



News & Notes

June 18, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“Dead & Alive”

Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1-11

Pastor Ken Locke

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

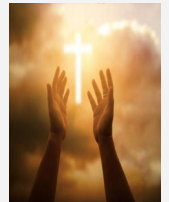
MAY 2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT

	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Income:	\$131,649.59	\$138,528.15
Expenses:	\$132,173.25	\$134,193.84
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (523.66)	\$ 4,334.31

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 102; Households online — 24

Total M&M containers for Henderson Settlement Work Projects: \$1,567

Remember in your Prayers...



- ▼ **Bill McConnell, husband of Jan McConnell**, in ICU at St. Vincent Hospital after suffering a stroke.
- ▼ **Bob Zabel**, fighting sepsis and the side effects of the antibiotics.
- ▼ **Mike Maloney**, at Kindred Transitional Care & Rehab in Castleton.
- ▼ **Tom Bader**, scheduling an Eye procedure and a Heart procedure.
- ▼ **Judith Drysdale**, having a total Hip replacement on June 30th at Riverview Hospital.
- ▼ **Bob & Marj Bill**, Bob broke his lower leg and is in rehab.

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

Wendy Bittle

Joe McGinley—*Hamilton Trace*

Rachel Morgan

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Verna Merrell

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...

JUNE 21 THROUGH JUNE 28, 2026

<i>Today</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Worship</i>
	<i>11:15 am</i>	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Shepherd's Center</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>		
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group</i>
<i>Thursday</i>		
<i>Friday</i>		
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8:30 am</i>	<i>Aerobics</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Worship</i>
	<i>11:15 am</i>	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>

Nursery Attendants:

June 21—Trish Moore

June 28—Laurie Szabo & Robin Story

Audio / Video Team:

June 21—Rick Mayhew & Quinn Teague

June 28—Brian Wuerch & Rick Mayhew

Lay Leader:

June 21—Linda Rosen

June 28—Bob Moore

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

June 21— Anne Green

June 28—Robin Rufatto & Andrea Joines

In the Office:

June—Janie Emerson

July—Janie Emerson

Ask FPC!

Do we know when the flat roof repair will take place?

Yes, the replacement of the flat roof is scheduled to begin July 13.

How long will the repair take?

They estimate 1 week.

Will we lose some parking spaces on Sunday?

We will lose 5-6 parking spaces during the roof replacement. It may be all completed during the week – but there is a possibility that we lose these spaces on Sunday of the week of repair.

Mission Minute...

Henderson Thank You!

Our Work Camp Team is grateful to our FPC family for your support through fundraisers, donations, and Prayers. Proceeds from the FPC Spirit Shirts, M & M's, and Gift Card Giveaway Basket covered all trip supplies, with remaining funds to be donated to Henderson Settlement. The gift card basket winner will be drawn after church during Fellowship Hour. You do not need your red ticket or to be present to win.

The 2026 Henderson Work Camp Team:

Lamar Ziegler

Kay Ziegler

Paul Auble

Jennie Auble

Catherine Byrnside

Brian Wuerch

Kelly Wuerch

Barb Runyon

Marlee Light

Steve Runyon

Lee Ann Stein

Tanner Stein

Kristina Swatts

Chris Swatts

Isaac Swatts

Lucas Swatts

Linda Melton

Nathan Roe

Brinsley Roe

Zella Roe

Jim Story

Dave McCord

Sue Jourdan

Pam Layman

Anne Burress

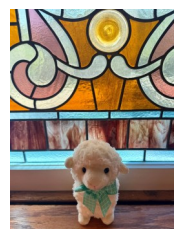
Pat Erp

Al Casper

Jill Casper

Bob Evans

Agnes Dei (Spiritual Support Lamb)



June Session Recap....

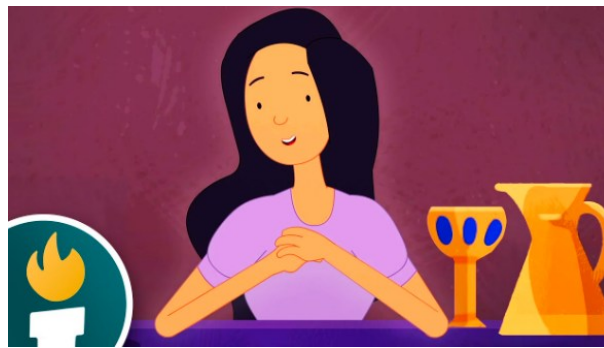
Jennie Auble opened the meeting with devotions. **Pastor Ken** lead a discussion on the Book of Order, particularly asking why we gather to worship and what are the specific duties of the Ruling Elders and the Teaching Elders. Pastor Ken also discussed with Session the current order of our Worship Service and suggested that we change the format to follow a theological structure centered on the Word of God. Session agreed to change the order of worship. This change will put the Scripture and Sermon in the middle of the Worship Service. Pastor Ken has also asked that those sitting in the Narthex (behind the Sanctuary) keep their movement and talking to a minimum during worship as it is very distracting for the congregation. **Deacons** reported that the End of Summer picnic will be August 2 immediately after the Worship service. **Presbyterian Women** reported that Just Desserts will be July 15th at 7:00 pm. All women are encouraged to attend this annual summer event. **Planning** reported that the committee has completed job descriptions and job contracts for the custodian, youth directors, and children's ministry positions. The committee will continue working on the remaining staff job descriptions and contracts over the summer. **Evangelism** reported that the committee will continue meeting to determine how our church can be used outside of worship. **Personnel** reported that performance reviews will occur this fall for all staff members. **Christian Education** reported that the Performing Arts Camp was a huge success. We had 30 volunteers with more than 650 volunteer hours during that week. Thank you to all the Performing Arts Camp Volunteers. And a HUGE thank you to our team leaders: Marlee Light (art), Kendall Mayhew (music), Claudia MacRae (drama), Jennie Auble (props), and LeeAnn Stein (food) for all their hard work. It was also reported that since January 4, 2026 we have an average of 11 students each week in Sunday School. **Worship** asked that the chairs on the pulpit used by the pastor and lay leader be repaired. They are not safe to sit on. Session agreed to having the chairs fixed and possibly reupholstered. **Mission** reported that 29 people will be headed to Henderson on Sunday. The Red Geranium Artisan Fair at FPC will be Saturday, August 15. There will be 57 Vendors. **Finance** reported that we are slightly below in our giving last month. **Properties** reported that the flat roof repair is scheduled for July 13. It will take approximately one week to complete. Under **New Business** Worship committee suggested that we organize a Safety Task Force. Session unanimously agreed that a Safety Task Force was necessary and Rick Mayhew will begin working on a team. If you are interested, please contact Rick. Under **Old Business**, Pastor Ken asked Session members to bring names of members who would be good candidates for the Mission Study Team (this is NOT the Pastoral Nominating Committee). Session came up with 5 people that Pastor Ken will contact. Pastor Ken closed the meeting with prayer. **The next Session meeting will be Monday, August 17 at 7:00 pm.**

Presbyterian Women's Just Desserts Party

Wednesday, 7-15-26



The women of the church are invited to attend our annual Presbyterian Woman's Just Dessert Party. Please feel free to bring a friend. Join us for fellowship and dessert.



The Story of Lydia in the Bible

What: Just Desserts

When: Wednesday, July 15th at 7pm

Where: Fellowship hall

Presentation: The Story of Lydia and how she represents a key example of female leadership, faith, and hospitality in the early church.

Please bring: Please bring an item to donate to the Malawi Mission Project. For example: baby receiving blankets, onesies, nursery hats, sanitary napkins, large garbage bags, large size Ziplock bags, quart size Ziplock bags, wrapped bar soap, wash cloths, diapers, umbilical cord clips, or an inspirational item to place in the bags for the mothers.

RSVP by 7-10-26 to Trisha McDermand at tmcdemand@comcast.net or call 317-514-8623.

A New Way to Give at FPC...



As of June 1, you now have the option of giving your regular offering **on-line** through *Tithe.ly*.

You can either:

1. Scan the QR code below (this will appear in the News & Notes and the bulletin each week).



We will have cards in the pews in the future, as well.

2. Access Tithe.ly: [Tithe.ly Giving](#) ← Click the link!
3. Upload the Tithe.ly Church App on your mobile device.

As of June 1st, we can receive contributions for **Regular Giving, Building Renovation, Per Capita and General Mission** (not special mission such as food pantry, Henderson, etc.). Other online account options are coming soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Robin Story at 317.508.4411.

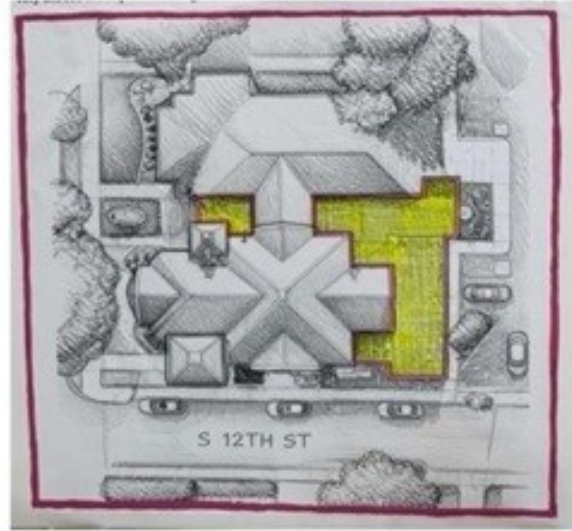
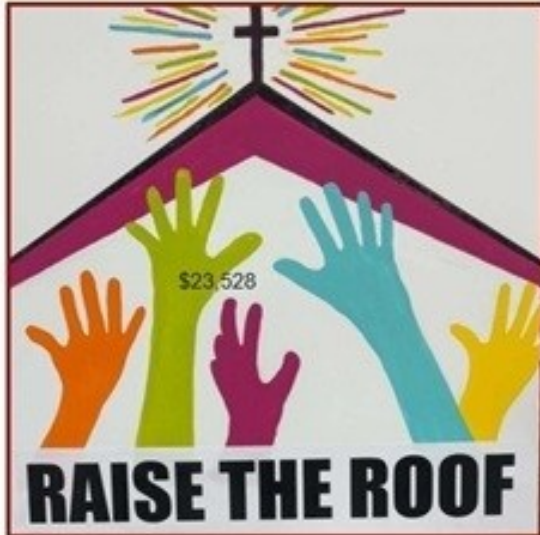
Roof Repair Capital Campaign

Goal \$65,000

Church Funds Available \$30,000

Amount donated

\$32,092



REMEMBER, EVERY SHINGLE DOLLAR DONATED HELPS!

Make checks to FPC and reference "Roof Project" on memo line

See Mark Wisely or Steve Runyon for more information

Raise The Roof Campaign!

A capital campaign for a new \$60,000 (plus) roof has started. Your help is very important in order to preserve the integrity of our beloved church. **Please consider how you may be able to financially help with this expense.** If you have any questions concerning the roof or the capital campaign talk to Steve Runyon, Property Elder or Mark Wisely, Finance Elder.

Weekly Devotion....

How to Handle a Rebellion **Numbers 12:1-16**

Rev. Kenneth M. Locke
June 18, 2026

A Brief Recap: Our story begins during the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. They have escaped slavery in Egypt and crossed the Red Sea, but now they are meandering through the wilderness, trying to figure out who they are and what it means to be in relationship with God. (I suspect we've all had enough wilderness times in our lives that we can relate.) During this difficult time, the three recognized leaders are Moses, his brother Aaron and their sister Miriam.

At this stage of their history, the Israelites are beginning to become xenophobic. Their mistrust of outsiders will reach its peak shortly after the Babylonian captivity and the people's return to Jerusalem, about 1,500 years in the future. But even now, the mistrust is strong enough that Moses is questioned for marrying a Cushite woman; a woman of African descent whose skin would have been noticeably darker than the Israelite's. She was clearly a foreigner.

Aaron and Miriam, apparently jealous of their brother, use his Cushite marriage as an excuse to question his authority. Why does everyone only listen to him? God speaks to them, too!

In other circumstances, Moses might have been forced out of leadership. But God is having none of it. Moses is humble. This is not a character trait. In this instance, humility tells us that Moses seeks, hears and rejoices in God, and does God's justice and righteousness. God may speak to Aaron and Miriam, but nobody listens to God like Moses does.

God summons the three of them together and proceeds to read Miriam and Aaron 'the riot act', at the end of which God leaves them and Miriam suddenly has leprosy. This is horrible! Having leprosy can mean being permanently ejected from the camp. In desperation, Aaron begs his brother to intercede with God for them and heal Miriam.

What should Moses do? What would you or I do? Would we stand and laugh? Or would we pray for those who hurt us and bless those who curse us? Moses chooses the latter and soon Miriam is healed. In this way, Moses not only shows the people that he is merciful. He also wins back his position of authority.

This seems to be a simple story, a glimpse into what goes on during the wilderness wanderings. But there is more here than we see at first glance. There is a lesson here for any of us who would be leaders, but especially leaders in the church.

No one leads a perfect life, but leaders especially are taught not to give offence. We don't want to give our disparagers anything they can 'hang their hat on.' But how much of a concession should we be willing to make? We don't want to offend anyone, but don't we have a right to marry the person we believe God wants us to be with? These are questions with which we all must grapple.

My recommendation to leaders is to forgo anything that might needlessly annoy someone or make them question your sincerity. Don't wear that provocative T-shirt to the church picnic. Think twice about telling that joke in this company. Remember that your friends and their children can see what you post on social media.

But if it's central to your life, if forgoing something would genuinely make you a less fulfilled person, go ahead and do it but beware that there may be consequences. If you're proud of the novel you've written, publish it but tell your friends and family there are some parts that they might not appreciate. If the painting you purchased on vacation really speaks to you, hang it in your home but maybe not in your office. If the nose ring you purchased is central to your identity then wear it; but try not to force it into anyone's face.

Moses had to make a decision, and apparently he was ready to deal with the consequences. Are you?

Also, this text shows us that all leaders inevitably meet resistance. Being promoted somehow makes people want to rebel against us. Even those we've known for years, even our closest family members, can suddenly connive to take us down.

When that happens, and we come out on top, the temptation is to settle old scores. But Moses shows us a better way. Pray for your enemies and bless those who curse you. You will show yourself to be magnanimous and may well win them back to your side.

Leadership in any organization is difficult, but especially in the church where so much depends on one's personality. Moses was not perfect by any means, but his life still has many leadership lessons for all of us.

Whoops! What about Miriam? What is going to happen to her? Leprosy would be enough to permanently evict her from the people. She would have died alone in the wilderness.

But God is merciful and reduces her sentence to a mere token. If she had offended her father, she might have been shunned for seven days. And so, she is evicted from the camp for seven days.

But notice that the Israelites don't move during those seven days. They wait for her to be fully restored to them before moving on together. Where God is merciful, we must be merciful as well.

God's peace to one and all,
Pastor Ken.

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.**

Adult Sunday School...

This Sunday the Adult Class will study I Samuel.

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.

Sunday Snuggles!

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.



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.

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!

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.**

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!