# June 2024 INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

Operating Income: \$159,043.83 Net Expenses: \$177,653.57 Net: \$ (18,609.74)

# **SUMMER TALENT NEEDED!**

As our chancel choir takes a break for the summer, our worship team is working on music for summer services. If you play an instrument or sing and you'd like to share your talent at a summer service." Please call or text Cynthia at 847-293-7306. I'll help you select a Sunday that will work for you. We look forward to you sharing your talents with us!

# CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER!!

Rainbows (3 years old - Kindergarten) will resume August 4th. Shooting Stars (1st grade-5th grade) will resume September 15.

#### LADIES LUNCHEONS...

The dates for the next luncheons are: Monday, August 19; Monday, September 16; Monday, October 21; Monday, November 18 and Monday, December 16. We will meet at 11:30 AM at Perkins on Noble Creek Drive. A sign-up sheet will be at the welcome desk. 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.

#### FELLOWSHIP...

Please sign up on the church kitchen calendar to host Fellowship and then whip up your favorite treats!

# **MISSION MOMENTS...**

#### Mission Team Sort & Pack Winter-Wear Donations for Last Bell Ministries

The FPC mission team and a few special friends packed all your donations of winter coats along with the donation of shoes and boots from Changing Footprints to ship to Last Bell Ministries. **Eight boxes of love will soon start their over-seas passage to Ukraine.** 

#### 9th Annual Red Geranium Artisan Market – Saturday, Aug. 17th 9-3

This is an amazing one-day community outreach event with 60 booths of talented artists & crafts persons, yummy food, live music and entertainment, and the famous PW BAKE SALE. The mission team needs many volunteers to make this happen so please consider donating a few hours to help us pull off this event. See Rita Popp to volunteer or sign up at the welcome center.

#### FPC Habitat for Humanity Home Build Day - Sept. 13

FPC is joining Habitat of Hamilton Co. to help with the new duplex home-build going on nearby on Division Street. More info to come on this!

# **FPC CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR SHOEBOX MINISTRY!**

You will see a Christmas tree in the fellowship hall for Operation Christmas Child. Come by and get a box, then fill one for July! Christmas in July!! After you have gotten the one box finished, please bring it back on August 4th. We then will have our tree filled with wish cards for our future boxes and packing party In November!

# JULY 21 THROUGH JULY 28, 2024

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	Office Closed	
	5:45 pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Planning Committee Meeting—Library
Wednesday	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:30 am	Women's GBR
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

# **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024**

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 22, 2024. If you have an emergency situation, please contact Robin Story (317.508.4411) or Jim Story (317.501.0314).

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL...

During the 4 Sundays in July, Lamar will be leading a video series of 4 sessions by Andy Stanley entitled:

"Taking Responsibility For Your Life.....Because No One Else Will"

#### SR 32 ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES!

Please see the News and Notes for more information.

# **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Bob D. Moore,** having back surgery on July 22.

**Jill Nunamaker, daughter of Ruth Anne Nunamaker,** recuperating at home while she prepares for additional surgeries.

Prayers for our country and it's leaders in the wake of the recent assassination attempt.

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

Wendy Bittle Susie Dawes—Allisonville Meadows

Jane Rowley

George & Gretchen Dickinson - Wellbrook in Westfield
Dorothy Etchison—The Lodge Ray / Sherry Faust
Helen Klucznik Barbara Landes
Carolyn McGinley—Hamilton Trace Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough— Five Star Residences of Noblesville

John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel

Verna Merrell

Carol Updegraff—Waterford Place Health Campus, Kokomo



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1207 Conner Street, Noblesville, IN 317.773.2383 ● fpc-noblesville.org Eric R. Gale, Pastor

JULY 21, 2024

#### ELDERS Finance

Evangelism

Mission

**Planning** 

**Properties** 

Worship

Moderator

Personnel /Nom.

**Christian Education** 

Clerk

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

Eric R. Gale

DEACONS

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

Diane Widdifield

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JULY 21, 2024

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Arr. by John A. Behnke

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Lay Leader: Bob Moore

L: We believe in a God who has created us to be his own.

P: And who calls us – again and again – to live in fellowship with him.

L: And so we open ourselves in this hour...

P: We open ourselves to his life, his love, his Spirit.

L: And we open our hearts to all he's gathered in our midst...

P: So that, together, we may be set on the road that leads to life!

† OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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# † CALL TO CONFESSION (leader)

James 4:8

L: Today we remember that if we draw near to God, God will also draw near to us. And so removing the barriers of illusion and delusion we come to God in prayer:

# † PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, we come to you for healing in this time, for we know that our instincts are so frequently off-track. When good things come, our tendency is to hoard them, to cling to them, and to live in fear of seeing them go. And yet we know that all of life's gifts come from you and are ultimately to be used for your purposes (for the upbuilding of your kingdom). Therefore, please give us kingdom eyes, that we may be coming to live in kingdom ways, to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **† WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (responsive)

Romans 5:6,8

L: In the time of our deepest need...

P: Christ died for the ungodly.

L: Yes, while we were sinners, Christ gave himself for us on the cross.

P: And this proves God's never-failing love:

L: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

"O Love of God Most Full"

Claudia MacRae

(Ralph Manuel)

Cynthia Fremling, piano

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** 

"Choose Your Friends Wisely"

Douglas

# 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 "Moment by Moment" Robert J. Hughes
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.

† Prayer of Dedication

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** 

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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MESSAGE "Poverty...and Wealth"

Reverend Steve Smith

Luke 12:13-21

† CLOSING HYMN "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"With a Voice Of Praise"

Elizabeth T. Van Woert

†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.

# We welcome Reverend Steve Smith to the pulpit today!

Steve Smith is a retired PCUSA pastor who - for nearly thirty-eight years - served churches in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana (Schererville) and California (most recently as Transitional Pastor of the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church). He holds degrees from Lewis and Clark College as well as Fuller and Princeton theological seminaries. He and his wife Nancy (a retired English professor) live in Fishers, where they attend New Hope Presbyterian Church and delight in spending time with their daughter, son-in-law and grandson who live in Broad Ripple and are active in a Presbyterian church near their home.

# **SCRIPTURE**

#### Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)

- <sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- <sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
- <sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'
- <sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'
- <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'
- <sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

# MESSAGE NOTES

#### Introduction:

v.15 So what **do** our lives consist of?

- I. Relationships
  - a. A real-estate dispute
  - b. A "self" ish man
  - c. And One who would heal
- II. Recognition
  - a. A relationship with God?
  - b. Who has created and bought back
  - c. And that's good news!
- III. Responsibility
  - a. We "worship"
  - b. Not mine but thine
  - c. St. Augustine was right:-)

#### Conclusion:

Keep living your life – together!