



News & Notes

September 10, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“Who’s Lord?”

Exodus 14:19-31; Romans 14:1-12

Pastor Ken Locke

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

[Link to last Sunday’s Service](#)

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

TOP GOLF CHARITY EVENT

When you register for the **Good Samaritan Network TopGolf Charity Outing**, you're not just signing up for a great time—you're stepping up for neighbors in need. This event directly supports Good Samaritan Network's outreach programs, including:

Food assistance for struggling families

Emergency shelter and housing resources

Holidays - helping bring hope and joy to thousands

Your participation fuels these vital programs—and it's a whole lot of fun, too!

TopGolf Charity Event

SEPT. 20, 2026 - 3pm-6pm

TopGolf | Fishers, Indiana

Sept. 16 Registration Deadline

Event Location:

TopGolf | Fishers, IN

9200 E 116 Street | Fishers, IN 46037

PLAYER OR SPONSORSHIP ONLINE REGISTRATION

Benefiting Hamilton County

Registration Information

Silent Auction Registration

Available Sponsorships

TopGolf Charity Event Flyer PDF

Sponsor Listing

Golf Donation Online Form

Golf Donation Receipt PDF

Give On-line
through Tithe.ly:



August 2026 Budget Performance Report

	2026 Actual	2025 Actual
Operating Income:	\$198,133.02	\$219,218.47
Operating Expense:	\$216,604.34	\$213,522.70
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (18,471.32)	\$ 5,695.77

A Reminder About Giving

FPC family, we want to remind you of the importance of faithful giving. Our gifts help support the ministry, mission, and ongoing needs of our church and community.

We are grateful for every gift and for your continued generosity. If you haven't had an opportunity to give recently, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so.

As always, thank you for your generosity and for helping support the ministry and mission of FPC-Noblesville. **Whether you give online, by check, or Tithe.ly, we are grateful for your faithful support!**

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary—102; Households online—18

Remember in your Prayers...

- ♥ **Tena Nash**, on the passing of her husband, **Tim**. Celebration of Life will be on October 10 at FPC-Noblesville.
- ♥ **Candi Wood**, recovering from back surgery
- ♥ **Cynthia Fremling**, prayers for the family on the passing of her brother-in-law Mark Diederich.
- ♥ **Judith Drysdale**, recovering from knee replacement.
- ♥ **Jason Story**, hernia repair surgery on Monday, September 14.



Continue to 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

GG Nash – *The Crossings of Noblesville*

Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—*The Crossings of Noblesville*

Events for the Upcoming Week...

September 13 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday	8:30am	New Member/Inquirers Class
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School today
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Mission Study Team Presentation
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
	11:30 am	Men's Luncheon - Perkins
	1:30 pm	Newcomers Club
	6:30 pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Mission Team Meeting - Library
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Deacons Meeting

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Audio / Video Team:	Rick Mayhew & Quinn Teague
	9/20 – Brian Wuerch & Rick Mayhew
Nursery:	Barb Runyon & Ann Green
	9/20 – LeeAnn Stein & Trish Moore
Lay leader:	Tanner McCaw
	9/20 – Linda Rosen
Fellowship hour:	Birthday Sunday
	9/20 – Robin Ruffato & Andrea Joines
In the office:	September —Barb Runyon
	October – Janie Emerson
	secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL & FPC FAMILY EVENTS

CALENDAR

FALL & WINTER 2026

AUGUST

- 2 Recognition & Picnic
- 9 Sunday School
- 16 Sunday School
- 23 Sunday School
- 30 Sunday School

SEPTEMBER

- ~~6 (No Sunday School ALL AGES)~~
- 13 Sunday School
- 20 Sunday School
- 27 Sunday School (6-12 Hosting Fellowship Hour)

OCTOBER

- 4 (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 11 Sunday School
- 18 Sunday School
- 23 FPC Family Bonfire
- 24 Trunk or Treak
- 25 Sunday School

NOVEMBER

- 1 (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 6 FPC Family Chili Cook Off
- 8 Sunday School
- 15 Sunday School
- 22 Sunday School
- 29 Sunday School



DECEMBER

- 6 (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 13 FPC Family Silly Safari at 4pm
- 20 Sunday School
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 27 Sunday School

MISSION STUDY TEAM UPDATE

Our Congregational Mission Study Team has been hard at work thinking about our basic questions: who did we used to be, who are we now, what kind of church do we think God wants us to be, and what are the skills our next installed pastor must have in order to lead us in that direction? Because of their quick and dedicated work, their first two presentations will be:

1) After worship on Sunday, September 13th. This presentation will cover **our history and our building**. Our history matters. The more we know about it, the less likely we are to repeat any mistakes of our past. And the more a prospective pastor knows about us, the more they are able to make an informed decision.

2) After worship on Sunday, September 27th. This presentation will cover everything you ever wanted to know about **Noblesville**. By looking closely at our community, we can identify possible new areas for mission and ministry. We can also show that our quality of life is enough to convince a pastor that it's worth moving their entire household here. And is our church paying enough for a family to buy a home and live in Noblesville?

These and other questions are what we hope to address in these first two presentations. Please make a point to join us if you can!

Pastor Ken

Facilitator and Guide

URGENT: Help Care for Our Riverwood Neighbors!

The recent floods in our area have deeply impacted the residents of Riverwood, many of whom are unable to return to their homes and need support during this difficult time.

Right now, one of their greatest needs is prepared meals for lunch and dinner, as many residents have no way to prepare food. The Presbyterian Women have agreed to lead this important effort, working alongside several area churches to provide meals and practical support to our Riverwood neighbors.

We need your help! If you would be willing to prepare meals, volunteer your time, or assist in coordinating this ministry, please contact **Leann Stein or Sue Jourdan**.

We are also collecting **\$20 gift cards to local restaurants** that can be distributed directly to Riverwood residents, giving them another option for meals while they work toward returning home.

This is an opportunity for us as a church family to put our faith into action and show the love of Christ to our neighbors when they need it most. **Every meal, gift card, and helping hand can make a difference.**

Thank you for your generosity, compassion, and willingness to serve.

Volunteers Are Still Needed

Serve Village continues to need volunteers to assist at muck-out sites and work directly with homeowners. If you can help with clean-up efforts, please:

- Visit [Impact Hamilton County](#) for volunteer opportunities.
- See Jennie Auble for more information.



PRESBYTERIAN CORNER

From time to time, the News and Notes will include a special **Presbyterian Corner**—a space to share a little about who we are, what we believe, and the rich traditions and practices that shape our life together as Presbyterians. Whether you have been Presbyterian for years, are new to the denomination, or are simply curious to learn more, we hope this feature will offer helpful insights, encourage conversation, and deepen our appreciation for the faith we share. We look forward to exploring together the people, beliefs, history, and traditions that make up our Presbyterian heritage.

The question this week: What Is the Session?

If you are new to a Presbyterian church, you may hear the word “**Session**” quite often. But what exactly is it?

The **Session** is the group of elected elders who, together with the pastor or pastors, provide spiritual leadership and oversight for the local congregation. In Presbyterian churches, we believe that the church is best led not by one person alone, but by a group of faithful people serving together.

Elders are members of the congregation who have been elected by the church and ordained to this particular ministry of leadership. Along with the pastor, the elders meet regularly as the Session to prayerfully consider the life and mission of the congregation.

The Session may be involved in such things as:

- Providing spiritual leadership and pastoral care
- Welcoming and receiving new members
- Overseeing worship and the sacraments
- Supporting the church's ministries and mission
- Caring for the building and property
- Making decisions about the congregation's programs and priorities
- Helping the church live out its calling to serve God and the community

The word “**elder**” can sometimes make the role sound like simply being an experienced or older church member. In the Presbyterian tradition, however, an elder is someone called by the congregation to serve as a spiritual leader.

At its best, the Session is not simply a committee that makes decisions. It is a group of people who **pray, listen, discern, and seek God's guidance together**.

So the next time you hear, “The Session met this week,” remember that it means your pastor and elected elders are gathering to help prayerfully guide the church and care for its ministry.

“Let all things be done decently and in order.” — 1 Corinthians 14:40

FPC HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP

MISSION TRIP

OCTOBER 18-22 OR OCTOBER 18-23, 2026

This is a second opportunity for any FPC fellowship persons or friends to SERVE at the Henderson Settlement this year. The HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP mission trip is a First Presbyterian Church sponsored **WORK TRIP, BUT THE WORKLOAD IS LIGHT FOR PERSONS WITH LIMITED PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE.**

The cost for the trip is \$257.25 (10.18-22) or \$319.75 (10.18-23), plus transportation (carpooling). Proof of personal medical insurance and trip fees are required with the application.

Henderson Settlement (Frakes, Kentucky), is a mountain outreach ministry of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Settlement has a number of outreach and construction ministries where volunteers are needed.

Team member applications with housing preferences are available in the Communications Center for more information.

For more information, contact Lamar Ziegler, Trip Leader, at 317-432-4621 or laziegler48@gmail.com.

If you are interested – pick up at packet at the Welcome Center or to download the documents, click the link below:

[HENDERSON WORK CAMP -2](#)

Reservations will close October 1, 2026.

Documents included in packet: 2026-2 Henderson Work Camp Interest Survey
2026-2 Henderson Registration and Housing
2026-2 Henderson FPC Trip Logistics

A Moment of Remembrance

September 10, 2026

My Beloved -

“Trauma” is not a word we find in many of our Bible translations. And yet, it is a part of everyday life. We speak of blunt force trauma and psychological trauma. The trauma of abuse and neglect. Death, divorce and bankruptcy are all recognized as traumatic events.

The COVID pandemic of 2020 caused worldwide trauma. The reverberations are still working their way through both the world and our country. Even churches were affected. Many pastors were forced out of beloved ministries. Attendance will probably never recover, at least not in this generation.

The terrorist attacks of 9/11 were a traumatic event felt around the world but of course most keenly here at home. They led to years of foreign wars and are at least partly to blame for our current political polarization.

Tomorrow is the 25th anniversary of those attacks. For our devotion today I have chosen a prayer by Carrie Steenwyk, who is associated with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship at Calvin University. This prayer was written in 2005, so I have altered a few of the words and added a few lines to bring it up to date.

A Prayer of Peace and Lament Written for The Anniversary of The September 11 Terrorist Attacks.

Powerful God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you for peace and security as we recall the 9/11 attack. We thank you for the bravery and the sacrifice of those who saved lives as firefighters, rescue crews, or people aboard United 93.

Comfort and strengthen the family and friends of those who died. Give healing and patience to the survivors of the attacks who are living with continued physical or psychological pain. May those who survived feel gratitude, not guilt. Assure each person whose life changed forever of your protection and strength. Dispel the nightmares; silence the anxiety. May we learn to depend on the security you offer.

We pray for your peace as we remember the terror and trauma of that day. May our suffering awaken in us an awareness of the pain and fear that so many around the world live with always. May we know how to pray for those who struggle against oppression and injustice. May we know how to pray for those who fear that this day the food will run out, that they will receive the message that their loved one has been killed, that this night the bombs will find them. As we hear of terrorist activity around the world, quiet our fears. Heal the wounded of these attacks, and help their families and friends rest in your security.

Guide the choices of our world leaders. Give them wisdom and discernment not only as they work to resolve the lasting effects of the 9/11 attacks but also as they try to alleviate terror of all sorts-from genocide to hunger, from drought to bombings, from ruined economies to random violence. May their actions bring your peace to all the people of the world.

Gracious God, our world changed with the 9/11 attacks. We have seen how easily buildings can fall and how quickly lives can end. As we remember, remind us that you are our only true security. Give us your strength to face the memory of this attack and the changes it made in our lives. Give us your compassion to help each other and to recognize need around the world. Give us your hope as we face an uncertain future. Give us your peace.

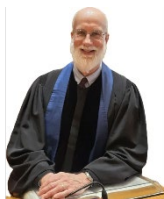
In the strong name of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Do you have a question for Pastor Ken?

You can reach him by email at

ken.locke@fpc-noblesville.org

Keep up to date on the interim process at FPC.



[Click here](#)



SUNDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed for OCTOBER:

Have you ever wanted to experience the **joy, excitement, and mild panic** of being the Fellowship Host?

Well, now is your chance!

Being the Fellowship Host means you get to:

Bring the food — because apparently people expect to be fed after church.

Set everything up — plates, napkins, and whatever else makes it look like we planned this.

Smile and fellowship — even while secretly wondering if there will be enough food.

Clean everything up — because, we are still waiting for the spiritual gift of *“making dirty dishes disappear”*.

But don't worry! You will not be alone. **We're a church family**, and there are plenty of people who are happy to lend a hand... especially when they hear there's food.

And it is strongly encouraged that you ask another family or two to help you host!

So, if you're willing to **feed the flock, set the table, and restore the fellowship area to its pre-cookie condition**, please sign up to be our Fellowship Host!

COME FOR THE FELLOWSHIP.

STAY FOR THE FOOD.

LEAVE WITH A SLIGHTLY STRONGER SPIRIT OF SERVICE.

We need hosts for OCTOBER!! ❤️

If you would like to sign up so that fellowship hours continue this fall, please see Catherine Byrnside or Sandy Pearson in the kitchen or Barb Runyon at the Welcome Center.

Calling All Lay Leaders!!!

We are looking for a few brave—and wonderfully willing—people to serve as Lay Leaders during our Sunday morning worship!

Don't worry, you don't have to preach a sermon, perform a miracle, or wear a special robe. Lay Leaders simply assist the pastor during the service by helping with readings, prayers, and scripture.

If you can read, smile, and stand in front of people without running for the nearest exit, **you are exactly who we're looking for!**

Please consider volunteering. It's a simple way to serve our church, support our pastor, and be part of making Sunday worship meaningful for everyone.

Come on—you know you've always wanted a microphone!

If interested, contact Susan Clark at sclark2428@yahoo.com.

The Chancel Choir is BACK!

After a long, relaxing summer break, the Chancel Choir is **returning to the choir loft and singing this Sunday, September 13!**

We've had a few months to rest our voices, forget where we put our music folders, and enjoy a little time away. But don't worry—we found our way back!

We're excited to once again share music with you and lift our voices in worship.

Welcome back, Chancel Choir! We've missed you!

Adult Sunday School

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

The class meets in the adult classroom downstairs directly under church office at 9:00 am.

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. If you would like to join the Circle or have questions, please contact Catherine Byrnside at nobleswynd@yahoo.com

Want To Run Through the Tunnel?

If your answer is yes – and you are new to worshipping at FPC-Noblesville, **you will need to know where the FPC tunnel is located.**

Come to church early THIS Sunday. Meet some new people. See the church. **Find the tunnel.** And maybe discover that you've found your church home.

New Member Meeting — THIS Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 AM- Church Library.

We'd love to see you there! If you have any questions – call, text or email Barb Runyon at 317-407-4170 or bsrunyon@yahoo.com.

“The Chosen” Small Group

Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are now on Season 2. We will watch an episode and then follow with discussion. The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning September 15th. New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Men's Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men's luncheons are on the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Signup 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 on the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Signup 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.**

DIRECTORY UPDATE – FINAL CALL!!

Attention, members, regular attenders, and people who are **pretty sure their phone number hasn't changed since 2017...**

We're updating the church directory!

Please check your information on the directory at the Welcome Center and let us know if you've moved, changed your phone number, added 20 pounds, welcomed a baby, lost 20 pounds, or have simply aged 10 years since the last photo and would prefer that nobody mention it.

And please don't stress about getting the perfect picture! This is a church directory, not a dating app. You don't need perfect lighting, a professional photographer, or a picture that makes you look 15 years younger. **We just need to be able to recognize you on Sunday morning!**

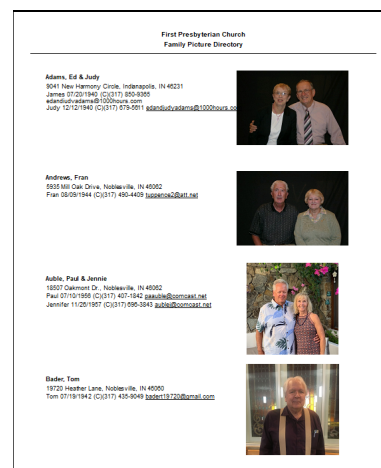
If you're new to our church family, we'd love to add you, too!

Help us make sure the directory contains **current information, current faces, and pictures that at least vaguely resemble the people we see on Sunday.** **Please submit your updates by Monday, September 21.**

Because we want to know who you are, how to reach you, and—most importantly—**which family you belong to when we see you in the parking lot.** 😊

New directories will be available by the end of September at the Welcome Center.

Email changes to secretary@fpc-noblesville.org
or you can text a picture directly to Barb Runyon at 317-407-4170.



Operation Christmas Child and Grab Bags

Thanks for all the wonderful donations for the month of August!

September we will keep the toys coming. Consider purchasing **grab bags of small toys from Goodwill** to donate. These bags are a great way to find several toys at a low cost while helping us fill shoeboxes with gifts that will bring joy to children around the world. Every toy donated helps us share God's love and make a child's Christmas a little brighter!



This grab bag is \$2.99 and it has supplies to make hundreds of bracelets. These supplies can be repackaged and go into many shoe boxes.



More grab bags \$3.99 or less with many plastic trucks, cars, and trains. You can also get grab bags with dolls and clothes... if you keep looking.

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.

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!

Backyard BBQ, Band, and Bible

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information about this event, contact Pastor Jesse Mullins, Emmanuel United Methodist Church at 317-773-4406 or www.emmanuelumc.org.



Emmanuel United Methodist Church hosts:
BACKYARD BBQ, BAND, AND BIBLE
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH
16000 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN
6:30PM Gather for food and fellowship.
Music begins at 7:00PM

\$5 BBQ
Sandwiches. Any funds raised will be used for our food pantry!

Bring your own chairs and drinks!

THIS IS NOT A DRILL!

Attention, church family! This is your **FINAL CALL** to claim anything you may have accidentally abandoned, misplaced, forgotten, or **mysteriously “lost” while sitting directly beside it.**

Our Lost & Found collection has been living its best life in the church office, but **its eviction date has arrived.**

We have accumulated the usual suspects:

Keys, jewelry, sunglasses, a jacket....and other unidentified treasures whose stories may never be known.

If you have lost something, please check the church office!

Anything left unclaimed after **September 30** will be finding a new home or, depending on how questionable the item is, possibly a new life in the trash.

So, before you ask, “*Has anyone seen my _____?*” for the 47th time...

COME CHECK THE LOST & FOUND!

You never know. Your missing item may be sitting there right now, wondering why you abandoned it.

FINAL CALL! FINAL CALL! FINAL CALL! *This is not a drill!*

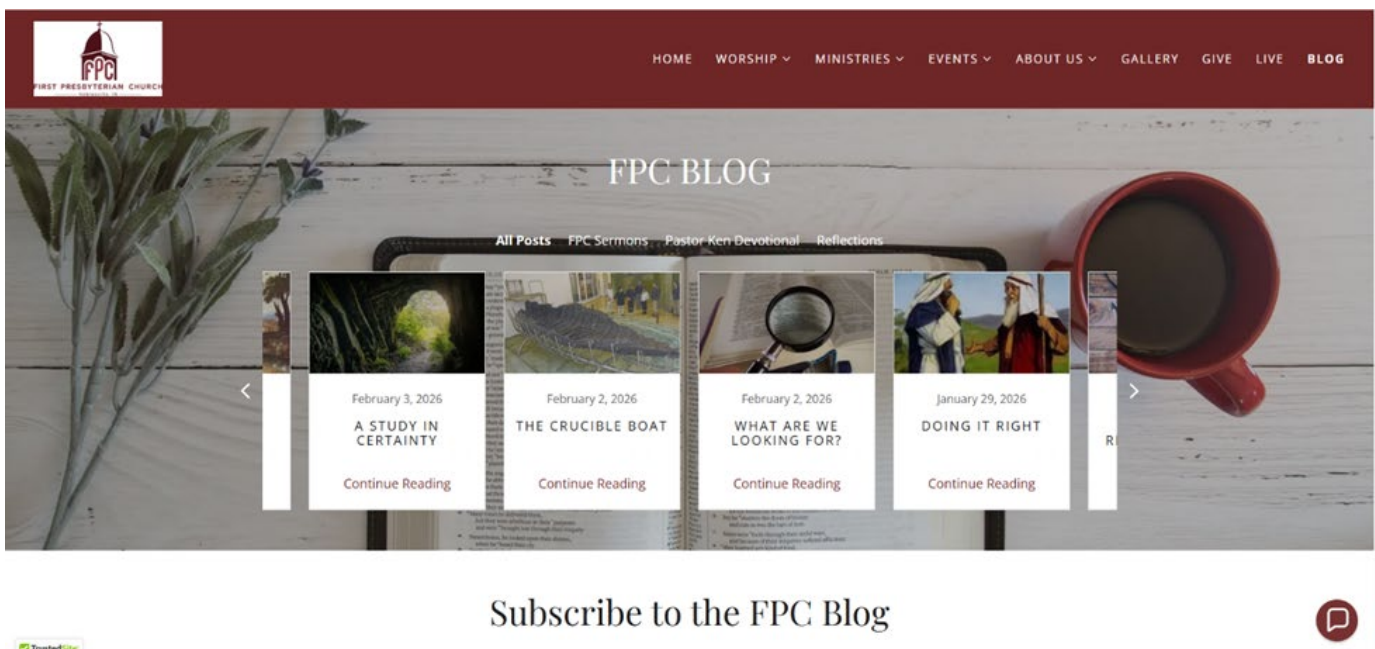


FPC BLOG

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!