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MISSION STUDY SURVEY #1 – DUE TODAY!!!

The Mission Study Team has developed two surveys for our congregation to complete. These surveys are an important part of helping us understand who we are as a congregation and where God may be leading us in the future. **Every member’s input is important. Please take a few minutes to complete the first survey** and prayerfully share your thoughts. Your participation will help shape the future of our church. **Survey #1 is attached to TODAY’S Live Sunday Service email. There are paper copies of survey #1 at the Welcome Center. Survey 1 due TODAY!**

OCTOBER HENDERSON MISSION TRIP

Six of our members are signed up and ready to serve at the Henderson Settlement this week: Lamar and Kay Ziegler, Dave and Karen McCord, Claudia MacRae, and Brian Clifford. Keep these 6 in your thoughts and prayers.

“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 evening at 7:00pm.** 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult class will begin an 8-week series on **Deborah the only female judge in the book of Judges**. Everyone is welcome to join.

HOLIDAY CHEESEBALLS ARE COMING SOON!

Roll into the holidays with the FPC Mission Team’s Annual Holiday Cheese Ball Sale! Perfect for parties, gifts, or just treating yourself, our homemade favorites are back: Classic Bacon & Onion, Vegetarian, and the sweet Chocolate Chip Dessert.

Sample during Fellowship Hour on Nov. 1, pre-order Nov. 1–15, then pick up on Nov. 22 after church. Still just \$12 each, frozen, and ready when you are. Every cheeseball supports FPC mission projects.

URGENT: HELP CARE FOR OUR RIVERWOOD NEIGHBORS

We need your help! If you would be willing to prepare meals, volunteer your time, purchase a \$20 gift card to a local restaurant, or assist in coordinating this ministry, **please contact Sue Jourdan**.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

We still need a few specific items for the shoeboxes. **Please check the list of items needed in the current News and Notes.**

ANNUAL FAMILY HAY RIDE & BONFIRE AT MARK WISELY’S FARM...

Join us for fun and fellowship **Friday, October 23, 2026!** We are having a pitch-in, **Hotdogs & water will be provided.** Bring a side dish and lawn chair. **Wisely Farm: 635 W. 256th St. Sheridan, IN 46069.**

TRUNK OR TREAT...

We will have our Annual **Trunk or Treat** event **Saturday, October 24, 2026** from 5—6:30 pm in the church parking lot. Hotdog dinner will be provided. **Sign up at the Welcome Center.**



GIVE ONLINE
THROUGH TITHE.LY

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

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	Wisely Farm Bonfire
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

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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 10/25 – Gail Ratliff & Linda Melton
In the office:	Oct: Barb Runyon & Janie Emerson secretary@fpc-noblesville.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ♥ **Bob Bill**, fall and broke his hip, had surgery, and is in rehab at Riverwalk.
- ♥ **Bob Zabel**, 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	Dorothy Etchison— <i>Independence Village</i>
Barbara Landes	Joe McGinley – <i>Hamilton Trace</i>
Verna Merrell	GG Nash – <i>The Crossings of Noblesville</i>
Rachel Morgan	Carol Stough— <i>The Crossings of Noblesville</i>



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OCTOBER 18, 2026
21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SESSION		DEACONS
Laurie Szabo	Christian Education	Anne Burress
Barb Runyon	Evangelism	Jill Casper
Mark Wisely	Finance	Cheryl Ditzler
Jennie Auble	Mission	Brenda Christian
Bob Moore	Planning	Clint Gingerich
Peggy Deakyne	Personnel /Nom.	Andrea Joines
Steve Runyon	Properties	Linda Melton
Rick Mayhew	Worship	Gail Ratliff
Karen McCord	Clerk	Robin Rufatto
Ken Locke	Moderator	Quinn Teague
		Debbie Wilson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2026

21st 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

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “Kum Ba Yah: Someone’s Praying, Lord” Clarice Stegall, Organist
John A. Behnke

COMISSIONING TO MISSIONARY SERVICE

† CALL TO WORSHIP Lay Leader: Paul Auble
L: Praise the Lord. Give thanks for God's goodness.
P: God's steadfast love endures forever.
L: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.
P: Save us, O Lord, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.
All: Come and worship God!

† OPENING HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” #23

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION
P: Lord Jesus, Today we ask for your forgiveness for living without your presence in our lives: for relying on our own achievements; for believing that we are the architects of our own destiny; for living as though you have no place in our modern world. Forgive us, restore us, renew us and equip us to do Your will on earth, until the dawning of your heavenly Kingdom. Help us to find the riches of your grace, as we study your word, and meet with you in prayer. Amen.
(Time for Silent Confession)

† WORDS OF ASSURANCE
L: Because Jesus went to the Cross, our sins are forgiven. God’s steadfast love endures forever.
P: Praise be to God!

† 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. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM “God Thou Art Love” Chancel Choir
(Browning/Courtney) Linda Rosen, Piano

God’s Word is Proclaimed

TIME WITH CHILDREN
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School)

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Breathe on Me Breath of God” #393

MESSAGE “The Foundation of Christianity” Chaplain Derek Hansen

We Respond to God’s Word

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 your joys and concerns brief. This is a time for prayer.)

OFFERING
OFFERTORY “Kum Ba Yah: Someone’s Praying, Lord” John A. Behnke
† 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: God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too.
P: May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

† CLOSING HYM “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #33

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

POSTLUDE “Kum Ba Yah: Someone’s Praying, Lord” John A. Behnke

†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 Chaplain Derek Hansen to the pulpit today.

OUTLINE

The Foundation of Christianity
John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (NIV)

John 17:26 (Jesus' High Priestly Prayer)

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." (NIV)

Romans 5:8

Three characteristics of this love that Jesus commands we should have for one another:

1. Love Is Not An Option--It Is A R_____. (:34)
"A new command I give you: Love one another."
2. Love Is Not An Abstract Idea, It Is A Matter Of F_____ His Example (v. 34).
"As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

A. His love is s_____.

B. His love is m_____.

C. His love is u_____.

D. His love is full of positive e_____ for us.
3. Love T_____ The World Who We Are. (:35) "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God."
(1 John 4:7)

God is love. May we live that love (agape) to each other and to the world!

How are you going to radically love someone, in the name of Jesus, today? This week?