



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

August 2019

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

**NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST**

Youth Pool Party

August 4

Meet at the church at 4 p.m.

Quilts on Wings

Friday, August 9 @ 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Manor Quilting Room B415

Communion Sunday

August 18, 2019

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

Food Finders Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, August 22

10:30 AM—1:30 PM in FEPC Parking Lot

Handbell Practice Resumes

Wednesday, August 28 @ 7 PM

FEPC Men's Golf Outing

Saturday, August 31, 2019

8:00 a.m. @ Cool Lake Golf Club

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 Reflections ...

Janet Trent - It was amazing to experience flying over God's good earth. Being in Honduras was life-changing. God is at work everywhere. It was so good seeing how God has expanded "His Eyes"! It was a joy to be with Valerie and work a couple of days for the clinic.

Felipe and Valerie have taken their calling seriously by branching out, reaching out to others. The children there blessed me tremendously. This was truly an inspiration destination; anointed appointed time!

Wherever and whatever you're called to serve, go for it!

Lizzie Kurth - "I saw God working at the church we went to on Monday. We worked on building the Sunday school room. They have so many people that come to church, even though it's in the middle of nowhere. They can't fit them all inside at once. They have to have kids in the morning and adults in the evening! So the Sunday school room will allow them to actually have everybody there at once.

Abby Davis - What a trip we had! I know the popular belief is that we touched a lot of lives and blessed the Hondurans that we helped during our trip, and while that's probably true, I would say the 6 of us were blessed tenfold by the Hondurans with whom we came in contact. The children and babies were the highlight for me on this trip (a shocker, I know!). I loved every encounter I had with them from holding babies during the clothes distribution, VBS, playing soccer (and getting annihilated), visiting them in the hospital, to home visits, I was just so touched by how happy and friendly they were in the midst of their extreme poverty. It is such a comfort and encouragement to know that even in a state of desperate want and need, true happiness and contentment can be found in the Lord. God is working in mighty ways in Honduras through His Eyes. I only pray that others will be able to experience what the 6 of us experienced one day in the near future. Thank you for all the support you gave us, both financially and through prayer. They were not taken for granted, and were appreciated more than you could ever know. ¡Dios le bendiga! (God bless you!)

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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

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SERMON INFORMATION

Aug 4 - "Servants"

Revelation 22
Kim Calloway Preaching

Aug 11 - Continuing Study of Nehemiah

Kelly Kurth Preaching

Aug 18 - Continuing Study of Nehemiah

Kelly Kurth Preaching

Aug 25 - Continuing Study of Nehemiah

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MEAL DELIVERY

Aug 2 Sharon Druley & Karen Biery

Aug 9 Sharon Druley & Karen Biery

Aug 16 Lynnette Hardesty & Nancy Shirar

Aug 23 Lynnette Hardesty & Nancy Shirar

Aug 30



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Caring Tip #8 *Connect Meaningfully*

"It's good to see you." These simple words are a good start when you wish to connect with a hurting person. "How are you?" is often not the best opener and sounds awkward to ask someone whom you know is suffering. And rather than ask a lot of specific questions, it can be helpful to invite: "Fill me in on what's been going on" or "What's been happening?" This allows the person to guide the conversation and share what is most helpful for them. The goal is to let them talk about what is most concerning them at that moment. And you don't have to have perfect responses. Being quiet and just listening can lead to much success in showing you care.

FEPC's caring listeners, the Stephen Ministers, are available for anyone in our congregation or community who needs planned, regular listening as they go through or try to make sense of a troubling situation. It's always a caring thing to ask a hurting person "Have you thought about a Stephen Minister?" and then listen for how you can help them make that request. Brochures describing our Stephen Ministry are in the racks around the church.

Quilts on Wings Has a New Meeting Place

Meet with Betty Moloney in Room B415 at Wesley Manor. This is the Quilter's Room and Betty will be meeting her Quilts on Wings team there. Take the elevator in the main reception area to the 4th floor. Turn right when you get off the elevator and B415 will be a few doors down on the left. Happy Quilting!

Honduras Reflections ... continued —

John Matthew Crawford - Honduras 2019 was a great trip. Experiencing the “His Eyes Clinic” and all of the aspects of the Colby Mission first hand was just the best. We were sure to attend services at the very church our team built in 2011, after which we had a long visit with the current pastor, Manuel, and his family. Honduras is a very poor country and has many issues for Christians to be concerned with.

It was a physically demanding trip. We did a lot of hard work, and it was hot. There was a lot of hard travel. We went off road and saw the interior of the country and its people up close and personal, on their level, in a way that can only be done on a trip like this one. We saw parts of the inner city too; and some of that was hard to see. But it was all so very beautiful. I think my favorite part was up in the mountains working on the water supply cisterns for the coffee farm and its neighboring church. There, I saw God’s beauty.

Ultimately, our greatest reward was the making of the team itself. We were a unique group, in a unique time; all together in a unique place. Serving side by side.

Amanda Trent - I had debated doing a short-term mission trip for youth group because of all the negative attention I had recently been seeing in the media. Even Christian resources warned about volun“tourism” and how the selfish act of a mission trip abroad causes more harm than good. However, I have seen the difference that groups and our support have made in Liberia at LICC. This was the inner dialogue I took with me to Honduras and wrestled with until Monday, our first day of physical labor.

Each day the Colbys debriefed with us after our return home and a delicious, authentic dinner. During this time, Felipe shared that because of what each group pays to the mission for their stay he is able to pay a week's wages for the six day laborers who came with us. My perspective shifted. These men want to work. They work hard! At first, I felt guilty about how our meager efforts were hampering the progress they would have made had we not been there. Then I realized they would not be able to be there if we had not come.

God does not just want our financial support for Honduras. He wants our time, energy, prayers, and so much more. God used this trip to bless the people of Honduras, our team, and our church. It was a mutual edification that God so dearly loves and uses constantly to shape and mold us. I cannot wait to share in more detail how God is active in his family throughout the world.

Kelly Kurth - Honduras was a beautiful (and mountainous) country with beautiful people. The His Eyes team showed us a wide variety of their ministry focuses that they have there, from building projects on several of their churches to a food project that would be likened to our 'after school' programs here in the states. I really appreciated their wide reaching scope, and their hearts to see the gospel reach the people of Honduras. It was a privilege to be a part of that during our week.

Inter-generational Sunday School

- Middle and high school students along with all adults are invited to attend the inter-generational Sunday School class through August. The class meets Sundays at
- 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. August 4 the discussion will follow a video teaching
- on one of Jesus’ parables. The remainder of August discussion will focus on our
- continued study of Nehemiah.



COACH Kids Collection

COACH Kids is collecting clothing to be distributed to school nurses offices for the school year. New or gently used items are welcome, size 4/5 to adult small. Underwear, socks, shoes, sweat pants, and hoodies are needed. The collection box is in the narthex and will be picked up by **August 7th**.

Jobs for Life Needs Champions

The fall classes for Jobs for Life will begin soon. We have instructors and administrators. We are looking for Champions. Commitment is to be a friend to one student and encourage him/her as they go through the program. This includes attending classes with them each Tuesday & Thursday evening between September 17 and November 7. Graduation will be November 8. If you, or someone you know would be a good Champion, please contact Miriam Curts. Email macurts@gmail.com.

International Friendship Program

Opportunity to Connect: Are you open to stretching your outreach muscles? We are expecting 2,800 *new* international students to arrive in July/August at Purdue. Ten percent (280) of these students are expected to join the International Friendship Program. They are hoping to gain insight about American culture by connecting with you! We need volunteers willing to include a student in family activities 3 to 4 times during the semester – over coffee, dinner, or a weekend get-together. This is an easy way to gain a lifelong friend and make a lifelong impact.

New host orientations are scheduled between July 5th and August 2nd that people can register for now at <https://forms.gle/3SvP2nsQxMLw6wur7> . For more information , please email friendship@purdue.edu.

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 before
Christmas.

Men's Golf Outing

Saturday, August 31 at Cool Lake Golf Course. Tee off time is 8 AM. The \$35 per person fee reserves 18 holes, cart use, and lunch. Please pay Justin Trent by Sunday, August 25 if you plan to participate. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary. If you have questions, contact Justin Trent or Mike Montgom-

Meet the Walkers ... Sam and Chris



We Are Home, Home at Last

As far as journeys go, and life is a journey in time and space, we arrived in Frankfort from Grand Junction, Colorado in January of 2018. Traveling with two cats and two small dogs and pulling our travel trailer, we stayed a few weeks with our son and daughter-in-law where they live near Camp Cullom until our house closed. We moved to a one-story home just outside Frankfort, yet only 2 minutes from WalMart and Aldis. But we were not really home for 13 more months. We had not found our church home, which is something always important for us.

After 48 years of marriage and raising three children, two sons and one daughter, we have found a church home at FEPC integral with our needs. Fellowship, Bible study, singing in choirs or gospel quartets, playing our instruments (Chris oboe, Sam violin), serving as Stephen Minister and more help us to become closer to God and to other believers. It took 13 months and visiting 8 churches in this area from Lafayette to Indianapolis.

One Sunday morning in February 2019, we entered the side door of FEPC. Greeted by Terry and Mark, Dick and Kay, Miriam, Linda and others, we sat and worshipped. We did not know last names yet. I teared up because I felt home at last. Linda handed me a box of tissues, thanks goodness! We had come home after leaving a tough church act to follow, our beloved Monument Presbyterian in Grand Junction. They sent us to you with hands on prayer of the whole church there 13 months before.

Some basic facts: we met in orchestra in college; Sam is a retired attorney and Chris is a retired College English teacher; we value life and family (have 6 teen-aged grandchildren) and friends; our love of music has had both of us playing in orchestras all our lives, and singing in church; we prefer camping and hiking to most other forms of vacationing, although Chris' hiking is on hold due to a bum knee; and we are enjoying living in a small town for the first time in our lives. You all have welcomed us! We are grateful.

Food Finders Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, August 22 the Mobile Food Pantry will be at FEPC from 11 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are needed at various times for various roles. At 9 AM we need to register people and give them numbers, and serve them a light breakfast. Beginning at 10:30 we need to get ready to distribute and restock foods. We need people to help pull carts thru the food line and help load it into cars. Do you have a large wagon or cart you could loan us for the day? Can you bring a dozen muffins to the kitchen on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning? Contact the church to volunteer. If you have questions, contact Sally Myers or Marty Rodkey.

Update from the Merediths

July 27, 2019

Promotions, Parkinsons, Presenting Financial Perspectives

Dear Fellow Travelers -

THANKS for waiting. It's been BUSY lately.

Promotions

Our son, Wesley promoted to Air Force Major in May (in Atlanta) and his sister, Emily joined him as a Major two weeks ago. (Here, in Colorado)

They 'debate' WHO has had the tougher deployments - (or "better" ones) Emily to the Middle East three times or Wes to play rugby for the Air Force in Vegas, Denver, Texas or Australia?? Besides their deployments, we're very proud of both of them, who they ARE and what they bring to their work - Wes as space engineer and Emily as personnel specialist.

They BOTH see God and PEOPLE as priorities through their work and God-given spheres of influence.

Ian & Holly will wed 28 Sept - Holly works as medical administrator in Chattanooga and Ian in finance at Covenant College.

Parkinsons

Patty's neurologist continues to **INCREASE** her movement meds, trying to SAFELY give her increased mobility. Her blood often pressure drops when standing and she tends to "melt down" onto the floor in the mornings. ARGH.

Please pray for increased mobility WITHOUT the side effects of hallucinations, confusion and anxiety. Balancing all 8 of her meds, blood pressure, increased water intake and exercise is VERY labor insensitive. We are grateful for the GREAT caregivers we have been able to hire who help with this while I am...

Presenting Financial Perspectives

This week I presented the current financial perspective for the International Office of The Navigators in a NEW format. My desire is to achieve **Habakkuk 2:2**-like reports for the International Leaders: ***"Write down the revelation on tablets, and MAKE IT PLAIN so that WHOEVER reads it, can run with it."***

I concluded that the new format **will** serve them when two mentioned:

- Seeing the numbers and categories like THAT changed my perception about how money is used in that area!
- With this format I can see better HOW we are doing!

THANKS for **Praying** and **Partnering** with us as I TRY to serve Patty and the Planet (world-wide Navigators) with the gifts HE has given US!

Gratefully in Him,
Bob