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MISSION STUDY TEAM PRESENTATION

Today after worship the Mission Study Team will have a presentation on the history of FPC- Noblesville. Get a snack and enjoy the first presentation by the Mission Study Team.

OCTOBER HENDERSON MISSION TRIP

This is a second opportunity for any FPC fellowship persons or friends to serve at the Henderson Settlement this year. The trip will be from October 18-23. 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. You can pick up a registration packet at the Welcome Center or use the link in the current News and Notes.

“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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thanks for all the wonderful donations for the month of August! September we will keep the toys coming. Look for summer end sales! Thank you for spending a few dollars, each month, to make this ministry such a huge success for all of God’s children’s happiness!

CHANCEL CHOIR IS BACK!

Choir returns today! Thank you to all the guest musicians this summer. Your ministry through music was an inspiration to us all.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

FINAL CHANCE TO UPDATE INFORMATION

This is your final chance to update the church directory this year!!!! If you aren’t currently in the directory, 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.

STAY INFORMED

Are you receiving the weekly FPC News and Notes? If not, please email secretary@fpc-noblesville.org so you can be added. If you are receiving the weekly News and Notes, take a few minutes and find out what is happening at FPC-Noblesville and in our community.

GOOD SAMARITAN NETWORK CHARITY OUTING

The Top Golf Charity Event to benefit the current needs in Hamilton County is on Sunday, September 20 from 3-6 pm. The link to register is in the News and Notes.

GREAT BANQUET GATHERING IS COMING SOON!

The Great Banquet Gathering is Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish to share, meat and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Jim Story.

AUGUST 2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT			GIVE ONLINE
	2026 Actual	2025 Actual	THROUGH TITHE.LY:
Operating Income:	\$ 198,133.02	\$ 219,218.47	
Operating Expense:	\$ 216,604.34	\$ 213,522.70	
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (18,471.32)	\$ 5,695.77	

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

SEPTEMBER 13 THROUGH September 20, 2026		
Sunday	8:30 am	New Member/Inquirers Class
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School today
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	11:15 am	Mission Study Presentation
	9:00 am	Shepherd’s Center
	11:30 am	Men’s Luncheon - Perkins
	1:30 pm	Newcomers Club
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Bridge Group
	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
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Sunday	11:15 am	Deacons Meeting

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026	
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 Rufatto & Andrea Joines
In the office:	Sept—Barb Runyon & Oct – Janie Emerson secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS	
♥ Tena Nash, on the passing of Tena’s husband Tim. Celebration of Life will be on October 10 at FPC-Noblesville.	
♥ Candi Wood, home and 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 surgery.	
♥ 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



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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION	DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Anne Burress
Barb Runyon	Jill Casper
Mark Wisely	Cheryl Ditzler
Jennie Auble	Brenda Christian
Bob Moore	Clint Gingerich
Peggy Deakyne	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Linda Melton
Rick Mayhew	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Quinn Teague
	Debbie Wilson



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
16TH 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 September Birthdays

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. Roger C. Wilson

† CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Leader: Tanner McCaw
L: We bow with the rolling rocks.
P: God is our strength and our salvation.
L: We sing with the roaring rivers.
P: God is our justice and our joy.
L: We will never stop telling God’s story.
P: God is the hope of our ancestors. God is the hope of generations yet to be born.
L: With all that we have and all that we are, we say: God is good, all the time.
P: All the time, God is good. Together, we worship our God who is eternally guiding us into goodness.

† OPENING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” #682

† CALL TO CONFESSION
L: We are not passing judgment on each other: all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
P: We are confessing our sins to the one who both strictly judges and lovingly forgives.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
L: God our Judge, we admit to using double standards.
P: We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others. We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others. We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show mercy to others.
L: Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive, showing others the same grace and mercy you have generously shown to us.
P: God, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayer.
(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE
L: People of God, hear and believe what is true: God does not deal with us according to our sins, but according to God’s own steadfast love for us.
P: As far as the east is from the west, so far God has removed our sins from us. Thanks be to God that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia, 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM “With a Voice of Singing” Chancel Choir
Arr. Martin Shaw

God’s Word is Proclaimed
TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING
Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:19–31 OT pg. 61
New Testament Lesson: Romans 14:1-12 NT pg. 163

HYMN OF PREPARATION “As The Deer” #548

SERMON “Who’s Lord?” Pastor Ken Locke

We Respond to God’s Word
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD’S PRAYER words on screen
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
OFFERTORY “I Love to Tell the Story” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. William G. Fischer

† Doxology Words on screen
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
L: Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you.
P: Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love. Amen.

† CLOSING HYMN “Revive Us Again” #434

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

POSTLUDE “Song of Joy” Cheryl Mayhew, Organist
Arr. James Denton

†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

Exodus 14:19-31
¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.
²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.’
²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’ ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.
³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.
Romans 14:1-12
14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.
⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,
‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’
¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.