

**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...**

**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 28 THROUGH AUGUST 4, 2024**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am	Men's GBR
	8:30 am	Women's GBR
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	FPC Annual Picnic

**SR 32 ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES!**

Please see the News and Notes for more information.

**FPC ANNUAL PICNIC**

**When:** Sunday, August 4, 2024

**Where:** FPC Parking Lot

Hot Dogs, Burgers & fixins will be provided. **Bring a dish to share.**



**FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

1207 Conner Street, Noblesville, IN  
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Eric R. Gale, Pastor

**JULY 28, 2024**

**ELDERS**

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Mark Wisely   | Finance             |
| Barb Runyon   | Evangelism          |
| Jennie Auble  | Mission             |
| Laurie Szabo  | Clerk               |
| Stephen Craig | Planning            |
| Dick Zeiler   | Personnel /Nom.     |
| Sue Jourdan   | Properties          |
|               | Christian Education |
|               | Worship             |
|               | Moderator           |
| Eric R. Gale  |                     |

**DEACONS**

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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| <b>Larry Grabb</b> , undergoing rehabilitation for vision loss.              |
| <b>Don Sauers</b> , recuperating from surgery for a growth in the bile duct. |
| <b>Bob D. Moore</b> , recuperating from back surgery.                        |



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:**

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| Wendy Bittle  | Susie Dawes—Allisonville Meadows |
| George & Gretchen Dickinson - Wellbrook in Westfield  |                                  |
| Dorothy Etchison—The Lodge                            | Ray / Sherry Faust               |
| Helen Klucznik  | Barbara Landes                   |
| Carolyn McGinley—Hamilton Trace                       | Rachel Morgan                    |
| Verna Merrell   | Jane Rowley                      |
| Carol Stough— Five Star Residences of Noblesville     |                                  |
| John Thomas—The Barrington of Carmel                  |                                  |
| Carol Updegraff—Waterford Place Health Campus, Kokomo |                                  |



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 28, 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
"Holy, Holy" Arr. by Fred Bock

† CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Lay Leader: Gregg Swanson

L: We worship a God who loves us more than we can know.

P: Who proves himself time and again to be our truest friend.

L: Whether it's in an awareness of his presence in times of deepest grief,

P: Or the support of his people during times of perplexing struggle,

L: We learn that he is alive, and eager to meet our deepest needs...

P: When we turn our hearts and our minds to him together!

† OPENING HYMN "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee" #93

† CALL TO CONFESSION (leader) Hebrews 12:1

The writer of Hebrews invites us to run the race of life unencumbered by the weight of sin. Therefore, we seek to set it all aside as we come to God in an attitude of prayer:

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we come to you today confessing that we are too often reluctant to believe that you could do your work through people like us. We are so very aware of our weaknesses, our vulnerabilities, our points of failure – and so we shrink back when we should move forward in your service. Forgive us, we pray, and free us from the prison of the past – so that as your hope-filled people, we may reflect your life into this world in ways that draw others to you, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE (responsive) 1 John 1:7

L: As we follow Jesus, we walk in the light.

P: For he himself is the light of the world!

L: And on this walk we not only enjoy fellowship with one another,

P: But Jesus' own self-offering cleanses us from every sin!

L: So together we delight in the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Praise 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 "Shine on Us" Kendall Teague & Johnathan Baker (Michael W. & Debbie Smith) Cheryl Mayhew, piano

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "Ask" 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 "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow" Arr. by Fred Bock

† 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. Amen.

† Prayer of Dedication

HYMN OF PREPARATION "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" #630

MESSAGE "A Well-Dressed Friend" Reverend Steve Smith Luke 11:1-8

† CLOSING HYMN "Higher Ground" #549

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "In My Heart There Rings a Melody" Arr. by Harold DeCou

† 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 back 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 11:1-8 (NRSV)

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' 2 He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; 6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." 7 And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

MESSAGE NOTES

Introduction:

A friend...wearing a frown!

I. But what if there's another way?

a. The way of hospitality

b. The way to raise a smile

c. The right way to dress

II. A better understanding of God

a. The question of a word

b. To whom does it belong?

c. Our always-prepared friend

III. Therefore...

a. When we pray

b. And seek to serve

c. God is like the VERY generous friend

Conclusion:

It's not what we wear that counts...