



News & Notes

July 23, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“Who You Gonna Call?”

Genesis 29:15–30; Romans 8:26–39

Pastor Ken Locke

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

The Flat Roof Replacement Update...

The roof replacement project has begun. At least 11 parking spaces have been taken up for this project. Please be careful when parking in the church lot this week.

For Sunday's service – if they are not done with the project, *please consider parking at City Hall and leave the remaining spaces in our parking lot for those who aren't as mobile or need assistance.*



Annual Summer Picnic

The Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 2nd after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall!

The Deacons will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, buns and condiments, drinks and table service.

Please bring a side or dessert to share!

Grab a partner and sign-up for the Cornhole Tournament! You could win a fabulous prize! There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall by the Welcome Center.

There will also be special treats for the youth.

Hope to see everyone there!



Sunday School is Starting...



The **Rainbows, Shooting Stars and Middle School** classes will be resuming classes on **Sunday, August 2nd!** We are excited to welcome our former friends back and meet new friends! The Rainbows class is for 3-year-olds-Kindergarten, the Shooting Stars class is for 1st grade-5th grade and the Middle School class is for 6th-8th grade.



Sunday, August 2nd will be Sunday School Promotion Recognition! We would like to invite all children/youth to be a part of this special time as we recognize those who will be moving into a new Sunday School class/age group. **Bibles will be presented to those moving into the middle school class.** Agnes is so excited that she is going to be promoted as well and even has a special surprise for ALL of our Sunday Schoolers!

We would like to make sure that all children/youth moving up are recognized, so if you have a child/grandchild who recently turned 3 years old, is in 1st grade or 6th grade, and is interested in being a part of our Sunday School program, please let us know.

Kendall, Marlee and Trish

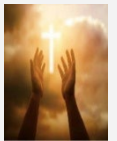
June 2026 Budget Performance Report

	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Income:	\$154,256.33	\$169,195.53
Expenses:	\$162,702.48	\$161,781.78
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (8,446.15)	\$ 7,413.75

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary—104; Households online—29

The “Concert for Ukraine” collected \$2,226 for Last Bell Ministries!

Remember in your Prayers...



- ♥ **Rita Popp & family**, upon the passing of her husband, **Mike Maloney**.
- ♥ **Bill McConnell**, husband of **Jan McConnell**, recuperating at the Brain & Spine Center (near St. Vincent) after suffering a stroke.

Arrangements for Mike Maloney...

Visitation: Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 3 – 4 pm at Randal & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville.

Memorial Service will begin at 4 pm.

Pastor Eric Gale will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville. 1207 Conner Street, Noblesville, IN 46060 (www.fpc-noblesville.org). Please mark your payment “In Memory of Mike Maloney.”

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

Wendy Bittle

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Barbara Landes

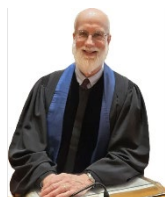
Joe McGinley—*Hamilton Trace*

Verna Merrell

Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—*The Crossings of Noblesville*

Keep up to date on the interim process at FPC.



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Events for the Upcoming Week...

JULY 26 THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2026

<i>Today</i>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Mission Team Meeting
<i>Monday</i>	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
<i>Tuesday</i>	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30 am	Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group
<i>Thursday</i>		
<i>Friday</i>		
<i>Saturday</i>	8:30 am	Aerobics
<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Back-to-School Picnic

Nursery Attendants:

July 26— Ann Green & Jennie Auble
August 2—Robin Story & Karen Perkins Gale

Audio / Video Team:

July 26—Quinn Teage & Jake Light
August 2—Rick Mayhew & Quinn Teague

Lay Leader:

July 26— Tom Bader
August 2—Gail Ratliff

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

July 26— Robin Rufatto & Andrea Joines
August 2—Deacons – Back-to-School Picnic

In the Office:

July—Janie Emerson
August—Barb Runyon

Give On-line through Tithe.ly:



Weekly Devotion...

The Team Uniform

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.” (John 13:34-35)

July 23, 2026

My Beloved -

Whether we’ve actually done it or not, I know we’ve all seen a pickup sports game. Playground recess, backlots, municipal leagues. Kickball, football, basketball and soccer. The bases are rocks, the boundaries are blurry and the hoops have no nets. And yet, the players play with gusto, shouting encouragement to teammates. Amazingly, they know their teammates at a glance, even though none of the players have uniforms!

In our Scripture lesson today, Jesus gives his disciples a uniform. There are no names, numbers, or other distinguishing marks. And the uniform isn’t made of cloth. It’s made of love. Love! “Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other.”

That way, he says, everyone will know you are my disciples: by the way that you love each other.

We Christians are not particularly homogenous. We all look different. We worship differently. Some things we all believe in common and some things we don’t.

But love is our jersey. It’s our uniform. Our love tells the world exactly whose team we’re on.

That’s not to say it’s an easy love. It’s the love that washes someone else’s feet. It’s the love that insists on leaving no one behind. It’s the love that hangs in there and supports others when the going gets tough. It’s the love that’s quick to praise someone else.

Many of us seek identity by joining a club, wearing the right clothes, achieving the right goals. We wear a work uniform, a corporate uniform, a uniform of respectability.

Jesus offers something that lasts far longer than any of these: an identity founded on love.

Love is our uniform.

Is your life making it clear whose team you’re on?

Prayer:

God of love, may my life wear the uniform of love that you showed us. May others recognize you in how I love you and how I love others. Amen.

God’s peace to all,
Pastor Ken.

59

YEARS
OF DEDICATION,
HARD WORK &
FAITHFUL SERVICE!

SINCE APRIL 1967

HAPPY 85th
Birthday!
Jim Story!

STILL WORKING.
STILL HELPING.
STILL MAKING A
DIFFERENCE!

THANK YOU, JIM!

ACTIVE MEMBER
SINCE THE EARLY 1990'S



First
Presbyterian
Church

FAITH. SERVICE.
COMMUNITY.

OVERSEEING
GROWTH.
BUILDING
FOR THE
FUTURE!

OVER 59 YEARS OF SERVICE

IN SO MANY ROLES • SO MANY MEMORIES • SO MANY LIVES IMPACTED

A Legacy That Will Never Be Forgotten!



THANK YOU, DON HINDS,
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND
A FRIENDSHIP THAT LASTED
A LIFETIME.



1967
WHERE IT ALL BEGAN



MID 80'S - 2006
GROWING STRONGER



2007 - TODAY
BUILDING A LEGACY



VOLUNTEER
RIVERVIEW HOSPITAL

SERVING AS A CHAPLAIN
VISITING PATIENTS & FAMILIES
WITH COMPASSION
EVERY WEEK

ALWAYS:

- ✓ READY TO HELP
- ✓ ALWAYS SMILING
- ✓ SOLVES PROBLEMS
- ✓ GETS THINGS DONE
- ✓ KEEPS EVERYTHING
IN TIP TOP SHAPE!

*A Loving
Husband, Father
& Grandfather!*



WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AS
PART OF THE DON HINDS FORD FAMILY!

THANK YOU FOR 59 AMAZING YEARS!

♥ Here's to You, Jim! We Appreciate You Today and Always! ♥



Westminster Circle

Circle is now meeting on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 pm. We are studying the Hebrew names of God.

Note to Graduating Seniors (2025-2026 School Year)...

The FPC endowment committee offers \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors who are continuing any kind of further education. All that is needed is a brief letter (1-2 paragraphs) explaining your future education plans. All church members qualify. Letters need to be to the church secretary (secretary@fpc-noblesville.org) by August 7th. The Endowment Committee is looking forward to your application.

Special Music...

If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with us during a Sunday service this Summer, please contact Cynthia Fremling at (847) 293-7306 or cfremling@comcast.net.



Rainbows and Shooting Stars Summer Break!



Just a reminder that the Rainbows and Shooting Stars classes will be taking a break for the month of July, so there will be no class until the Back to School Picnic. **Nursery care will be available July 19th and July 26th.** We look forward to our new classes in August!

Operation Christmas Child - "Christmas in July"



We are starting our collection of items for our shoebox ministry. The month of July we hope to concentrate on school supplies like pencils, sharpeners, notebooks that fit flat in the boxes, crayons etc., as well as kids personal items and cleanliness. Each tag on the tree gives you ideas so take more than one tag! Always bring what you want! These items are just ideas.

Next month, there will be other suggestions for collecting!

If everyone could pray about their commitment to making boxes! Find sales for summer, good like new items at garage sales! Kids without aren't picky.

For more information, scan the QR Code:

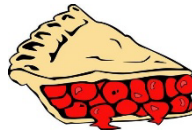


Adult Sunday School...

The Adult class will continue their series on Samuel. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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.**

Time To Update The FPC Church Directory!

In **August** we will be updating the FPC church directory. If you have any changes in your contact information or if you would like to add a picture or even change the picture that is currently in the directory—email all changes to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org.

Sunday Snuggles—Nursery Volunteer Needed!

Our church family is growing, and with that comes the blessing of more little ones! We would love to have 1 more volunteer to cuddle and play with our youngest visitors and members. By serving in the nursery just once a month, you can make a big impact for our families! If you have a heart for kids and baby snuggles, please see Trish Moore or send an email to : bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.



It's not too late to pay your Per Capita!

Although the Church has paid the \$10,446.54 Statement, we only collected \$6,135.58 from members. If you have paid your **Per Capita**, we thank you for your payment. If you have not, **individual Per Capita is \$46.02**. Please consider giving as soon as possible to help reduce the \$4,310.96 covered by the Church. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Story at robin.story@fpc-noblesville.org or 317.508.4411.

Help Host Fellowship Hour!

We are looking for volunteers to host Fellowship Hour after church! Hosting is a simple and meaningful way to serve—just bring some light refreshments, help set up, and tidy up afterward. You can sign up individually or with a friend or group. If you're willing to help create a welcoming space for fellowship, please consider signing up today! **If you have questions please see Catherine Burnside or Sondra Pearson in the kitchen or Barb Runyon at the Welcome Center.**

Stay Informed...

Do you want to know what is happening in the life of our church? Join our email list to get weekly updates on:

- Upcoming Events
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Spiritual Encouragement/ Sermon Highlights

Send your email information to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org. In addition, to receive important updates by text, text FPC to 317-537-0124.

Stay connected, stay inspired!

Mission Minute



Helpers Needed for the 11th Annual Red Geranium Artisan Market

It takes many helping hands to make our **FPC Red Geranium Artisan Market** a success, and we invite our church family to be part of this exciting mission event on **Saturday, August 15**. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles, including **Thursday evening setup (August 13), vendor greeters, indoor and outdoor market helpers, announcers, “Dancing Geraniums” who welcome guests and promote the event along Conner Street, cleanup crews, and other behind-the-scenes support tasks**. Whether you can serve for an hour or most of the day, your help will make a difference in creating a warm, welcoming experience for our 57 artisans and the hundreds of shoppers who visit our church.

The Red Geranium Artisan Market is one of our most important mission fundraisers, with proceeds supporting **local, national, and international mission projects**. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to share hospitality, meet members of our community, and help create a welcoming atmosphere that reflects Christ’s love. No special experience is needed—just a willingness to serve and a friendly smile.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Mission Team member Kelly Wuerch** at **kswuerch@gmail.com** or **317-946-2733**. When signing up, please include your **phone number** so we can send a text reminder one week before the event and again the evening before your volunteer shift. Thank you for helping make this year's Red Geranium Artisan Market a fun, successful, and impactful day of mission and fellowship!

All Things Henderson!

Interested in hearing more about FPC adventures in Frakes, KY? Visit the Henderson page on our website to find:

- Information about upcoming trips.
- Links to “Come and See” and the FPC Devotional videos.
- List of tasks completed for 2026.
- Photo gallery
- More content being added all the time – check back often for updates!

Visit: <https://fpc-noblesville.org/henderson-1>

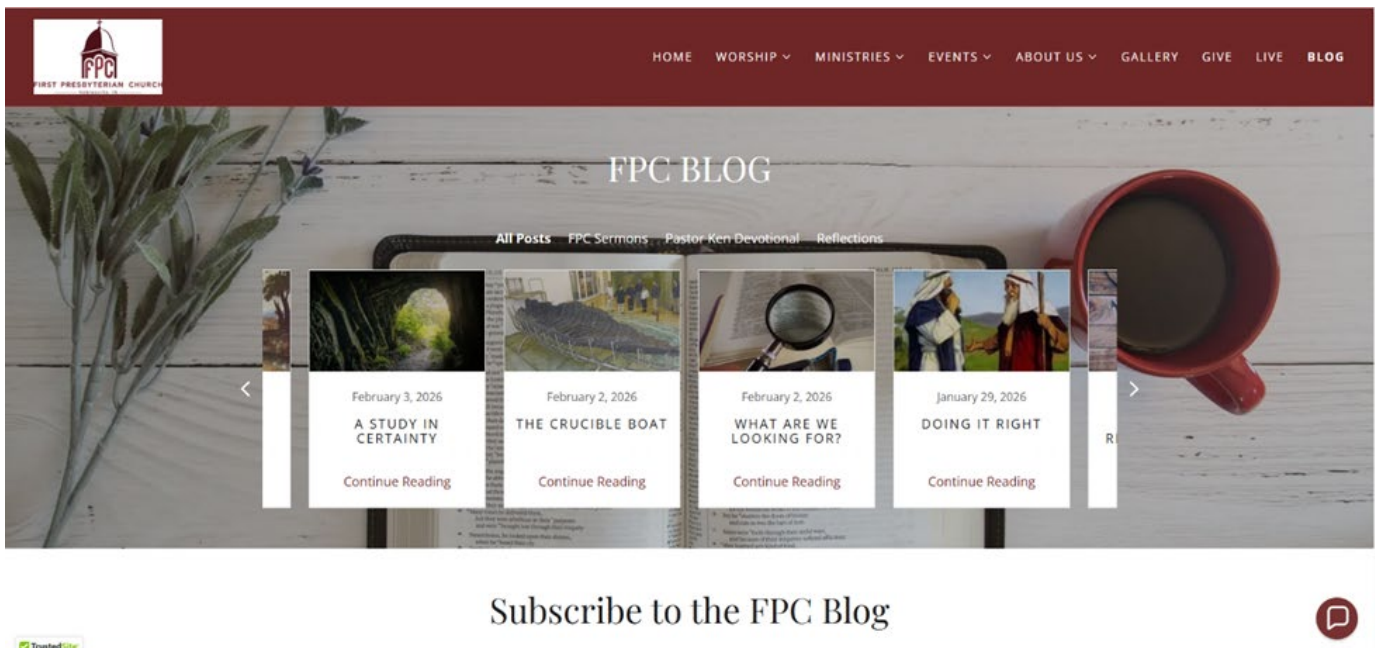


FPC BLOG

If you have not visited our website lately, you're missing out! Along with weekly updates, announcements, sermon teasers, and an event calendar, **we've added a blog page**. Blogs are a type of regularly updated web page that provide insight into certain topics. The word blog is short for "weblog" (a combined version of the words "web" and "log").

A link to the blog page appears in the main menu of our website. Current topics include weekly devotionals by Pastor Ken, a written version of weekly Sunday sermons, Lenten and Advent readings, and a members category called "reflections". The devotionals and sermons also provide links to scripture references through Bible Gateway.

If you enjoy writing and would like to have your reflection included in the FPC blog, submit your piece to Brian Wuerch at brian.wuerch@fpc-noblesville.org. All submissions are subject to approval. An example has already been posted, so feel free to check that out here: <https://fpc-noblesville.org/blog>. HAPPY BLOGGING!



A Note From the Church Office— BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!



Members of the congregation are continuing to receive what looks like an email from our Interim Pastor, Ken Locke.

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!