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# SPREADING THE WORD

August 2017

Special needs ministry is launched

## Sunshine Sundays

The Bible declares in multiple passages that all individuals, regardless of physical or mental abilities, should be nurtured in faith to the point where they can use the gifts God has given them to bless others.

This is the basis for the new Sunshine Sundays special needs ministry that will launch next month!

“Sunshine Sundays is open to individuals of all ages. We will partner with families in loving their family member ... and helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.” — Barb Fogarty

“God placed a weight on my heart for this ministry,” explained Pastor Jerry Rairdon, “when I was serving in a previous congregation. And when I came to Noblesville First and saw the success and the history of the Sunshine Friends monthly ministry for individuals with special needs, I really wanted to expand it to Sunday mornings.”

“Sunshine Sundays is open to individuals of all ages,” shared Co-Director Barb Fogarty. “We will partner with families in loving their family member with special needs and helping them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.”

“We want to provide a space for our very special friends,” explained Co-Director Jenny Endicott, “to feel the love of our church, the support of our congregation, and a program that’s been created just for them.” — continued on page 9



## MISSION

Rooted in love, connecting people, planting seeds of hope.

## ON THE CALENDAR



- AUG 6 — Back-to-School Bash
- AUG 10 — GriefShare begins
- AUG 10-11 — Global Leadership Summit
- AUG 13 — Financial Peace Univ begins
- AUG 18 — DivorceCare begins
- AUG 19 — Chancel Choir Retreat

More at ... [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com)

But Moses said to God, “Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring



the Israelites out of Egypt?”

— Exodus 3:11 (CEB)

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FROM PASTOR JERRY'S DESK [jrairdon@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:jrairdon@noblesvillefirst.com)

# Reluctant leadership

taken the opportunity to exercise those gifts for the good of God's Kingdom.

With our expanding ministries, we have many more places we need capable leadership. From Hospitality to the launch of life groups to Student Ministry, Teter Retreat and Teter Farm, we are continuously in need of team leaders. If our church is to grow it is important that we intentionally grow leaders by calling, inspiring and training persons to find their potential.

We will be talking a lot about "reluctant leadership" in the month of August. Our message series will take an in-depth look at Moses who considered himself inadequate for the monumental task

of leading the enslaved Israelites out of Egypt. We will notice the

behind-the-scenes courage of four women who saved Moses from destruction. We will discuss how you handle criticism in leadership and consider how Moses left a powerful legacy for the children of Israel.

If you haven't registered yet, please consider coming to the Leadership Summit simulcast on **August 10-11** at White River Christian Church. The cost is \$129 but it is well worth the cost when you consider what you will learn from some incredible global leaders. Use the promo code SPC17 and plan to join the Noblesville First group for lunch on Friday of the summit, as we network and discuss how we will apply these insights to our workplace and our church.

Learn more at ... [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/summit](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/summit)

Noblesville First is an incredible church to serve. Sometimes when I sit in a meeting I just marvel at the intelligence that is sitting around the table. We have a strong leadership core that has accomplish some amazing things. And yet, when I look around on a Sunday morning, I see so much untapped leadership! People who are obviously very gifted but haven't been given or haven't



## *Wear your work clothes* Labor Day Sunday

Wear your work clothes to church this Labor Day Sunday **September 3**. Scrubs,

construction gear, hard hats, suits, boots, whatever attire your profession requires. Strike up a conversation on this special day as we honor our nation's labor force and hopefully learn a bit about the professional lives we all lead.

## Breakthrough Prayer Workshop

Every church recognizes prayer as important, but what would happen if our Noblesville First congregation united to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways? Learn more about this initiative at the Breakthrough Prayer Workshop, facilitated by author Sue Nilson Kibbey at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Saturday **September 16**. Learn more at ...

[www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/prayer](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/prayer)

### Save the Date Church Picnic

**Sunday, September 10**  
9:30 Worship in Celebr.Hall  
11am Worship at Teter  
(10980 East 221st St)  
Followed by the picnic!  
- NO 8:15 WORSHIP -

### Save the Date Generosity Sunday

**Sunday, November 5**  
One special service  
10am in Celebration Hall  
Music | Ministry | Food Trucks

### SPREADING THE WORD

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Have a story to share?

Contact Jenell Hadley  
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317-773-2500 ext 204

Next newsletter deadline  
September issue: August 17

ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

## Disciple Bible Study classes forming

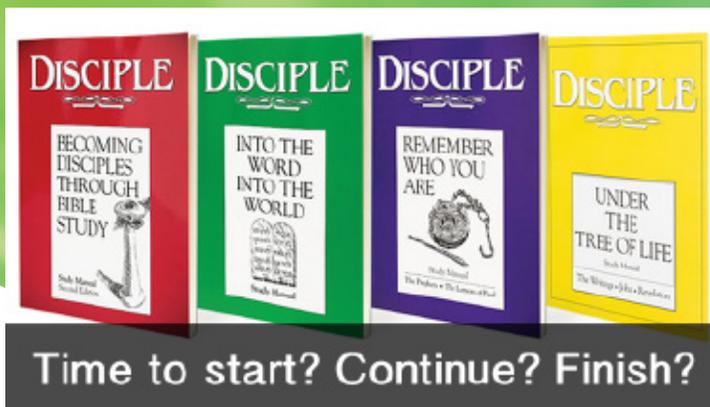
The Disciple Bible Study Series takes you well beyond a simple, short-term study of scripture. Disciple leads you into a deeper understanding about who you are, who God is, and what your relationship

with God may be. The Disciple series enables you to grasp Biblical narrative and to understand the historical and social context of the Bible's development. While Disciple will inform you, its primary purpose is to transform you into a biblically and spiritually based

## Mission Guatemala fundraisers

On October 7, a 10-member team will be taking off for our church's fourth annual trip to Mission Guatemala. The team will be traveling to the Panajachel area in the western

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disciple of Jesus Christ.

Let's get started. You can sign up for Disciple I at the information kiosks. Disciple I is a 34 week study of both the Old and New Testament. Don't worry, there are breaks in fall, Christmas, New Years, Spring, etc., so you get plenty of time off.

If you have completed Disciple I and are ready to continue the series, sign-up sheets are also available for Disciple II, III, and IV. These can be taken in any order.

Learn more and register online at ... [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/DBS](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/DBS)

Questions? Contact Dave Meats or [meatsdl@comcast.net](mailto:meatsdl@comcast.net) or 317-867-4509.

Mission field spotlight

## White River Elementary

Noblesville First has adopted the Kids Hope USA organization's model for serving students at White River Elementary. With its "One Child, One Hour, One Church, One School" theme, Kids Hope is a national program in



its sixth year here at Noblesville First. The organization began over 20 years ago in Zeeland, Michigan and is the largest faith based mentoring program in the United States.

There currently are programs in 34 states, with over 1,000 church-school partnerships, and over 16,000 mentor-student relationships. The program is founded on research that shows the greatest need of America's children is nurturing through connection with a caring adult. When students feel loved and valued, they are better able to learn, grow, and succeed.

Our Noblesville First program works to change the lives of children right here in our own community. One trained, caring church member develops a positive, faithful relationship with one at-risk student at White River Elementary by "being there" one hour each week during the school day to help develop self-esteem, reinforce academic skills, and form values.

Each adult-child relationship is

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All who enjoy singing are invited to attend ...

## THE CHANCEL CHOIR RETREAT

Saturday, August 19  
9:30am to 3pm  
Anderson University  
Choral Rehearsal Room

Questions? Email [jwright@NoblesvilleFirst.com](mailto:jwright@NoblesvilleFirst.com)

## United Methodist Women

Anita Beck 317-773-1430  
[anitajbeck@comcast.net](mailto:anitajbeck@comcast.net)

## CIRCLE REPORTS

**Esther Circle** will NOT be meeting until September. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

**Grace Circle** will be meeting on Monday, August 14 at 9am at Ginger's Cafe for our planning meeting. Bring your ideas and consider joining us.

**Lydia Circle** will NOT be meeting until September. Hope to see you then.

**Priscilla Circle** will be meeting on Wednesday, August 9th at 6:30pm in the church Parlor. Phyllis Hunter will be presenting the program on "Love those Differences". It's a celebration of all those things we have in common and the differences that make us unique. Hope to see you there.

**Rebekah Circle** will NOT be meeting until September. Continue to enjoy your summer.

**Ruth Circle** will be meeting on Sunday, August 20 at 5pm at the Teter Picnic Shelter. Our service project will be harvesting, washing and packing produce. Please come out and help us.

**Susannah Circle** will be contacting their members with the August plans.

For more information about UMW circles, contact Anita Beck  
[anitajbeck@comcast.net](mailto:anitajbeck@comcast.net)  
or 317-773-1430.

## Fish & Chicken Fry

# Volunteer, bake, sponsor & eat!



United  
Methodist  
Women

The United Methodist Women (UMW) continue their fundraising tradition this year, hosting Noblesville First's annual Fish & Chicken Fry. Proceeds from the event on Friday **September 22**

benefit UMW missions.

**Volunteer.** Help is needed with set-up, serving and clean-up. Sign up online, at the kiosks or call Mary Burns at 317-877-1678.

**Bake.** Sign up at the kiosks to bring a dessert or contact Julie Hiday at [jahiday@comcast.net](mailto:jahiday@comcast.net) or 317-773-

## Fish & Chicken Fry

**FRI SEP 22**  
**4:30-7pm**

**Volunteer**  
**Donate a dessert**  
**Come and eat!**

[www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/FishFry](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/FishFry)



3929 or Jan Howell at [Janhowell63@yahoo.com](mailto:Janhowell63@yahoo.com) or 317-877-1510.

**Sponsor.** A \$25 sponsorship gets your business on the placemats, tables and wall posters. Contact Cathie Mills [bamills135@aol.com](mailto:bamills135@aol.com).

Learn more and sign up at ...  
[www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/FishFry](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/FishFry)

## Donations needed for Bags, Baskets & Blessings

We're counting down to Bags, Baskets and Blessings! This fun event is scheduled for Friday, **November 10** in Celebration Hall. All proceeds benefit UMW mission projects.

In preparation, we are asking for donations of new or like new purses and bags. Unique and designer bags are especially needed! Please bring your

items to the church office by August 21. Questions? Contact Jean Morris [mrsejmorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrsejmorris@sbcglobal.net) or 317-294-0886.

We also need donations of new and like new items to fill baskets, especially team items, items for men, and garden items. Questions? Contact Linda Freeman [ljfitefree@aol.com](mailto:ljfitefree@aol.com) or 317-773-8004.

**Rummage Sale thank you** The chairmen of this year's Rummage Sale would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who helped make this years sale such a success. The way our church works together is truly a blessing. Thank you to Larry Cronkleton for our use of SOS storage, all chairmen and workers, the members of Thoughts On The Rocks men's ministry and especially the work of our custodians, Brandon and Kelly. We would also like to thank our young people who delivered dropped off treasures to all areas of the sale. \$9,043.59 will help greatly in the mission of the UMW.

# Thoughts on the ROCKS

The Thoughts on the Rocks men's ministry will meet Thursday **August 10** at South Harbor Clubhouse at 6pm for a summer themed dinner and conversation. The next Saturday breakfast meeting for study and socializing is on **August 12** at 8am in the church parlor (Enter Door #1).

The group is heading to Cincinnati for a retreat and golfing event **August 18-20**. Please contact John Totty at 317-773-7624 for details.

**"Thoughts on the Rocks"  
Men's Ministry**  
Jerry Montag  
jmontag@ameritech.net  
Dick Judson 773-2500, ext 207  
djudson@noblesvillefirst.com

# Support groups forming

Have you lost a loved one or know someone who finds it difficult to face each day? Our next 14-week GriefShare support group session will meet on Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm in the Bi-Rooms, beginning **August 10**.

GriefShare, open to anyone in the community, is a non-denominational Christ-centered program led by caring facilitators who have experienced grief and successfully rebuilt their

lives. The program features DVD lessons with nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion. Daily work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience.

Participants are invited to join anytime. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated (scholarships available).



# First Friday Gathering



First Friday Gatherings will be starting the new season on **September 8** at noon. Looking forward to this event as new programs are being planned!

# Elderberries Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Elderberries Bible Study continues under the direction of Phyllis Hunter every Thursday, starting at 10am.

**Elderberries Senior Ministry**  
Dick Judson 317- 773-2500  
djudson@noblesvillefirst.com

DivorceCare is a helpful and encouraging seminar for people experiencing a separation or divorce.

Our next 13-week DivorceCare support group session will meet on Fridays, 6:30-8:30pm in the Parlor, beginning **August 18**.

DivorceCare, open to anyone in the community, features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors and other people who have experienced a separation or

divorce. Join with others that are experiencing the same situations and questions.

Participants are invited to join anytime. A one-time registration fee of \$20 is appreciated (scholarships available). Free childcare (thru age 10) is available with adult registration.



**Parish Care Coordinator**  
Carol Miller 773-2500, ext 202  
cmiller@noblesvillefirst.com  
**Pastoral Care Pastor**  
Dick Judson (cell) 317-385-2745  
773-2500, ext 207  
djudson@noblesvillefirst.com

Now hiring

# Director of Children's Ministry

Noblesville First is currently seeking a part-time Children's Ministry Coordinator. This 17 hour per week position will focus on coordinating the Sunday morning children's ministry, developing a Thursday evening children's ministry program during Thursday Worship, and planning regular special events for children and their families. For more information or to apply, please contact Pastor Aaron Hobbs at [ahobbs@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:ahobbs@noblesvillefirst.com).

## Children's Ministry

**Pastor Aaron Hobbs** 317-502-2833  
[ahobbs@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:ahobbs@noblesvillefirst.com)

**April Conard** 773-2500, ext 214  
[aconard@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:aconard@noblesvillefirst.com)



## New preschool director hired

Join us in welcoming Lyndsay Sheridan (see story on page 8) as the new Preschool & Parents Day Out Director!

## Back-to-school

An exciting new school year begins start August 17. Class openings are still available for all age levels (18 months to 5 years).

Interested in being on the preschool substitute teacher list? If so, contact Lyndsay Sheridan [Lsheridan@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:Lsheridan@noblesvillefirst.com)

## Noblesville Methodist Preschool & Parents Day Out

**Lyndsay Sheridan** 317-773-4911  
[Lsheridan@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:Lsheridan@noblesvillefirst.com)



## Spotlight on youth mission at Teter Organic Farm

We have been very busy at

Teter, growing vegetables for the weekly Noblesville Farmers Market and our 45-family Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, and have donated over \$3,000 worth of produce to local food pantries.

With the help of over 20 regular volunteers, and more than 800 volunteer hours just this year, we have been able to raise over three acres in produce, and continue to expand our community engagement and mission work at Teter.

One big aspect of the mission is teaching children about creation care, healthy eating, and the blessing of being able to disconnect from screens and engage with each other and nature.

In June, the farm hosted Trinity House Academy and Camptown who

organized a one-week overnight camp for 25 children. Activities included a Ten Commandments trail treasure hunt, Bible studies, and creation care education. We provided an educational farm tour with topics including fresh food, plant identification, pollinators and bees, and community food access. Students also participated in hands-on activities including planting vegetables and flowers, harvesting and tasting fresh produce.

This is just one of eight youth groups we have worked with this year, in addition to collaborating with Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to help young people earn badges and expose them to the valuable lessons that the farm and retreat have to offer.

Want to learn more? Contact Pastor Aaron Hobbs.

## Teter Organic Farm

**Pastor Aaron Hobbs** 317-502-2833  
[ahobbs@TeterOrganicFarm.com](mailto:ahobbs@TeterOrganicFarm.com)



Enjoy singing? Join us for  
**SUMMER CHOIR**  
Sunday, August 20 & 27  
Meet in the Choir Room at 9am  
Sing at 9:30 Worship  
Questions? Email [jwright@NoblesvilleFirst.com](mailto:jwright@NoblesvilleFirst.com)



# THE VINE STUDENT MINISTRIES

## Middle & High School Student Ministries

Jenell Hadley [jhadley@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:jhadley@noblesvillefirst.com) 773-2500, ext 204

*Now hiring*

## Director of Student Ministries

Noblesville First is currently seeking an outgoing individual with a heart for students and a commitment to lead and grow our youth programs.

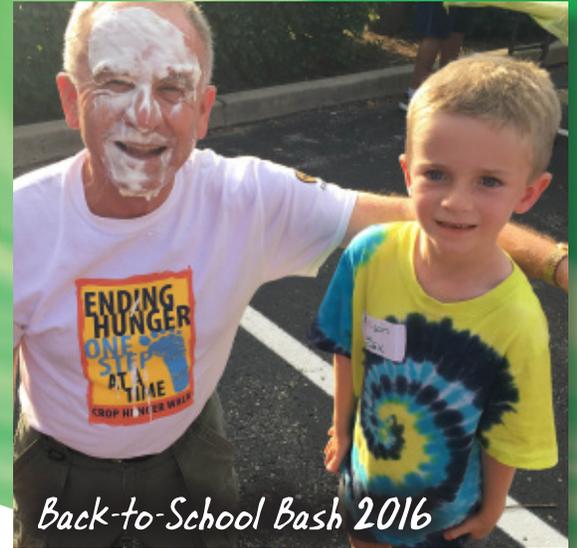
Learn more at ... [www.noblesvillefirst.com/employment](http://www.noblesvillefirst.com/employment)

## Youth Group news!

Middle School and High School Youth Group will continue to meet on Wednesday nights!

Middle School 6:30-8pm

High School 7-8:30pm



## Back-to-School Bash August 6

Come for a night of fun for the whole family ... Sunday, August 6, 5-7pm with 9-square, inflatables, hot dogs, snow cones, a junk food walk, and more! Bring a friend and introduce them to Student Ministries at Noblesville First! Volunteers are needed. Contact Jenell Hadley to help ... [jhadley@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:jhadley@noblesvillefirst.com)

## Sunday School Aug 13

Middle School and High School Sunday School resumes August 13 at 9:30am! Middle School meets in the Bi-Rooms (on the lower level near the playground) and High School meets in Student Ministry South (across the hall from the Vine). Come for lively discussion and relevant topics!

## Football Fridays

Aug 18, Sep 1, Sep 15, Oct 6



All Middle School and High School students and their friends are invited to The Vine after each Varsity home football game from 9-11pm for pizza, games, music and more!

## Sunshine Friends

Join the Sunshine Friends team at their organizational meeting on Monday, August 14 at 7pm in the church library.

Sunshine Friends is a special needs ministry designed to provide a monthly fellowship and program for individuals in the community with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Since this program began over 30 years ago, it has been very successful due to the wonderful volunteers who bless us with their time.

Sunshine Friends meet on the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm. The evening consist of music, a Bible drama, crafts, games, snacks and a program.

If you know anyone who might enjoy being a part of the program, would like to volunteer, have a program idea, would like to provide snacks for one of our meetings or could make a donation to support this ministry, email Anita Beck [anitajbeck@comcast.net](mailto:anitajbeck@comcast.net) or call the church office 317-773-2500. All donations should be marked Sunshine Friends.



## Staff spotlight

# Lyndsay Sheridan

Following eight years of involvement as a parent with the Preschool & Parents Day Out, Lyndsay Sheridan was chosen last month as Director, leading this ministry into an exciting school year and an exciting future!



"I was nudged into [applying for] this position by several people that knew the position was available and knew my passion for education," Lyndsay shared. "They saw me as a good fit before I saw me as a good fit. I prayerfully considered my options and decided to go for it."

When asked about what she is looking forward to most, Lyndsay explained, "I am looking forward to being surrounded by the cuteness that preschoolers bring and the new heights that the preschool is going to reach. I am excited to collaborate with a strong, experienced teaching staff to work towards the common goal of enriching children's lives." The greatest challenge she anticipates is keeping enrollment up amongst diverse competition in the community.

Lyndsay and her husband Mike have three sons, Gabe - 8, Fisher - 6, and Beckett - 4, and a large Great Dane named Izzy. Lyndsay's hobbies include "finding a good deal," planning themed events, and all the craziness involved in raising three energetic boys.

# Accessing giving statements in "the Square"

The new church database and online community, called **the Square**, is a great tool for Noblesville First as it continues to grow and create disciples for Christ.

**The Square** is full of helpful tools, one of which enables users to review and print their own giving statements. While the steps below outline using **the Square** on a computer, it can also be accessed from a smartphone or tablet using similar steps.

1. Go to [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com) and click on **the Square**.
2. If you don't already have a Username and Password, click **Sign Up**. Otherwise, click **Log In** and enter your username and password.
3. Click GIVE in the left sidebar.



4. Click **Giving Statement** in the upper right corner under your name.
5. Use the drop-down menus to choose the type of statement you want (individual or family) and the date range. Note that you might need to scroll down to reveal all options.
6. Click Run Report.
7. To print, click the File menu at the top and choose Print.

Learn how to get started in **the Square** and watch an informative video at [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/theSquare](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/theSquare).

## UMW reading program

This month's featured book is *Fully Awake and Truly Alive* by Rev. Jane E. Vennard.

Spiritual seeker, retreat leader and teacher, Rev. Vennard offers insights from various religious traditions as she illustrates the joys and frustrations of spiritual practice. Offering guidance for the journey, she invites you to experience being alive and awake.

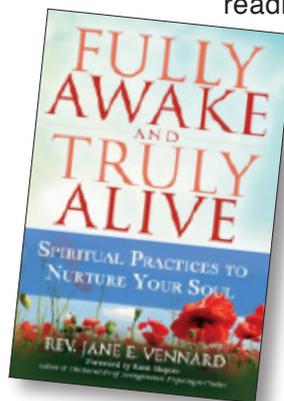
Are you interested in topics that affect the world today? Want to

exchange ideas with others who enjoy reading? Then the UMW reading program is for you! Book

titles, available in the church library, are chosen by the UMW Conference and cover missions, leadership, community and social action.

Readers who choose to follow a reading plan can earn a Certificate of

Recognition from the UMW Conference.



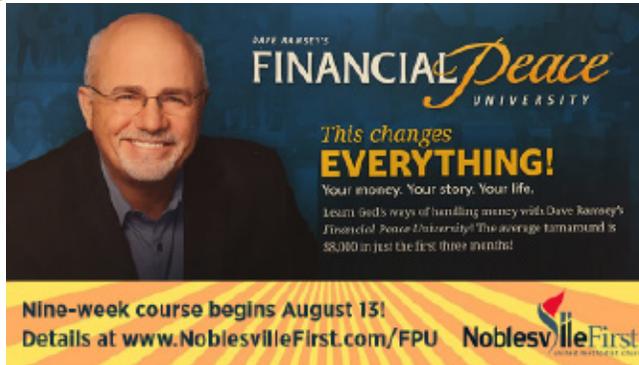
# Financial Peace University

It's no fun living paycheck to paycheck. Enjoy your money without owing it to someone else.

Get proactive!

Financial Peace University, designed by financial expert and author Dave Ramsey, will help you build an emergency fund, invest with confidence, create a helpful budget that works, and learn to plan, save and grow.

This nine-week course will meet on Sundays, 6:30-8:30pm, beginning August 13, in the Parlor.



FREE childcare is available! Just let us know in advance.

**Questions?** Contact Bob Adams at [adams.ins@comcast.net](mailto:adams.ins@comcast.net) or 317-402-3171.

Learn more and register at ... [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/FPU](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/FPU)

# Sunshine Sundays

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A typical Sunday will include a social/recreational time, circle time to introduce a Bible verse, a video lesson, activity, snack and music.

**Sunshine Sundays needs YOU!**

**Volunteer.** If you want to help nurture and share the love of Christ with our Sunshine Sundays friends, consider becoming a volunteer! High school age or older. No experience required. Volunteer training will take place on Sunday, August 27 after 9:30 worship.

**Spread the word.** Tell friends, neighbors and co-workers about this exciting new ministry.

**Register** a friend or family member by stopping by the Sunshine Sundays room (off the atrium) after 9:30 worship on Aug. 20, 27 or Sept 3. Volunteers will be available to meet your loved one, sign them up, and fill out an information sheet!

Learn more and watch an informative video at ... [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/SunshineSundays](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/SunshineSundays)

**Questions? Want to get involved?** Contact Barb Fogarty [spcedk12@aol.com](mailto:spcedk12@aol.com) or Jenny Endicott [jennyleigh0505@gmail.com](mailto:jennyleigh0505@gmail.com) or call the church office 317-773-2500.



## Boy Scout Troop 101

Boy Scout Troop 101 is commissioned by Noblesville First United Methodist

Church and is one of the oldest troops in Indiana. The Troop meets at the church on Mondays.

hard by doing service projects around the camp, planning and participating in nightly campfires and the scouts earning the Firecrafter rank also had to start a fire by using a fire-by-friction set they made from materials found at the camp.

All of the scouts, leaders and adults had a great time. Scouts enjoyed activities such as sailing, repelling, rifle and shotgun shooting, archery and swimming. One scout even earned an award for doing a mile swim.

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On Father's Day, Troop 101 had 88 youth and 46 adults leave for summer camp at Ransburg Scout Reservation in Monroe County. During the week, the scouts earned 200 merit badges. Five scouts advanced in their rank on the journey to Eagle Scout. One scout earned Second Class; three earned their Star rank and one earned his Life rank. Two scouts earned Palms which are awarded to scouts that earn a certain number of merit badges after their Eagle Scout rank.

Firecrafter ranks can only be earned at scout camps in the state of Indiana. Troop 101 had the following number of scouts earn Firecrafter ranks: 19 Camper, 8 Woodsman and 6 Firecrafter. These scouts worked very



# Worship opportunities

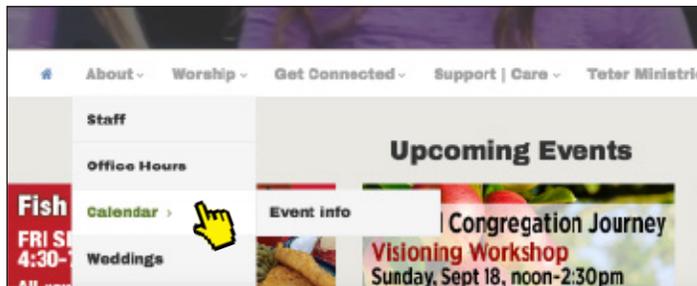
**THU 6:30pm** Thursday Worship in the Vine, relaxed mid-week worship for all ages.

**SUN 8:15am** Outdoor Worship at Teter Family Retreat, 10980 East 221st Street, Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month.

**SUN 9:30am** Celebration Hall Chancel Choir, Holy Communion - first Sunday of the month, and classes & childcare for all ages.

**SUN 11am** Sanctuary  
11:00 Worship Band, Holy Communion each week, interactive prayer time, Exit 11 children's ministry & childcare in the nursery.

## Online church calendar



Visit [www.noblesvillefirst.com](http://www.noblesvillefirst.com) > About > Calendar. There you'll find details on upcoming events and activities!

## Kroger purchases have earned \$2,643 this year

Connect your Kroger Plus Card with Noblesville First! You'll earn donations for the church every time you shop. Visit [www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards](http://www.Kroger.com/CommunityRewards) to enroll. Our Non-Profit Organization (NPO) number is: 45853.



## How does Stephen Ministry Work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, our Referral Coordinator, Sally Kenley or Keith Beesley, will meet with that person, explain what Stephen ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that would be helpful. Our Referral Coordinator then matches that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers.

The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for around an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

If you need a Stephen Minister or are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Keith Beesley at (317) 431-0847 or Sally Kenley at (317) 439-3112.



**Miss a sermon?** Watch or listen from:  
1) the sermon archive at [www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/sermons](http://www.NoblesvilleFirst.com/sermons), 2) your favorite podcast app ... search "Noblesville First" or 3) on the church app. Search "Noblesville First" from the [AppStore](#) or [GooglePlay](#).

Sign up for Pastor Jerry's weekly email  
Visit <http://tinyurl.com/jp7m8tn> to sign up or pick up a printed copy at the information desk each Sunday!

## Mission Guatemala (continued from page 3)

highlands of Guatemala and will work on a construction project in one of the indigenous Mayan villages served by Mission Guatemala. Support the team by: praying, making a monetary donation (drop off in the church office), and supporting our fundraisers this month!

Purchase delicious Butter Braid frozen pastries and beautiful fall mums! Place your order at church on August 6 and 13. Delivery of both will be in early September. Questions? Contact Paige Sexton [pngmsrwajs@gmail.com](mailto:pngmsrwajs@gmail.com) or Dale Morris [daleamorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daleamorris@sbcglobal.net) or 317-294-3810.

## White River Elementary (continued from page 3)

wrapped in prayer by a behind-the-scenes prayer partner from our church.

As the new school year starts, more mentors and prayer partners are needed to be a part of this program. Substitute mentors are also needed for those times when mentor cannot be there. Training and follow-up for

all three positions are provided.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a mentor, substitute mentor, or prayer partner. Interested? Contact Jean Morris, KHUSA Director, [mrsejmorris@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrsejmorris@sbcglobal.net) or 317-294-0886 with questions or to apply.

## Be a classroom helper!

We currently have a strong mentoring program with Kids Hope which partners one mentor with one student who meet weekly during the school year. We have begun to supply volunteers and supplies for special events and projects. Now we would like to put volunteers in as many classrooms as possible. We think this servant opportunity may work well with many persons who need a more flexible schedule or who travel frequently. Your classroom duties and hours can be worked out with the classroom teacher in a way that provides valuable classroom and student support. Interested? If so, contact Jenell Hadley [jhadley@NoblesvilleFirst.com](mailto:jhadley@NoblesvilleFirst.com) or 317-773-



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Tuesday, September 19  
6:30pm in the Parlor

## Thank you notes

Dear Everyone at NFUMC,

We can't express how pleased and grateful we are for the lovely and fitting Memorial Service and reception last weekend for our dad, Irv Heath. Everything fell together beautifully for a perfect "good-bye until we meet again" celebration. We could not have done it without all your help and the contributions. We received several compliments on both the service and the reception, especially how honoring it was to both dad and God. What more can you ask.

The beautiful white bouquet you sent not only looked gorgeous but smelled heavenly. It transported home to Winchester well and is in full bloom in my kitchen at present.

Again, thank you again for being the hands and feet of Christ. Dad would be pleased and honored.

Love in Christ,  
Marilyn, Peter & the Heath Family

Dear First UMC Church,

We want to thank you for the prayer quilt for us. Jay's was perfect with the golfers and maps.

We also appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers. God is good.

Blessings,  
Jay and Susan Douthit

Prayer Works! God bless you all for your prayers, cards, calls and visits. And a very Special Thanks to Pastors Dick Judson and Carol Miller for getting to the hospital so very early to pray with me. God has been good to me once again. I know it is due to all the prayers lifted up for me. I am blessed.

Thanks, Linda Davies

Additional thank you notes are posted on the information kiosks.



# Prayer tips: Are there weeds in your routines? by Beth Lively

During the month of August, take time to read Ecclesiastes. It's short. Perhaps, if you have access, read it in the plain talk Message version as well as which ever other version you prefer. It opens my eyes a little wider every time I study.

Complacency seems to saunter into life with no warning, rhyme or reason. One day we kick back and relax, the next minute, we have no time left to complete some task by the deadline. Stop for fast food a couple of times and in a short time its become fast food five times a week. Neglect prayer and one day you realize you can't remember the last time you even tried. Cuss a couple of times and you soon catch yourself "OMGing" about everything, completely forgetting the reverence and respect you believe in your heart. Stay home one Sunday, snap your fingers and you haven't been to church in a month.

It is part of our human nature to seek fun, relaxation, mindless, idle whatever. It is a basic human need, but when indulged too often, it can take us away from the

parts of life that have lasting forever joy attached.

Spiritual laziness and personal neglect are edible vines that slowly wrap us in tasty tendrils until one day we find we are strangling and truly living is just beyond reach. This is the weed that brings on physical, emotional, and spiritual pain, hopelessness and resignation.

God meant us to enjoy as much as possible. He showed us the power of finding hope in living things—nature, animals, each other. Life is in the now as is praise, hope, joy and reconciliation. Life itself is NOW. God is NOW. Joy is NOW.



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