



First Press Lite

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

September 2018

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 5
Church Offices **CLOSED**

WFEPD Dinners Resume

Wednesday, September 5 @ 5 p.m.

Discipletown Resumes

Wednesday, September 5 @ 6 p.m.

Presbyterian Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 9
3 p.m. Contact Sandy Meyer.

Quilts on Wings

Friday, September 14 @ 1:30 p.m.

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, September 23

Mobile Food Pantry

Monday, September 24 @ 10:30 a.m.

B2B Community Dinner

Wednesday, September 26 @ 5:00

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.

Timeline for Transition to Senior Pastor

For Pastor Kelly, becoming our Senior Pastor does not happen overnight. Some may wonder about the process and why it takes so long.

Once the Pastor Search Committee is formed, there are many tasks it must complete before making a recommendation to the congregation. On August 19 our Pastor Search Committee made the recommendation to call Pastor Brian Kelly Kurth to be our Senior Pastor, and the congregation voted to accept that recommendation. And in many of our minds, we may have thought that was the final step. But in the EPC denomination these are the first two steps in the process of moving Pastor Kelly to this role.

After our vote, Pastor Kelly met with the EPC Ministerial Committee on August 20 for a phone interview. The next step in the process will bring Kelly before the Presbytery for questioning at their meeting in Warsaw, IN on September 14-15. He does not know where his questioning will be placed on the docket. Once that hurdle is behind him, the final step will be the Installation Service at 3:00 p.m. on September 30. Once installed, Kelly will officially be our Senior Pastor.

We congratulate Kelly and his family as they remain with us, but step into a new role in ministry. Keep them in prayer as they move through the process and for Kelly as he prepares for his meeting with Presbytery.

Thank you to the Pastor Search Committee for their diligence and time in working through the process "decently and in order". Members of that committee included: Matt Beardsley, Debbie Bracken, Jenna Rockhold, Dick Sutton and Justin Trent.

September 9 is Promotion Sunday

- ★ We will recognize our kids "graduating" to Discipletown and ALIVE youth group.
- ★ Sunday School resumes. Adults will continue their study of John.
- ★ Children in Worship resumes.
- ★ BBQ after worship— Join us at 11:30 a.m. for pork burgers, hot dogs, sides, and more to kick off the school year.

Pastor Installation Service

Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Schedule

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

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

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

*Staffed Nursery all morning

For week day staff office hours, please visit
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the 1st of each month. Deadlines for
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SERMON INFORMATION

Stewardship Month

Continuing Our Study of John

September 2 — “Living Water”
Trevor Colby—Preaching
John 7:37-52

September 9 — *Promotion Sunday*
“The Woman Caught”
John 8-1-11

September 16 — “I Am the Light”
John 8:12-30

September 23 — *Stewardship Sunday*
“Freedom!”
John 8:31-47

September 30 — “I AM”
John 8:47-59

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Sept 9 - Marilyn Copeland - Creation

Sept 16 - Marilyn Copeland - The Fall

Sept 23 - Janice Chezem - Noah

Sept 30 - Janice Chezem - Abram &
Sara

MEAL DELIVERY

Sept 7 Linda Frey & Sally Rogers

Sept 14 Linda Frey & Sally Rogers

Sept 21 Karen & Dick Sutton

Sept 28 Karen & Dick Sutton

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Stephen Ministry at FEPC

God Gives the Growth

Your Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers rely on God to grow the Stephen Ministry program here at FEPC, just as they rely on Him to bring the growth in individual hearts. Though they may plant the seed of caring or may water the desire to learn to be a Stephen Minister, it is *only God, who makes things grow* (1 Corinthians 3:7 NIV). While He has not brought the growth at this time of new trainees for a Stephen Ministry class, we, and you, are still laboring in His field of caring. We continue to rely on Him and are focused on Christ who is at the center of our caring. We invite the congregation, to whom Stephen Ministry at FEPC truly belongs, to continue your support of Stephen Ministry through prayer, speaking of Stephen Ministry to hurting people, and referring those in need to a Stephen Leader. What makes any of this *worth doing is the God we are serving* (1 Corinthians 3:8 The Message). See the church pamphlet racks for prayer tips and more on Stephen Ministry.

Volunteer Needed

We are still seeking the perfect person to assume the role of “Wednesday Evening Meal Coordinator.” The time commitment is minimal, and simply requires filling the calendar with a group willing to serve each week. A servant’s heart is a must. Contact Kalen or Kelly for more info or to SIGN UP.

Reserving Fellowship Hall

Please be sure to contact the custodians as to how you would like the room to be arranged. There is a form available in the kitchen where you can describe this information. We like to ensure the usage is depicted on the schedule, but the details should be worked out with the custodians. Thanks so much for your help!

Reflections on the 2018 General Assembly

The General Assembly is the yearly gathering of representatives from all of the churches in our denomination, The Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Many things were accomplished in Memphis, TN, as we gathered during a week in June. We experienced fellowship and worship as we reconnected and praised God with those we haven't seen in awhile; teaching and training as we heard from conference speakers who challenged us with anything from a focus on a biblical passage and what God might be saying through that to his people, to discussion on what it looks like to live out our faith in the public arena, such as a school teacher or a business person. And yes, the business of the Church was done as well.

We often hear from brothers and sisters around the world who are trying to live out faithfulness to Christ in settings quite different than our own. This year we heard from Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Immaculee was hidden in a bathroom for 91 days with seven other women as members of the majority ruling Hutu tribe slaughtered those of the Tutsi tribe. It is estimated that between 500,000 to 1,000,000 were killed in that 100 day period. Immaculee told her story of how she came to believe and trust in the God of the bible during her hiding and... how she even came to forgive. Her story of forgiveness (even of those she knew murdered her family) was so very powerful! She reminded us time and time again that this was only possible because Jesus forgave her...and us, who are guilty of cosmic treason against the One True God, and are now able (and dare I say, required?) to forgive others as well.

There is no lack of things to see, hear and do at the General Assembly. I've been impressed with the programming that they not only offer for the commissioners, but also the families. The kid programming included bible study and stories, worship, crafts, games and ventures into the city to explore the sites. The zoo, Civil Rights Museum, Sky Zone, and even a baseball game were included for those daring enough to sign up...and you can never underestimate the draw of the hotel pool. Our family certainly slept well at the end of the day.

I'll share one final highlight as I wrap up this entry. During one of the evenings, we had the opportunity to hear from Ligon Duncan, a well-known pastor and speaker. As he walked us through scripture, he reminded us that the very foundation of Christian Mission (local and global) was a promise. That 'mission' given (or commanded) to Abram... was itself a blessing. Obedience to the One True God would lead to the blessing of Abraham, and his family... but it would also lead to the well being of the world...that was God's promise.

That promise of God the Father to Abraham is ultimately fulfilled by the obedience of the Son, Jesus Christ, and applied through the ministry of the Spirit. What was that promise? Paul's letter to the church in Galatia says,

¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. (Gal 3:13-14)

Brothers and sisters, may these words remind us of the blessing and promise that we have in Christ, that those who were far away from God are brought near through Christ Jesus, and that we who are called by his name, are also called to be a blessing, like Abraham, to those around us, that they too might also come to know this redeemer and savior!

Sincerely,
Pastor Kelly



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank you

- Many thanks for the prayers, cards, texts, food and outpouring of love. Our church family has been such a blessing to us during the recent death of Stephanie's mom. The Coapstick Family
- *Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*

These words have taken on special meaning in our family after this year of challenge and adjustment, as we are learning to lean on God and His promises of faithfulness, provision, strength, and peace. His counsel and instruction have also become very plain, and through His leading, I know without a doubt that I am to retire from my position as Director of Worship. "Wow" is all I can say in response to your overwhelming display of love and support during the reception last Sunday after worship. I love you all, and I've loved being in ministry with you. I'm not going away and will be participating and volunteering as need. You and this church have my heart, and I'll always be grateful for the love and grace you've shown to me. Love in Christ, Carol Downs

Congratulations to

- Carroll Johnson on the celebration of his 97th birthday!
- Roger and Joanne Mullendore are Mr. and Mrs. Hickory for Ole Hickory Days at Colfax.



Introducing

- Once again Susie and Gary Plunkitt are host parents to a new foreign exchange student. Her name is Pakkaporn "Prin" Udomphol. She is 17 and is from Thailand. In addition to her parents, she has a younger sister 10, and an older sister, 20. Prin is attending Frankfort High School this year. She loves Art & wants to study Architecture in college. Susie says she thinks she is beautiful, and when she lets her just washed hair out, she looks like Moana!!!! She is planning to participate in Girl's Tennis in the spring.

Recent Community News

- The Clinton Prairie School Foundation recently announced that starting in 2019 they will be offering the "William and Barbara Kelley Scholarship". Mr. & Mrs. Kelley were members of FEPC and well known in this community for their dedication to education, their faith, and their family. It is in that spirit that brothers Travis and Matthew Kelley have established this permanent scholarship in their parent's memory.

New Bible Study,

The study will meet on **Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**, beginning **September 6**. We will meet in one of the **3rd floor youth rooms** at the church.

The **topic**: "The Power of Praying for your Adult Children". This study will address areas of concern you may have for your adult children (ages 18+) and how to lift them up to God.

We will be using the book, "The Power of Praying for your Adult Children", and "The Power of Praying for your Adult Children Prayer and Study Guide" by Stormie Omartian.

Please let Stephanie Coapstick know if you will be joining the group and if you would like to order the books. Contact her by phone (cell: 765-586-2751) or by email (scoapstick@cpsc.k12.in.us)

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

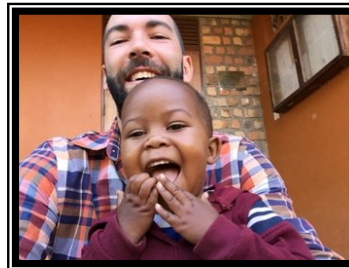
We have collected everything on the list, but we still need more of the following: **games, flash cards, small toys, t-shirts/athletic wear.**

Also **NEEDED: donations to mail the boxes.** Each box costs \$9. Checks need to be made to **FEPC**, not OCC.

DO NOT NEED: stuffed animals.

At the end of the year there will be a "packing party".

Update from Caleb



Caleb Calloway's recent Facebook post brings us this update. It's easy to see in the photos that he is enjoying his work. No doubt he will miss those kids when he comes home in a few months. Here's what he shared:

What a busy month and a half it's been here in Natiwogo Uganda. The Lord has been working and answering prayer in so many ways. After the Fourth of July we left for Kenya for two days to renew our visas. We arrived in Nairobi and headed to Ongata Rongai where we stayed at a German mission house overlooking the nature preserve. Brian, a leader of the mission group is leading a group of young adults in ministry. At the compound we were blessed to join their team for the Wednesday night service. Kenya is much different than Uganda. I have many stories to tell when I get back to Indiana this winter. After returning we jumped back into the swing of things with school outreaches. We are getting ready to have the high schoolers over for an end-of-the-year trip to our village in Nangombe. Please keep them and the church in your prayers along with our team as we finish up.

Mobile Food Pantry



If your children were hungry and you were out of funds, would you know where to turn? One place might be the Mobile Pantry that is part of Food Finders Food Bank, Inc. FEPC's **B2B** Team is hosting the Mobile Pantry on Monday, September 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the parking lot at FEPC.

The Mobile Pantry program is a simple and convenient way to get food to those in need by bringing food directly to them.

At this time we are only sponsoring this one event. The fee is being paid from B2B funds.

There have been bulletin inserts for volunteers to sign up. A few more volunteers are needed.

Volunteers are needed from 10:30-1:00. Volunteer roles are as follows:

- ★ Registration to explain the process and assign numbers.
- ★ Greeter to greet guests and keep the line moving.
- ★ Restockers to keep products moving and tables full with food selections.
- ★ Helpers/Runners to look for and assist those that may need assistance getting through the line.
- ★ Extra volunteers to help keep the area cleaned up.
- ★ Surveyor to conduct survey of guests to get a better feel for their needs.

If interested in helping, please contact Marty Rodkey or Stephanie Coapstick. Remember, we are **Blessed 2** be a **Blessing!**

5th Sunday Offering

The deacons have designated the 5th Sunday offering in September to the Clinton County Boys & Girls Club.

Update from Bob and Patty Meredith

August 5, 2018

The last five days - Patty has been VERY sluggish and hallucinating constantly - ALL DAY. Then, EXTREME movements in the evening and not sleeping until midnight or later. "Extreme movements" mean large STRAINING movements, grabbing, stretching, able to balance for hours while staring at the ceiling. (Amazing!). She actually works up a sweat during this time of movements!

Pray for wisdom for her neurologist that we will visit tomorrow - and pray she COOPERATES! At times she struggles to walk or eat. This is new. Pray he can answer my many questions.

This last week I interviewed reps from two different healthcare companies that can provide home health care for Patty. We have a great caregiver already but I need someone to fill in occasionally - or every night and weekends IF I go to Kenya and Zambia as planned at the end of September and part of October. I'm still leaning toward GOING - I need the break, and the visit with friends there and to attend the meetings with many Africa Nav leaders and a wedding!!

PRAY I find someone that really give me CONFIDENCE in them!

Whatever. THANKS for traveling with us as I try to work and serve the International Navs around the globe and my WIFE at the same time.

Jeremiah 33:3 - calling to God to show me great and mighty things that I do not know!! THANKFUL for His promises.

Gratefully in Him, Bob

August 7, 2018

Brief summary of yesterday's doc visit: It was sad but encouraging to hear that he DOES know what he's doing and has seen this before. (Parkinson's psychosis - NOT the capgras. That's really rare.) He is HOPEFUL for Patty's "return" - but it will take time. He also ruled out why this is NOT any other "disease" we are dealing with. So, I'm even more confident we are "barking up the right tree".

Regarding my possible trip to Africa, it was painful - but important for me to hear him say:

1. do not count on Patty traveling at this time; it's too unpredictable
2. if I DO go, I would have to have someone here I had absolute 100% confidence in (I do in Cenida - but she's only around during the week days) and
3. My input and observations every week are good for him. It's very important for him to continue to get my weekly "bobservations". SAD. but accurate, I guess.

So, I am rethinking even MY going to Kenya & Zambia.

Meanwhile, today Patty is having a pretty good (lucid) day!!! We've not seen this for about 2 weeks! Progress? Maybe. Or just a brief "visit" from Patty. Progress is NOT linear and therefore NOT predictable. Things can change by the time I get home. Or before.

Thanks for praying for me, us.

Gratefully in Him, Bob

The Kwetu Faraja Shipping Container Still Has Room

In July Amy and Matt Crawford and Jason Knapp took donations to North Carolina to be sent on to Kwetu Faraja. Recent news is that there is still plenty of space in the shipping container. If you have new or gently used items you would like to donate, please box them and ship to:

Ryan Rasmussen (Kwetu Faraja)
226 N Marion Dr.
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Items can be purchased from Amazon and shipped directly to the address above.

A wish list of items include the following:

- Large chalk boards
- folding tables (tough white plastic tops)
- folding chairs
- metal book shelves
- office furniture
- quality books
- text books from schools (if not too outdated)
- sturdy garden hoses/tools
- any quality power tools or hand held tools
- work gloves
- nice clothes
- globes and maps
- school supplies (paper, pens, folders, rulers, etc)
- car batteries
- hoses for toilets and showers
- twin sized bed sheets and rubber covers
- hygiene products (deodorant that won't melt, tooth brushes and paste)
- bikes
- Legos
- crayons and markers
- FOUR WHEELER

Continue Praying for Pastor Andrew Brunson

Pastor Brunson's trial is now scheduled to proceed in October. He has been released from prison because of health issues and is now under house arrest in Turkey. Continue to keep him and his family in your prayers. Pray that through his detainment God has been glorified and souls have been won to Him. Pray for God to bring closure and full release of Pastor Brunson in this situation.