



News & Notes

January 29, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Noblesville, IN



Communion Sunday

Message this Sunday...

“The Crucible Boat”

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Pastor Ken Locke

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

[Link to last Sunday's Service](#)

Weekly Devotion....

Doing it Right!

Genesis 13:1-18

January 29, 2026

Our Bible has a number of dysfunctional families with negative examples of how to resolve conflicts. Jacob's clear preference for his son Joseph. Absolom's revolt against his father, King David. Herod's murder of one of his wives and one of his sons. Look around and you'll find plenty more.

Today's Scripture Lesson provides us with an example of a family in conflict, but who is doing it right.

At God's command, Abraham and his wife Sarah have left their home in Ur in Chaldea (modern Iraq). Abraham's nephew, Lot, went with them. By stages, they made their way up along the fertile crescent to what is now Israel. Despite some setbacks, everyone has prospered. In fact, they are now too prosperous! Abraham has a lot of livestock and herdsmen to look after. Lot, too, has abundant livestock and herdsmen. But water and grazing land are scarce. There's not enough for both herds and the herdsmen are beginning to fight each other.

Abraham assumes the responsibility of resolving the conflict before it can get out of hand. Instead of arguing or claiming the privileges of being older, instead of threatening or trying to intimidate, Abraham offers Lot a deal. He tells Lot to take his herds, his herdsmen, his family, his possessions, everything he has and go his own way. "We're family. We shouldn't be fighting. You go your way and I'll make sure to stay away from you, giving you plenty of room to expand your holdings."

Looking to the east, Lot sees the fertile land around the Jordan River and decides to move there. Abraham settles for the arid region to the west.

At first glance, it seems Abraham has gotten a raw deal. *'That's what you get for being magnanimous!'* But God has promised to bless Abraham, and God can bless us anywhere. God promises Abraham that he and his descendants, despite the poor land, will prosper right where they are.

Lot took the good land, but before long he would flee with little more than the clothes on his back. Abraham, living in a semi-desert, grows in wealth and power.

There are times when separating is the right thing to do. Families, social groups, the company we work for, the family business, even our church; for whatever reason, remaining together is untenable. When that happens, let's recall Abraham and Lot's arrangement. There's no need for acrimony, name-calling and hard feelings. Let's simply each agree to go our own way, knowing that God has promised to be with us and love us wherever we are, even a semi-desert.

May God's peace be with us all,
Pastor Ken.

December 2025 Income/Expense Report

	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Income Received:	\$322,081	\$327,254.81
Expenses:	\$322,081	\$320,436.73
* (Deficit)/Surplus:		\$ 6,818,08

Remember in your Prayers...

- **Mike Maloney, husband of Rita Popp**, in ICU with breathing issues.
- **Bill Linville**, awaiting a liver transplant.
- **Don Bellis**, receiving hospice care at home.
- **Joni McConnell, sister-in-law of Jan McConnell**, needs a heart valve replacement.



Remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Ray Faust—*Harbor Manpor*

Barbara Landes

Carolyn & Joe McGinley—*Hamilton Trace*

Verna Merrell

Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—*Five Star Residences of Noblesville*

Annual Congregational Meeting...

The Annual Congregational meeting is set for **this Sunday, February 1, 2026**, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to join us. ***Click on the link below to review the report before the meeting on Sunday.***

2025 Annual Report

Sermon Manuscripts

Pastor Ken is providing his written sermons for further reflection throughout the week. Visit <https://fpc-noblesville.org/live> to download the file.

2026 PER CAPITA REMINDER

As a member of First Presbyterian Church, we are required by the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to pay annual per capita dues each year per member. **For 2026, that amount is \$46.02 per member.** The per capita is our shared gift providing primary support of the operating ministry of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. These are dues that we are required to pay and it is an **expense that equates to approximately \$12,000 each year from our operating budget** receiving only about 25% from members. We pay these dues in March whether the money has been received by our members or not. **If you could faithfully pay your portion of the per capita by March 1st, that would be greatly appreciated.** If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Robin.

2025 Contribution Statements

2025 Contribution Statements have been mailed.

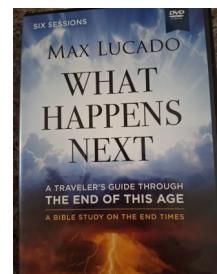
If you do not receive your statement by February 7, 2026, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org.

Inquirers/New Members Meeting

Would you like more information about FPC-Noblesville? **The spring Inquirers/ New Members class will be Sunday, March 8.** Contact Barb Runyon at bsrunyon@yahoo.com or call/text at 317-407-4170 or stop by the welcome center and signup. This is an informative class to ask questions about FPC Noblesville and to meet many of the current leaders.

Adult Sunday School...

This Sunday, the Adult Class will review the first video in the 6 part study "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado. This first 19 minute video cover the time line from creation to Jeremiah. Max says "What happens in the later days will make more sense once you know what God promised in the early days". The class discussion will center on what early promises of God have not been fulfilled and why?



Mission Minute...



Join Our 2026 Summer Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement!

Ready for a Christ-centered Summer Adventure?

It's time once again to gear up for our annual summer work camp mission trip to **Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky**, happening **Sunday–Thursday, June 21–25**. This all-ages trip blends hands-on service with the joy of traveling together—home repairs, community outreach, time with local families, and plenty of unexpected moments that make the week both fun and deeply fulfilling.

Our work at Henderson Settlement focuses on **creating opportunities for better lives through Christ-centered service** and helping meet **basic needs in Appalachia**. Last year, **twenty adults and children** from our FPC family joined the team, and we're excited to see who God brings along this summer.

You might find yourself repairing a porch, assisting with outreach projects, or spending time with local families who welcome volunteers with warmth and gratitude. Every day brings something new, and every task—big or small—makes a meaningful impact.

To give you a sense of the adventure ahead, longtime volunteers **Kay and Lamar**, who have served at Henderson Settlement for **42 consecutive years**, still laugh about their first trip in 1984. With no signs, no GPS, and narrow unpaved roads without guardrails, simply getting there was an adventure. They've returned every year since because the experience is that rewarding.

Whether you're drawn by the chance to serve, the joy of traveling with a great group, or the promise of an unforgettable week, we hope you'll join us. It's a trip that surprises you, stretches you, and fills you in ways you don't expect.

Register now!

If you're new to the trip, **Jennie Auble** and **Lamar Ziegler** will be available during Fellowship Hour this Sunday to answer questions and share details. Returning volunteers, please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall so we can reserve your housing.

Contact Information

Jennie: 317-696-3843 | aublej@comcast.net

Lamar: 317-432-4621 | laziegler48@gmail.com

Watch for this year's information on Good Samaritan's Shoebox Ministry...

It's never too early to think, and pray for God's children!



Men's Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men's luncheons are the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center, or you can email Stephen at sacraig071347@gmail.com. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**



Ladies Luncheons

The FPC women's luncheons are the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Sign up sheet will be on a clip board at the welcome center. Your phone number is requested in the event the luncheon is canceled. If you bring a friend please sign them up also so we have an accurate count for the restaurant. All are welcome. **Remember it's free pie Monday.**

Sunday School Calendar

Grades 6 - 8



Creative & Performing Arts Camp...

Camp will be held June 1-5

Registration is \$60 per child and will be open March 1st—May 17th

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CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS CAMP

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

JUN 1-5
10AM - 4PM

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DATE

\$60/child
Registration
March 1 - May 17

A Note From the Church Office...

Many members of the congregation have received what looks like an email from our Interim Pastor Ken Locke. It looks something like this:

Begin forwarded message:

From: Pastor Ken Locke <ken.locke.fpcnoblesville.org@gmail.com>

Date: January 20, 2026 at 12:40:41 PM EST

To: XXXXXXXXXX

Subject: First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville

Hello XXXX, I hope you're doing well. I wanted to ask if we could continue this conversation via email. I'm currently handling a sensitive matter and would truly appreciate your guidance and discretion.

Please let me know a time that works best for you

Blessings,

Pastor Ken Locke

First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville

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Noblesville, IN 46060

If you look at the email this is sent from, it shows a "gmail.com" address. **This is not an official FPC email. All emails from an FPC address will be from "Person@fpc-noblesville.org."**

Please ignore & delete any emails from bad email addresses.

Thank you!