



# 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

June 2019

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## Communion Sunday

June 9, 2019

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

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, June 14 @ 1:30 p.m.  
At Betty Moloney's

## Father's Day

June 16, 2019

Return Baby Bottles for  
Living Alternatives Pregnancy  
Resource Center

## EPC General Assembly

June 18-21

Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church  
Englewood, CO

## VBS—Son West Roundup

June 24-28, 5:30—8:00 p.m.

## No Sunday School

June 30

## 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.

## Honduras Mission Team—Collecting Items

The Honduras Mission Team is collecting small toys (Happy Meal toys), stuffed animals, stickers, and suckers for the children in Honduras and personal hygiene items for their parents. Collection totes are on the stage in Fellowship Hall and in the narthex. Their trip is scheduled for July 13–20.

## Baby Bottle Campaign

Return your Baby Bottles on Sunday, June 16. Pick up your baby bottle in the sanctuary and fill it with change, cash, or check. This fundraiser is to support our local Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center.

## 5th Sunday Offering

This offering will be received Sunday, June 30. This month's offering has been designated for the support of the Honduras Mission Trip



## *Life in the Body of Christ*

### Congratulations to:

- Andy Dudley, and his Frankfort Varsity Baseball Team, on their recent sectional win.

### Condolences to

- Lynette and Jeff Hardesty on the May 8 passing of Jeff's mother.
- Donovan Reno and Debbie Bracken on the passing of their aunt, Joan Fuller.

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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

**June 2** - "Redemption Preserved—  
Perseverance"  
Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13  
1 John 5:13

**June 9** - *Pentecost & Communion*

**June 16** - *Father's Day*  
Joel Wilson preaching

**June 23** - Steve Fulton from Mountain  
Mission Schools preaching

**June 30** - *VBS Sunday*

### MEAL DELIVERY

**June 7** Strawberry Festival —  
NO Delivery

**June 14** Connie Timmons & Linda Ray

**June 21** Olivia R. & Pam Hall

**June 28** Olivia R. & Pam Hall



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### Caring Tip #6

"Pain is real, it hurts, and it matters. Rather than minimizing or denying the hurt, Christians are most like Christ when they enter into the pain of those who are suffering- not to be weighed down or consumed by it, but to help bear the burdens. Jesus says that when you provide care in His name...you are having compassion on Him (Matthew 25:31-40)." This quote from the book *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart* summarizes the need for us to first, acknowledge the pain and second, be willing to offer our presence in the pain. Suffering may involve a major illness, close loss, or general uncertainty like what our area farmers are now experiencing, among many others. Bearing the burden can be as simple as asking, then listening; sending a heartfelt card or prayer; or meeting a concrete need like transportation or a meal. Compassion shown in these ways blesses Christ as well as the one who is suffering. Knowing someone is "with you" can be one of the greatest gifts we can offer one another, and this is a foundation of Stephen Ministry at FEPC. Suggesting a Stephen Minister or asking for one yourself when in a tough situation is as simple as contacting Pastor Kelly or one of the Stephen Leaders: Marty Rodkey, Karen Sutton, and Amanda Trent.

Mark your calendar ...

Mobile Food Pantry will be coming again Thursday, August 22

## Update from Bob & Patty Meredity

Tue, May 21, 2019

We're been back from Atlanta for about a week. I'm tired. Patty goes through a day or two of "turbulence" (mental confusion) going and coming but has returned to her almost normal self.

The time in Atlanta with Family & friends was GOOD. Good for ME - Patty may not have always been fully "present" but I KNOW she did appreciate seeing family and friends and shared that later.

It was very special to be with Wes & Meghan and little Duke and family during Wesley's promotion to Air Force Major ceremony AT THEIR HOME! Congratulations WES!



Patty's Dad "Pops", Meghan, Wes and little Duke and Col Spencer who shared about Wes's Air Force career and accomplishments!

PLEASE PRAY - tomorrow, we drive to NEBRASKA to visit friends and see our eye doctor! Pray for safety as we drive and PATTY'S STABILITY and that she is able to ENGAGE with her friends while we are THERE!

Gratefully in Him, *Bob*

### Musicians Needed

While our chancel and handbell choirs are on break this summer, we would appreciate any and all forms of special music from our congregation during worship. If you can play an instrument or would like to offer up your singing voice, please contact Heidi Troyer.

### Save the Dates!!!



**ATTENTION!!!!**

**A new church directory is in the works!  
Save October 9-12 to get  
your picture taken for  
the directory.**

**Any pictures you buy will be ready be-**

## Hope in the Harvest

Everyone has heard of Hope in the Harvest and its work in Liberia, right? But if you had to describe it to a new member or a visitor, what would you say? Would you be able to tell them this ministry focuses on two areas of impact: **Agricultural Transformation** and **Personal Transformation**. On the agricultural side, the work is empowering farmers with the knowledge and practical skills needed to transform their agricultural enterprises into thriving businesses that will not only feed their own families, but will overflow in abundance to they can be used to feed their neighbors as well. On the personal side, while many Liberians identify as Christians, many practice a mixed faith, picking and choosing aspects of the Bible and practices from their tribal religions. Many may **know of** Jesus, but don't **know** Jesus as their personal savior. Hope in the Harvest is committed to sharing the true gospel and walking alongside people in their faith as they grow closer to the Lord and live lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

More than once we at FEPC have heard about the **Three Areas of Work** in Liberia, but could we share those with someone asking about the mission? Are we even aware there are three areas, or have we just thought of it all as one focus, Hope in the Harvest.

**The Agricultural Research Center (ARC)** is a large research demonstration farm located on the campus of Liberia International Christian College (LICC), our Hope in the Harvest partner. The ARC Farm Crew are responsible for maintaining the farm, keeping records on variety trials, managing animal and plant health, and of course doing lots of educational outreach and demonstrations whenever we have guests visiting the farm. The farm is used regularly by the 70+ agricultural students at LICC for demonstration and as an area where they can conduct practical projects and internships, giving them lots of hands-on experience in the degree. In addition to the students, on a monthly basis the farm can have anywhere from 50 to 500 guests. These guests may be students from local elementary schools, agriculture students from other Liberian universities, local farmers, Ministry of Agriculture professionals, other NGOs wishing to learn more about agriculture, etc. Over the past 5 years the ARC has been in existence, we have had over 10,000 visitors, including the President of Liberia, Mother Ellen Johnson Sirleaf herself! The farm is about 20 acres and contains a variety of different research project and demonstration areas.

**Farming God's Way (FGW)** is a tool being used around the globe to lift the yoke of poverty. From demonstrating and teaching Farming God's Way on the campus of the Liberia International Christian College (LICC) to making trips into the bush, we extend agricultural education that is deeply rooted in Biblical teachings. We work alongside people to nurture and grow their faith and their food, empowering them in their futures.

Through the Farming God's Way curriculum, which teaches aspects of agricultural **technology** as well as **management** and **biblical** concepts, we hope to address these challenges and create opportunities for people to come to know Christ as their savior as well as enable them to feed themselves and their communities, helping to reduce food insecurity and lifting families out of poverty.

**Liberia International Christian College (LICC)** was established in 2009 by the United Liberian Inland Church (ULIC). Originally the school offered only Associates Degrees, but starting in 2017 the school was accredited to offer Bachelor's Degrees. During its existence, the school has graduated over 2,000 students. Currently, there are about 200 students registered on campus. Students can choose from four different areas of study: Agriculture, Business, Theology, or Education. Hope in the Harvest is in partnership with LICC when it comes to the agriculture department.

The Agricultural Research Center located on the LICC campus is a joint project between the school and Hope in the Harvest and is used as a teaching, demonstration, and research facility for the 70+ students in the agriculture department. Our missionaries, Nathan and Anna Glenn, are also currently working at LICC and serving as instructors in the agriculture department helping to teach classes, develop curriculum, train teachers, and establish more leadership programs for the students.

You can learn even more by visiting the Hope in the Harvest website at: <https://www.hopeintheharvest.org/>