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Sunday Fellowship: 8:30 a.m. (coffee and donuts)

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sunday School (all ages): 10:15 a.m.

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## SERMON INFORMATION

### Nov 5 — *Mission Sunday*

“Get Plugged In—Serving is  
Powerful”

### Nov 12 — “Through Faith Alone”

**Romans 4:1-12**  
**Galatians 2:15-16**

### Nov 19 — “Through Christ Alone”

Rev. Lindon Fowler speaking  
**1 Timothy 2:5**  
**Hebrews 9:15**

### Nov 26 — “To the Glory of God Alone”

Dick Hammer speaking

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Nov 5 Amanda Trent  
Nov 12 Amanda Trent  
Nov 19 Amanda Trent  
Nov 26 Suzie Ransome

## MEAL DELIVERY

Nov 3 Sue Payton & Sue Wolfe  
Nov 10 Sue Payton & Sue Wolfe  
Nov 17 Connie & John Milholland  
Nov 24 Thanksgiving No Delivery



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

When someone you know is in need of care...

Or, how exactly does the Stephen Ministry (SM) referral process work?

- 1) A person- either you, a relative, or a friend- is hurting and in need of individual care.
  - 2) The SM Referrals Coordinator or Pastor learns of this need from the person or a friend who has obtained permission to share the need.
  - 3) The Referrals Coordinator meets with the person to talk about Stephen Ministry and answer questions.
  - 4) With the person's permission, the Referral Coordinator assigns a Stephen Minister to meet on a weekly basis with this person.
  - 5) The Stephen Minister provides distinctively Christian and strictly confidential listening and care.
- The care continues for as long as there is a need; could be two weeks, two months, or two years.  
Don't delay referring yourself or someone you care about to the FEPC Stephen Ministry. A caring, listening ear is available today by contacting Marty Rodkey or Kelly Kurth.



## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Did you know the Community Thanksgiving dinner is a yearly event in Clinton County? The purpose is to provide a hot Thanksgiving Day meal to any resident of Clinton County who wishes to have one. Last year over 750 meals were distributed.

This year the dinner will be served Thursday, November 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Frankfort Neighborhood Center, 259 S. Third Street.

If you would like to make a financial contribution toward providing this dinner, there is an account at the Farmers Bank. Make your check payable to: Community Thanksgiving Dinner and turn it in at the bank.

If you have other questions, please contact Daisy Shoemaker (765) 242-5937 or Keona Stidham (765) 242-7065 or [K2m5s6@gmail.com](mailto:K2m5s6@gmail.com)



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**FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA**

*Focus on God, Equip God's People, Proclaim Christ, Change the World*

A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

November 2017

### Bloodmobile

Thursday, November 2, 2017  
Fellowship Hall



### Mission Weekend—Get Plugged IN

November 4 & 5



### Jobs for Life Graduation

Thursday, November 9  
Graduation 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
Reception following in Fellowship  
Hall



### Quilts on Wings

November 10



### Youth CLUE Night

November 12



### Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 23 from 11 a.m.—1 p.m.



### B2B Community Dinner

Wednesday, November 29 @ 5 p.m.



### Borrowing Policy

If you need to borrow tables, chairs or other equipment from the church, please be sure to check with Donnie Albitz to be sure it won't be needed or that it hasn't been reserved by someone else. The policy states that we will not lend out kitchen equipment.



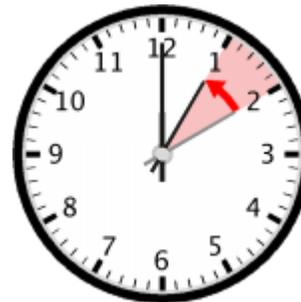
## NOTICE – Change of WILO broadcast time

**Beginning Sunday, November 5**

Weekly radio broadcast of Sunday morning worship service will be at

**10:15 a.m.**

Daylight Saving Time **ENDS** Next Sunday, November 5.



Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour  
Saturday, November 4

## Get Plugged IN ... Serving is POWERFUL!

On Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 4 and 5, the Mission Team will provide many opportunities for you to learn about various local ministries in which you could use your time, talent and tithes. Saturday's activities (8:30 a.m.-Noon) include tours of local missions supported by FEPC with a time to reflect and fellowship over lunch served at church. Sunday morning's service will feature messages from those among us who have already begun to experience the power of getting Plugged IN to serving Christ in our community. Mark your calendars and plan to "Get Plugged IN To Local Missions!"

## Open House at The Way Out Sober Living Home

**Saturday, Nov. 4**, you are invited to stop by and see all the work that has been done across the street at The Way Out Sober Living Home. Their open house will coincide with our Missions Weekend. Stop by **between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

## November Due Dates

The **Thanksgiving Food Offering** bags will be received on Sunday, November 5.

Return **Operation Christmas Child** boxes on Sunday, November 12. Please leave them on the stage in Fellowship Hall.



## *Life in the Body of Christ*

### Condolences to:

- The family of Bryson Haynes who passed away October 8, 2017, including grandmother, Becky Milstead, aunt Angie Vargas, and uncle Mark Haynes, and others of our congregation who had close associations.
- The family of Eula Merle Kersey who passed away October 10. She was the mother of Pam Hall and grandmother of Ashley Haynes and Amanda Moore. Mrs. Kersey was 100 years old.
- The family of Rick Stevens who passed away October 10. He was the father of Kristen Beardsley.
- The family of Kim and Susan Calloway on the passing of extended relatives Mabel K. Samuels Calloway on October 23, 2017, and Richard Clark on October 29, 2017.

### THANK YOU

- To my church family for their words of comfort received at the passing of my sister, Eunice Kreisher. Thank you from Carroll Johnson.
- To the ALIVE youth for hosting a very meaningful Prayer Walk on Saturday, October 28.
- To Thresa Adams, Custodian, for setting up Fellowship Hall each Tuesday and Thursday for the Jobs for Life classes. Both Thresa and Mark Calvin do so much to keep our church clean and ready for many events. Their efforts do not go unnoticed.



### Lindon Fowler

Sunday, November 19, we will have the privilege of hearing from a guest speaker. Lindon was a seminary classmate and good friend of Kelly Kurth. He will continue our series on the Solas of the Reformation with the topic *Through Christ Alone*.

Rev. Lindon Fowler is the executive director of Seneca Hills Bible Camp in Polk, Pa. Established in 1936, Seneca Hills is a year-round camp, conference and retreat center. Prior to coming to Seneca Hills in 2016, Lindon spent several years in the energy industry where he worked as his company's operations manager and sales manager. Lindon is an ordained Teaching Elder in the EPC and serves on the Church Development Committee in the presbytery of the Alleghenies. He earned his B.A. in Biblical Studies from Geneva College and his Master of Divinity degree from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis.

Lindon and his wife Megan have three boys. They love hiking, riding bikes, Nerf dart wars, cheering for the St. Louis Cardinals, and adventuring together as a family.

### News from Kwetu Faraja

If it was seen on Facebook, it must be true. Lorien Knapp Sayaye recently posted pictures of Emmanuel Mas-hauri, telling how he had walked into their lives nine years ago, and now they have celebrated his graduation from Secondary School. His next step is to sit for National Exams, and then next year continue to Advanced Levels. Lorien says Emmanuel hopes to be a doctor one day, and that he is a good example for their younger boys.

## **EPC Pastor Andrew Brunson**

On October 7, EPC teaching elder Andrew Brunson had been imprisoned in Turkey for one year. At that time the EPC called for a day of fasting and prayer on his behalf. Currently, on their website they have included this statement: "Thank you for praying for Andrew Brunson. We have been directed to remove any public material regarding the situation." We must trust that all that can be done to secure Pastor Brunson's release is being done. Continue to pray that God's purposes will be served in this situation.

The poem below was written by the EPC Pastor Andrew Brunson. Someone saw it posted on Facebook by his wife. She said he wrote it while in prison in Turkey, and he sings it every day. Perhaps it will help you see ways to pray for him.

### **You Are Worthy**

*You are worthy, worthy of my all  
My tears and pain I lift up as an offering  
Teach me to share in the fellowship of your suffering  
Lamb of God you are worthy of my all.*

*You are worthy, worthy of my all  
Adopted as a son, a brother to my King  
Indeed I will share in your glory if I share your suffering  
Jesus, you are worthy of my all.*

*You are worthy, worthy of my all  
But my heart faints, drowned in sorrow, overwhelmed  
Make me like you, Cross-bearer, persevering, faithful to the end  
To stand the trial and receive the crown of life.*

*You are worthy, worthy of my all  
**This is my declaration in the darkest hour**  
Jesus, the Faithful One who loves me, always good and true  
You made me yours, you are worthy of my all.*

*I want to be found worthy to stand before you on that day  
With no regrets from cowardice, things left undone  
To hear you say, "Well done, my faithful friend, now enter your reward"  
Jesus, my Joy, you are the prize I'm running for.*

*You are worthy, worthy of my all  
You are worthy, worthy of my all  
What can I give to the Son of God, who gave himself for me  
Here I am, you are worthy of my all.*

(Andrew Brunson, September 2017)

## International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

November 5 is designated for observance of International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians. The day is a time to focus on intercessory prayer on behalf of Christians worldwide who are experiencing an increasing amount of persecution.

The following information is taken from an article written by Brian F. O'Connell and posted by idoporg.

### The Story of the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted

The background and history of the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted (IDOP) is an important one in the life of the global evangelical church. Arguably, one can make the case that it was, at least partially, responsible for the highly increased engagement of the worldwide church today, not only in issues related to religious liberty, but in the broader involvement in international human rights.

IDOP's development had its beginning in the first few years of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) Religious Liberty Commission (RLC) starting in 1988. The overarching goal was to see if WEA could assist the global church in being better engaged in the issues related to believers who are discriminated, harassed, or persecuted for their faith. Thus, prayer would be central to its emerging programs.

The WEA RLC was officially launched at the 1992 WEA Global Assembly in Manila, Philippines. A three-day consultation was organized on persecution just before the General Assembly where over 30 key international leaders to help shape the Commission's work were brought together. Guiding principles were that the RLC should be a platform for collaboration, a source of education and training for the church, and a mobilizer for public action. Even at this event, where public advocacy was discussed at length, prayer was highlighted as the central thing most believers suffering for their faith desired from the global church.

In March 1994, a global "Day of Prayer For Iran" campaign was observed. This was catalyzed by the January 1994 murder (and martyrdom) of Bishop Haik Hovsepian Mehr, Superintendent of the Assembly of God churches in Iran, and the plight of Mehdi Dibaj, one of his church members who was imprisoned and sentenced to death on apostasy charges. Though Mehdi was released from prison, he, too was killed in June of that year.

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church was officially launched in 1996 and designated the first Sunday in November for the church calendar (subsequently the second Sunday was added).

In 1997, at the WEA Global Assembly in Vancouver, Brother Andrew of Open Doors was the first recipient of the World Evangelical Alliance's Religious Liberty Award, recognizing his lifetime of service to the persecuted. In receiving the award, Brother Andrew stated that "*only through mobilizing the church to pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Christ, will we see a significant shift in the involvement in their plight.*"

In this age of perceived increased persecution (in reality, we are always in an age of persecution), should we consider the twenty years of engaging the global church in prayer for those suffering for their faith a failure? On the contrary, the global church is now engaged in international religious liberty issues like never before. Perhaps that is what God intended as His-story continues to be written.

Brian F. O'Connell is the Founder/CEO of [REACT Services](#); Facilitator of the [Religious Liberty Partnership](#); and Chairman of the [Refugee Highway Partnership](#). In the development of the WEA RLC, he was working with the National Association of Evangelicals (USA).

*A commitment to read and follow God's Word  
begins a daily journey of discovering His love and power.*