

## First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



According to author Charles Swindoll, “January marks the beginning of the season of reverence.”

I must admit that this cold and unpredictable month can be somewhat different from my thoughts and feelings of other months. January can speak of barrenness, cold, ice and snow. The days are short and the nights long. I am not always a fan of January. Rarely would I consider the month a reverent one.

I understand that not everyone finds January and the months that follow troubling. Snow lovers enjoy this month and the season in which it is found. There is not a better time to warm up alongside a crackling fire. Toss in Christmas and the New Year and there is much to enjoy.

But how could anyone ever label January as the beginning of a reverent time of year?

In search of an answer, I have found that many authors and theologians find that reverence comes forth at this time of year when we slow down and reflect upon the work of God in our life over the course of the year.

Personally, I thought about it and concluded that Swindoll and others might be onto something. Reverence does come when we take time to reflect how good God has been and is to us.

For example, at First Presbyterian Church in Valparaiso, I have a fabulous associate pastor. That makes for a good life as a head of staff. We are all blessed with competent leadership from Rev. Dr. Toby Mueller. Toby preaches well and sings like an angel.

My life is made easier as well with the competent and thoughtful support staff. The work of Dawn Scarborough and Beverlee Frazee in the office is the best I have been around in quite some time. I usually nod when one of these two ask me a question. They know the answer before they ask me, and I am grateful for their demeanor and skill. In addition, they are simply wonderful people.

I could go on and on as I think of Dan and Valarie Higgins as they work to make the church clean. Lisa Thomas and her work with the children is wonderful. Rhonda Clark, our music director, makes this church solid in its musical offerings.

We have a good team here at FPC, Valparaiso. Not all churches have what we have as a staff.

There is more. FPC, Valparaiso has an awesome church family as well. The Session is a dedicated group of leaders committed to the work of God at this location. The committees are working marvelously well. I could not ask for a smoother running church. We even have an endowment committee and an endowment fund!

I am most grateful because God has engineered all of it.

Aside from a great church though, I have a little more spring in my step with changes in my family.

My family of origin met this past year in Denver, Colorado and is making incredible movement in good directions. Both of my daughters have married and enjoy a relationship with Christian husbands. In addition, I have a new grandson. Lincoln James Nowak was born on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:58 p.m.

I held Lincoln for the first time last week. At 7 pounds 11 ounces, he already has his grandfather (I prefer G-man) in his hip pocket. He is a bundle of joy. Frankly, Lincoln has a great life. He eats, sleeps and gets tenderly cared for by everyone he encounters. As I gaze into the eyes of that youngster, I am in awe of this blessings from God. Enter my reverent spirit.

January and its winter months can be cold and raw. Sometimes the weather and the Advent season causes me to slow down and complain. Yet, January affords me an opportunity to take a few extra hours and simply enjoy some quiet time. With thanksgiving, I am overwhelmed by the goodness of God. I have been reminded once again that God is in heaven. Even though the thick, gray clouds can linger, God is there caring for me and bringing me blessing after blessing.

I am left with a reverent heart in a season of reverence.

Blessings!  
Mark

December 19, 2017

Dear Friends,

We are writing to you during this very busy time of year to inform and/or update you on a matter of considerable importance regarding our sanctuary.

Many of us have seen or read that our church building has two main pillars in the sanctuary that are in need of major repairs to properly support the roof. The laminated wooden pillars were sheathed with metal when they were installed and it was a surprise to find them deteriorating and sinking due to hidden and undetected water damage over the years.

While there is no immediate danger, it is essential that these pillars be repaired as quickly as possible. To that end, the Building and Grounds Team have already engaged a structural engineer and an architect to implement temporary measures to stabilize the columns and to plan the required permanent structural repairs. The preliminary estimate for both temporary and more permanent remedial work is approximately \$80,000, but it should be stated that the total could be significantly more (or less).

Your Finance Ministry Team has considered how best to fund these needed repairs to our worship space and would like to share the following:

- First, members and friends of First Presbyterian Church are invited to make special gifts this season dedicated to "Column Repairs." Buildings are secondary to worshipping our God, hearing the Word, and spreading news of the Christ Child by words and actions, but we are also reminded that in their hour of need, Mary and Joseph were provided shelter even though "there was no place for them in the inn."
- Secondly, due to the ongoing generosity of our congregation and careful stewardship of our money, we have accumulated some residual operating funds which can be applied to the cost of structural repairs not covered by special gifts. It is our hope that it will not be necessary to entirely deplete these residual operating funds as they are held in reserve to address a variety of unanticipated special needs.
- Finally, there is approximately \$5,600 remaining in the Capital Fund which will be applied toward the repair bill.

As we approach the end of the year, you may be considering making charitable donations to support the needs of the community in a variety of ways. We are encouraging you to consider including FPC Valpo in your plans and investing in your worship space by making a dedicated gift to the "Column Repairs" fund.

Thanks so very much for your generosity this year and may God's blessings be yours this Christmas!

Your Finance Ministry Team

Malawi Matters Inc.  
Update on Motorcycle Campaign

Thanks

Thanks to you, the numbers are starting to add up! We're grateful for your contribution to Malawi Matters' campaign "9 Bikes (motorcycles) for 9 Guys (Volunteer Field Workers in the Central Region of the country)". This email is solely to give you an update on our fantastic progress.

Funds

To date, \$28,177.72 has been raised: \$19,727.72 in donations and \$8,450.00 contributed by the nine guys. In addition, \$2,455.80 is still pledged by individuals and \$1,900.00 is pledged by the remaining four RRs.

Bikes – Purchased

At this point, two bikes have been obtained (Yoweri and James) and three more will be purchased this week – actually Friday (Franklin, Alfred, Kennedy).

Costs

In October, we were told of a price increase of \$123.82 per bike (which is understandable as the initial quotation came in March). In November, upon purchase of the first two vehicles, the Malawi Revenue Authority imposed duty of \$998.94 on each bike (even though our quote was duty free). We have appealed but it will not be rescinded. Thus, the cost of each bike is \$5,694.29 (\$5,700.00) not \$4,600.00 as we were figuring when we began the campaign.

What's Next?

First, we've asked each RR to pay the additional 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the actual price of the bike - \$275.00 per person for a total of \$2,475.00. Once the pledges listed above, plus this amount, are paid we will have funds for bike six and a start on bike seven.

We will NOT be doing a public campaign about this again, but people are encouraged to keep spreading the word. We will continue to post totals in our newsletters and on social media. As noted in our fall appeal brochure our fundraising efforts are focused on expansion of MMI programs to 2,000 schools! We know we'll reach the bike goal, but the increased costs have been a bump along the road!

The Training

Malawi Matters has raised an additional \$2,000 for the ten-day training course for the nine guys (plus David and the two instructors from the driving school). It will be conducted during the holiday break (as many of these men are teachers and have jobs besides the work they do in the villages for MMI).

Thanks, Again

Again, thanks for your support.

Zikomo Kwambiri from the MMI Board of Directors (Paul, Margaret, Willie, Staci, Suzgo, Liz, Carolyn, Tracy and Phyllis) plus the 9 Guys (Peter, Yoweri, Mike, Franklin, Bleston, John, Alfred, James & Kennedy)

## Heartfelt Thank Yous

A heartfelt thank you to the following:

Chip and Gail Wilkes for the delicious Peppermint Bark;

PWNS for sharing wonderful homemade goodies with us; and

Cathy and Zane Cole for the delicious Chex Mix.

It was such a treat and much appreciated!

Office Staff

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Thank you Saints for all your fabulous work this past year. Also, a big thank you for the beautifully decorated bag with all of the treats inside!

Norma MacKenzie

## Prayer & Praise Ministry

If you desire prayer support for yourself or loved ones, don't hesitate to call on our 100+ Prayer Warriors through our Prayer & Praise Ministry hotline. Know that your requests can be held in strict confidence for your privacy, or we can also add your request to our Sunday announcements and/or printed Prayer Sheet. God is always listening! To begin the prayer hotline, please contact Pastor Toby Mueller at:

[tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org)

or

(256) 425-3181

## Christian Sympathies

We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathies to the following:

To the Dave and Jennifer Lighthiser as Dave's uncle passed away.

## PWNS

December was an exciting month as we prepared for Christmas with the children. We sang Christmas songs, read Christmas stories, and made many Christmas crafts and ornaments. The children enjoyed making surprise gifts for their families and had fun trying to keep it a secret. Thanks to our wonderful parents, we were able to share cookie plates from our annual "Cookie Walk" with over twenty homebound church members and special friends of PWNS.

A big thank you to Marcelle Johnson for providing candy canes again this year for all of our children as a special treat. She is always so kind to think of the children. This year, we used the candy canes to create the "tail" on our Santa Mouse ornaments for our 3-4 class and we made the candy canes into reindeer in our Pre-K class!

The Pre-K class enjoyed their annual visit from Connie Anderson. Mrs. Anderson brought along her costumes and helped the children perform the Nativity Play. The children were happy to play the part they were given and excitedly shared their role with their family members who came to watch the performance at the end of the school day. Be sure to check out the pictures from our special day outside of our PWNS classrooms and in the welcome center. You can also find the pictures online on our Facebook page by liking /following us at Presbyterian Weekday Nursery School. Thank you, Connie, for sharing your day with us! It is always fun to spend time with you.

We had a lovely day at our annual Barnes and Noble Bookfair for PWNS. As a result of our bookfair, we received a gift card for \$266 to purchase books for our classroom library and birthday books for our students. Thanks to everyone who came out to support our bookfair this year.

We continue to take donations of metal coffee cans and have recently begun collecting plastic ice cream tubs (family sized 4 1/2 quart). Please save these containers for our school if you use these items in your home.

PWNS registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins in mid-January. Applications will be available in the PWNS mailbox located in the church office beginning on Monday, January 8th. If you have any questions please contact Sheya or Ann.

Happy New Year!

Sheya Bennett  
309-5873

Ann Skadberg  
405-7188

## Christian Education News

### Teachers Needed for Winter Months

Teachers are needed for Kids of the Kingdom, for both the 9:00am and the 11:00 am times. Dawn Heckard and Jacki Phillips have volunteered to teach 2 weeks each at the 9:00 session in January. Thank you ladies!!!!

Volunteering to teach for a couple weeks or a month would be an awesome gift to our children! A week would also be fine. A sign up poster is located in the Hospitality Room, or contact Lisa Thomas at [lthomas0629@gmail.com](mailto:lthomas0629@gmail.com) or phone her at 219-508-5416.

Kids of the Kingdom will continue to be held in the Christian Education classroom during each of the worship services on Sunday mornings beginning January 6, 2018.

### “The Gifts of Christmas” Program

Thanks to many, many people of all ages who helped to make the Christian Education Christmas Program such a meaningful gift to our church community.

Maggi Alexander, who has been volunteering to lead singing with the Kids of the Kingdom during the fall months, directed this holiday endeavor with the help of the Director of Christian Education Lisa Thomas, Puppet Ministry Leaders Jason and Erin Leto, Bonnie Swarner, Presbys Leaders, 9:00 a.m. teacher Judy Hollar and members of the Christian Education Team. Thank you to all, and especially Maggi Alexander!

Input was encouraged from the children as to details of the program, help was enlisted from the Presbys who completed the backgrounds, coordination with the Puppet Ministry who joined in this production, and support and cooperation from the parents made this a wonderful experience for all!!

### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Attention families and small groups - please consider signing up to host a Coffee Hour in 2018. It's a wonderful way to practice "Radical Hospitality" as you provide much appreciated treats or snacks to young and old, familiar and new faces of our church family. Sign up on the Coffee Hour clipboard in the Hospitality Center.

If this feels overwhelming to you, keep it simple with purchased baked goods or fruit, cookies or crackers. Still too much? We have a closet of goodies that just need to be placed on trays (we provide those too!) and cleaned up once the 11:00 a.m. service begins. Contact Julie Golding with any questions at:

219-921-9042

or

[fletcherjulie3@gmail.com](mailto:fletcherjulie3@gmail.com)

Thanks for your support!

### Introducing “Paul on the Wall”

“Paul on the Wall” is the Presbyterian cousin of “Elf on the Shelf.” He has been keeping track of the happenings in our church kitchen. Here's a peek at his notes:

“Wow! This kitchen is a rockin' busy place! Deacons baking cookies for Kairos, First Friday Friends dinner preparation, Hanging of the Greens soup and sandwich luncheon, PADS dinner and breakfast cooking, teacher preparation for the PWNS cookie walk, Saturday pizza lunch for the Kids of the Kingdom program, Presbys dinner preparation. Whew! I'm tired from just watching! Then two hardworking ladies (Tanya Buff and Tanya Parker) launched a yearend deep cleaning of our busy kitchen and did a fabulous job! They used a steam device on the stove which degreased it without chemicals. A lot of elbow grease was used to clean the nooks and crannies of our kitchen. Well done!!”

On December 19, Paul on the Wall signed off with this last entry... “The kitchen is sparkling from the deep-clean. Blessings to one and all!”

## Mission at Work

### First Presbyterian Church Is Engaged Locally and Globally for Christ!

We are to let others know the loving grace of Jesus Christ. Throughout 2017, mission has used the budgeted money to do exactly this!

In November, we voted to give gift certificates to the residents at Moraine House, Respite House and Alice House. The following are some of the thank you letters we received from them. This is our church sharing the gifts that God has given us with others so that they know they are loved by us and God. We also invited them to join us for Christmas Eve services.

“Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I am writing the church to express my gratitude for the gift you have given me. It will help me purchase gifts for my nieces that my parents are taking care of. Not only did you bless me this holiday season, but you have given four little girls a blessing to receive gifts on Christmas. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

“To the members of First Presbyterian Church,

I would like to thank you for the gift card. I will be using it to buy Christmas gifts for my daughter. I don't have any money so it is a great help to me and an answer to prayers. People like you are what makes this world a better place for people like me who are down on their luck. Charity brings us hope and hope is what makes us strive to be greater than we are now. Also God's grace has much to do with it. If not everything to do with it! The Bible's definition of grace is unmerited favor, which means we do not deserve it. I for one do not deserve it. This speaks of unconditional love, the love God has for all of his creation. The same love is evident in each of you. To me \$50 is a lot of money so I see it as a sacrifice of love and again I thank you all from the depths of my soul. I hope I can be given the opportunity to give a part of myself back to another in need someday and be a part of God's great love.”

“Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I want to thank you for your kind gift. It will definitely help me with the holiday season. We work very hard here on our spirituality and faith in God. It is touching that your congregation would help us sight unseen. Christianity at work, once again. Thank you. Your gift is much appreciated.”

“I would like to thank your church for the kindness of giving me the Walmart gift card. It is very thoughtful and will definitely help me in this holiday season. I am grateful there are kind and generous people still in this world. Once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity. I will forever be grateful.”

“First Presbyterian church members,

Thank you for the gift card. It is much appreciated. It will be a big help to me for the holidays. I will also pass along your good will and buy something for toys for tots. Again thank you and Merry Christmas.”

“Dear First Presbyterian Church

I'd like to sincerely thank you for the gift. It helps me during this holiday season, which I believe is financially trying for most people. Being a Christian, I admire your actions in helping the community. I believe everyone can help someone, in some way. This life is much better when we help each other. I appreciate your help in this time of need! Merry Christmas!”

“Dear First Presbyterian Church,

I would like to thank you for helping me. I am one of God's children and I really do appreciate it. I believe in working God's way. Thank you for the help.

P.S. God is good!”

## Mission at Work, continued

### PADS Volunteer Needs

Please help those with no homes to sleep in!

January 4, 2018      1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. shift, need one volunteer  
 January 11, 2018    1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. shift, need two volunteers  
 January 18, 2018    1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. shift, need one volunteer  
 February 8, 2018    1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. shift, need two volunteers  
 February 15, 2018   1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. shift, need two volunteers

If you can help, please sign up in the Hospitality Center or contact Beth Germann at (219) 477-9964.

### Christian Food Pantry

There were 328 families served at the Christian Food Pantry which provided food for 830 people. Ninety Thanksgiving turkeys were given out along with other holiday dinner items. Both Strack and VanTil stores have been generous with the holiday bags purchased by shoppers which aids in the regular and holiday giving from the pantry.

Basic items that are always needed are as follows:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Pasta
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Pork 'n Beans
- Tuna (in water)

Juices, coffee (small cans) and teas are also appreciated by many clients. All donations are gladly received. Thank you to all who care to help your neighbors by giving to the pantry.

Holiday greetings!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE WORSHIP FLOWERS in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it to the church office or sign up on the clipboard chart located on the north bookcase in the Hospitality Center. Thank you.

Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Feb. 4	Feb. 11
Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

To be taken home: \_\_\_\_\_

To be delivered to shut-ins: \_\_\_\_\_

### Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

January's Second Mile Offering will be received for the Blanket Sunday Ministry. You will find envelopes in the slots on the back of the chairs for your convenience.

If you would like to donate items to the food pantry, there is a basket in the entryway for that purpose.

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room as we celebrate Christian fellowship and share a delicious meal!

We hope to see you there - bring a friend!

# Israel/Palestine/Jordan Mission-Vision Trip

MAY 15-26, 2018

Join Associate Director Marilyn Borst and visit Outreach's strategic partners: Bethlehem Bible College, Palestinian Bible Society and Musalaha (a reconciliation ministry) to learn of their work and witness. We will also meet with other Palestinian Christian ministries to learn how they are seeking to be faithful under pressure and with peace, a seemingly elusive ideal in this controversial but compelling place.



There will, of course, be ample time to experience the sites of the Biblical narrative and the places where Christ's life and ministry became incarnational, including the Jerusalem area, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Galilee, as well as Jericho and the Dead Sea. Participants will be expected to absorb assigned readings which will help prepare them to explore the history and politics of a contested land and to wrestle with the often-distorted theologies which have skewed our understanding of what the Bible teaches us about that land and the divine covenants (in both the Old and New Testaments) which were formed in that crucible.



We will also spend some days in Jordan visiting the refugee ministries of Middle East Council of Churches, who, through their Orthodox Initiative, are bringing hope and healing to both Syrian and Iraqi refugees. We will spend time with the students and staff of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf where, for 50 years, this Anglican boarding school has dispensed both loving care and quality education. There will be an add-on option to see Petra.

**LAND COST: \$2,480, double occupancy.**  
Not included in cost: R/T air, two meals, tips.

**For more information: Lisa Dill (615) 778-8881**  
[lisa@theoutreachfoundation.org](mailto:lisa@theoutreachfoundation.org),  
[www.theoutreachfoundation.org/trips](http://www.theoutreachfoundation.org/trips)





Geneva Center Summer Camp 2018

It is never too early to make plans for your family being a part of Summer Camp 2018. Feedback from 2017 campers has been received and plans for 2018 have taken the comments and suggestions provided into account.

This year's camp will be a wonderful experience with the theme:  
Beyond Belief! The Universe of God.

There are Summer Camp 2018 brochures in the Hospitality Center, there is more information available at [www.genevacenter.org](http://www.genevacenter.org) and below are some of the key dates.

Registration can now be done at the Geneva Center website. Don't delay, pick your desired camp, block those dates on your calendar and get ready for another inspiring and 'fun' summer camp experience.

High School (3 Options)

June 11-16 C.R.O.S.S. Camp (Christian Recreation & Outdoor Sports Skills)

June 18-23 M.A.D. Camp (Music, Art & Drama)

July 9-14 Traditional Camp

Middle School (3 Options)

June 11-16 C.R.O.S.S. Camp

June 18-23 M.A.D. Camp

July 9-14 Traditional Camp

You & Me Camp (Ages 5 & Up with an Adult)

#1 June 18-20

#2 June 25-27

Explorer Camp (Grades 4-5)

June 11-16

New Beginnings Camp (Grades 1-3)

June 27-29

**NEW MATTRESSES AT GENEVA CENTER**

UPDATE:

As of 12.1.17 Geneva Center's Conference Center now has *new* Tempur-pedic mattresses on all 64 beds. Geneva Center was able to participate in a special program for 501(c)(3) charitable organizations through Good360, itself a nonprofit that connects companies who have goods, with nonprofits in need, to secure these brand-new mattresses for the comfort of our guests. We look forward to hosting your next retreat or conference ... book one soon.

The Staff at Geneva Center, Inc. Rochester, Indiana

## January Calendar

Monday, January 01, 2018 - Happy New Year! Church office is closed.

Tuesday, January 02, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	CE Team-Rescheduled	145
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101

Wednesday, January 03, 2018

3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
6:15 PM	Building Disciples Team	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 04, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, January 05, 2018

Saturday, January 06, 2018

Sunday, January 07, 2018

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	Friendship Room
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FH, FR
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, January 08, 2018

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry	Off-site
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
5:30 PM	Stewardship Team	100
6:00 PM	Building and Grounds-Rescheduled	154, 155
6:30 PM	Mission Team	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 09, 2018

10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	Finance Team	Workroom
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall
8:00 PM	iEngage Team	101

Thursday, January 11, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, January 12, 2018

Saturday, January 13, 2018

## January Calendar, continued

### Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	100

### Monday, January 15, 2018

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Session	154, 155
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 16, 2018

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

### Wednesday, January 17, 2018

10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, January 18, 2018

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
6:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

### Friday, January 19, 2018

### Saturday, January 20, 2018

## January Calendar, continued

Sunday, January 21, 2018		
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
1:00 PM	Cub Scouts	FH, FR
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	100
Monday, January 22, 2018		
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 23, 2018		
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
Wednesday, January 24, 2018		
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, January 25, 2018		
9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
2:00 PM	Pines Communion	Off-site
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary
Friday, January 26, 2018		
Saturday, January 27, 2018		
Sunday, January 28, 2018		
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 AM	Pre-Confirmation Class	100
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:15 AM	Adult Choir Practice	148, 149
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101
6:00 PM	Presbys	100
Monday, January 29, 2018		
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 30, 2018		
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
Wednesday, January 31, 2018		
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:00 PM	Reformation Ringers	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155
7:00 PM	PADS	Fellowship Hall

## Happy Birthday!

January 1  
Maggi Alexander  
Jonathan Parker  
Rose Ross

January 2  
Christine Hedman

January 3  
Beverly Dudek  
Michael Hedman

January 5  
Mary Brown

January 6  
Matthew Byerly  
Judy Hollar  
Connor Walls

January 7  
Sharon Harris  
Sandy Hartlerode  
Justin Williams

January 9  
Ruth Dickey

January 10  
Todd Coffin

January 11  
Owen Crews  
Ginger Hedrick  
Deborah Shaw

January 12  
Pat Lowe

January 13  
Bianca Baccarossa

January 15  
Kennedy Thomas

January 16  
Trevor Fenters  
Judy Schumacher

January 17  
Chloe Hoeksema

January 18  
Brad Dirks

January 19  
Jim Knopf

January 20  
Stacey Buehler  
Ethan Luick

January 22  
Elyssa Chubb  
Olga Koch

January 23  
Don Turner

January 24  
Cristy Simmons

January 25  
Lynsey Buehler

January 29  
Bill Baltas  
Aubree Hughes  
Marcelle Johnson

January 30  
Doug Lang

January 31  
Judy Kendrick  
Donald Mohr  
Bob Sopata

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

## Saints

### Saints Program Planner(s) Needed for 2018

The Saints Ministry needs a volunteer (or two) to take over scheduling programs for our first-Wednesday-of-the-month noon luncheons---March through December. Our wonderful presenters have joined us for lunch as a small payment for their time. Planning the meal is not your responsibility. Please ask Dawn in the church office for a list of the varied past programs we've had. Feel free to contact Marilyn Owens with your questions. SAINTS is a very important part of Congregational Life. Thanks!!!

#### First Presbyterian Church



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**Resale Shop – January 2018 Schedule**  
**Jan., Feb., Mar. Scheduler: Carolyn Dye (219) 464-8878**

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

Tuesdays through Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
[www.firstpresbyterianresale.com](http://www.firstpresbyterianresale.com)

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
2 Ruth Eskilson Joan Johnston ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	3 Cindy Robinson Rose Olivarri ----- Carol Bonvissuto Carol McCreery	4 Chris Hurd Pam Skaltsas ----- Nancy Becker Elizabeth Monroe	5 Mary Henrichs Cindy Robinson ----- Ginger and Jim Boys	6 Alexa Olling Linda Harvey ----- Carolyn and Doug Dye
9 Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pedersen ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	10 Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Karen Kelly Judy Kepshire	11 Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Kim Croarkin Carol McCreery	12 Mary Brown Mary Henrichs ----- Beth Florio Mary Linda Scott	13 Barbara Aungst Leanne Grant ----- Carol Bonvissuto Sue Durnell
16 Mary Brown Chris Hurd ----- Della Hutton Paul Knauff	17 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Carol Bonvissuto Sue Durnell	18 Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Pat Buckwell Judy Kendrick	19 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Linda Mapes Mary Linda Scott	20 Jackie Bernal Carol Flanigan ----- Linda Hartlerode TBD
23 Carolyn Dye Marilyn Mohr ----- Carolyn Dye Laura Tucker	24 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Karen Kelly Judy Kepshire	25 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Carolyn Lelek Karen Simerlein	26 Rose Cummins Alexa Olling ----- TBD TBD	27 Carolyn Lelek Linda Hartlerode ----- TBD TBD
30 Janice Reichard TBD ----- Karen Huguenard Linda Mapes	31 Barbara Aungst Alexa Olling ----- Pastors Mark and Toby Mueller	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>We Need Your Help!</b></p> <p>We have several openings in January and would appreciate your help at the Resale Shop. It's fun, easy, and quite rewarding. Please consider volunteering. Call Carolyn Dye at (219) 464-8878.</p> </div>		

**Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle's**

**Next Meeting**

Date: March 15, 2018      Hostesses: Rose Cummins  
 Time: 10:00 A.M.      Co-hostess: Kathy Rowe  
                                  Lesson: Janice Reichard

**Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry**

Moderator: Carolyn Dye  
 Vice-moderator: Pam Skaltsas  
 Treasurer: Linda Hartlerode  
 Secretary: Rose Olivarri  
 Historian: Mary Jayne Shurr

## Ministry Roster

If there are any changes, please find a substitute and notify the church office as soon as possible to facilitate bulletin printing. Thank you for your time and ministry.

### USHERS SCHEDULE

January 7 9:00 a.m.	Karen Huguenard
11:00 a.m.	Leila Buford
January 14 9:00 a.m.	Jackie Bernal
11:00 a.m.	TBD
January 21 9:00 a.m.	David Goodwin Phebe Klapp
11:00 a.m.	Beth Germann
January 28 9:00 a.m.	Kathy Joseph Jerry Kahrs
11:00 a.m.	Steve Scarborough

### SEXTON:

Open:	Sterling Miller (1/7) Rose Ross (1/14) Matt Byerly (1/21; 1/28)
Close:	Steve Scarborough

### ELDER ON CALL

January	7	Doyll Andrews
	21	Rhonda Coffin

### DEACON ON CALL

January	14	TBD
	28	TBD

### COMMUNION SET UP, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 , 2018

Ginger Boys  
Jim Boys

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Julie Golding  
Isabel Gordon  
Jason Gordon

### JANUARY 7, 2018, COMMUNION SERVERS

Doyll Andrews\*  
Andrea Phillips\*  
Rhonda Coffin  
Barry Hughes  
Jerry Kahrs  
Lou Ann Karabel

\*denotes leaders

### The FPC Usher Team Needs Your Help!

We are in need of expanding the FPC usher team. If you would like to join the team, please contact Destiny Vargas at [destiny.vargas2020@gmail.com](mailto:destiny.vargas2020@gmail.com) or (219) 309-7357 or the church office at [churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org) or (219) 464-4985. Thank you!

# First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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

To contact the Prayer Teams for emergency prayer, please contact  
Pastor Toby Mueller via email at [tmueller@fpcvalpo.org](mailto:tmueller@fpcvalpo.org) or via phone (256) 425-3181.

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Ken Crews, Student Pastor.....	kennethcrews@go.mccormick.edu
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Dawn Scarborough, Administrative Assistant.....	dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org
Lisa Thomas, Director of Children’s Ministries.....	lthomas@fpcvalpo.org

### Per Capita

Please prayerfully consider paying your per capita. The more per capita paid by each member, fewer funds will come out of our operating budget. The cost is \$40.00 per member.

### Financial Report

November 2017

Income	\$ 45,515	YTD Income	\$ 458,218
Expenses	<u>\$ 43,606</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 400,793</u>
Over/Short	\$ 1,909		\$ 57,425



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