

January 2024 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

Operating Income: \$ 28,218.28

Net Expenses: \$ 24,916.91

Net: \$ 3,301.37

2024 PER CAPITA REMINDER

To date, we have collected \$5,163.48 towards the Per Capita Expenses of \$9,463.37. If you have paid your portion (\$43.61 per member), we thank you for payment. If you have not, there is still time to pay. This expense is scheduled to be paid at the end of March. **Please make your payment as soon as possible.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org.

2024 HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP

Save the Date! The 2024 Henderson Settlement Work Camp is scheduled for June 23-27, with optional extension through the 29th. Anyone wanting information, please sign up at the Welcome Center to have materials emailed to you.

ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

Our annual Spring Cleanup will be Saturday 3/23 at 9am and we will meet in the fellowship hall. We have quite a few things to work on and as you know many hands make light work. We want to make sure we get the church looking its best for Easter just 8 days later. We will also have lunch provided by the Deacons. If you would like to join us you can reach out to Jake Light at jakelight10@yahoo.com or Sue Jourdan at sjbutterflylady@gmail.com and you can always talk to them about it on Sunday.

FPC PERFORMING ARTS CAMP 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

Presbyterian Women is offering scholarship money for FPC Member's children who are regular FPC church attenders. If you would like to apply for a scholarship to go towards paying for your child's fee to attend The Performing Arts Camp 2024, please submit a request in writing to tmcdemand@comcast.net. All requests need to be submitted by 5-1-24. Please contact Trisha McDermant 317-514-8623 if you have any questions regarding scholarships for FPC's Summer Camp.

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS CAMP AT FPC—"LET'S ROCK"

June 3-7 10:00 - 4:00 (lunch provided). \$50 for first child, \$40 for each additional child. Children must be between kindergarten through 8th grade. Create, sing, and play your way to a fantastic summer experience! Art projects will be taken home at the end of camp! **Registration begins March 3. Registration is limited to 50 campers** and the spots are filling up quickly. Register soon so you don't miss out on all the fun! We can't wait to see you on June 3rd! Learn more and register at www.fpc-noblesville.com

SAVE THE DATE!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE—APRIL 20TH, 2024, 8 AM - 2 PM

The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8 AM - 2 PM.

We'll be needing "rummage" and Workers.

PLEASE DON'T BRING ANYTHING TO THE CHURCH, AT THIS TIME!!!!

More information will be coming soon!

BARB SZABO HAS A NEW ADDRESS:

41 Cobblers Way Apt. 4419
Asheville, NC 28804

MARCH 17 THROUGH MARCH 24, 2024

Today	9:00 am	Book Study—Purpose Driven Life
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday		
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	6:00 pm	Great Banquet Gathering
	7:00 pm	Book Study—Purpose Driven Life
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:30 am	Women's GBR
	11:00 am	Book Study—Purpose Driven Life
	7:00 pm	SESSION
Thursday	5:45 pm	Book Study—Purpose Driven Life
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Book Study—Purpose Driven Life
	10:00 am	Worship—Palm Sunday
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday – Thursday evening, March 28, 2024, 7 p.m.

Good Friday Community Service – Friday evening, March 29, 2024, at the First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Boulevard, Noblesville, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship – Sunday, March 31, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Updegraff, at Five Star Community in Kokomo. **Carol** has fallen several times. **Daughter, Jane Foesch** is looking for a different facility that can meet Carol's ongoing needs, especially for memory care.



Stacie Ahrendts, daughter of Marj & Bob Bill, recuperating from back surgery to restore movement and alleviate pain.

Ray Faust, recently diagnosed with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CLM) and currently admitted to Riverview Health with pneumonia.

Tabitha Follman, daughter-in-law of Michael & Marcia Follman, had successful surgery for two hernias, but a suspicious lump was also discovered and will be biopsied.

Carol Stough, recuperating at home.

Steve Runyon, recuperating from follow-up surgery after knee replacement.

Kenny Willis, family friend of Jan McConnell, recuperating at home from a heart attack.

Bill Linville ongoing treatments for liver cancer.

Kathie Hill, ongoing chemo infusions.

Continue to remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle

Susie Dawes—Allisonville Meadows

Dorothy Etchison—The Lodge

Ray / Sherry Faust

Helen Klucznik

Barbara Landes

Joe McGinley

Carolyn McGinley—Allisonville Meadows

Rachel Morgan

Verna Merrell

Jane Rowley

John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel

Carol Updegraff—Five Star Residences, Kokomo



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

MARCH 17, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ELDERS

Mark Wisely
Barb Runyon
Jennie Auble
Laurie Szabo
Stephen Craig
Dick Zeiler
Sue Jourdan

Eric R. Gale

Finance
Evangelism
Mission
Clerk
Planning
Personnel /Nom.
Properties
Christian Education
Worship
Moderator

DEACONS

Jake Light, Moderator
Johnathan Baker
Susan Clark
Brenda Christian
Karen Perkins Gale
Clint Gingerich
Andrea Joines
Fran Oakley
Joe Sullivan
Quinn Teague
Diane Widdifield

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 17, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

As you arrive for worship, greet each other with a smile and soft words, but please remember there are those who cherish a time of quiet to prepare for worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Cheryl Mayhew, organ; Linda Rosen, piano
“I Cannot Tell (Londonderry Air)” Arr. by Don Wyrzten and Don Hustad

LENTEN READING – WEEK 5 Lay Leaders: David & Karen McCord
L: 40 days? Throughout the Bible, we read about 40-day experiences that had life-long impact. Moses, Elijah and Jesus fasted for 40 days. In the time of Noah, God flooded the earth for 40 days and 40 nights. Goliath taunted the Israelites for 40 days before David defeated him. What will God do in us for these 40 days of Lent? What is God’s purpose for you and me?

How many times have we missed an opportunity to serve God? Do we ignore those around us who need our help? Are we spending too much time serving ourselves and by-passing serving others? We were created to add to our communities, not detract from them.

God shaped us all, with unique bodies, brains, talents and personalities so that we could serve Him in many different ways. He saved us, not because we deserved it but because we are all part of God’s special plan. We all have a place, purpose and role to fulfill. We are like a cast member in God’s most wonderful play. He shaped us so we are significant, valuable and an integral part of this grand plan. Many of us confuse “service” as a duty, but our service should be given with joy and thanks for the gift of salvation. And a saved heart is a heart that wants to serve.

L: We extinguish this fifth candle of Lent to remind us that God created us to serve.

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)
L: God measures our greatness by the amount of people we serve, not by how many serve us.
P: Real servants make themselves available to others
L: God measures our greatness by our heart to serve.
P: Real servants are attentive to others needs
L: God measures our greatness through our will to share our gifts.
P: Real servants always do their best even under difficult circumstances
L: God measures our greatness by our openness to service opportunities.
P: Real servants tackle each task with equal dedication
L: God measures our greatness through our faithfulness and kindness.
P: Real servants are faithful to God’s ministry
All: We come this day to worship Christ, who came to this world, not to be served, but to serve, and give his life a ransom for many.

† OPENING HYMN “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #466

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Dear God, please forgive us for defining greatness in terms of power, possessions, prestige and position. Remind us that in this “me-first” world that we are not behaving like true servants when we only serve ourselves. Help us to share our unique gifts that You have given each one of us, so that we can truly contribute to our community and to Your ministry here on earth. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive)
L: We were created and shaped into unique and individual beings each with a specific talent and gift, called to serve God by serving others.
P: We serve God, not out of duty, but out of great joy.
All: Thanks be to God!

† GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM “Via Dolorosa” Chancel Choir
(Borop/Sprague/Fettke)

DORCAS BASKET DEDICATION
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.
(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer.)

OFFERING “Lamb of God” Twila Paris
† DOXOLOGY
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.
† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” #316

MESSAGE FORTY DAYS OF PURPOSE Pastor Eric Gale
“You Were Made for a Mission”
1 Peter 3:15

† CLOSING HYMN “This Is My Father’s World” #293

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Fairest Lord Jesus with He Is Lord “ Arr. by Frank Milholland

†Please stand if you are able.
Join us in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and refreshments.
* Please sign and date the attendance pad.
* Be sure to silence your cell phones.
* We have a fully staffed Nursery available for newborn through 2 years old. Located in the upstairs hallway (nearest the back door), the 2nd door on the left. A changing table is available in the Nursery, as well.

Thank you to Claudia MacRae for writing our Lenten readings each week.

MESSAGE NOTES

What on Earth Am I Here For?

Purpose #1—You Were Planned for God’s P_____.
(Worship)

Purpose #2—You Were Formed for God’s F_____.
(Fellowship)

Purpose #3—You Were Created to Become Like C_____.
(Discipleship)

Purpose #4—You Were Shaped for Serving G_____.
(Ministry)

Purpose #5—You Were Made for a M_____.
(Evangelism)

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God’s mission is carried out through you and me! We are messengers of God! Therefore...

I. I must share with those in \_\_\_\_ !

II. I must dare to reach out \_\_\_\_\_ !

III. I must care about the \_\_\_\_\_ !

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)  
<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,