



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN

Spring and Summer Communication Update
from Anne Kenley

It's one of my objectives to keep you informed of happenings around FPC on a regular basis. There is a lot going on this spring and summer so it's time for an update! Hopefully you'll hang this in a visible place in your home!

April 22 – **Kitchen demolition** and the start of the kitchen renovation. New floors will be installed beginning April 24 and then the plumbers and electricians will start their work. Hopefully the kitchen will be ready for use mid to late May. The exact timing will depend on the arrival of kitchen cabinets and fixtures.

April 30 – **Spring clean-up** after Sunday services. Just like your own home, our church home also requires some attention in the spring. We will be working on general cleaning projects like cleaning windows, polishing woodwork, and if weather permits, cleaning up the church exterior. Jeff and Sandy Nickloy are serving lunch! Wear your “work clothes” to church and be prepared to put a shine on our beautiful old building. Please contact Nathan Roe at roend83@gmail.com or Brian Wuerch at bawuerch@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

May 5, 6 – **Rummage Sale!** May 5th from 8am -5pm and May 6th from 8am – 1pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort on Wednesday, May 3rd about 6pm and on Thursday, May 4th to price. Bring your rummage sale items to the church after 5pm on April 30th.

May 7 – 11am – **Conversation with Eric.** Please stay after Sunday service to hear more information as Pastor Eric hosts a question and answer time regarding his sabbatical.

May 21 -- **Eric's Sendoff** for his sabbatical. Come say goodbye and enjoy refreshments after church.

May 21-- **Christ in the Arts Gospel concert and Art exhibit featuring His Design quartet (4pm – 6pm)!** Once again we're partnering with Nickel Plate Arts for an art exhibit which will run from May 14 – 28. If you are an artist and interest in submitting work, please go to <http://nickelplatearts.org/get-involved/artists-submit-your-work/> We're counting on our congregation to be the welcoming committee to our guests from the community. The deacons are hosting the strawberry shortcake reception following. Yum!

June 4 – **Outdoor Service at Teter Retreat** Service starts at 10am and lunch is served following. Bring a dish to share and your table setting. Dress casually! Meat and drinks will be provided.

June 5 – **The first day of our Summer Lunch Program!** This exciting new ministry is going to need volunteer support and lots of prayers from our congregation. Anita Snyder and her team have been working hard all winter to make this a fun and welcoming program. It's way more than just lunch! **We're planning games and activities for every Monday through July 31st from 11am – 1pm.** Volunteer needs will be posted on Serve FPC. <http://www.fpc-noblesville.org/serve-fpc-2/>

June 26 – June 30 – **VBS – The Armor of God! (6pm – 8pm)** πMany volunteers are needed for this week. Volunteer opportunities are already posted on Serve FPC. Please check out how you can help. <http://www.fpc-noblesville.org/serve-fpc-2/>

June 28 – July 1 – **Serve Noblesville**. This is a time for us to connect with our community by giving time and connecting with others and letting our community know that we are an active part of Noblesville. There is a volunteer activity for everyone and all ages. Let's get several groups together to volunteer! Check out the website here: <http://servenoblesville.com/>

August 5 – **All church workshop (9am – 3pm) covering the book The Twelve Keys to an Effective Church** by Kennon Callahan. More details will be forthcoming but mark your calendars.

August 13 -- **Deacon's Back to School Picnic at Forest Park** The food, fun and games will start after the church around 11:30am. Bring a dish to share and dress casually! Meat and drinks will be provided.

August 19 -- **Red Geranium Artisan Market** (9am – 4pm) sponsored by the Mission team. Come take a look at all types of goods made by local artisans. Food, music, and a bake sale are all part of the day. Proceeds go to support local and international missions. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, contact Sue Jourdan at sjbutterflylady@gmail.com for an application.

August 27 – **After church workshop led by Rev. Glenn McDonald titled "The Life of David."** Glenn will preach from the pulpit that morning and then continue his teachings after lunch. During this workshop we'll discover the ways in which God is pleased to use remarkably broken and imperfect people, like us, to change the world. More details to come.

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

- Interior painting and signs. The office wing along with the classroom hallways have all been freshly painted and have new classroom and directional signs. Next step: Paint Fellowship Hall and update the directional signs to match the downstairs and paint the classrooms.
- New lighting. You've probably already noticed the lighter and brighter fellowship hall. More LED lights will replace the older lights in other areas of the church.
- Technology update. A new projector for the sanctuary along with several new flat screen TVs and media players are planned for the classrooms along with updating the already purchased sound board.
- Capital Campaign progress. We as a congregation have committed to renovating our kitchen, repairing and improving our parking lot and preserving the exterior of our building by tuck pointing the brick. 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!
- Summer Special Music – We would love you to share your special music this summer from Memorial Day Sunday through Labor Day Sunday. Sign up on Serve FPC and then be sure to tell Erney what you are singing or playing. Also – if you need Cheryl or Michael to accompany you, check their availability.
- 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. Stories are a great way to connect with each other. Please stop me in church or send me an email.

I'm very grateful to be the FPC communication director. I've learned a lot in the past 9 months! 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 support, prayers and encouragement!