



News & Notes

June 25, 2026

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN



Message this Sunday...

“Come And See What Jesus Is Doing!”

John 1:35-39; John 1:43-46

FPC Henderson Settlement Mission Team

[Click Here for the Live Service](#)

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

[Link to Sermon Manuscripts](#)

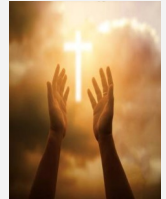
MAY 2026 BUDGET PERFORMANCE REPORT

	<u>2026 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Actual</u>
Income:	\$131,649.59	\$138,528.15
Expenses:	\$132,173.25	\$134,193.84
(Deficit)/Surplus:	\$ (523.66)	\$ 4,334.31

Attendance Last week: In Sanctuary — 128; Households online — 21

Raise The Roof Campaign— \$32,264!

Remember in your Prayers...



- ♥ **Bill McConnell**, husband of Jan McConnell, in ICU at St. Vincent Hospital after suffering a stroke.
- ♥ **Bob Zabel**, fighting sepsis and the side effects of the antibiotics.
- ♥ **Mike Maloney**, at Kindred Transitional Care & Rehab in Castleton.
- ♥ **Tom Bader**, recuperating from a recent Eye procedure and scheduling a Heart procedure.
- ♥ **Judith Drysdale**, having a total Hip replacement on June 30th at Riverview Hospital.
- ♥ **Bob & Marj Bill**, Bob broke his lower leg and is in rehab.

Pray for our FPC Henderson Settlement Mission Team as they travel home.

Remember those who are at home or in health care facilities:

Wendy Bittle

Joe McGinley—*Hamilton Trace*

Rachel Morgan

Dorothy Etchison—*Independence Village*

Verna Merrell

Carol Stough—*The Crossings of Noblesville*

Keep up to date on the interim process at FPC.



[Click here](#)

Update on Elizabeth Lindsey:

Thank you for your concern for my wife, Elizabeth Lindsey. It has now been a little over 100 days since her stem cell transplant. Though her blood count numbers are still low, the doctors seem pleased with her progress.

Sadly, there doesn't seem to be a firm end date for her treatment or a date for when she can be considered cured. For at least the next 9 months she will have to always be within one hour of Franciscan Health hospital. She can drive herself around and be by herself but must still avoid crowds and wear a mask when she is around people. She cannot have fresh flowers in the house or work in her garden (one of her favorite hobbies) because too many germs live there. Also, all fresh vegetables must be washed with soap and water before cooking and, of course, all cans must be similarly washed before opening. Finally, she still tires easily.

Yes, it has been a long haul, and it is going to be a much longer haul before either of us relaxes. Recovery from leukemia, we've been told, is a marathon, not a sprint. But in the meantime, we are pleased that the doctors are pleased and that she hasn't had any major setbacks so far. We are trusting God and doing our best to take the long view.

God's peace to all,

Pastor Ken.

Upcoming Changes to our Order of Worship!

Beginning Sunday, July 19, we will be making a few changes to our Order of Worship. These changes have been reviewed by the Worship Committee and the Session and have their blessing.

We are not losing anything. Nothing is going away. We will still sing the same hymns, have a sermon, time with children, prayers of the people, and all those elements of worship that are so meaningful to all of us. They will simply be in a slightly different order.

These changes will bring our services a little closer to the outline in our Book of Order and more in keeping with our Presbyterian and Reformed theology. I will be explaining the changes every Sunday between now and July 19th so if you don't get it the first time don't worry. You'll hear it again!

Our desire, of course, is that these few changes will make our services even more meaningful and help us all draw closer to God.

God's peace to one and all,
Pastor Ken.

Events for the Upcoming Week...

JUNE 28 THROUGH JULY 5, 2026

Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
Monday	9:00 am	Shepherd's Center
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Westminster Circle
Wednesday	8:30 am	Women's Great Banquet Reunion Group
	8:30 am	Men's Great Banquet Reunion Group
Thursday		
Friday	Church Office Closed—4th of July	
Saturday	8:30 am	Aerobics
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Worship
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
	11:15 am	Worship Committee Meeting

Nursery Attendants:

June 28—Laurie Szabo & Robin Story

July 5—Nursery Closed

Audio / Video Team:

June 28—Brian Wuerch & Rick Mayhew

July 5—Clint Gingerich & Brian Wuerch

Lay Leader:

June 28—Bob Moore

July 5—Sue Jourdan

Fellowship Hour Hosts:

June 28— Robin Rufatto & Andrea Joines

July 5—

In the Office:

June—Janie Emerson

July—Janie Emerson

Ask FPC!

Do we know when the flat roof repair will take place?

Yes, the replacement of the flat roof is scheduled to begin July 13.

How long will the repair take?

They estimate 1 week.

Will we lose some parking spaces on Sunday?

We will lose 5-6 parking spaces during the roof replacement. It may be all completed during the week – but there is a possibility that we lose these spaces on Sunday of the week of repair.

Mission Minute...

Henderson Thank You!

Our Work Camp Team is grateful to our FPC family for your support through fundraisers, donations, and Prayers. Proceeds from the FPC Spirit Shirts, M & M's, and Gift Card Giveaway Basket covered all trip supplies, with remaining funds to be donated to Henderson Settlement. The gift card basket winner will be drawn after church during Fellowship Hour. You do not need your red ticket or to be present to win.

The 2026 Henderson Work Camp Team:

Lamar Ziegler

Kay Ziegler

Paul Auble

Jennie Auble

Catherine Byrnside

Brian Wuerch

Kelly Wuerch

Barb Runyon

Marlee Light

Steve Runyon

Lee Ann Stein

Tanner Stein

Kristina Swatts

Chris Swatts

Isaac Swatts

Lucas Swatts

Linda Melton

Nathan Roe

Brinsley Roe

Zella Roe

Jim Story

Dave McCord

Sue Jourdan

Pam Layman

Anne Burress

Pat Erp

Al Casper

Jill Casper

Bob Evans

Agnes Dei (Spiritual Support Lamb)

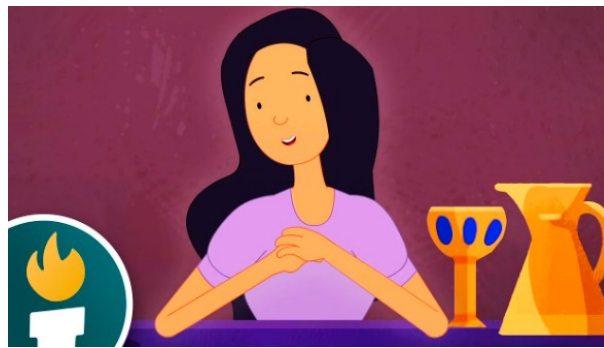


Presbyterian Women's Just Desserts Party

Wednesday, 7-15-26



The women of the church are invited to attend our annual Presbyterian Woman's Just Dessert Party. Please feel free to bring a friend. Join us for fellowship and dessert.



The Story of Lydia in the Bible

What: Just Desserts

When: Wednesday, July 15th at 7pm

Where: Fellowship hall

Presentation: The Story of Lydia and how she represents a key example of female leadership, faith, and hospitality in the early church.

Please bring: Please bring an item to donate to the Malawi Mission Project. For example: baby receiving blankets, onesies, nursery hats, sanitary napkins, large garbage bags, large size Ziplock bags, quart size Ziplock bags, wrapped bar soap, wash cloths, diapers, umbilical cord clips, or an inspirational item to place in the bags for the mothers.

RSVP by 7-10-26 to Trisha McDermand at tmcdemand@comcast.net or call 317-514-8623.

Weekly Devotion....

Reading Ancient Laws for Today

Deuteronomy 13:1-11

Rev. Kenneth M. Locke

June 26, 2026

My Beloved -

As Presbyterians, when we think of the Word of God we picture it in two forms. First, Jesus is the Living Word of God. Second, our Bible is the Written Word of God. When we read the Bible, we read it with the aid of the Holy Spirit. Without the Spirit helping to guide our understanding, the Bible is simply words on a page.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we read the Bible with close attention to its historical context. We judge whether or not the rest of the Bible supports what we have read. And we consider the consequences of embracing a particular passage.

No one knows exactly when today's text was written, but the academic community is reasonably certain that this text was written at a time when the Israelites were being oppressed and casting about for a scapegoat. A convenient scapegoat would have been foreign gods and those who led the people astray.

We have no indication that anyone actually ever stoned a close friend who suggested worshiping other Gods. Certainly, Paul never suggests it and Jesus never mentions any such practice. Furthermore, passages such as this one were surely behind the witch-trials in Europe and our own country, as well as religious wars old and new and the ongoing 'soft' persecution of religious minorities in America today.

I think we can all agree that this passage should not be taken literally today. Stoning our Muslim neighbor who innocently invites us to worship with them is a horrible, horrible idea.

And yet, if read carefully and with the Holy Spirit, this passage can speak to us deeply.

Our God is still the only one we should follow, whose commandments we should keep and to whom we should hold fast.

Furthermore, idols and other gods are even more abundant now than when this text was first written. Food, clothes, drugs, jewelry, gold, the Colts, success, family, our partner, camping equipment, the Book of Order: literally anything we desire more than God is an idol. Anything!

When someone tries to lure us into an idolatrous relationship with one of these fake gods, our best response is to avoid them. Don't go out with them. Keep them at arm's length until we are strong enough to resist their temptations and then introduce them to our God of love and kindness. In this world and the next.

God's peace to us all.

Pastor Ken.

June Session Recap....

Jennie Auble opened the meeting with devotions. **Pastor Ken** lead a discussion on the Book of Order, particularly asking why we gather to worship and what are the specific duties of the Ruling Elders and the Teaching Elders. Pastor Ken also discussed with Session the current order of our Worship Service and suggested that we change the format to follow a theological structure centered on the Word of God. Session agreed to change the order of worship. This change will put the Scripture and Sermon in the middle of the Worship Service. Pastor Ken has also asked that those sitting in the Narthex (behind the Sanctuary) keep their movement and talking to a minimum during worship as it is very distracting for the congregation. **Deacons** reported that the End of Summer picnic will be August 2 immediately after the Worship service. **Presbyterian Women** reported that Just Desserts will be July 15th at 7:00 pm. All women are encouraged to attend this annual summer event. **Planning** reported that the committee has completed job descriptions and job contracts for the custodian, youth directors, and children's ministry positions. The committee will continue working on the remaining staff job descriptions and contracts over the summer. **Evangelism** reported that the committee will continue meeting to determine how our church can be used outside of worship. **Personnel** reported that performance reviews will occur this fall for all staff members. **Christian Education** reported that the Performing Arts Camp was a huge success. We had 30 volunteers with more than 650 volunteer hours during that week. Thank you to all the Performing Arts Camp Volunteers. And a HUGE thank you to our team leaders: Marlee Light (art), Kendall Mayhew (music), Claudia MacRae (drama), Jennie Auble (props), and LeeAnn Stein (food) for all their hard work. It was also reported that since January 4, 2026 we have an average of 11 students each week in Sunday School. **Worship** asked that the chairs on the pulpit used by the pastor and lay leader be repaired. They are not safe to sit on. Session agreed to having the chairs fixed and possibly reupholstered. **Mission** reported that 29 people will be headed to Henderson on Sunday. The Red Geranium Artisan Fair at FPC will be Saturday, August 15. There will be 57 Vendors. **Finance** reported that we are slightly below in our giving last month. **Properties** reported that the flat roof repair is scheduled for July 13. It will take approximately one week to complete. Under **New Business** Worship committee suggested that we organize a Safety Task Force. Session unanimously agreed that a Safety Task Force was necessary and Rick Mayhew will begin working on a team. If you are interested, please contact Rick. Under **Old Business**, Pastor Ken asked Session members to bring names of members who would be good candidates for the Mission Study Team (this is NOT the Pastoral Nominating Committee). Session came up with 5 people that Pastor Ken will contact. Pastor Ken closed the meeting with prayer. **The next Session meeting will be Monday, August 17 at 7:00 pm.**

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.

Rainbows and Shooting Stars Summer Break!



Just a reminder that the Rainbows and Shooting Stars classes will be taking a break for the month of July, so there will be no class until the Back to School Picnic. Nursery care will still be available. We look forward to our new classes in August!

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.

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.



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.

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!

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.**

A New Way to Give at FPC...



As of June 1, you now have the option of giving your regular offering **on-line** through *Tithe.ly*.

You can either:

1. Scan the QR code below (this will appear in the News & Notes and the bulletin each week).



We will have cards in the pews in the future, as well.

2. Access Tithe.ly: [Tithe.ly Giving](#) ← Click the link!
3. Upload the Tithe.ly Church App on your mobile device.

As of June 1st, we can receive contributions for **Regular Giving, Building Renovation, Per Capita and General Mission** (not special mission such as food pantry, Henderson, etc.). Other online account options are coming soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Robin Story at 317.508.4411.

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!