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Sunday Morning Schedule

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.
*Staffed Nursery all morning

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SERMON INFORMATION

- Jan 7** — “In the Beginning was the Word ...”
John 1:1-18
- Jan 14** — “The Witness of John the Baptist”
John 1:19-34
- Jan 21** — “The First Disciples”
John 1:35-51
- Jan 28** — “The First Sign: Water to Wine”
John 2:1-11

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

- Jan 7** Marilyn Copeland - Jesus Baptized
Jan 14 Sheri McCormick - Jesus in the Wilderness
Jan 21 Janice Chezem - Mustard Seed
Jan 28 Marilyn Copeland - Leaven

MEAL DELIVERY

- Jan 5** Doyal Rogers
Jan 12 Doyal Rogers
Jan 19 Lynette Hardesty & N. Shirar
Jan 26 Lynette Hardesty & N. Shirar



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

The holidays bring peace and joy for many, but for others there may be mostly sadness, confusion, and disappointment, especially when one has experienced recent losses or significant changes, particularly unwelcome ones. Grief over the loss of a loved one includes a deep sadness, and holidays can bring such grief and sadness to the forefront. While the sadness of grief is not necessarily depression, if it goes on and on, it can be helpful to talk with someone to sort it out and gain strength for going on. The new year can be a good time to take stock of your own or a friend or loved one's grief. There are many helps available when the time is right: grief support groups, grief journals, counselors who specialize in grief issues, Stephen Ministers who listen and care. If it would be helpful to you or a loved one to explore such resources, please consider talking with Marty Rodkey, FEPC's Stephen Ministry referral coordinator, or with Pastor Kelly.



Life in the Body of Christ

FEPC Bus Ministry

- The bus ministry is in need of drivers starting in January. Check out the calendar at the link <https://doodle.com/poll/29hnz5ftgfwicrxe>

Congratulations

- to Lawrence Wilkinson who recently received a Food Science Degree from the School of Agriculture at Purdue University.



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FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA

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A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

January 2018

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

No Wednesday Evening Activities January 3, 2018

January 7, 2018

Deacons Coffee Hour @ 10 a.m.

No Sunday School

Youth CLUE Night

4:00 p.m., January 7

All middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to invite a neighbor or friend.

Quilts on Wings

Friday, January 12 @ 1:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting

Saturday, January 20

Carry-in Dinner @ 5:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting 6:00 p.m.

B2B Community Dinner

Wednesday, January 31 @ 5:00 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.

Happy New Year

Session Highlights

The following are just some of the issues and topics that Session has been discussing over the past couple of meetings:

- ◇ We were happy to be informed that \$1400 had been raised for the McClains during our November Missions weekend and that they are now safely in Montana.
- ◇ After some discussion concerning problems with our sanctuary sound system, Session approved funds from the Contingency Fund to make the needed upgrades, many of which are being enjoyed right now.
- ◇ Session presented a slate of candidates to the congregation to fill our Pastor Search Committee. After being voted in, these individuals are now hard at work in the process of helping to find our new Head Pastor.
- ◇ We were pleased to find out during our December meeting that the church came pretty close to our 2107 budget calculations.
- ◇ Church security has become a big issue, with potential terrorist attacks on unsuspecting congregations becoming an increasing possibility. To that end, a Church Security webinar was participated in by some Session members as well as others in the church. Some suggestions from that webinar have been implemented, with the possibility of other measures being introduced in the future. As always, the congregation's patience is asked for as these new procedures are put in place and "tweaked" to fit our particular building needs.

Revive and Survive

The church has received a free Automated External Defibrillator (AED) through the Franciscan Health Revive and Survive Program. An AED is designed to restart the heart in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, a main cause of cardiac deaths outside the hospital setting. FEPC's new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been installed in its cabinet on the wall outside the Music Room. Engineered to deliver a shock if needed in a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, it is available for use by our church AED Team, other trained providers, or even a willing member of the public. The AED is fully automated, meaning it talks you through the process of applying pads, evaluates the heart rhythm, and tells whether a shock is needed. We qualify to have another AED onsite if we send four more people to the free training session in Lafayette. If you have questions or are interested in being trained, contact Marty Rodkey.

From the Church Office

Record of Contribution: Your record of contribution for 2017 will be sent after the first of the year. Year-end-gifts needed to be in the church office or postmarked by December 31 to be included on your report of contribution.

Offering Envelopes: Envelopes are not being mailed again this year. Please pick up yours in the sanctuary after worship or in the church office.

2017 Annual Reports: Each ministry of the church is requested to submit a report of its activities and developments for the year 2017. Your report will be included in the Annual Report to the Congregation. Your report should be sent to kalen@fepcfrankfort.org or brought to the church office by **January 7, 2018**.

Annual Congregational Meeting: January 20, 2018 begins with a carry-in dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m., followed by meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Continue Praying for Pastor Brunson

The following was recently posted on Facebook by Andrew & Norine Brunson:

Happy New Year to all of you!! Below is a note Andrew wrote a few weeks ago.

I am deeply grateful to all who have prayed for me. This trial - time in prison - has stretched me far more than I ever would have imagined. I have been very weak, had many doubts, felt very alone. I know that God's grace is sustaining me, even when I do not feel that grace, and I know that the prayers of God's people are surrounding me and giving strength. One of my big fears has been that I will be forgotten in prison. Thank you for not forgetting! It is a great encouragement to know there are people praying for me - it reminds me that I am not alone, and that I need to stand firm, with my face pointed in God's direction always. Thank you for standing with me in this most difficult time.

Many blessings to you

Andrew

Recently shared on Facebook, this analogy gives us some food for thought as we begin a new year:

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shaking your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? "Well because someone bumped into me, of course!" Wrong answer. You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would've spilled tea.

Whatever is inside the cup, will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out.

It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?" When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace, and humility?

Or, anger, bitterness, harsh words, and reactions?

You choose ...

Today lets work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation; and kindness, gentleness, and love for others. " CHOOSE joy, SPEAK life, and KEEP MARCHING!"