



# 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

January 2019

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## Youth CLUE Night

January 6, 2019 from 4:00—7:00 p.m.  
All middle and high school students are invited and encouraged to invite a neighbor or friend.

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, January 11 @ 1:30 p.m.

## Communion Sunday

January 13

Observed in Morning Worship and at Wesley Manor at 1:30 p.m.

## Men's Breakfast

8:00 a.m., January 19, 2019

## Bloodmobile

Thursday, January 24, 2019

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## 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*

## Deacon News for the New Year

We are starting the year with a full board of 16 Deacons, and looking forward to serving God and the church. 2019 will be a year of transition for community ministry. There will be no more monthly Community Dinners, and the B2B team has disbanded. We will pursue new opportunities for community ministry, like the mobile food pantry that we hosted last September. Please pray for God's direction as we embark on the new year.

## Church Directory

The online church directory is continually being updated. Please check to make sure your information is correct. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email address in 2018, be sure your information is current. If updates are needed, send them to [kalen@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:kalen@fepcfrankfort.org) before January 15. New printed copies will be available at the annual meeting January 26.

## Coming Up ...

January 1 and 2 — **Church Offices CLOSED**

**No Activities**

January 6 — New Church Officer Installation  
**NO Sunday School**

January 26 — .5 p.m. **Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting**  
Bring a dessert or side dish.

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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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## SERMON INFORMATION

### *Series on the Apostles' Creed*

#### Jan 6 - *Officer Installation*

"I believe in God the Father  
Almighty, Maker of Heaven  
and Earth"

#### Jan 13 - *Communion*

"Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our  
Lord; Conceived and Born"

Jan 20 - "Suffered, Crucified, Died,  
Buried, He rose again from  
the dead"

Jan 27 - "He ascended into Heave, he  
will come to judge"

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Jan 6 - M. Copeland - Jesus Baptized

Jan 13 - ? - Jesus in Wilderness

Jan 20 - ? - Jesus Calls 12

Jan 27 - Sheri M. - Jesus and Storm

## MEAL DELIVERY

Jan 4 NO DELIVERY

Jan 11 Doyal Rogers

Jan 18 Lynette Hardesty & N. Shirar

Jan 25 Lynette Hardesty & N. Shirar



## *Life in the Body of Christ*

### Thank you

- I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, visits and caring during my recent hip replacement surgery. By the Grace of God's presence and healing, and the care giving of Grayce, I am recovering nicely. ~~ Dick Moore
- Dick and Karen Sutton thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards.
- To all the musicians who shared their talents to make 2018 musically special at FEPC: Choir, Handbells, Men's Ensemble, Women's Ensemble, soloists and accompanists. You bless us always with your musical offerings.
- To all who participated in decorating the church for December 2018. You provide a beautiful place for us to worship.
- To all who helped make the December 2018 Community Dinner a success.

### Condolences to

- Dick and Karen Sutton on the passing of his sister, Mary Weijohn, in Wapato, WA, on December 15.
- Janice and Myron Chezem on the passing of her mother, Marguerite Martin, in Florida the evening of December 23.
- Glenda Jones on the passing of her brother on December 24.
- Marilyn and Paul Copeland on the passing of her mother, Lillian Fuller, the afternoon of December 24, at Wesley Manor.
- Suzi and Ed Pluhar on the recent passing of her brother-in-law in Tucson, AZ.

## Stephen Ministry at FEPC



### **Caring Tip #1: Be gentle with yourself**

The church's main winter holidays are just past. But grief does not take a holiday. We know this, but grief often hits harder at holiday time, perhaps because we expect all to be joyful, and then hope is dashed. Or maybe because now every year, the holiday will be linked to the memory of the loss. More than a few in our congregation have experienced loss of family members in the days and weeks leading up to Christmas. Handling grief is not easy at any time of the year, and how you take care of yourself while mourning can help get you through. Being gentle with yourself means thinking about what you need and moving toward it. Perhaps you're physically exhausted. Then establish a nap time. In need of spiritual strengthening? Take time in scriptures that help you lament the loss and receive God's comfort. (See Psalms 6, 13, 22, 62, 139 and others.) Emotionally drained? Spend time with a friend who will just listen, no matter how many times you need to recount what you've been through, or seek out a support group. (Ask a Stephen Minister.) While ultimately believers find their rest and hope in God alone (Psalm 62:5), there is much one can do to care well for oneself while on the path to His healing. The care of a Stephen Minister can be reached through Pastor Kelly or Marty Rodkey (765-379-3112).

### **FEPC Stephen Ministers**

Wondering who our current Stephen Ministers are? The Leaders include Karen Sutton, Amanda Trent, and Marty Rodkey. While more members have been trained, not all are actively serving in this role at this time. Your current Stephen Ministers include: Karen Biery, Gayla Davis, Glenda Jones, Peggy Williams, Suzi Pluhar, Phoebe Smith, Joyce Peters.

### **New Testament in a Year**

Pick up one of the reading guides, available in the Sanctuary. Put a copy in your bible, read daily, and you will read through the New Testament by the end of 2019.

### **Congregational Care Ministry**

As a reminder, should any congregational care needs arise, you can contact the church office, your Elder Shepherd, or any of the members of the Congregational Care Committee:

Connie Timmons, Karen Biery, Joyce Peters or Patty Nash.

## January 2019 — A NEW CALLING

Are you looking for a way to serve in the New Year? Do you feel like there is something new you could be doing to explore the calling God has on his people to use their gifts to serve others? Have you ever considered a loss of hearing or loss of sense of smell to be a gift? Are you interested in having a lot of laughs?

There is a ministry in our church that provides opportunities for all of this and more. Your commitment would be one service every 2-3 months. It's pretty rewarding!

Questions? Contact: Amanda Trent



### Another Opportunity to Serve

The next Jobs for Life class begins on Tuesday, February 5. Once again we are looking for people to be Champions for our students. What does a Champion do, you ask? Champions are assigned to work with a student one-on-one to encourage our students as they move through the classes and seek to find meaningful employment in our community.

You will be an Encourager, Cheerleader, and Friend to the student. You will help them with class work as needed, help keep them on track for JFL graduation, and pray for them. The time commitment will be 2 evenings per week (Tuesday and Thursday) for 8 weeks, February 5 through March 28. Class times are 6:30 – 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Ask a past Champion about their experience: Dan Coapstick, Myron & Janice Chezem, Susan Calloway, Eric & Colleen Spencer, Janet Trent, Linda Frey, Mike Peters. If you think God might be calling you to be a Champion in 2019, contact Miriam Curts @ 513-484-6750 or macurts@gmail.com.

A training session for new Champions will be held Sunday afternoon, February 3, from 3:00-4:00 in Fellowship Hall.

### Another Place to Worship at FEPC on Sunday Morning

Have you heard? For those who find it difficult to navigate the stairs to access our Sanctuary on Sunday mornings, the worship service is being live-streamed to the TV in Fellowship Hall. Deacons are making sure bibles, bulletins, pew envelopes, and printed song sheets are provided for those taking advantage of this format of worship.

Curious about how this is working? Ask a deacon or one of these worshippers who have tried it: Jeff & Sally Moore and Dick & Grayce Moore.

### 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!

## Dec 15, 2018 from the Merediths



7 Dec 1973 was the day 45 years ago that I received Christ here at the Glen Eyrie Castle at an evangelistic rally for Air Force Academy Cadets. At THAT time, I NEVER thought I'd be a missionary!

I never imagined saying "YES" to Christ that night would lead me to:

- ★ Teach Jr High math in Atlanta
- ★ Walk into SEARS to buy a tape player and meet my future wife
- ★ Spend 30+ years together in Kenya and Zambia and more of AFRICA influencing people for His Kingdom
- ★ Learn how to "live among them for their sake – and they become VERY dear to us". I Thes 1:5
- ★ Have three wonderful kids who followed us around Africa and made it THEIR home, too!
- ★ Live back here in Colorado Springs and serve the WORLD (well, actually it's only 113 countries)
- ★ Then, celebrate the "birthday" at dinner with Ethiopian and Kenyan friends!



*Glen Eyrie where my relationship with God & The Navigators began 45 years ago*



THANKS for your financial support that helps us stay in the "battle"!

Patty & I visited her psychiatrist two days ago for the first follow-up visit and I was encouraged by:

1. He HAS seen this before (Patty's psychosis)
2. We ARE on the right track

So - we press on. A few parts of life are 'normal' - some are yet to arrive, but are on their way. THANKS for praying with us along this journey.

Gratefully in Him - Bob & Patty

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