



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Noblesville, IN

Fall 2018 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 upcoming 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 6th – **Small Groups Start!** Sunday: 6:30PM, Monday: 3PM and 7PM, Wednesday: 7PM, Thursday: 6PM. Check the FPC website, New/Notes and bulletin for study topics and meeting locations. There is a small group for everyone!

September 9 – **Operation Christmas Child Unpacking Party.** Right after worship we'll take all the donated items out of their packages and sort them. Join us in fellowship hall as you also enjoy your treats!

September 9, 16, 23 – **JOURNEY Service September** 12noon – 2pm. Do you have a little work that needs done that can be accomplished in a couple of hours on a Sunday. The Journey Youth group is donating their time on 3 Sundays in September from 12pm – 2pm. This is not a fund raiser but a give back to our congregation. Interested? Contact Anita Snyder at 317-450-2473 or [anitasnyder76@gmail.com](mailto:anitasnyder76@gmail.com) with a description of your project and your available dates and she will get back with you concerning the details. Adults – if you are available to help, let Anita know.

September 9, 16—**Inquirer's/New Member Classes!** 8:45am – 9:45am Church Library. Come and find out more about FPC and what membership means.

September 16 – **Usher Training!** Interested in serving as an usher but not quite sure of the responsibilities? Meet with the deacons following service for a quick training. This is also a good refresher for veteran ushers.

September 19 –**New Member Dinner** 6pm in Fellowship Hall with session members. Be our guest and meet some of our church leaders.

September 23 – **Operation Christmas Child Sorting Party** – Right after church we'll sort items and wrap! Come help us get started!

September 28 & 29 – Presbyterian Women **Rummage Sale.** September 28<sup>th</sup> 8am – 5pm, September 29<sup>th</sup> 8am – 1pm. Volunteers needed for sorting Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and Thursday for pricing. Bring rummage sale items beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup>. See Nancy Pouzar for more details.

October 5-7 **JOURNEY** – Middle School and High School (grades 6-12) retreat to Camp Pyoca. Cost \$130 Youth/\$65 Adult volunteer. We are partnering with the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program and YAV alumni who will share their stories of church, discernment, call, and intentional community. Contact Anita Snyder at [anitasnyder76@gmail.com](mailto:anitasnyder76@gmail.com) or go to <https://pyocaconferences.org> for more information. This is a fantastic opportunity for our youth!

October 20-- 6:0pm. **Christ in the Arts Fundraising Dinner and Blue Grass Concert!** Come support efforts raise money to bring quality musical performances to FPC. Tickets are \$35 per person and tax deductible. Friends, family members and children welcome!

October 25 – **Youth Mission Trip Fund Raiser** at Jim Dandy's. A percentage of the proceeds go to the Summer 2019 mission trip to an Indian Reservation. Eat and a portion of your money goes to our youth!

October 27 – **Trunk or Treat** 6-8pm in the FPC NEW parking lot and Fellowship Hall! Come help share your treats with little tricksters! Costumes and decorated cars encouraged!

November 9 – **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party** 6pm. We'll start with a pizza party and then pack shoeboxes with items we sorted in September. This is a fun time for ALL ages and we can really use everyone's help.

November 10 – **Fall Clean Up** 9am. Wear your work clothes and bring some hand tools so we can spruce up the outside and inside of the church and get it ready for winter. Lunch will be served. There are jobs for all ages!

November 11 – **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 12-16 – **Delivery of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** to drop off location.

November 18 -- **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 24 – **Hanging of the Greens**. Come help us decorate the church for the season. All are welcome and appreciated!

December 2 – 23 **Gift Wrapping to Make Your Life Easier!** JOURNEY will wrap your gifts for a donation to help support their summer 2019 mission trip. Bring it one Sunday and it will be ready the next!

December 2 – 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 9 – **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:

- Capital Campaign progress. We have completed the kitchen and the parking lot! We have raised the needed money to tuck point the north and west sides of the building and it has started! Our next task is to raise money for the repair of the bell tower. 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.
- Be looking for updated information on all of the activities around FPC. There is a lot going on and something for everyone.

I'm very grateful to be the FPC communication director. 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](mailto:anne.kenley@fpc-noblesville.org). Thank you for your continued support, prayers and encouragement!

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