



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN

Fall 2017 Communication Update
from Anne Kenley

It's one of my objectives to keep you informed of happenings around FPC on a regular basis. Now that summer is almost over, it's time for a fall update of coming activities. We hope you'll join us for as many activities as possible. WE are the church!

September – **Operation Christmas Child!** Begin collecting items and bring to church. Dates for packing shoe boxes are listed below.

September 10 – **JOURNEY** 11am Zipline at Kotweei Adventure Park – Look for evite or see Anita Snyder for more info

September TBD-- **JOURNEY** Help prepare meals for shut ins after church – More info to come

September 16 – **Noblesville Preservation Tour of Homes** 10am – 5pm – Tour guides and greeters needed! We're having a pulled pork luncheon! – **JOURNEY THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HELP!**

September 23 -- **All Church Workshop based on the book *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*** with Rev. David Jackson 9am -3pm. Sign up at the Welcome Center and receive the free book. Be a part of the discussion of the church God wants us to become. Child care provided.

September 24 – **Operation Christmas Child Sorting Party** – Right after church we'll sort items and wrap! Come help us get started!

October 1 – **Welcome Back Pastor Eric!** Stay for lunch to celebrate!! More details to come.

October 6, 7 – Presbyterian Women **Rummage Sale!** October 6th from 8am -5pm and October 7th from 8am – 1pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort on Wednesday, October 4th about 6pm and on Thursday, October 5th to price. Bring your rummage sale items to the church beginning Sunday October 1

October/November: **Stewardship/Capital Campaign** – Please stay tuned for more information and activities

October 6 – 8 **JOURNEY** – High School retreat to Camp Pyoca

October 9,11,16,18 **Fall Break Lunch Program!** 11am – 1pm Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, help with arts, crafts and games and just be a friendly face. See Anita Snyder for more details. Every age can help!

October 15 – **Crop Walk** at Christian Theological Seminary – Walk to help fight hunger! **JOURNEY** – this is an opportunity for you along with the rest of the congregation.

October 28 – **Trunk or Treat** 6-8pm in the FPC NEW parking lot and Fellowship Hall! Come help share your treats with little tricksters!

November 3 –**Operation Christmas Child Packing Party** 6pm We'll start with a pizza party and then pack shoeboxes with items we sorted in September.

November 5, 11-- **New Member Classes!** 8:45am – 9:45am Church Library. Come and find out more about FPC and what membership at FPC means.

November 5 -- **Christ in the Arts Fall Concert** 4pm with national recording artist June Rochelle Cheatham. June and her band will be singing gospel of Black Americans from the 1950's to present. Art exhibit and reception! Child care provided.

November 12 – **Veteran's Day Worship Service** 10am Come pay honor to our many veterans. Invite a veteran you know so we can show our appreciation! This is always a special service!
Operation Christmas Child shoe box dedication during worship.

November 13 – **Delivery of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** to drop off location.

November 15 –**New Member Dinner** 6pm in Fellowship Hall with session members. Be our guest and meet some of our church leaders.

November 19 -- **Thank Offering Dinner** following service. All Welcome! Presbyterian Women will provide the turkey and dressing; bring a side to share. **JOURNEY** – help set up, serve and clean up!

November 25 – **Hanging of the Greens.** Come help us decorate the church for the season. All are welcome and appreciated!

December 3 – 24 **Advent!** Each Sunday will be a special time as we anticipate the coming of Jesus!

December – **Giving Tree** -- Be a part of helping families in need. Look for the Giving Tree in church parlor and pick a name to purchase gifts. Monetary donations are appreciated too!

December 17 – **JOURNEY** – Christmas Party – More details to come

December 24 –**Christmas Eve Service** 7pm Join us for our traditional candlelight service!

In addition to all the calendar events, there are several other things happening around the church:

- Interior painting and signs. All painting in the classroom hallways, office areas and Fellowship Hall has been completed! Hopefully you've noticed the newer, brighter directional signs.
- Capital Campaign progress. We have completed our kitchen and the parking lot is scheduled for late August/ early September! We have committed to raising the money to repairing the tuck pointing of our brick on the exterior portion of our building. This is a large financial commitment made without seeking a mortgage. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to contribute over the long haul. Every gift is important!
- I've mentioned the FPC blog a number of times and would love for you to contribute. If you are willing, I would be happy to just chat with you and write your story or write your own and send it to me. Stories are a great way to connect with each other. Please stop me in church or send me an email.
- We have been blessed with several new activities at FPC this year that connect us with the Noblesville community. The FPC Lunch Program, Christ in the Arts and Serve Noblesville are ways that we can bring people to FPC and take our mission outside our church walls.
- Be looking for updates from various committees within the church. There is a lot of good things happening at FPC!

I'm very grateful to be the FPC communication director. We've accomplished so many things as a congregation in the past year! We as a church have challenges to face but as we continue to connect with each other, pray together, and share Christ's love, we will find God's grace in all that we do.

If you have ideas about ways we can increase communication and connect as a congregation, I would love to hear them. Please feel free to stop me when you see me or email me at anne.kenley@fpc-noblesville.org.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers and encouragement! Anne Kenley