



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

December 2019

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1

Communion will be served in
Morning Worship and
At Wesley manor at 1:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 8 @ 2 PM

Food Finders Mobile Food Pantry

Friday, December 13

10:30 AM—1:00 PM in FEPC Parking Lot

Quilts on Wings

Friday, December 13 @ 1:30 p.m.

Wesley Manor Quilting Room B415

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.

Bloodmobile

Thursday, December 26, 2019

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

NO SS & NO C.I.A. Youth

Sunday, December 29

Borrowing Policy

If you need to borrow tables, chairs or other equipment from the church, please be sure to check with **Colleen Spencer** 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.

Merry Christmas



The congregation is invited to an afternoon of Christmas caroling on December 8 at 2:00 p.m. Please bring a dozen cookies. They will be divided and delivered to the folks we visit. If you know of someone who would like to be visited, please send the name to amanda@fepcfrankfort.org

Sunday Morning Q & A After Worship

Pastor Kelly is offering a time of Q&A, in the Sanctuary, for 30 minutes following worship each Sunday. You can utilize this time for clarification of the message, scripture, or help with your faith walk in general.



Poinsettias

Poinsettia memorials are available for a suggested donation of \$30. They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas services. Please send the names of those you wish to memorialize to: kalen@fepcfrankfort.org



Mitten Trees

The Christmas trees in the Narthex are ready for your gifts. Scarves, hats, gloves & mittens, and socks for children and adults are needed. Please help fill the branches by the end of December so we may help keep needy bodies warm this winter!

Christmas Pageant Practices

Dec. 6: Speaking parts only

Dec. 8: All parts, 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 15: All parts, 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 20: All parts, 4:15 p.m.

Security Update: Please note, the east Fellowship Hall door (nearest the nursery) is now an emergency **exit only**. For clarification, please speak with Pastor Kelly.

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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
www.fepcfrankfort.org, or phone the church.

Prayer Requests brasilianheart@gmail.com

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SERMON INFORMATION

**Dec 1 - "The Women in Jesus' Lineage:
Tamar (Hope)"**
Genesis 38; Isaiah 11:1-2;
Matthew 1:3

**Dec 8 - "The Women in Jesus' Lineage:
Rahab (Peace)"**
John 6; Matthew 1:5;
Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25

**Dec 15 - "The Women in Jesus' Lineage:
Ruth (Joy)"**
Ruth 1:16-17; 2:1 - 4:17

**Dec 22 - "The Women in Jesus' Lineage:
Bathsheba (Love)"**
2 Samuel 11 & 12; Matthew 1:6

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve
**"The Women in Jesus' Lineage:
Mary (Fulfillment)"**
Luke 1:26-56

Dec 29 - Guest Preacher

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Dec 1 - Marilyn C - Prophets
Dec 8 - Janice C - Mary & Joseph
Dec 15 - Marilyn C - Shepherds
Dec 22 - Amanda T - Magi
Dec 29 - ?? - Christ Child



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You

- I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to the We Care Transition Home of Clinton County. It is much appreciated. Thank you so much. Sincerely, *Anne Himmelwright*
- So many people said they were praying for us. We had no doubt they were by their kind words and sincere hugs. God heard and saw all of this. I am doing better than the doctors expected. Karen was blessed with so many shoulders to lean on when her mother passed. Have no doubt prayer works for without prayer, oh how much sadded would things be. Thank you everyone for helping Karen and me through this last month of so much worry and sadness. *Bruce Stingley & Karen Lashbrook*
- To all who helped with decorating the church for Christmas.

MEAL DELIVERY

Dec 6 Max Blessing & Jim Moyer
Dec 13 Max Blessing & Jim Moyer
Dec 20 **CLOSED - No Delivery**
Dec 27 **CLOSED - No Delivery**



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Caring Tip #11: Silence is Okay

Sometimes when you come alongside a hurting person, silence fills the space between you. When asked what they do in situations of silence, some people replied; “Try to overcome my own anxiety”; “Try to be comfortable with silence”; “Acknowledge that silence can be useful even if it feels awkward.” Silence can mean different things. Maybe difficult feelings are being processed, or there’s a need to transition from one topic to another, or maybe a person is simply trying to receive the care or concern being offered. Much can be happening underneath the surface during silence. But the one offering concern need not be totally passive in such a time. A pat on the shoulder, a hug, mutual tears, silent prayers for the hurting one and for guidance in your caring may each be appropriate actions. One man shared that he often prays “Oh Lord, please keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.” It can also help to remember that when silence fills the room, God is present beneath and within the silence, radiating His love, and you can simply be with the other person in His love.

These tips are adapted from the Stephen Ministry book *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart*. If you or someone you know has a heavy heart this holiday season, consider discussing your situation with a Stephen Minister. Simply contact Marty Rodkey, SM Referral Coordinator at marty@fepcfrankfort.org or 765-379-3112. All referral conversations are confidential.

Want to add some international flavor to your Christmas celebration?

Invite an international student or scholar to join your family gathering. Extend hospitality over the holiday season and make a new friend! For more info about the Host-A-Boiler Program at Purdue, contact Susie Plunkitt at splunkitt@yahoo.com or email friendship@purdue.edu.



Check out "The Most Important Christmas Catalog in the World" in the church display of pamphlets and information in Fellowship hall. This is Heifer International!

This Christmas give a life-changing gift to Heifer International in honor of a friend or loved one. It's a gift that brings promise to hungry families and the opportunity for a better life to the less fortunate. Giving a Heifer gift takes the stress out of Christmas shopping while putting the meaning back into giving.

For more information visit: www.heifer.org/catalog or contact Dick Moore.



Good news from your B2B Team

Due to a generous grant from Anthem Blue Cross, FEPC will serve as a quarterly Mobile Pantry site for the next three years at no cost to the church!

Our next opportunity to serve is on:

Friday, December 13

From about 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

(Rest assured: Food Finders has a cancellation policy for severe weather)

We are praying for enough volunteers to take shifts on the outdoor jobs.

Tentative 2020 dates: March 19, June 18, September 17, December 17

**** Volunteers are needed at various times **
and for various roles**

Examples and approximate times needed:

- ___ Register people and give numbers (9 AM)
- ___ Serve a light breakfast (9 AM)
- ___ Distribute or restock food set up by Food Finders staff (10:30 AM)
- ___ Pull carts thru food line and help load it in cars as needed (10:30 AM)
- ___ Loan a large wagon or cart for the day
- ___ Bring muffins or other food items to kitchen the day before or morning of Pantry

Questions? Ask Sally Myers, Jack Ransom, or Marty Rodkey

Recently Elected Officers

DEACON: Marvel Albitz, Chuck Queen, Cathy Price, Linda Frey, Sally Myers

ELDER: Neal Dorsey, Amy Crawford

TRUSTEE: John Milholland, Mike Peters, Sam Walker

2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Kris Queen, Janet Trent, Deborah Bracken, Abby Price (Youth Representative), Patty Nash

Thank you to the following officers finishing their terms at the end of 2019:

DEACON: Stephanie Coapstick, Sharon Druley, Karen Biery, Susan Calloway.

ELDER: Sheri McCormick, Matt Crawford

TRUSTEE: Jeff Bracken

2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Rea Jahn, Leah Borntrager, Jeff Moore, Maddy Swinford, Sue Payton, Stephanie Coapstick, Dick Hammer, Matt Crawford

Update from Matt & Brooke McClain

“Looking unto Jesus” Hebrews 12:2



Thank you so much for your interest in what the Lord is doing in our lives!

We are excited to share with you that in January 2020 we will all be moving to Eastern Europe to serve with Byron and Emily Johnson at Calvary Chapel Zaporozhye, in Zaporozhye (Zah-puh-rawzh-yuh), **Ukraine!**

Yes, you read that right - Eastern Europe!! (And, no, they don't speak English or Spanish there!!) **BUT GOD!** He is good and He is faithful!

You can pray NOW for the following:

- The purchase of airline tickets - on an airline that accepts dogs - at an affordable fare
- Favor and permission for Zion to travel with us
- Securing affordable housing in Zaporozhye
- Preparing our hearts for this next transition
- The ability to learn Russian!!!
- Provision for the expected increase in our monthly budget
- Continued healing for all of us

Ukraine is located in Eastern Europe south of Belarus and north of Romania. It is about the size of Texas. The main language is Ukranian, but there are areas of the country that primarily speak Russian. There are roughly 45 million people living in Ukraine. Kiev is the capital city of Ukraine. Zaporozphe is located near the Dneiper River, in southeastern Ukraine. The main language spoken in Zaporozphe is Russian.

Ukraine has a rich history most recently marked by the war that broke out in late 2013. Many who survived the war and who are now displaced due to it, have lost hope.

Pray for the people of Ukraine and for Christ to be the One in whom they will one day hope.

What will we be doing?

CC Zap is one of the few Bible-teaching churches in Ukraine made up of mostly first-generation Christians who are hungry for the teaching of the Word. Byron and Emily moved to Ukraine in 2012 and have an incredible heart for Jesus and the people of Ukraine. A large part of our role will be assisting Byron and Emily in discipleship and pastoral care, as well as filling in the gaps that Byron and Emily are currently unable to fill. This will consist of giving time to people to be able to meet the needs of the people. We also will have oversight of the weekly English Club, assisting in men's ministry, and orphanage ministry, and building relationships with the students at the local University. There are many other exciting opportunities to support the church in that we are praying about! Our weekly schedule will include serving at and participating in the two weekly services, preparing for and teaching at English Club, other weekly church meetings, orphanage outreach, and Russian language classes.

Continued on next page ...

Update from Matt & Brooke McClain ... *continued*

What are our financial needs?

Current monthly shortfall: \$2000

Flight costs: \$2500 - 3000

Baggage fees: \$1000

First and last month's rent: \$1400

Visa and visa trip: \$2500

Household start-up costs: \$1000

Family supplements/OTC medications. (1 year): \$3400

Partner with us financially:

We are very thankful for our prayer and financial partners.

If you would like to partner financially with us, please:

1. Donate online: <https://ssmfi.org/missionary/matthew-and-brooke-mcclain/>

Please include our missionary account #4208 as well as our names, Matt and Brooke McClain, on all correspondence relating to financial partnership with our family.

2. Make checks payable to: Shepherd's Staff Mission Facilitators

Send all checks and financial partnership correspondence to:

Shepherd's Staff Mission Facilitators

6739 Academy Road NE Suite #320

Albuquerque, NM 87109

Please include our missionary account #4208 as well as our names, Matt and Brooke McClain, on all checks or correspondence relating to financial partnership with our family.

We are so very thankful for your continued support.

Our mailing address is:

302 N. Plank St.

Rossville, IN 46065

Our emails:

matthew.mcclain1998@gmail.com - Matthew

voiceinthewhirlwind38@gmail.com - Brooke

Chili Cookoff Winners



On Sunday November 10th the Deacons hosted the First Annual Chili Cook-off.

The winners were.....

1st place- Becky Kurth - Pappa Shaffer's Super Delicious Chili

2nd - place Amanda Moore, Pam Hall and Ashly Haynes - Moo Ha Ha Monster Chili

3rd place- Dan Coapstick - Stick's Sweet and Sassy Dr. Pepper Chili

We would like to thank everyone who came! We were able to donate \$250 to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

