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HELPERS NEEDED FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL RED GERANIUM ARTISAN MARKET!

Help make one of FPC’s largest mission fundraisers a success on **Saturday, August 15**. Volunteers are needed for setup, hospitality, market assistance, and cleanup. No experience is necessary—just a willing heart and friendly smile! Proceeds support local, national, and international mission projects. If you can help, please contact **Mission Team member Kelly Wuerch** at **kswuerch@gmail.com** or **317-946-2733**. Thank you for helping us welcome our community and let’s make this year's market a success!

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.

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**.

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!

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.

ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

The Annual Summer Picnic with 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!

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!

JUNE 2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT		
	2026 Actual	2025 Actual
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 —100; Households Online—22

JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 26, 2026		
Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
	11:30 am	Women’s Luncheon at Perkins
Tuesday		
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men’s Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Sunday	11:15 am	Mission Team Meeting

JULY 19, 2026	
Audio / Video Team:	Jake Light & Nathan Roe 7/26—Quinn Teague & Jake Light
Nursery:	Lee Ann Stein & Trish Moore 7/26—Ann Green & Jennie Auble
Lay leader:	Steve Burress 7/26—Tom Bader
Fellowship hour:	Marlynn Story & Brenda Christian 7/26— Robin Rufatto & Andrea Joines
In the office:	July—Janie Emerson August—Barb Runyon

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

♥ Michael Davis & his family, and the family of Dr. Edward Myers, upon the passing of Dr. Myers.

♥ Jeri Griffith & family, on the passing of her brother-in-law, Jonathan Griffith.

♥ Bill McConnell, husband of Jan McConnell, in ICU at St. Vincent Hospital after suffering a stroke.

♥ Bob Zabel, recuperating at home.

♥ Mike Maloney, going home to hospice care.

♥ Tom Bader, recuperating from a recent Eye procedure and scheduling a Heart procedure.

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

Wendy Bittle

Barbara Landes

Verna Merrell

Carol Stough—The Crossings of Noblesville

Dorothy Etchison—Independence Village

Joe McGinley – Hamilton Trace

Rachel Morgan



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Ken Locke, Interim Pastor

JULY 19, 2026
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION		DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Christian Education	Anne Burress
Barb Runyon	Evangelism	Jill Casper
Mark Wisely	Finance	Cheryl Ditzler
Jennie Auble	Mission	Brenda Christian
Bob Moore	Planning	Clint Gingerich
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Properties	Linda Melton
Rick Mayhew	Worship	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Clerk	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Moderator	Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 19, 2026

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 before worship.

We Gather Together

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
"’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Arr. by Lloyd Larson

† OPENING PRAYER Lay Leader: Steve Burress
L: Sovereign God, your Spirit is ever present with us. Where can we flee your presence?
P: You are the beginning and the ending, the first and the last, and all that exists in between.
L: When your Spirit seems hidden from us, teach us to recognize your presence and to respond, for your name’s sake.
All: Amen.

† OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #648

† CALL TO CONFESSION
L: There is goodness within us, growing like fresh wheat. There is also sin within us, choking that wheat like weeds.
P: Let us bring all of who we are to God, who can separate out what is good, so that we are not overcome with evil.
L: God, forgive us.
P: Lord, hear our prayer.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
L: Constantly-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best.
P: There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward.
L: And even though you know this about us, you still forgive us.
P: Guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, that you may delight in us as we delight in you.
L: God, forgive us.
P: Lord, hear our prayer.
(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE
L: Beloved, hear the good news: God knows us and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life.
P: By the love of God in Jesus our Lord, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE
L: Being at peace with God, let us also be at peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And also with you!
(Please share the Peace of Christ with those around you)

† 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Task" Moffett Craig & Cameron Craig
(E. L. Ashford) Cynthia Fremling, piano

God’s Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 28:10–19a Old Testament pg. 25
New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:12–25

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" #639

SERMON "Good News About Suffering!" Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God’s Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER words on screen
(Please keep joys and concerns brief. This is time for prayer)

OFFERING
L: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.
P: With a spirit of thanksgiving and generous hearts, let us offer our lives to the Lord.
OFFERTORY "Sweet Hour of Prayer" Arr. by David H. Hegarty
† Doxology Words on screen
† Prayer of Dedication
L: God of never-ending gifts, we praise you for your never-ending goodness. Just like you, we want to be generous too.
P: May the gifts we bring spread your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" #237

† BENEDICTION
L: Let all God’s people say,
P: Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE "Postlude in F" George Blake

†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.

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 28:10–19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Romans 8:12–25 (Paraphrase, KL)

So then, my sisters and brothers, we are obligated not to live according to our sinful human nature. For if we live according to our sinful human nature, we will be spiritually dead. But if by the power of God’s Holy Spirit we put to death the deeds of our sinful human nature, we will live.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Dad! Father!,” it is the Spirit itself bearing witness, along with our spirit, that we are children of God. And if we are children of God then we are also heirs, heirs of God and so joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. For creation (the sky, birds, plants, animals, everything on earth and beyond!) was subjected to frustration and decay, not by its own will but by God’s will, in hope that creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning in hot pains of transition, and not only creation but we ourselves, who already have the first fruits of the Spirit, are groaning inwardly while we wait for the last part of our adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what has already happened? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patient eagerness.