



News & Notes

October 15, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“The Foundation of Christianity”

John 13:34-35

Chaplain Derek Hansen

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

Mission Study Team Survey #1

BREAKING NEWS: LAMAR HAS TAKEN THE SURVEY!

If Lamar can do it... **YOU can do it!**

The highly important, extremely official, definitely-not-a-test Mission Study Survey #1 is waiting for you! Lamar has bravely gone where we are asking all of you to go: **he filled out the survey AND turned his survey in.** And look at him—focused, determined, and possibly wondering when his participation prize will arrive.

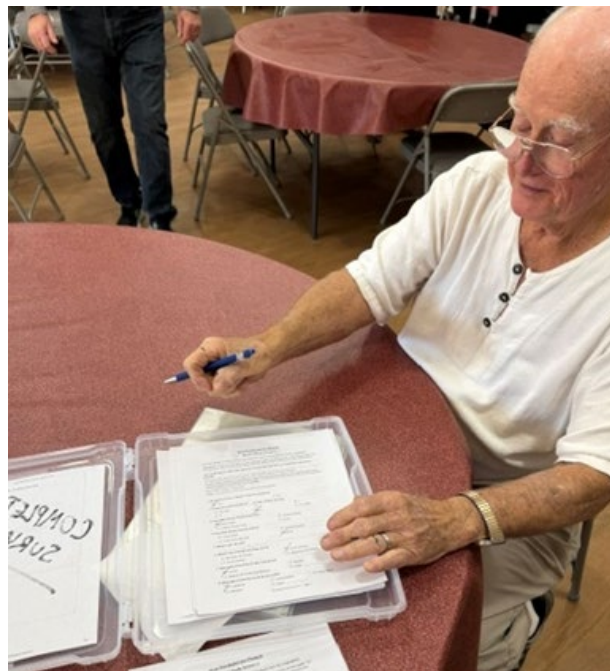
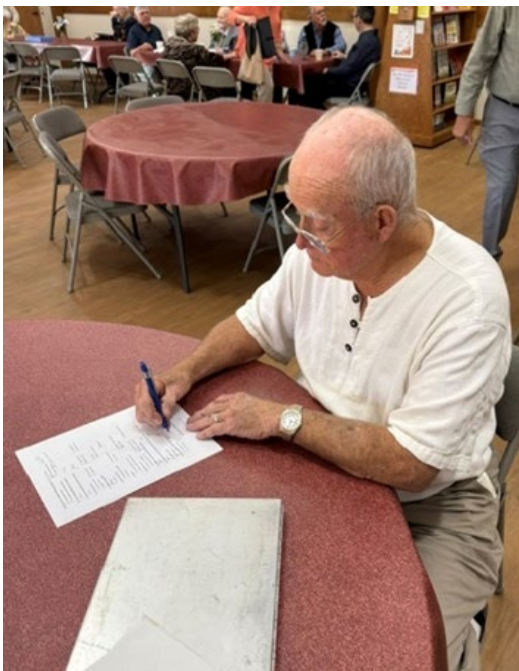
Now it's your turn! **Please take a few minutes to complete Mission Study Survey #1.** Your input is important and will help us as we continue our mission study together. **Don't make Lamar do all the work.** If he can do it... **so can you!**

Paper copies at the Welcome Center.

Mission Study Survey 1 due Sunday, October 18.

Complete Mission Study Survey #1 today by Clicking the link below.

[Mission Study Survey #1](#)



Give On-line
through Tithe.ly:



A Reminder About Giving

FPC family, we want to remind you of the importance of **faithful giving**. Our gifts help support the ministry, mission, and ongoing needs of our church and community. We are grateful for every gift and for your continued generosity. If you haven't had an opportunity to give recently, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. As always, thank you for your generosity and for helping support the ministry and mission of FPC-Noblesville. **Whether you give online, by check, or Tithle.y, we are grateful for your faithful support!**

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary— 103; Households online—19

Pastor Ken will be on vacation from October 5 through October 18.

We welcome to the pulpit on October 18, **Rev Derek Hansen** Chaplain at Riverview hospital.

Remember in your Prayers...



- ♥ **Bob Bill**, fell and broke his hip, had surgery, and is in rehab at Riverwalk.
- ♥ **Bob Zabel**, had additional surgery this past Monday, October 5.
- ♥ **Judith Drysdale**, slow recovery from knee replacement surgery, but doing better.

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

Wendy Bittle
Barbara Landes
Verna Merrell
Rachel Morgan

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*
Joe McGinley – *Hamilton Trace*
GG Nash – *The Crossings of Noblesville*
Carol Stough—*The Crossings of Noblesville*

Events for the Upcoming Week...

OCTOBER 18 THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2026

TODAY 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship
 11:15 am Fellowship Hour
Monday 9:00 am Shepherd's Center
 11:30 am **Women's Lunch at Perkins**
Tuesday
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 6:00 pm **Family Bonfire @Wisely Farm**
Saturday 8:30 am Aerobics
 5:00 pm **Trunk or Treat**
Sunday 9:00 am Adult Sunday School
 10:00 am Worship
 11:15 am Fellowship Hour

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Audio / Video Team: Quinn Teague & Jake Light
 10/25 – Rick Mayhew & Quinn Teague
Nursery: Trish Moore & Robin Story
 10/25 – Karen Perkins-Gale & Laurie Szabo
Lay leader: Paul Auble
 10/25 — Jill Casper
Fellowship hour: **No Host Scheduled**
 10/25 – Gail Ratliff & Linda Melton
In the office: Barb Runyon & Janie Emerson
 secretary@fpc-noblesville.org



It's our anniversary, and the party is **THIS SATURDAY!** If you **plan to come** or **think you can come**, we [appreciate your RSVP.](#)

But please drop by even without an RSVP! We would love to see you.

Date: Saturday, October 17th, 2026
Time: 12 PM - 2 PM
Location: The Portico at College Park Church
Address: [2606 West 96th Street](#)
[Indianapolis, IN 46368](#)

Programming at 12:30 and 1:30

RSVP:

Your RSVP helps us plan for the number of guests. Please let us know you're coming!

- info@lastbell.org or reply to this email
- (317) 524-1616
- or [click here to RSVP online](#)

Details:

- Open-house style; programming with special guest speakers at 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM ~ different speakers at each time
- Light snacks in the style of Ukrainian tea-time
- Indoor/outdoor space
- The programming is aimed at adults, but children are welcome and there's a playground on-site
- Wheelchair-accessible; available seating includes chairs, benches, chairs and tables, etc.
- Last Bell's four Ukrainian directors will be with us: Andriy & Oksana Pankyeyev, Yulia Nesterenko, and Andriy Balanchuk

Through the obedience of His people, God "sets the lonely in families" (Psalm 68:6). Please join us as we celebrate 20 years of making safe places for orphaned youth in Zhytomyr, Ukraine!

Our Contact Information

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Indianapolis, IN 46230
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Our Mission: Loving and restoring orphanage graduates toward life and community.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & FPC FAMILY EVENTS

CALENDAR

FALL & WINTER 2026

AUGUST

- ~~2~~ Recognition & Picnic
- ~~9~~ Sunday School
- ~~16~~ Sunday School
- ~~23~~ Sunday School
- ~~30~~ Sunday School

SEPTEMBER

- ~~6~~ (No Sunday School ALL AGES)
- ~~13~~ Sunday School
- ~~20~~ Sunday School
- ~~27~~ Sunday School (6-12 Hosting Fellowship Hour)

OCTOBER

- ~~4~~ (No Sunday School 6-12)
- ~~11~~ Sunday School
- 18 Sunday School
- 23 FPC Family Bonfire
- 24 Trunk or Treak
- 25 Sunday School

NOVEMBER

- 1 (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 6 FPC Family Chili Cook Off
- 8 Sunday School
- 15 Sunday School
- 22 Sunday School
- 29 Sunday School

DECEMBER

- 6 (No Sunday School 6-12)
- 12 FPC Family Silly Safari at 4pm
- 20 Sunday School
- 24 Christmas Eve Service
- 27 Sunday School



Prayer Blanket Ministry

Guidelines for requesting a Prayer Blanket.

Who is requesting the blanket?

Who is the prayer blanket for? (First Name, Last Name)

How do you know this person?

Why are you requesting the blanket?

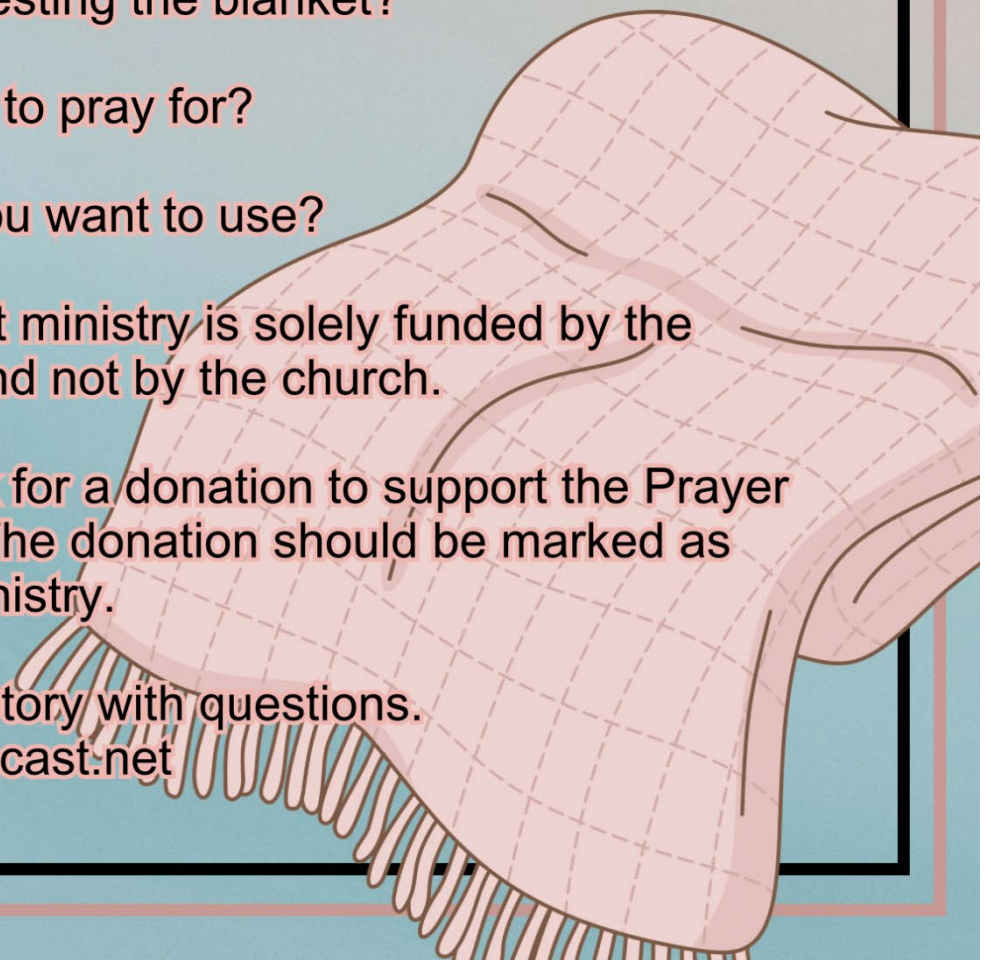
What do you want to pray for?

Any Bible verse you want to use?

The prayer blanket ministry is solely funded by the church brethren and not by the church.

If possible, we ask for a donation to support the Prayer Blanket Ministry. The donation should be marked as Prayer Blanket Ministry.

Contact Marlynn Story with questions.
jimlynnstory@comcast.net
317 431 8467



Weekly Devotion...

1 Corinthians 14:1-12

What's It For?

October 15, 2026

My Beloved -

Though it was important to the young church in Corinth, the gift of speaking in tongues (Glossolalia) is rarely practiced today, being largely limited to a few small, protestant denominations. Nevertheless, Paul's admonishment of the Corinthians is worth meditating on. Paul tells them (and us), that without someone to interpret, speaking in tongues only builds up the individual. Not the church. And for Paul, building up the church, the Body of Christ, is the whole point of spiritual gifts.

We have said before that there are numerous gifts. Some of us have the gift of making beautiful music. Others excel at hospitality. Many people have the gift of food preparation while others may be gifted at organizing a disaster relief effort. Generosity, consistency, fixing things with our hands and remaining calm in a crisis are all wonderful gifts. Likewise, leadership, public speaking, being good with numbers and providing encouragement are important gifts and should be celebrated.

The acid test, though, is whether or not our gifts are building up the church, the Body of Christ. If we are only doing them for ourselves, to make ourselves feel good or look good, they are as useless as speaking in tongues without an interpreter.

What are some of your gifts? Are you using them to build up yourself or to build up the church, the Body of Christ?

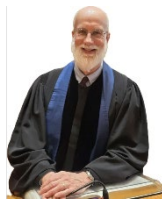
Prayer: Holy God, you have given me many gifts. May I use them now and always not for drawing attention to myself but for building up the community of faith. Amen.

Do you have a question for Pastor Ken?

You can reach him by email at

ken.locke@fpc-noblesville.org

Keep up to date on the interim process at FPC.



[Click here](#)

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

November can be very busy and will be here soon – make sure you have these events on your calendar at home. Group in charge of each event is also listed. More information in upcoming News and Notes.

November 1: Daylight Savings Time ends (Uniform Time Act of 1966)

November 1 & 8: Order your cheeseballs (Mission team)

November 6: Chili Cookoff & Shoebox Packing Party (Youth Directors & PW)

November 7: Baby Pack Packing Breakfast (PW Coordinating team)

November 14: Fall cleanup and Lunch (Properties and Deacons)

November 21: Setup for Thankoffering Dinner & Making Cheeseballs (PW and Mission team)

November 22: ANNUAL CLAUDINE BADER THANKOFFERING DINNER & Cheeseball Distribution (PW and Mission team)

November 26: Thanksgiving & Church office closed

FPC Family Fun Night at Wisely Farm!!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT IS COMING... AND IT'S GOING TO BE HAY-LARIOUS!

Mark your calendars, grab your favorite casserole dish, and prepare your family for an evening of **food, fun, fire, and fluffy Highland cows!**

Friday, October 23

6:00 PM

Wisely Farms: 635 W. 256th, Sheridan, IN

We're having a good old-fashioned **CHURCH FAMILY FUN NIGHT**, featuring:

BONFIRE — because apparently regular fires aren't exciting enough.

PITCH-IN — bring a dish to share! (And yes, we fully support the spiritual gift of going back for seconds.)

HAYRIDE — hold on tight and try not to launch Grandma into the cornfield.

HIGHLAND COWS — because every church event is better with enormous, shaggy cows who look like they're judging your potluck choices.

Bring your family, bring a friend, and **BRING A DISH TO SHARE!** Come hungry. Come ready to laugh. Come ready to make memories. And most importantly... **COME MEET THE COWS.** **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 @ 6:00 PM — WISELY FARMS!** You won't want to miss this night of **FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP & FLUFFY COWS!**



TRUNK OF TREAT TIME!

It's time to turn our church parking lot into the **BEST. TRUNK. PARTY. EVER!**
And we need YOU to make it happen!

WE NEED CANDY!

Lots of it. A LOT a lot. Because apparently children can sense a candy bowl from three parking lots away.

Please start bringing in your favorite individually wrapped treats!

WE NEED DECORATED CARS!

Transform your trunk into a spooky scene, a superhero headquarters, a pumpkin patch, a jungle, a candy wonderland—or whatever creative masterpiece you can dream up!

WE NEED PEOPLE IN COSTUME!

Come dressed up, have fun, and prepare to hand out candy to our little trick-or-treaters. Bonus points for costumes that make people say, “Okay...how did you even think of that?!”

WE NEED YOU!

Whether you donate candy, decorate a trunk, dress up, help with the event, or just show up ready to have a great time, **we want you there!**

Start collecting candy. Start planning your trunk. Start practicing your best spooky voice.

Let's make this Saturday, October 24 a night our community won't forget!

TRUNK OR TREAT — COME READY FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP & A WHOLE LOT OF CANDY!

Leave your candy in the tubs by the Welcome Center!



BEANS, BLESSINGS & BIG COMPETITION!

Friday, November 6 at 7:00 PM

Prepare yourselves for the most anticipated event since the loaves and fishes... **our Annual Chili Cook-Off & Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party!**



 **Think your chili has what it takes?**

Bring your best recipe, your secret ingredients, and your most convincing explanation for why *your* chili deserves the crown. Judges will be watching. Taste buds will be praying. And someone will inevitably say, "Mine isn't spicy," right before reaching for a glass of water.

Then we'll switch gears from chili to shoeboxes!

Together, we'll pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to send gifts, joy, and the love of Jesus to children around the world.

Come for the chili. Stay for the shoeboxes. Leave with a full belly and a happy heart.

And remember:

There are no losers in a chili cook-off... just people who didn't win.  

Bring your appetite, your generosity, and your competitive spirit!

Friday, November 6 • 7:00 PM

 Chili •  Shoeboxes •  Fellowship •  Probably Heartburn



The Holiday Cheese Balls Are Coming!



It's become one of FPC's favorite holiday traditions, and we're excited to bring it back for another delicious season! The Mission Team's Annual Holiday Cheese Ball Sale is your chance to stock up for holiday gatherings, gift-giving, and festive snacking.

Choose from three crowd-pleasing favorites:

- **Classic Bacon & Onion** (*or request "no-onion"*)
- **Vegetarian**
- **Chocolate Chip Dessert**

What to expect:

- Sample all three varieties and pick your favorites during Fellowship Hour on **Sunday, Nov. 1**
- Place your pre-orders **Nov. 1-15**
- Still just **\$12 each**, can be frozen and ready when you need them
- Pick up your order on **Sunday, Nov. 22** after church

Every cheese ball purchased helps support FPC mission projects, making this a delicious way to make a difference. Whether you're carrying on a family tradition or discovering a new favorite, don't miss out, these popular holiday treats go fast!

[Order Your Cheese Balls OnLine!](#)

Minute for Mission

URGENT: Help Care for Our Riverwood Neighbors!

We need your help! If you would be willing to prepare meals, volunteer your time, or assist in coordinating this ministry, please contact **Sue Jourdan**. **There are opportunities to furnish food for lunch next week.**

We are also collecting **\$20 gift cards to local restaurants** that can be distributed directly to Riverwood residents, giving them another option for meals while they work toward returning home.

This is an opportunity for us as a church family to put our faith into action and show the love of Christ to our neighbors when they need it most. **Every meal, gift card, and helping hand can make a difference.**

If you missed the previous articles – click the [Presbyterian Corner](#) above and you can catch up on what you missed on the FPC webpage.

What Is PW?

You may have heard the letters **PW** mentioned around the church and wondered, “What exactly is PW?” PW stands for **Presbyterian Women**, a community of women who come together to grow in faith, serve others, build friendships, and support the mission and ministry of the church. Presbyterian Women is much more than a meeting or a group on the church calendar. It is an opportunity for women of all ages and stages of life to **learn, laugh, pray, serve, and grow together**.

Through Bible study, fellowship, mission projects, special programs, and service to our church and community, PW seeks to put faith into action. Sometimes that means organizing a project to help someone in need. Sometimes it means gathering around a table for fellowship. And sometimes it simply means being there for one another with a listening ear, a helping hand, or a prayer.

At its heart, PW is about **faith, friendship, and service**. It is a place where women can connect with one another while making a difference in the lives of others.

So, if you’ve ever thought, “*I wonder what PW is all about?*”—come and find out! **There’s always room at the table, and we’d love to have you join us.**

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month in the church fellowship hall at 7:00 pm.

2026 Coordinating Team Members:

Co-Moderators: Catherine Byrnside & Pam Layman

Treasurer: Barb Runyon

Secretary: Trisha McDermand

Mission: LeeAnn Stein

Outreach: Jan McConnell

Rummage Sale: Cynthia Fremling

Bake Sale: Sue Jourdan

Search: GG Nash, Ann Green, Marylynn story, Sandi Blackburn

Members at large: Pam Wesley, Jana Zeiler, Jill Casper, Anne Fowler, Kelly Wuerch

Click here for more information on the [Presbyterian Women](#)



SUNDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

DESPERATE PLEA FOR HELP!

Calling all brave, willing, and moderately organized Presbyterians! 😊

We still have **SIX Sundays in 2026** that need Fellowship Hosts. Here are the dates:

- **October 18**
- **November 15**
- **November 29**
- **December 6**
- **December 20**
- **December 27**



We interrupt your regularly scheduled church announcements with a **DESPERATE PLEA FOR HELP!**

We are **DESPERATELY** looking for fellowship hosts for **Sunday, October 18!**

Yes... we said desperate.

Yes... we are begging.

No... we are not above bribery.

Our fellowship time is in danger of becoming a gathering of people staring awkwardly at an empty table. And nobody wants that. All you need to do is provide a little something for everyone to enjoy—coffee, snacks, treats, breakfast goodies, or whatever your heart (and grocery budget) can handle. Remember to find a friend or two or three to help!

So please, PLEASE consider signing up to host on **Sunday, October 18**. Be the hero our fellowship hour desperately needs. **Seriously. We're begging. PLEASE SAVE FELLOWSHIP HOUR.** If you can help, please let us know! **Your church family—and our empty fellowship table—thank you!**

See Catherine Byrnside in the kitchen and sign up to be a fellowship host – become the person who saves the Fellowship Hour!

Calling All Lay Leaders!!!

Do you enjoy helping with worship? We're still looking for a few wonderful folks to serve as **Lay Leaders for Sunday Worship**.

No special superpowers required—just a willing heart and a little time!

If you're willing to help lead, read, assist, or serve in worship, please let us know.

Many hands make light work—and worship is better when we all participate!

Thank you to everyone who helps make our Sunday worship special!

Sign up to be a lay leader and help make our worship service special! If interested, contact Susan Clark at sclark2428@yahoo.com.



“The Chosen” Small Group

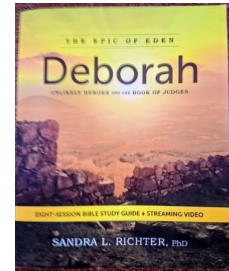
Bob and Trish Moore will be hosting a Small Group in their home based on the popular television series "The Chosen". We are now on Season 2. We will watch an episode and then follow with discussion. The meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning September 15th. New members are welcome to join us at any point in the series! If you are interested in joining, please email bobtrishmoore@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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. If you would like to join the Circle or have questions, please contact Catherine Byrnside at nobleswynd@yahoo.com

Adult Sunday School

For October 18, the Adult SS Class will view the 29-minute, Session 2 of the DEBORAH DVD series by Sandra Richter, PhD, entitled: "Arriving and Obeying are not the same thing".

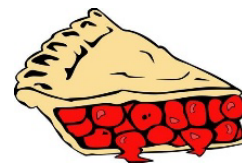


This Bible study draws you immediately into the grand story of Deborah and challenges you, as a Christ follower, to ask yourself the same questions God asked of Deborah and Barak.

The class meets in the adult classroom downstairs directly under church office at 9:00 am.

Men's Fellowship Luncheons

The FPC men's luncheons are on the 2nd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Stephen Craig. Signup 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 on the 3rd Monday of each month at Perkins Restaurant. Any questions see Marlynn Story. Signup 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.**

♥ Operation Christmas Child ♥

Thanks for all the wonderful donations!

This summer has been a great collection for the Christmas Shoebox Ministry!

Thank you! **We have the month of October to really finalize the collection.**

Things were gathered this week, and we found some items that might be a little short: **small writing tablets, coloring books, band-aids, comb and brushes, jump ropes, slinky, wash cloths, underwear, and socks.** Please consider purchasing a few items to complete the Shoe Boxes. If you have any questions – see Ann Green

For More Information Check Out Our New Community Page



AROUND TOWN

Find out what's going on in your community. From BBQs to Community Band Concerts, you can support many charitable organizations in the Hamilton County area.

<https://fpc-noblesville.org/community>

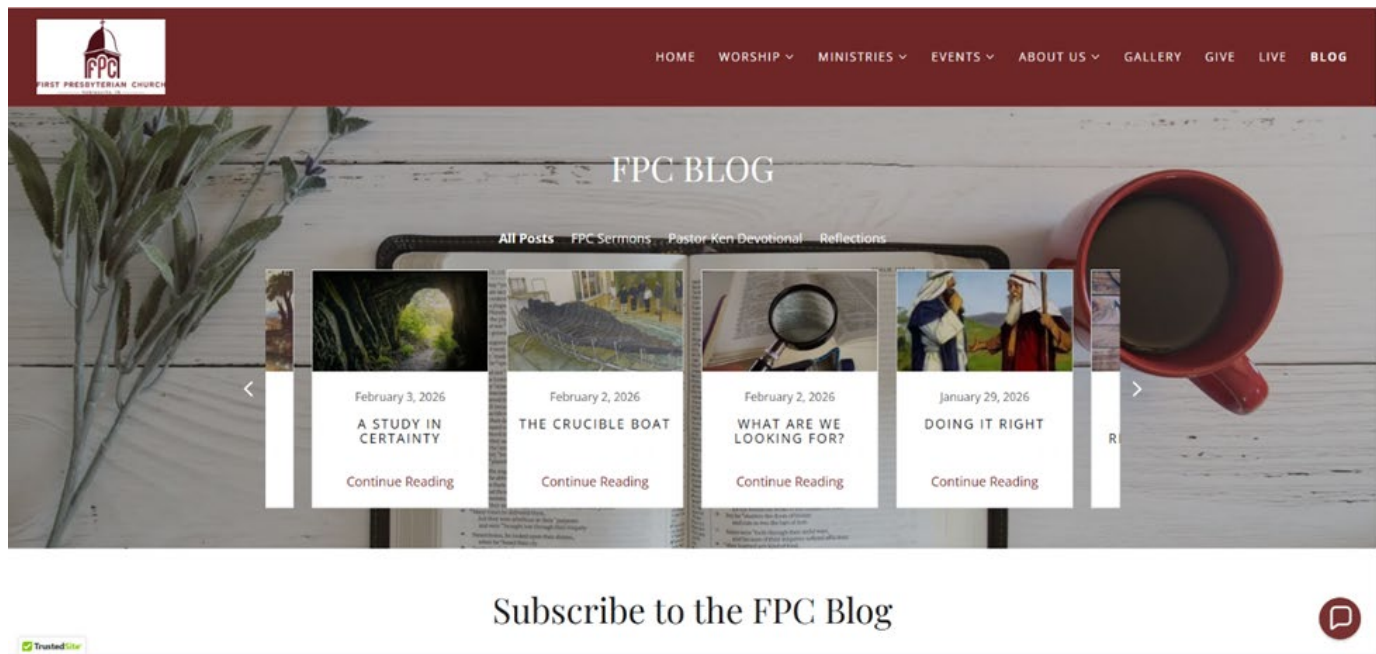
Stay Informed...

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!



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, Lenton 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!