

First Presbyterian Church of Valparaiso

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Engaged locally and globally for Christ!



In the 11th chapter of the Gospel of Luke, there is a wonderful story about living.

Luke writes, “Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, ‘Jesus, Master, have pity on us!’ When Jesus saw them, he said, ‘Go show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, ‘Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Rise and go; your faith has made you well.’”

What did the reaction of Jesus to the nine lepers signify? Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except a foreigner?”

Jesus was surprised that only one out of ten came back and gave thanks to God for their healing. Jesus demonstrated his mercy on many but few gave thanks. Jesus did not expect something in return; however, Jesus was not pleased to see the ungratefulness of some of his beneficiaries.

I am probably one that should read that passage from Scripture daily. It is always a good reminder to remember all that God has done and is doing for me.

Indeed, I have been given much. We all have been given much. We are living in the wealthiest country that has ever existed on the face of the earth. We have blessing after blessing. Just this year, my younger daughter is getting married, and my older daughter is pregnant! I am blessed! I am thankful! I have let God know it! Thank you, God!

Do you think you have a thankful heart and attitude? Are you more like the one leper who returned to thank God or are you more like the other nine lepers that went their own way?

In Psalm 103, the Psalmist writes, “Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefit who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like that of the eagle.”

The Psalmist wrote that we should not fail to praise the God with all of our being.

I hope that you express your gratefulness daily to God for the many blessings found in your life. We all can give God thanks for the care that God brought into our lives through our parents, siblings, friends, employers, strangers, co-workers and fellow believers.

There are many ways to show our gratefulness to God. Our actions, words, service, prayers, commitment, obedience, love and kindness are examples. Making a point each day to give one word of appreciation to someone who has made a difference in your life is another.

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When we live gratefully our lives glorify God. We testify to the goodness and loving-kindness of God. We give God the credit and honor for the benefits that we enjoy.

Have you ever noticed the actors and actresses who receive an Oscar or Grammy awards? In their speech, they enumerate the people behind their success and thank them. Can the same be said of you in terms of God?

Oftentimes I think gratefulness results in even greater blessings from God.

For example, in the Bible, after the Samaritan expressed his gratefulness to God for his healing, Jesus declared that his faith made him well. The other nine were simply cleansed physically but the Samaritan was blessed spiritually as well.

A U.S. News and World Report article said, "People who make a daily and/or frequent habit of being thankful were additionally blessed by being more joyful, healthier and less stressed."

A good steward receives additional blessings in life. It seems like frosting that goes on the cake after we give God thanks.

I am sure you heard a story that happened at a restaurant. People were sitting and eating as a mother and a little girl came in and sat at a nearby table. Before eating the little girl asked the waitress if she could give thanks for the food. The waitress said, "Sure, we don't mind." The little girl announced loudly for all in the restaurant to hear, "Everyone, bow your heads and close your eyes, I'll give thanks to God for the food." Everyone complied and she prayed, "God is great, God is good, we thank him for all this food!" Immediately the atmosphere in that little restaurant changed and people started smiling. Some even got up to talk to others. The little girl's heart of thanksgiving brought honor to God that day and she was blessed additionally.

Gratefulness demonstrates faith in God but it leads to even more blessings.

Thessalonians reminds us to rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings!

Mark

Let's Celebrate!

Let's Celebrate
Ginny Nordlund's 100th Birthday!

Want to brighten Ginny Nordlund's day? She is turning 100 on September 19th!

Her address is as follows:

2400 Silhavy Rd.
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Send her a card and some love!

Session Synopsis of August 21, 2017

Your Session has spent much time in studying Leadership in order to better serve you the Congregation! Mr. Joe Ubben, a leadership development coach, has met several times with Elders to discuss goal-setting and possible solutions to various obstacles in achieving goals. At the August meeting, his follow-up discussion dealt with turning solutions into actions which your Elders strive for in order to bring success to their Ministry Teams' activities and to FPC as a whole. They concluded that "if you believe in what you are doing and others around you also believe, you can endure some hardship or challenges to get the job done." This is what your Elders are doing in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In other business, Elders learned of the progress of the ministry candidates under our care. We are blessed to have four FPC members pursuing ministry goals. Jacki Phillips is studying to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder; Ken Crews and Tim Reyna are nearing the end of their seminary experiences working toward Ordination of the Word and Sacrament; and Bill Rogers is more than halfway toward completing his coursework also toward Ordination of the Word and Sacrament. Please continue to pray for and encourage these members who are seeking to further the scope of their ministries.

Building Disciples Team is encouraging everyone to attend the Celebrate Service Fair in Fellowship Hall on September 10, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be opportunities to gain information on the workings of each of the Ministry Teams as well as options for everyone to serve FPC in some capacity. There will be a Fair Trade Market with proceeds

donated to the Apparent Project; a silent auction, prizes, and of course food! (Coffee Hour will be provided by the Building Disciples Team.)

Personnel Team is planning to rehire Julia Evans, a senior at VU, who worked with our youth last year, is working to hire an Adult Choir and Tone Chimes Director, and is hoping to mentor a seminary student who could work part-time in several areas, including youth, worship, technology, and perhaps even serve as an ex-officio ministry team member.

Finance Team is beginning to work on the 2018 Budget; Christian Education Team is investigating a new format for Sunday school; Congregational Life Team is already planning for a One-Service Hanging of the Greens Christmas observance; and Building & Grounds Team is to be congratulated for a job well-done with the Sanctuary, Lighting, and Sound renovations (and now they also deserve a period of rest and recuperation!). There will also be a Congregational Meeting in early October for members to elect Officers (Elders and Deacons) for the Class of 2020.

If you would like more information, remember that you can read the detailed minutes which *are posted in the glass-enclosed announcement board* in the Hospitality Center once they are approved. Also feel free to contact any of the Elders and/or the Clerk if you have questions or are interested in further details.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hollar, Clerk

Sanctuary Lighting Project

The Congregation has asked questions about the cost for the new sanctuary lights.

As many of you may remember many of the ceiling lights were out. The bulbs and ballasts were no longer replaceable.

LED Lighting Equipment	\$ 28,987.40
Programming, testing and training	\$ 500.00
Wiring of remote off/on switch	\$ 205.00
Two conversion LED kits for balcony	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
There will be a NIPSCO rebate given in a few months.	(\$ 29,992.40)
Electrical contractor installation including three ceiling speakers.	\$ 21,500.00
Sanctuary painting was quoted at \$5,600. Pastor Mark did the painting.	\$ 155.89
Carpet cleaning: Sanctuary, Narthex, Hospitality Center, Friendship Room, and hallways donated by a church family	(\$ 1,556.00)
	Actual Total to Date \$ 51,648.29

Several churches in the area and across the United States have gone to similar lighting systems.

This system enhances our live-streaming capability of our worship services.

The lights are warranted for 10 years with a life estimate of 20 years.

Building & Grounds is very appreciative of Ken Koch managing the project with help from other committee members. Jason Gordon provided valuable architectural support.

Sterling Miller
Building & Grounds Co-moderator

A new school year... and a new program for our children! Beginning September 10, 2017, both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services will offer a 45 minute multiage program, Kids of the Kingdom, for children aged 3 through 5th grade. Volunteers will meet the children in the narthex at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., following the children's sermon to take the kids to class.

A variety of activities are planned for each Sunday at each of the two times, including songs, Bible story lesson, team building games and crafts. The lessons and activities this fall will present stories from the Old Testament.

Volunteers are needed to teach a 20 minute Bible story for a couple times this fall. We also ask you to consider volunteering to lead or help with a 20 minute craft, to lead 20 minute team building games, or to assist a leader for at least a couple Sundays this fall. Contact Connie Knauff, Cathy Cole or Pastor Toby for more information or to volunteer.

First Friday Friends

Please join us on Friday, September 1, 2017,
at
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for
First Friday Friends! This is a ministry for
elementary-aged kids (K-6).

Dinner and FUN included!! Invite a friend, and be
sure to RSVP to Pastor Toby:
tmueller@fpcvalpo.org

Book Study

Please join us for the When Breath Becomes Air*
book study at 4:00 p.m. on October 22 and
October 29, 2017, in the Small Groups Room 101.
Pastor Toby Mueller will be leading the study.

*written by Dr. Paul Kalanithi

Men's Breakfast

Please join us on Sunday, September 10, 2017, 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!

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
or
(256) 425-3181

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Deacons' Doings

Summer is coming to an end and the Deacons will begin one of their busiest times of the year.

In June, the Advent bags were purchased and the VBS kids wrapped gifts to go inside the bags.

Small groups will be contacted during August and September to ask for donations for the bags. At the next Deacons meeting, we will begin plans for our annual Cookie Walk. This is a very popular event. We continue to visit our Deacon Friends and perform other duties around the church.

Here's some food for thought... 1 Peter 4:10, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Jacki Phillips

A Heartfelt Thank you

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you! Thank you so much for lovingly giving towards the van. And this isn't the first time – you give and give again. Thank you.

You are investing in God's children across the ocean in Kenya. That van is needed to transport kids to and from school. It is used to pick up water to cook their lunches with, and it transports people to and from church. The van is part of God's ministry and your church is too. I cannot express fully how thankful and what an answer to prayer First Presbyterian Church is. May God continue to fill you with His Spirit, to further His Kingdom, and to shine His Light, Acts 20:35.

Kenya Real
Janet Myers

Stewardship Is Joining the 21st Century!



Coming soon to a computer near you!

At home, at work, in your pocket
or purse ~ You get to choose.



With the help of our IT committee, FPC's iEngage Team, we are looking at different ways to communicate with our First Presbyterian Church Family via the electronics' world regarding our Stewardship and Per Capita commitments.

Don't worry this will be safe and easy with no personal or banking information being transmitted. This is simply a means of communication to let us know what you're pledging and how you would like it to be handled.

However for those of us living at a little bit of a slower pace, we will still be using our steady-fast and reliable Commitment Cards available via Sunday bulletins, chair back racks and/or the good old U.S. Mail.



Follow God's Lead

You are cordially invited to
First Presbyterian Church
of Valparaiso's
Celebration Sunday Meal
Sunday, September 24, 2017
Pasta / Salad /
Bread / Dessert
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

Pledge cards will be turned
in during either the
9:00 AM or 11:00 AM service.

cut along the dotted line



RSVP on or before September 22nd

Name:

Number Attending:

Sorry, Cannot Attend:

Please place in
the offering plate
or call the church
office at 464-4985

Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

Stephen Ministers are there:

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you’d never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you’ve held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I’m sorry, but there’s nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

www.stephenministries.org

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2017 First Presbyterian Church Scholars!

First Presbyterian Church Leadership Award

- ◆ Allison Skadberg – Purdue University, Pharmacy (\$500)

Lillian Wilson Graeber Memorial Scholarship and Anne Lauterbach Scholarship

- ◆ Victoria Olling – Purdue University, Animal Science / Veterinarian School (\$1,500)

Anne Lauterbach Scholarship

- ◆ Allison Skadberg (\$1,000)
- ◆ Abigail Gibbs – Ball State University, Interpersonal Communication (\$1,500)
- ◆ Bill Rogers – McCormick Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity (\$1,500)

A special thank you to the FPC Scholarship Team: Margaret Alexander*, Doug Hollar, and Karen Huguenard.

*denotes Chair

Stephen Ministry

What Is Stephen Ministry?

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

-Galatians 6:2 (NRSV)

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

Your Stephen Ministry trainees are:

Fred Grosick
Linda Long
Elizabeth Monroe
Ron Phillips

They will be commissioned in September and begin giving care.

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Bloggers Needed

The church is in need of additional bloggers! If you would like to blog, please contact Dawn in the church office at:

dscarborough@fpcvalpo.org

or
(219) 464-4985

Thank you!

Building Disciples News

Celebrate Service:
A Church Service Fair
Sunday, September 10, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Come to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour, and learn of the ways YOU can SERVE GOD at First Presbyterian Church.

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase, as well as a silent auction and a drawing for participants.

Groups within the church—including the ministry units and Deacons—will be there to provide information and to answer questions.

Stop in for coffee and treats, and learn more about the many things our church family is doing to serve God!

Sponsored by the Building Disciples Team

SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual fall retreat for women will be held at Geneva Center on November 4-5, 2017.
Watch for more information.

FUNDS FOR STUDY MATERIALS

Is your small group planning to do a study soon?

The Building Disciples Team has funds available to purchase your materials. Leave your request in the Building Disciples mailbox in the church office, or call Lou Ann Karabel at 405-0038.

On-the-Go Excursions

“Big River:
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”

On-the-Go Excursions will be traveling to Munster Indiana for a musical production of “Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” on Wednesday, September 27. The day will include lunch, bus transportation and the musical. Cost is \$89. Financial help is available if needed. We will leave the church at 10:45 a.m. and be back by 5:00 p.m. Checks payable to FPC Valpo.

For more information, please contact Pastor Nancy Becker at (219) 464-9364 or via email at mnbecker3@gmail.com.



“Mission is the purpose of the church.”

Our church has an opportunity to do mission for EVERYONE!

These mission opportunities continue for everyone
at First Presbyterian Church Valparaiso.

FILL YOUR LIFE: Love Is Feeding Everyone. We encourage you to fill your red grocery bag with items for the food pantry and bring it to church each Sunday.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Contact Brian Johnson to volunteer at brian@bcjohnson.net.

A new Veteran Build is being done for Tina Sanders, a veteran of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

PADS: We will start up again in mid-October every Wednesday. Starting in September we will be asking for volunteers. We will need help with supplying the dinners at 7:00 PM and breakfasts at 6:00 AM. Volunteers are needed for set-up at 5:30-6:30 PM, intake from 6:30 – 9:00 PM, Volunteers for the overnight shifts: 10:00 PM – 1:30 AM and 1:30 AM – 5:00 AM and Thursday morning clean-up from 5:00 – 7:00 AM. If you are able to volunteer just once or every month you are needed! Please talk to Beth Germann at 219-477-9964 or Olga Koch at 219-309-6183 to volunteer or if you have questions about volunteering. Thank you!!

CUBA MISSION: A New Mission Trip is being planned for early November or February 2018. Talk to Pastor Mark or Beth Germann if you are interested in hearing more details

HOLY LAND MISSION TRIP: A presentation was given between services on June 25, 2017. Many were able to attend. However, if you want more information about the Mission Trip contact Beth Germann 219-477-9964.

KENYA R.E.A.L. – A mission trip is being planned for the spring of 2019. Please contact Ken McAloon if you are interested in being part of the mission trip. We are also helping with Pastor Henry’s van that is used to transport the children and water and supplies necessary for the school.

****GO SERVE****

We are gathering information about the different volunteer opportunities that members of our church are part of. So far, the list includes:

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Mission at Work, continued

Christian Food Pantry
Family House
Geneva Center
Hilltop House
Hilltop Food Pantry

Porter Hospital
Pines Village
Presbyterian Resale Shop
VNA Hospice
VNA Phoenix Room
VNA Meals on Wheels

Please let Beth Germann know of additional volunteer opportunities that you are involved with. Beth's contact information is as follows: 219-477-9964 or bcgermann@gmail.com.

PRAISE ITEM:

Second Mile/Mission Offerings collected this year: \$11,838!

Mission Team voted to concentrate our Global Mission Giving on Kenya R.E.A.L., Cuba, Syria and The Holy Lands after prayerful consideration.

Mission Team is praying about our Local Mission Giving which includes PADS, Hilltop House, Christian Food Pantry, Youth Services Bureau, Great Banquet, Kairos, Kairos Outside, Geneva Center. If you want more information how to get involved with any of these, please contact the church office or Beth Germann.

Thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet here in Valparaiso, in Indiana, in the United States and in the World! We are blessed to share our blessings! If you have ideas for future mission opportunities, please contact Beth Germann 219-477-9964. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30. You are welcome to join us!

Christian Food Pantry

During the month of July, two hundred and seventy-three families were served which provided food for six hundred and fifty-four people. One hundred and thirteen Kid Kits were given out in July. Thanks for those generous donations! A dad forgot to pick up the kit for his daughter; and she was so disappointed that he made a special trip back. This is testimony that the kits are being appreciated!

Items needed are as follows:

- Bathroom Tissue
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Juices
- Laundry Detergent (a back to school item)
- Pork 'n' Beans
- Tissues (a back to school item)

If you use it, a client family will need it. Thanks to Strack & Van Til and another source breads, buns and sweets are generously donated. The sliced bread is greatly enjoyed. A special crew of extra volunteers pick up those items on a daily basis. Another crew picks up items purchased at Aldi's each day the pantry is open. We couldn't have managed this 35-year old program without lots of volunteers!! Let's all keep up the good work to help our 'neighbors' through tough times.

—Nan, Anne, Sharon

September Calendar

Friday, September 01, 2017

5:30 PM	First Friday Friends	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 02, 2017

10:00 AM	Memorial Service - Celebrate the Life of Tom Edwards, Sr.	Sanctuary
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Sunday, September 03, 2017

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Congregational Life Team	Friendship Room
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, September 04, 2017 - Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 05, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:15 PM	Worship Team	101

Wednesday, September 06, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
12:00 PM	Saints Luncheon	Friendship Room, 154/155
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Training	Friendship Room
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

Thursday, September 07, 2017

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

Friday, September 08, 2017

Saturday, September 09, 2017

September Calendar, continued

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Friendship Room
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	100, 155, 148, 149, 154, 144
9:30 AM	Service Fair	Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, September 11, 2017

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 & Grounds - Rescheduled	154, 155
6:30 PM	Mission Team	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
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
8:00 PM	iEngage Team	101

Thursday, September 14, 2017

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

Friday, September 15, 2017

Saturday, September 16, 2017

September Calendar, continued

Sunday, September 17, 2017			
9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary	
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms	
9:45 AM	Coffee Fellowship	Hospitality Center	
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154	
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary	
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms	
4:00 PM	Elder/Deacon Training	Workroom	
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101	
Monday, September 18, 2017			
5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101	
7:00 PM	Session	154, 155	
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall	
Tuesday, September 19, 2017			
8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101	
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom	
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101	
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Committee Meeting	154, 155	
Wednesday, September 20, 2017			
10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101	
10:30 AM	Widows' Group	Friendship Room	
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101	
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site	
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155	
Thursday, September 21, 2017			
9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155	
10:00 AM	Harriet Drapier/Mary Crosby	Friendship Room	
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary	
Friday, September 22, 2017			
Saturday, September 23, 2017			

September Calendar

Sunday, September 24, 2017 - Celebration Sunday

9:00 AM	Liturgical Service of Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
10:00 AM	Celebration Sunday Meal (to 11:30 a.m.)	Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM	Confirmation Class	154
11:00 AM	Contemporary Praise Service	Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Kids of the Kingdom	CE Rooms
4:00 PM	Elder/Deacon Training	Workroom
6:00 PM	The Leftovers	101

Monday, September 25, 2017

5:00 PM	Journeys of Faith	101
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

8:00 AM	M&M Bible Study	101
10:00 AM	Staff Team Meeting	Workroom
5:00 PM	Men's After Work Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	Moms on the Go!	101

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	101
3:30 PM	Disciples Bible Study	101
6:30 PM	B.S. ('Bible Study') Teen Boys	Off-site
7:00 PM	It's them again...	155

Thursday, September 28, 2017

9:30 AM	The Comfort Stitchers	154, 155
2:00 PM	Pines Communion	Off-site
6:30 PM	Praise Band	Sanctuary

Friday, September 29, 2017

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Happy Birthday!

September 1 Bonnie Swarner	September 17 Martha Baltas Crystal Fenters Donny Rossetti
September 2 Raymond Miller	September 18 Craig Johnson
September 4 Evelyn Crews Justin Giles	September 19 Kieth Carlson Sylvia Graham Janet Helsper David McGonigle Virginia Nordlund
September 5 Katelynn Stanko	September 22 Jerry Seegers
September 6 William Clark	September 23 Winnie DeMass
September 7 Sandra Corso Tom Eskilson Janean Gertsmeier Darlaine Lorz	September 24 Sheya Bennett Carly Randolph
September 8 Garry Anderson Kyla Deible Bridgett Kinsey	September 25 Steve Heckard
September 9 Dan Higgins	September 26 John Rittel
September 10 Ansen Andrews	September 27 Walt Alexander Kathy Welter
September 12 Gary Germann Jerry Valdivia	September 29 Emily Coffin Becky Gordon Ann Klipstine
September 13 Suzan Von Ehr	September 30 Christine McAloon
September 14 Tracy Campbell	
September 15 Cathy Greenawald Robbie Greenawald Rebecca Lazar	
September 16 Sheri Zilai	

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

Saints

Please join us for the Saints luncheon. This is a ministry for senior citizens of the church and community.

Our Wednesday, September 6, SAINTS speaker Arlan Alburo comes highly recommended! In one week at church, Arlan's name was suggested four times as a possible presenter. He is a physical therapist and addresses fall prevention, balance and dizziness in his talks to groups. As we age, those issues become a reality and could compromise our independence. Come and be reminded of ways to make your life safer. Invite a friend or two!

Make your reservation for the noon luncheon by calling the church office (464-4985) before Wednesday, August 30. If you need to cancel, please notify the office by 9:30 Tuesday morning, September 5. (The office will be closed on Monday due to Labor Day.) Otherwise, except for an emergency, you will be asked to cover the \$9.00 cost of your meal since we have to pay the caterer. Thanks!

Second Mile Offering and Christian Food Pantry

September's Second Mile Offering will be received for Kairos 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.

Resale Shop – September 2017 Schedule
September: Pam Skaltsas (219) 464-7384

Closed on Sundays and Mondays – 462-4281

Tuesdays through Saturdays – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

www.firstpresbyterianresale.com

Tues	Wed	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Harriet Drapier / Mary Crosby Circle Date: September 21, 2017 Hostesses: Beth Florio TBA Time: 10:00 A.M. Lesson: Beth Florio			1 Alexa Olling Pam Skaltsas ----- Becky Bluhm Sue Durnell	2 Mary Henrichs Inge Nimtz ----- Don & Marilyn Owens
5 Pat Blanco Della Hutton ----- Beth Germann Karen Huguenard	6 Rose Olivarri Destiny Vargas ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	7 Linda Flory Pam Skaltsas ----- Cathy Cole Linda Hartlerode	8 Mary Brown Janice Reichard ----- Torrie Bauer Beth Florio	9 POPCORN FEST Becky Bluhm Linda Hartlerode Catherine Harvey Maggi James Don Owens Marilyn Owens Pam Skaltsas EXTRAS NEEDED
12 1/2 OFF Marilyn Mohr Nancy Pedersen ----- Beth Florio Della Hutton	13 1/2 OFF Sally Hawke Joan Johnston ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	14 1/2 OFF Betty Richardson Rose Ross ----- Kim Croarkin Carol McCreery	15 1/2 OFF Ruth Eskilson Destiny Vargas ----- Sue Durnell Betty Seegers	16 1/2 OFF Jackie Bernal Carol Flanagan ----- Julie & Emily Golding Catherine Harvey
19 (Everything \$1) Mary Brown Nancy Pedersen ----- Paul Knauff Inge Nimtz	20 (Everything \$1) Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Carol Bonvissuto Judy Hollar	21 (\$3 Bag Day) Pat Puffer Betty Richardson ----- Chris Hurd Judy Kendrick	22 1/2 DAY FREE ----- Carpets Cleaned	23 CLOSED FOR CHANGEOVER 9:00 a.m. – ? EVERYONE NEEDED
26 Inge Culberson Karen Huguenard Joan Johnston ----- Carolyn Dye Pastor Nancy Becker Laura Tucker	27 Star Ruwersma Mary Jayne Shurr ----- Kay Exley Karen Kelly	28 Becky Bluhm Pam Skaltsas ----- Carolyn Lelek Rose Ross	29 Jim & Ginger Boys ----- Desirra Clark Carolyn Dye	30 Ruth Eskilson Mary Henrichs ----- Leanne Grant Linda Kimmel

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

September 3
9:00 a.m. Connie Knauff
 Paul Knauff

11:00 a.m. Destiny Vargas

September 10
9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Destiny Vargas

September 17
9:00 a.m. David Goodwin
 Phebe Klapp
 Rose Ross

11:00 a.m. Destiny Vargas

September 24
9:00 a.m. Rose Ross

11:00 a.m. Steve Scarborough
 Destiny Vargas

SEXTON: Dan Higgins

ELDER ON CALL

September 3 Monica Conrad
 17 Jerry Kahrs

DEACON ON CALL

September 10 Carolyn Hughes
 24 Ron Phillips

COMMUNION SET UP, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017

Isabel Gordon
Jason Gordon
Tanya Parker

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2017 PRESENTATION/CLEAN UP:

Mary Brown
Isabel Gordon
Jason Gordon

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017, COMMUNION SERVERS

Doyll Andrews *
Monica Conrad*
Rhonda Coffin
Jim Hubbard
Jerry Kahrs
Lou Ann Karabel

*denotes leader

Presbyterian Resale Shop Ministry

Moderator: Carolyn Dye
Treasurer: Linda Hartlerode
Secretary: Sue Durnell
Historian: Mary Jayne Shurr

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 or (219) 309-7357 or the church office at churchoffice@fpcvalpo.org or (219) 464-4985. Thank you!

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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 or via phone (256) 425-3181.

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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

July 2017

Income	\$37,977	YTD Income	\$304,451
Expenses	<u>30,448</u>	YTD Expenses	<u>253,828</u>
Over/Short	\$7,529		\$50,623



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FPCVALPO (closed)