



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Noblesville, IN

Winter/Early Spring 2019 Communication Update
from Anne Kenley

It's one of my objectives to keep you informed of happenings around FPC on a regular basis. We have much to celebrate and hope that you will participate in as many activities as possible. **Engaging** with each other is one way we stay connected and continue growing together.

Every Sunday after Worship – **Fellowship Time!** Please sign up as a group, a family or in any combination of people. Sign up at the Welcome Desk on Serve FPC. Spending time together after worship is fun and we need your help! See Sandi Blackburn or Theresa Wilson if you have questions.

January 5 – **Come help take down the Christmas decorations.** 5pm. Many hands make light work!

January 12 -- **Chili Cookoff & Bingo** – 6pm. Join us for food & fun! Proceeds support summer mission trip!

January 23 – February 27 **Sacred Marriage Small Group** 7pm Wednesday evenings. Based on the book *Sacred Marriage: What if God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy* by Gary Thomas. You do not have to be married to attend this small group!

January 27 – **Annual Congregational Meeting** – following worship – Hoping all will attend for a review of 2018

January 27 – **Christ in the Arts Pipe Organ Concert & Silent Auction** 4pm. Reception to follow. You won't want to miss this! Our own Nancy Wright will be playing along with other organists PLUS the FPC choir will be performing accompanied by Cheryl Mayhew and directed by Michael Davis!

February 3 -- **Super Bowl Bake Sale!** After Worship purchase baked goods and snacks for the game! All proceeds support the summer mission trip!

February 10 – **Meet Your Deacon!** Join us during fellowship time to connect with your deacon and meet them face to face!

March 6 – **Ash Wednesday** Service 7pm Join us as we begin the season of lent leading to its culmination Easter Sunday

March 10 – **Daylight Savings Time Begins** – Remember to move your clocks forward Saturday evening!

March 17 – **Skills Auction & Scarlett Minton Baked Potato Bar** – After Worship. Enjoy a scrumptious Baked Potato bar in honor of Scarlett Minton and bid on skills and services by our Summer Mission trip team.

April 13 – **Spring Cleanup** – 9am – Please help spruce up the inside and outside of the church and get rid of the winter dirt and be ready for Holy Week services. Lunch provided! There is a job for everyone!

April 14 – **Palm Sunday Service** 10am

April 18 – **Maundy Thursday Service** 7pm

April 19 – **Good Friday Service** 7pm

April 21 – **Easter Service** 10am

April – **Presbyterian Women Birthday Offerings** – The Birthday Offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. The Birthday Offering funds up to five projects each year, in amounts of \$100,000 to \$300,000 each. The recipients selected before the offering is received, so grant amounts depend on the gifts received.

April 26, 27 – **Presbyterian Women Rummage Sale!** April 27th from 8am -5pm and April 28th from 8am – 1pm. Volunteers are needed to help sort on Wednesday, April 25th about 6pm and on Thursday, April 26th to price. Bring your rummage sale items to the church beginning Sunday April 22nd

Each week – Be looking for weekly updates via the News/Notes, Sunday bulletin and website announcements.

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

- Capital Campaign progress. We celebrate as three major projects were completed in 2017-18! We have committed to raising the money to finish repairing the tuck pointing of the bell tower. Regular updates are printed in the weekly bulletin and News/Notes Every gift is important!
- We have been blessed with several activities at FPC that connect us with the Noblesville community. The FPC Lunch Program, Christ in the Arts, Presbyterian Woman Rummage Sale, The Red Geranium Artisan Market and the Noblesville Preservation Association Historic Home Tour are ways we engage our neighbors – we invite you to participate and welcome our guests!
- Summer Mission Trip! You'll notice several fund raising activities this winter and spring in preparation for 27 members of our congregation (youth and adults) to travel to Pine Ridge, South Dakota to help repair homes on the Sioux Indian reservation. Your support and prayers are appreciated!
- **If you haven't been connected to the weekly News/Notes contact secretary@fpc-noblesville.org or be added or anne.kenley@fpc-noblesville.org** We want to make sure you have the weekly news!
- If you haven't been added to **Send Tree – our emergency and notification phone tree, please contact anne.kenly@fpc-noblesville.org** We use this communication tool for weather emergencies and notifications outside the News/Notes
- I would love to have an updated blog post from anyone in our congregation. It's been too long and I know you have a story. Please consider sharing a story with our congregation! I would love to hear from you!

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.

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