the pantry volunteers were kept busy serving one hundred and forty-two families which provided food for three hundred and thirty-nine people. Eighty-two Kid's Kits were given out.

With an early start for school kits will only need to be offered the first week of August. Donations of food and money continue to be regular so that the basic items served are in good supply at this time.

A special 'thank you' is sent to the FUMC for the greatly appreciated air conditioned space provided for the food pantry serving families in need of pantry assistance.

Nan Steeves
Sharon Crowder

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/

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE UPDATE THROUGH JUNE 2022

It's summertime, and our congregational life is robust! We're worshipping outside every other week in the Pavilion enjoying the fresh breezes and inside to enjoy cool air, and continuing to live-stream weekly to those not present. As usual, our giving, and our activities, fluctuate with the seasons. In June, we engaged in:

- Vacation Bible Camp with community and our children with stories of Jonah & the Big Fish
- Ten of us traveled to the Worship & Music Conference in Montreat for a rich week of creative hands-on art, new music, deeply engaging worship, and enriching fellowship around the Matthew 25, "Stranger in Disguise"
- Worked together on Spring Clean-up
- Hosted a Presbys' carwash and community yard sale
- Enjoyed our outside Summer Block Party with a potluck luncheon
- And of course, we continue to meet to plan and coordinate our work for the coming weeks, months and years!

Our congregational giving continues to exceed operating budget expectations a bit, and our operating expenses continue to be slightly under budget. Thank you for that! With the typical dip in giving for June, we show a year-to-date operating deficit of \$30,000, with total income at \$208,000 and operating expenses at \$238,000.

Gifts beyond the operating fund include:

- Pledges paid to our Capital Fund, set aside for major improvement and repairs.
- Giving through our accounts dedicated for specific purposes above and beyond operations such as 2nd Mile offerings and others have exceeded \$50,000 so far this year, for needs such as youth mission work, \$15,000 for missions and \$29,000 for chancel furnishings.

Together, we live a vibrant life as a congregation, engaging in numerous forms of ministry. Your gifts of sharing your time, your energy and talent, and your money grow Christ's Kin-dom in this place. *Thanks be to God for the blessings we enjoy, and to you for your generosity and commitment to First Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso that supports our worship of the Triune God, our fellowship, and our variety of ministries that we do together!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 1
Linda Marrs

August 19
Andy Kahrs

August 3
Leila Buford

August 20
Ann Skadberg

August 4
Tammy Rittel

August 21
Karen Huguenard

August 5
Ann Carlson

August 23
Marilyn Ellis

August 6
Ron Phillips

August 25
Doug Greider
Nora Reyna

August 8
Katie Golding

August 26
Zane Cole
Morgan Walls

August 10
Ryne Press

August 27
Kenny McAloon
Mike Shurr

August 13
Noelle Kukler

August 14
Mary Linda Scott

August 29
Larry Wheeler

August 15
John Haas

August 30
Vic Klancer
Sandy Sopata

August 16
Barbara Miller

August 31
Kim Croarkin

August 18
Cheryl Highlan

*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

Due Date for Bulletin Articles, 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.

COMMUNION SET UP / CLEAN UP

Revised: July 8, 2022

ROSTER

SEXTON

Open: Rick Exley
Close: Jerry Kahrs

COMMUNION SET UP AND CLEAN UP

Aug. 7 Lisa Vukin

COMMUNION SERVERS

Aug. 7 Trish Lawson
Nancy Porter
Cindy Robinson

ELDER ON CALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 7 Trish Lawson
Aug. 21 Karen Mitseff

DEACON(S) ON CALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 14 Betty Richardson
Aug. 28 Linda Marrs

LITURGIST/LECTORS SCHEDULE

Aug. 7 TBD
Aug. 14 Elizabeth Monroe
Jim Hubbard
Lisa Pavlopoulos
Aug. 21 Linda Long
Aug. 28 Presbys

USHERS SCHEDULE

Aug. 7 David Goodwin
Phebe Klapp
Aug. 14 Jim Hubbard
Sharon Hubbard
Aug. 21 Mary Brown
Julie Golding
Aug. 28 Connie Knauff
Paul Knauff

AUGUST

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Lisa Vukin

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Lisa Vukin

OCTOBER

World Communion

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Sunday, November 20, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Christmas Eve (4:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Christmas Eve (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Dave Goodwin
Phebe Klapp



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHURCH STAFF

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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	Building and Grounds*
Matthew Byerly.....	Worship Team iEngage**
Kim Croarkin	Matthew 25 Team Mission Team**
Sharon Kinsey	Faith Formation Team Adult Faith Formation**
Harry Karabel.....	iEngage Worship Team**
Vic Klancer	Building and Grounds Team*
Linda Long.....	Finance/Stewardship Team*
Elizabeth Monroe.....	Membership Team
Karen Mitseff.....	Finance/Stewardship 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**

* denotes Co-moderator

** denotes Elder Rep.

Moderator of Session

Pastor Kim Adams

Clerk of Session

Judy Hollar

Membership Clerk

Elizabeth Monroe

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)