

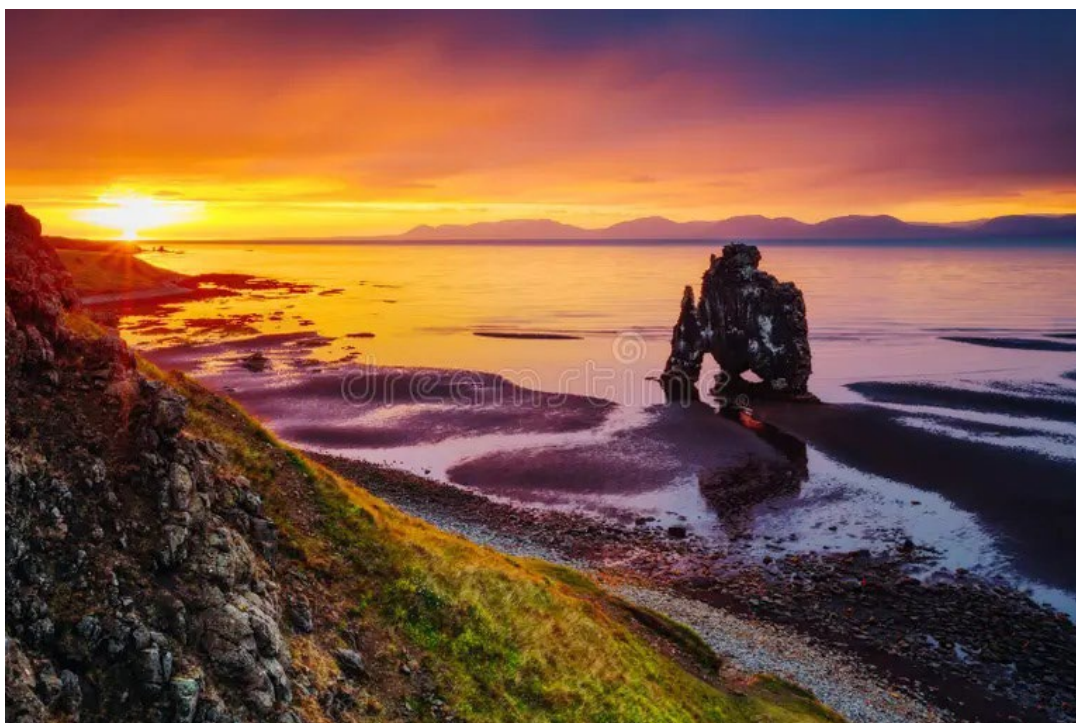


News & Notes

July 30, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“Up Close & Personal!”

Genesis 32:22–31

Pastor Ken Locke

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

Annual Summer Picnic

The Annual Summer Picnic will be held this 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!



Sunday School is Starting...



The **Rainbows, Shooting Stars and Middle School** classes will be resuming classes on **Sunday, August 2nd!** We are excited to welcome our former friends back and meet new friends! The Rainbows class is for 3-year-olds-Kindergarten, the Shooting Stars class is for 1st grade-5th grade and the Middle School class is for 6th-8th grade.



Sunday, August 2nd will be Sunday School Promotion Recognition! We would like to invite all children/youth to be a part of this special time as we recognize those who will be moving into a new Sunday School class/age group. **Bibles will be presented to those moving into the middle school class.** Agnes is so excited that she is going to be promoted as well and even has a special surprise for ALL of our Sunday Schoolers!

We would like to make sure that all children/youth moving up are recognized, so if you have a child/grandchild who recently turned 3 years old, is in 1st grade or 6th grade, and is interested in being a part of our Sunday School program, please let us know.

Kendall, Marlee and Trish

Mission Minute



Celebrating 11 Years of Art and Community at FPC Noblesville

The Annual FPC Red Geranium Artisan Market returns on **August 15!** For more than a decade, this cherished event has brought together talented artisans, friendly faces, and our wider community. Special thanks to everyone who signed up to help. We can't do it without you!

Join us for a day of shopping, fellowship, and community connection. Browse the work of **56 talented artisans and vendors** featuring handmade gifts, artwork, jewelry, home décor, and more. Be sure to stop by the beloved **PW Bake Sale**, where you'll find homemade cakes, cookies, pies, and other delicious treats.

Saturday, August 15
9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to discover one-of-a-kind treasures and support local artisans. Proceeds support the church's mission programs.

Enjoy a day of fellowship, entertainment, shopping, and homemade treats while connecting with the FPC family and community. We look forward to seeing you on August 15!

Give On-line
through Tithe.ly:



June 2026 Budget Performance Report

	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
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—99; Households online—24

The “Concert for Ukraine” collected \$2,226 for Last Bell Ministries!

Remember in your Prayers...



- ♥ Rita Popp & family, upon the passing of her husband, **Mike Maloney**.
- ♥ Bill McConnell, husband of Jan McConnell, recuperating at Riverview Rehab.

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

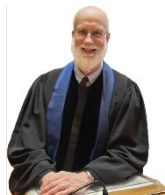
Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—*The Crossings of Noblesville*

Roof Update...

IRC Roofing has confirmed that the roof replacement is 99% done. There is a small amount of masonry work that needs to be repaired and they will complete that soon. Due to rain delays it took longer than expected, but the good news - the flat roof is completely new. If you have any questions - please let me know. Steve Runyon - Property Elder

Keep up to date on the interim process at FPC.



[Click here](#)

Events for the Upcoming Week...

AUGUST 2 THROUGH AUGUST 9, 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>Back-to-School Picnic</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>8:30 am</i>	<i>Men'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>
	<i>11:15 am</i>	<i>Deacon's Meeting</i>

Nursery Attendants: **August 2**— Robin Story & Karen Perkins Gale

August 9—Barb Runyon & Laurie Szabo

Audio / Video Team: **August 2**— Rick Mayhew & Quinn Teague

August 9—Brian Wuerch & Rick Mayhew

Lay Leader: **August 2**— Gail Ratliff

August 9—TBD

Fellowship Hour Hosts: **August 2**— Deacons – Back-to-School Picnic

August 9—Jeri Griffith, Jan McConnell & Pam Wesley

In the Office: **August**— Barb Runyon

September—Barb Runyon

Weekly Devotion...

A Strong Foundation

July 30, 2026

My Beloved -

24 'Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!' (Matthew 7:24-27, NRSV)

We don't have to be builders in 1st century Palestine to know what Jesus is talking about. It's foolish to build a house directly on the ground. There's too much loose dirt and sand. When rain comes the dirt and sand will wash out from under the house and it will collapse in a heap.

Wise builders take the time and effort to dig down to the hard rock beneath the surface. They dig and excavate and finally build their house on this hard surface. When the rain comes the foundation does not wash away and the house stays firm.

Our knowledge of God's word and God's will for our lives needs to be more than surface knowledge, more than sand and loose dirt. Instead, we should dig into God's word, learning about it deeply, getting to know it personally, soaking ourselves in it until we are dyed in God's desires for us.

Likewise, it's important to take the time and effort to get to know God personally. For too many Christians, God remains a distant relative. We're happy to chat with God briefly at reunions once or twice a year but otherwise God is out of sight and out of mind. We know who God is, but we don't **know** God.

Either way, our knowledge is surface level knowledge, superficial, with all the stability of a child's sandcastle. And when the rains of life come, as they must come to us all, the foundation of our faith washes away and our faith collapses.

When was the last time any of us checked the foundation of our faith? Do we regularly check on it, strengthening it in places where it may be weak? Or do we just trust that the faith foundation we built 5, 10, or 15 years ago hasn't suffered from any erosion?

Before the next rain comes, and it will come, let's take time to shore up our foundation. Let's dig into God's word and make a point of getting to know God face-to-face. It will be the difference between a house that stands and a house that goes 'splat'.

God's peace to us all,
Pastor Ken.

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.

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.

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.

Choir will be back soon...

Hard to believe but summertime is almost over and choir season will begin again in just a few weeks. Choir will begin rehearsing regularly on Thursday nights beginning September 3. The Choir will return to singing in service the Sunday after Labor Day which is September 13 this year.

Operation Christmas Child - "August - TOYS"

Thank you for your donations for Christmas Shoebox Ministry in July! You all did a great job!

The month of August we are continuing to give, but now concentrating on toys! Jump ropes, stuffed animals, chacks, dolls, things you are lead to buy for boys and girls 2-14 We have new suggestions hanging on our tree. (Keep in mind the shoebox size) God bless you for giving to this wonderful ministry!



For more information, scan the QR Code:



Adult Sunday School...

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

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.**

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.

Sunday Snuggles—Nursery Volunteer Needed!

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.



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.

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!

All Things Henderson!

Interested in hearing more about FPC adventures in Frakes, KY? Visit the Henderson page on our website to find:

- Information about upcoming trips.
- Links to “Come and See” and the FPC Devotional videos.
- List of tasks completed for 2026.
- Photo gallery
- More content being added all the time – check back often for updates!

Visit: <https://fpc-noblesville.org/henderson-1>

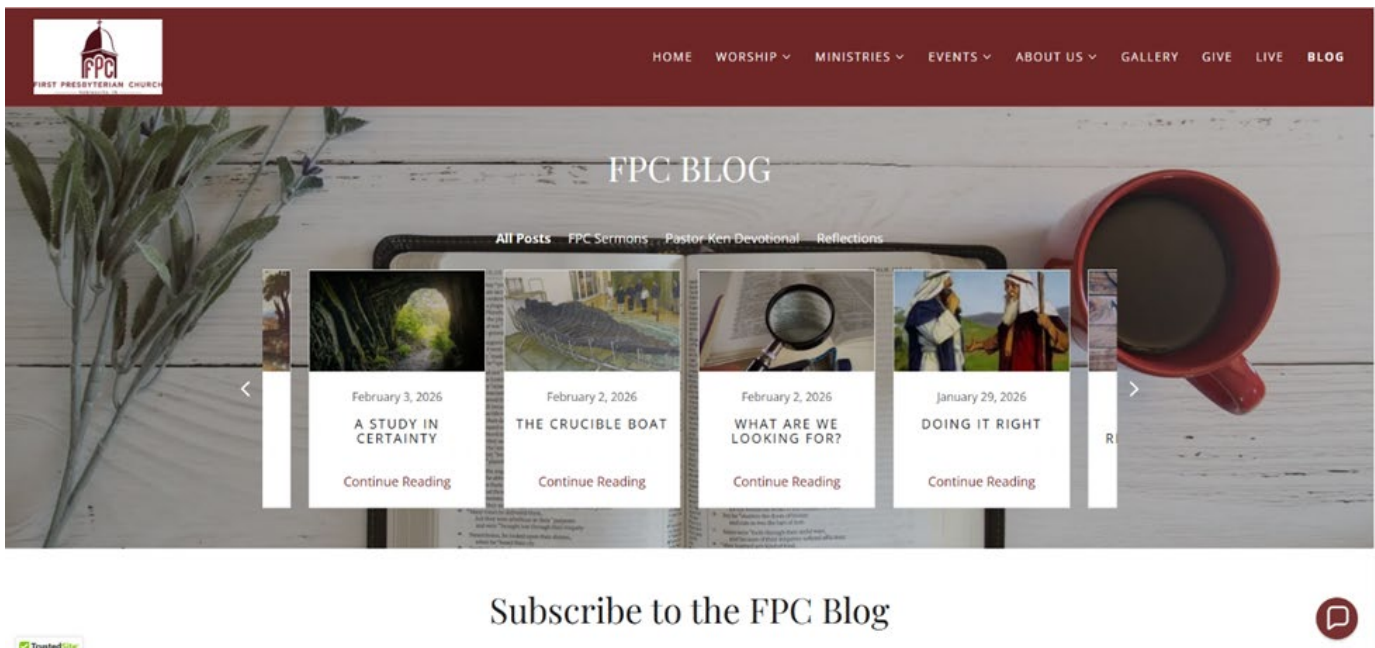


FPC BLOG

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!