



News & Notes

October 1, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“What's A Law For?”

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Matthew 21:33–41

Pastor Ken Locke

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

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— 131; Households online— 24

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

We welcome to the pulpit on October 11 **Andriy Pankyeyev** Last Bell Ministries Director from Ukraine and on October 18 **Rev Derek Hansen** Chaplain at Riverview hospital.

THANK YOU, JANIE!!!

We are so grateful for the eight plus years of faithful service you have given to our church. Your dedication and willingness to serve have touched so many lives and have been a blessing to our church family. Thank you for all you have done, and may God richly bless you in the years ahead! But don't worry you will still see Janie from time to time; she will be the substitute secretary in October.

Janie will be in the office from Monday, October 12 through Friday, October 23. As always, you can reach the church office by phone 317-773-2383 or at secretary@fpc-noblesville.org.

Remember in your Prayers...

- ♥ **Ed and Judy Adams**, on the passing of their youngest son, John.
- ♥ **Tena Nash**, on the passing of Tena's husband **Tim**. Funeral service will be on October 10 at FPC-Noblesville.
- ♥ **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—*Independence Village*

Barbara Landes

Joe McGinley – *Hamilton Trace*

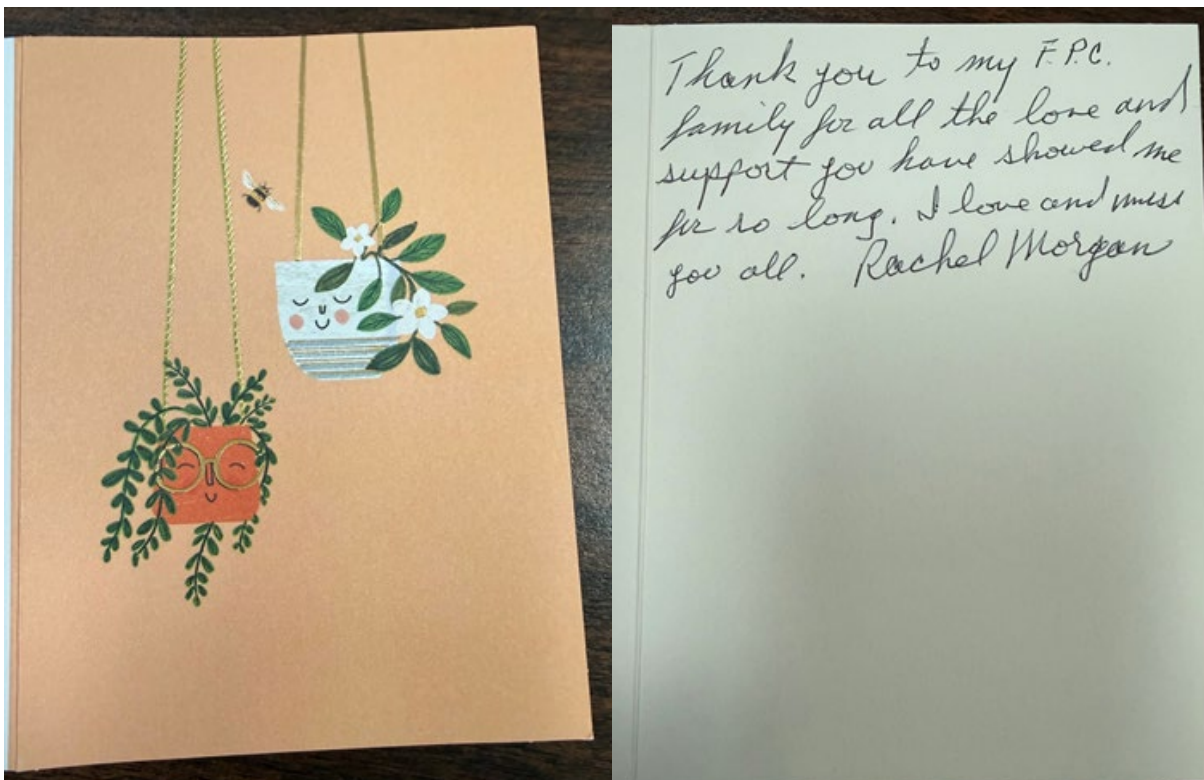
Verna Merrell

GG Nash – *The Crossings of Noblesville*

Rachel Morgan

Carol Stough—*The Crossings of Noblesville*

From our dear friend, Rachel Morgan!



Events for the Upcoming Week...

OCTOBER 4 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2026

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School today
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Worship Committee Meeting
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
	12:30 pm	Planning Committee Meeting
	6:00 pm	Bridge Group
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
	6:30 pm	Historical Society Meeting
Wednesday		Parking Lot Resealing
	8:30 am	Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Date Change)
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
	12:00 pm	Tim Nash Celebration of Life
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Pitch-in Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Deacon's Meeting

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Audio / Video Team:	Nathan Roe & Clint Gingerich 10/11 – Jake Light & Nathan Roe
Nursery:	Barb Runyon & Ann Green 10/11 – Susie Zabel & LeeAnn Stein
Lay leader:	Susie Zabel 10/11 — Robin Rufatto
Fellowship hour:	Sandi Blackburn & Adult Sunday School 10/11 – Birthday & Mission Team
In the office:	Barb Runyon secretary@fpc-noblesville.org



Church Parking Lot Will Be CLOSED

Our church parking lot is getting a little **much-needed TLC!** For **two days**, the parking lot will be **CLOSED** while we reseal and repaint those beautiful parking spaces. So, if you show up and the lot looks like a giant "DO NOT ENTER" sign... **please listen.**



**Closed: Wednesday, October 7 and
Wednesday, October 14**



Reason: Resealing & painting



Plan: Please use street parking.

We promise it'll be worth it. Soon, our parking lot will be smoother, fresher, and have lines so straight they might even inspire us to walk a little straighter.

Thanks for your patience—and please **don't test whether the new paint is actually dry.**

After all, if our church is going to shine for our future new pastor, **our parking lot should get in on the action too!**

See you at church!

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

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH!

We want to give a HUGE **THANK YOU** to our amazing youth and their teachers for making Fellowship Hour such a success!

Thank you for **bringing all the delicious food, setting everything up, serving, and cleaning up afterward.** You all worked hard—and somehow managed to leave the church looking like nobody had been there!



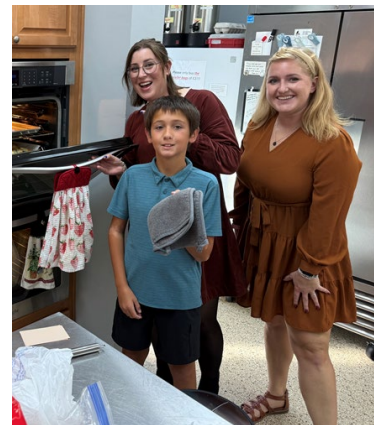
We truly appreciate your time, energy, and willingness to serve. You proved that our youth can **feed a crowd, set a table, and clean up a mess**—now that's a blessing! 🙌❤️

We are so proud of each of you and thankful for all that you do for our church family.

May God continue to bless you—and may He bless whoever had to wash all those dishes! 😊❤️

With love and appreciation,
THANK YOU, YOUTH!

You are truly a blessing to our church family! 🙏



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?

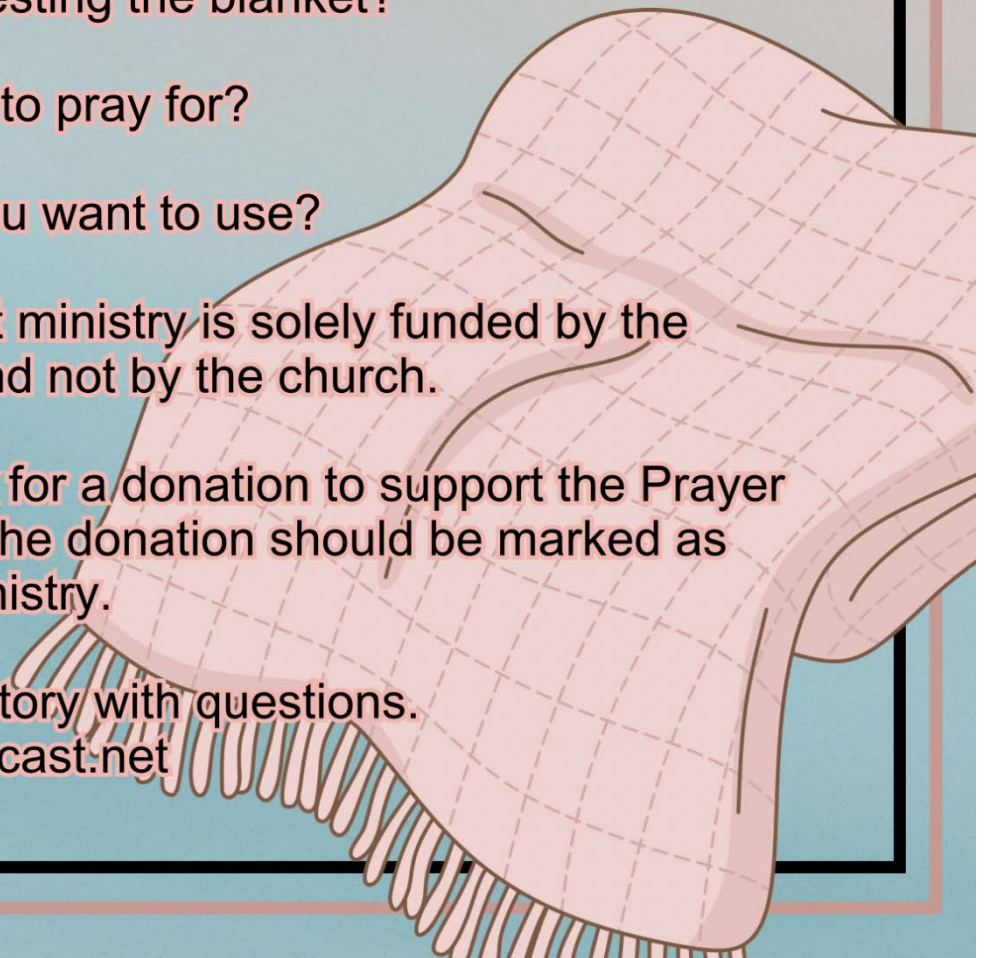
What do you want to pray for?

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



Welcome New Members Reagan and Ben!



Please join us this Sunday as we receive into membership Reagan Zepp and Ben Sandahl. Reagan and Ben are residents of Noblesville and have been friends since the 6th grade. Both are graduates of Noblesville High School, and both are sophomores at Ball State University. Reagan is majoring in Meteorology and Ben is majoring in pre-med. Both have been attending regularly since the beginning of the summer.

We are delighted to welcome Reagan and Ben into our church membership! We rejoice in having these two young men as part of our church family and look forward to growing together in faith, fellowship, and service to the Lord.



Reagan Zepp



Ben Sandahl

Mission Study Survey 1 — Your Voice Matters

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.

For the next two Sunday's, October 4 and 11 survey #1 will be attached to the Live Sunday Service email and the survey will be in the next two News and Notes (10/8 and 10/15). There are paper copies of survey #1 at the Welcome Center.

Survey #1 must be back by Sunday, October 18.

Please make completing the Mission Study Survey a priority.

NOBLESVILLE: OUR TOWN

Mission Study Presentation 2 RECAP:



Noblesville is a vibrant, welcoming, and rapidly growing community located approximately 25 miles north of Indianapolis and serving as the county seat of Hamilton County. Once a small community, Noblesville now has a population of more than 75,000. Despite significant growth, the city has worked to preserve its historic

character, most notably its beautiful downtown courthouse square, surrounded by locally owned shops, restaurants, cultural events, and community gathering places.

Noblesville is known for its strong public schools, highly educated population, and healthy economy. Noblesville Schools serve more than 10,000 students through seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and Noblesville High School. The community has high household incomes, low poverty and unemployment, and a diverse range of employment opportunities, with major employers including Riverview Health, Noblesville Schools, SMC, GE Healthcare, and other manufacturing and medical companies.

The city offers numerous opportunities for recreation and community life. Residents enjoy seven city parks, more than 600 miles of regional trails, Morse Reservoir, the White River, golf courses, youth sports, farmers markets, festivals, concerts, and a growing arts community. Federal Hill Commons, Forest Park, Ruoff Music Center, and the historic downtown are popular gathering places.

Noblesville also provides a wide variety of housing, from established neighborhoods and historic homes to apartments, townhomes, condominiums, and new developments.

With numerous churches and faith communities, Noblesville is a community where relationships and service are important. **First Presbyterian Church has intentionally remained a downtown church**, providing an opportunity to minister among the people, businesses, families, and organizations that make Noblesville a growing and changing community.

Summary:

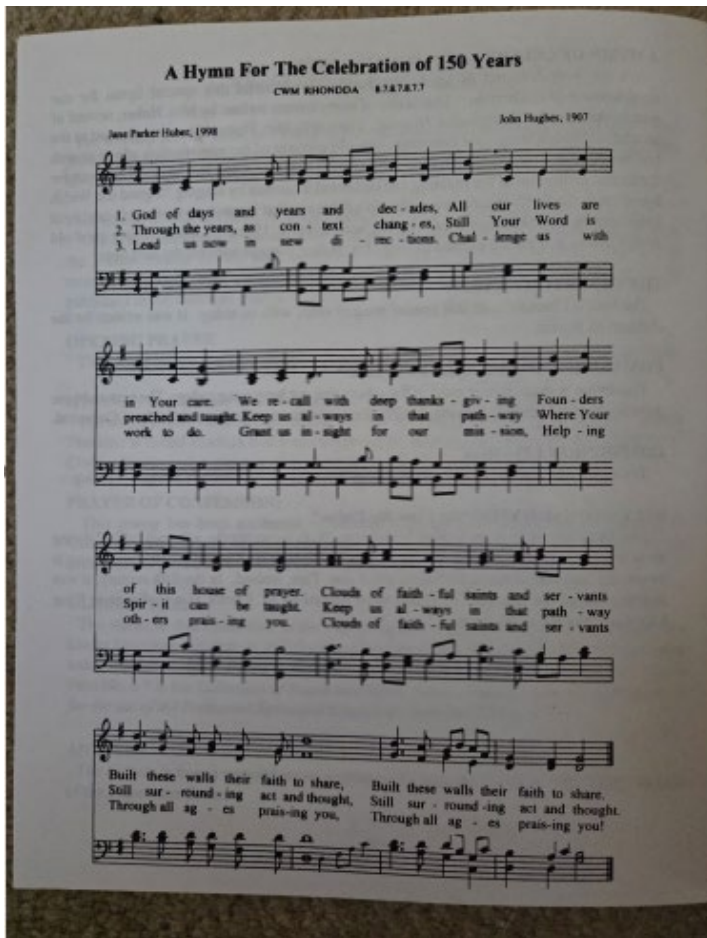
Noblesville is a growing and thriving community with a small-town feel. We have easy access to major Interstates and the amenities of Indianapolis. The quality of our schools, safety, employment and recreational opportunities all make Noblesville an attractive destination for anyone seeking a place to live, work, and raise a family.

You can watch last Sunday's presentation below:

[Mission Study Team Presentations 2](#)

Mission Study Team: Paul Auble, Mark Boxberger, Sherry Faust, and Jake Light.
The team is guided by Pastor Ken Locke.

From the Church Archives....



In 1998, the church celebrated its 150th Birthday. The church's membership in 1998 was 283. It was a yearlong celebration. In February of 1998, the Historical Committee invited everyone to a gigantic birthday party. We began with a pitch-in dinner after the church service on February 8th. Twelve birthday cakes (one for each month) were given away in a random drawing. The congregation continued the celebration with a display setup with "Pages from Our Past". Everyone had a wonderful time matching pictures from the past with the faces of current members. We ended the game with two winners. Celebrating with song, the committee focused

on our music ministry with a display about our beautiful pipe organ and the organists who played it. We called this display: "Blest be the tie that binds...." Our music ministry has always been a blessing reaching the ears of many over the years. It was important in our past; it continues to be a blessing in our present and hopefully it will continue to fill our ears with the sound of music in the years to come. **To celebrate this special year, Jane Parker Huber wrote a special hymn for our church.**

On May 17, 1998, Heritage Sunday, we "officially" celebrated our 150th birthday by hosting a dinner after the church service. Eight former ministers of the church and their spouses were specially invited to join us for this special time. Many past members, who had been invited to the celebration, also joined us for the day. The timeline was on the wall, **our hymn was sung**, our past ministers participated in the church service, memories were relived, old friends reunited, and a great time was had by all who were present including first-time visitors who were wondering what is going on?

FEMA Community Outreach

Our community has been deeply impacted by the recent flooding, with many families experiencing significant loss of belongings and damage to their homes. We are grateful that **two FEMA representatives recently visited our church to connect with and support members of our community** during this difficult time.

If you or someone you know has been affected by the flood and needs assistance with recovery or home repairs, please take advantage of the resources available through FEMA. **You do not have to face this recovery alone.**

What Is FEMA?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) helps individuals, families, and communities recover after major disasters such as floods, storms, and other emergencies. FEMA may provide financial assistance and other resources to help with temporary housing, essential needs, home repairs, and recovery expenses for those who qualify.

FEMA also works with state and local agencies and community organizations to connect people with available assistance. If you have been affected by the recent flooding, reaching out to FEMA can help you learn what resources and assistance may be available to you.

Three Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid

Online [Disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov)

Call 800-621-FEMA (3362)

FEMA APP

There is a packet of information on the Welcome Center.

Weekly Devotion...

Acts 9:36-43

Building Up

October 1, 2026

My Beloved,

In the town of Joppa, a few miles NW of Jerusalem, there was a disciple named Tabitha (Aramaic for *Gazelle*). Tabitha was wealthy enough that she could spend her time and money on making clothes for the widows, generally the poorest people, in her community. In an era long before social safety nets, Tabitha's death was not only a personal loss to the community but a serious financial loss to those at the bottom of the ladder.

At this time, Peter was in Lydda, about 10 miles from Joppa. Two disciples hurriedly made their way there and asked Peter to return with them. The practice at this time was to bury someone the same day they died so haste was important.

With not a moment to lose, Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived in Joppa, he found Tabitha already washed and ready for burial. Several of the widows were there wearing clothes Tabitha had made for them. These may have been the only clothes they had.

After shooing everyone from the room (the Greek implies he had to use force), Peter knelt down and prayed. Then, echoing Jesus' words in Mark 5:41, Peter restored Tabitha to life. We can only imagine the rejoicing!

The story concludes, almost with a postscript, that Peter stayed in Joppa with a man named Simon, a tanner. In the next chapter we'll learn that Simon's house was by the sea.

A few things make this text stand out for me. First, notice that no one lauds Tabitha's piety. They're not talking about how many hours she spent in prayer or how often she made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. Rather, they are celebrating how she used her time and resources to aid the poorest of the poor.

I'm all in favor of having a rich prayer life and spending time in worship. Don't misunderstand me. But when we die, what will people say about us? Will they remember us for how we used our resources to build up the community? Not many of us can sew a set of clothes anymore, but are we supporting the charities that clothe the poorest of the poor? Are we supporting the food ministries helping people who are struggling? Are we supporting the reading programs that are ending generational poverty? Are we making as much difference to our community as Tabitha made to hers? Will people lament our passing as the widows lamented Tabitha's?

Finally, let's look at Peter. He stayed with Simon, a tanner, one who works in leather. At this time, urine was an important part of the tanning process. Soaking the leather in urine helped remove the hair and made it pliable. In the

hot sun, you can imagine how much a tanner's workplace (their home) stank. No wonder he lived by the sea!

Peter had just raised an important woman from the dead. He could have stayed anywhere. If he had wanted a suite at the local 4-star hotel they would have found one for him. But instead, he stayed at one of the most humble places we can imagine. Peter knew that it was God who did the heavy lifting, not him. He did not let his new prestige go to his head.

When God works through us to build up the community, pulling up the lowest and least powerful, how should we respond to the thanks that inevitably come our way?

Depending on our circumstances, our text today brings different messages to each of us. For those of us who have enough time and disposable income to build up those around us, Tabitha and Peter are good role models.

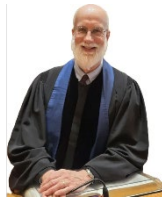
Pastor Ken.

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](#)

FPC Family Fun Night at Wisely Farm!!

Grab the family, your favorite dish to share, and your best flannel because we're heading to **Wisely Farms on Friday, October 23** for an evening of **FIRE, FOOD, HAYRIDES & HIGHLAND COWS!** Look for more information in the upcoming News and Notes!

We'll have:

BONFIRE – because sitting around a giant fire is basically therapy.

PITCH-IN – bring a dish to share and prepare to judge everyone else's cooking skills silently.

HAYRIDES – hold on tight and try not to lose a family member along the way!

HIGHLAND COWS – because nothing says "family outing" quite like hanging out with giant, fluffy cows with better hair than all of us.

Friday, October 23 at 6:00 pm

Wisely Farms

Come hungry. Come ready to laugh. Come prepared for hay in places hay should never be. And most importantly, **come ready for a good old-fashioned family night!** ❤️

Bring a dish. Bring the family. Bring your appetite.

We'll see you around the fire!





TRUNK OF TREAT TIME!

It's officially time to prepare for **TRUNK OR TREAT!** We are currently accepting **candy donations** because apparently the children expect us to provide an unreasonable amount of sugar in exchange for saying "Trick or Treat."

So, please start bringing in your **bags, buckets, and Costco-sized quantities of candy!** The more candy, the happier the tiny trick-or-treaters—and the more likely they are to leave our trunks without launching a revolt.

But wait... there's more! You also need to **decorate your trunk!** We're talking lights, spooky stuff, ridiculous creativity, and enough Halloween spirit to make your vehicle look like it has been possessed by Martha Stewart.

Leave your candy in the tubs by the Welcome Center!

Your mission:

- 🍬 Donate candy
- 🚗 Decorate your trunk
- 👻 Bring your best Halloween creativity
- 😂 Prepare to make it hilariously awesome

Candy + Creativity + Creepiness = One EPIC Trunk or Treat! Now go forth and acquire the candy!

Your trunk—and hundreds of tiny candy goblins—are counting on you! 👻

Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 24 – more information coming!



Minute for Mission

Flood Disaster Update

The newly formed **Hamilton County Long Term Recovery Group 2026** (LTRG) is a coalition of local nonprofits, faith-based organizations, businesses, and community volunteers working together to help Hamilton County residents recover from the 2026 flooding.

LTRG picks up where insurance, FEMA, and other assistance leave off — connecting homeowners and renters with disaster case management, volunteer labor, construction help, donated goods, and emotional and spiritual care until they're back in their homes or on stable footing.

We are community built and community driven, guided by the “4 C’s”: Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, and Collaboration. Local government agencies advise our work but don’t run it — the LTRG is led by the organizations and volunteers who call Hamilton County home.

To learn more about volunteering, visit <https://hcltrg26.org/> or contact Jennie Auble aublej@comcast.net



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.**

2026 "Sending Our Love" Last Bell Ministries Winter-Wear Collection



Last Bell Ministries – A ministry dedicated to loving and empowering orphanage graduates in Zhytomyr, Ukraine, working to end the generational orphanage cycle.

<https://lastbell.org/>

Thank you everyone that donated items, sorted items, and packed these boxes. You donated 589 items that included shoes, clothing, and wish list requests. All were lovingly packed in the eight boxes. **THANK YOU, ALL!**

It's our anniversary
and you're invited!



LAST BELL MINISTRIES

Date: Saturday, October 17th, 2026
Time: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: The Portico at College Park Church
Address: 2606 West 96th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Programming at 12:30 and 1:30

*Twenty Years of Making Safe
Places for Orphaned Youth*

RSVP:

Your RSVP helps us plan for the number of guests. Please let us know you're coming! (But if you forget to RSVP, please come anyway.) :)

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



On Sunday, October 11, Andriy Pankyeyev, Last Bell Ministries Director in Ukraine will be our pulpit supply. Please take a few minutes and read about Last Bell Ministries over the past 20 years.

Last Bell's ministry with orphaned youth began at Orphanage #4, where staff built relationships with children and especially with teens preparing to graduate. When the orphanage closed in 2012, the children were moved to rural orphanages, and access to them became much more difficult. Many young people were eventually placed in foster care, while others remained in state care without knowing or trusting Last Bell. The staff refused to give up. Recognizing that many young people aging out of care were placed in trade schools and technical colleges in Zhytomyr, they began reaching out to school social workers and administrators. In 2015, this effort became known as Educational Outreach and became an important first point of contact with orphaned teens.

Today, Last Bell has relationships with all thirteen significant trade schools and colleges in Zhytomyr, as well as its three universities. During a recent visit, staff continued this outreach even when an air raid sent them and the students into a bomb shelter. Rather than canceling the gathering, the staff created a welcoming space through conversation, games, and simply being present. These visits often become the beginning of lasting relationships that lead young people to the Day Center, mentors, community resources, and local churches. God's love was already present in those places, but these young people experienced that love because God's people showed up. **Thank you for being part of that ministry through your prayers, gifts, and service—and for continuing to show up for orphaned youth.**

Marguerite Havard
Executive Director

Abbreviated report from Marguerite Havard



Pitch-In Fellowship Hour

Sunday, October 11th

11:00 - Fellowship Hall

Join our friends from Last Bell Ministries, Zhytomyr, Ukraine, to celebrate "20 years of Making Safe Places for Orphaned Youth".

- The Mission Team is providing the main dish
- Please bring your favorite USA side dish to share
- It is Birthday Sunday, so cake will be provided by Fellowship Team
- Join us for an informal meet & greet with Andrey & Oksana Pankyeyev

PRESBYTERIAN CORNER

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 Presbytery?

Have you ever wondered what the word “**Presbytery**” means? As Presbyterians, we often hear the word, but it can be easy to overlook what an important part of our church life it represents. The word “Presbytery” comes from an ancient Greek word meaning “elder.” In the Presbyterian Church, a presbytery is a gathering of elders and pastors from a group of congregations who work together in ministry, mission, leadership, and mutual support.

A presbytery is a group of Presbyterian congregations that work together in ministry, mission, and mutual support. Rather than each congregation standing on its own, Presbyterian churches are connected to one another through a larger church family.

Our congregation, Noblesville First Presbyterian Church, is part of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, which serves Presbyterian congregations throughout central and eastern Indiana. Whitewater Valley currently includes dozens of churches and new worshipping communities, stretching across a large area of the state.

So, what does the Presbytery actually do?

The Presbytery helps churches with matters such as pastoral leadership, ministry, mission, Christian formation, and church governance. It provides opportunities for pastors and elders from different congregations to meet, learn from one another, make decisions together, and support one another in ministry. Presbytery also plays an important role when churches are seeking pastoral leadership or navigating significant transitions.

One of the distinctive things about Presbyterianism is that we are a connectional church. We belong to something larger than our individual congregation. When representatives from Noblesville First participate in Presbytery meetings, they are not simply representing our church—they are joining with brothers and sisters from other Presbyterian congregations to discern how God is calling us to serve together.

Whitewater Valley Presbytery describes its role as being “a catalyst for equipping leaders to inspire healthy, bold, Christ-centered communities.”

That is a good reminder that Presbytery is more than an organizational structure. It is one way we live out the truth that the church is bigger than any one congregation. We are connected, we support one another, and together we seek to share Christ’s love throughout our communities and beyond.

Noblesville First Presbyterian Church is grateful to be part of that larger Presbyterian family.

Click here for more information on the [Whitewater Valley Presbytery](#)

URGENT! LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS TODAY

FPC HENDERSON SETTLEMENT WORK CAMP

MISSION TRIP

OCTOBER 18-22 OR OCTOBER 18-23, 2026

This is a second opportunity for any FPC fellowship persons or friends to SERVE at the Henderson Settlement this year. **Six of our members are signed up and ready to serve at the Henderson Settlement in October: Lamar and Kay Zeigler, Dave and Karen McCord, Claudia MacRae, and Brian Clifford.** Keep these 6 in your thoughts and prayers.

The cost for the trip is \$257.25 (10.18-22) or \$319.75 (10.18-23), plus transportation (carpooling). Proof of personal medical insurance and trip fees are required with the application.

Henderson Settlement (Frakes, Kentucky), is a mountain outreach ministry of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Settlement has a number of outreach and construction ministries where volunteers are needed.

Team member applications with housing preferences are available in the Communications Center for more information.

For more information, contact Lamar Ziegler, Trip Leader, at 317-432-4621 or laziegler48@gmail.com.

If you are interested – download the documents, click the link below:

HENDERSON WORK CAMP -2

Reservations will close TODAY, October 1, 2026. If you would like to go, please contact Lamar Ziegler at 317-432-4621 TODAY!!!!!!



SUNDAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Fellowship Hour Hosts Needed

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**



What does a Fellowship Host do? Nothing too scary! It involves **bringing in the food, setting things up, and cleaning up afterward**. And, of course, there's the very important job of enjoying fellowship with our church family!

You don't have to be a gourmet chef, and you don't have to do it alone. Grab a friend, family member, or fellow church member and make it a team effort. Store-bought cookies absolutely count as food, and coffee is always a crowd-pleaser! ☕ 🍪

Fellowship time is an important part of our church life. It gives us a chance to linger, share a cup of coffee, enjoy something to eat, and get to know one another beyond our Sunday morning pews.

So please consider signing up for one of these Sundays. Otherwise, we may have to resort to putting a sign on the fellowship table that says, *"Please feed yourselves."* 😊
Six Sundays. Six opportunities to serve. Who's in?

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? Do you have a pleasant reading voice? And most importantly... **can you find the microphone?** 😄

We're looking for a few good folks to help with readings, prayers, and scripture during the Worship service.

Don't worry—you don't have to be a professional. We'll give you the words, the instructions, and probably a reminder or two from your fellow church ladies. 😊

So come on and volunteer! **You could be the person standing up front next Sunday wondering why you agreed to this.** 😊

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.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult class will continue their series on Samuel. Everyone is welcome to join. **The class meets in the adult classroom downstairs directly under church office at 9:00 am.**

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

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.

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.

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>

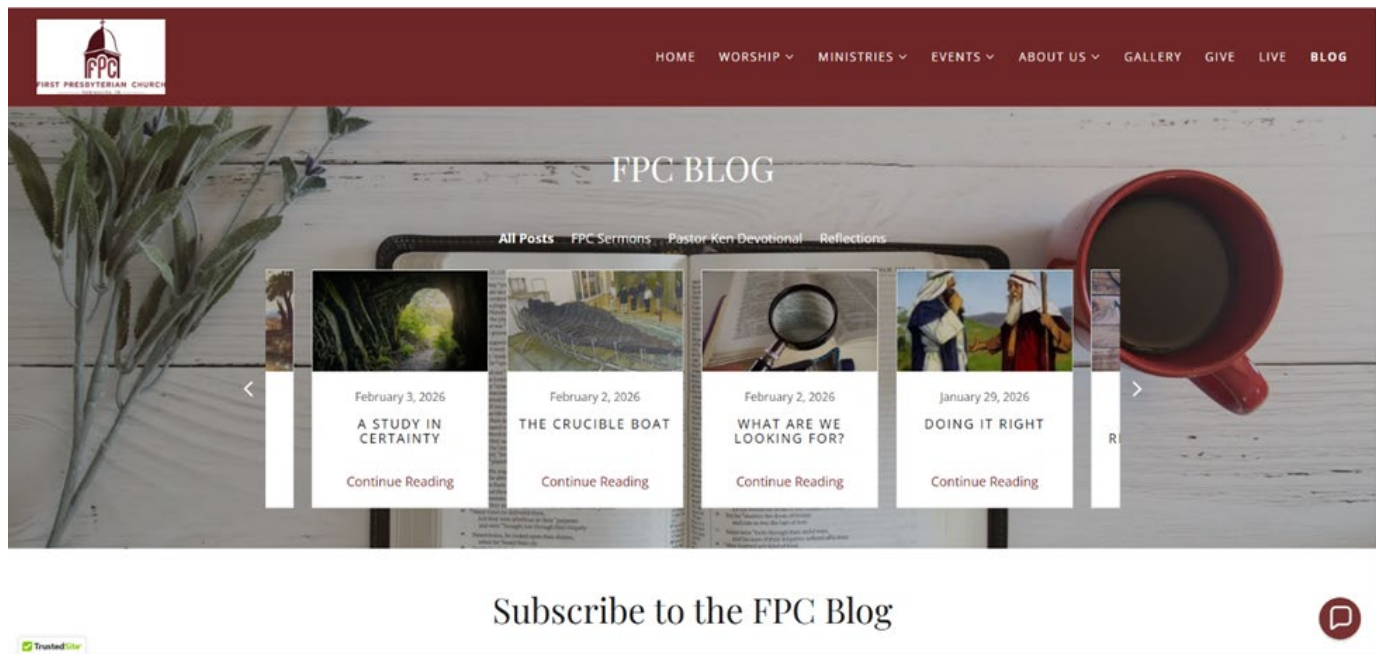
Stay Informed...

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!