



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 2020

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Youth Lock-in

January 2-3, 2020

NO SS & NO C.I.A. Youth

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Quilts on Wings

Friday, January 10 @ 1:30 p.m.
Wesley Manor Room B415

New Officer Installation

Sunday, January 12, 2020

FEPC Men's Breakfast

8:00 a.m., January 18, 2020
Fellowship Hall

Annual Congregational Dinner & Meeting

5:00 p.m., January 25, 2020
Fellowship Hall

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.

Happy New Year

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

No Activities

January 5 — **NO Sunday School and NO CIA Youth**

January 12 — **New Church Officer Installation**

January 25 — 5 p.m. **Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting**
Bring a dessert or side dish, and table service.

Online 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 2019, be sure your information is current. If updates are needed, send them to kalen@fepcfrankfort.org before January 15. New printed copies will be available at the annual meeting January 25.

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.

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

Jan 5- Kim Calloway Preaching

Beginning Sermon Series: Ecclesiastes

Jan 12 - Officer Installation
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Jan 19 - Ecclesiastes 1:12-2:26

Jan 26 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Jan 5 - Amanda T. - Jesus Baptized

Jan 12 - Marilyn C - Jesus in Wilderness

Jan 19 - Amanda T - Jesus Calls 12

Jan 26 - Marilyn C. - Jesus and Storm

MEAL DELIVERY

Jan 3 Doyal Rogers

Jan 10 Doyal Rogers

Jan 17 Lynette Hardesty & N. Shirar

Jan 24 Lynette Hardesty & N. Shirar

Jan 31 Sharon Druley & Karen Biery



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank you

- To all the musicians who shared their talents to make 2019 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 2019. You provide a beautiful place for us to worship.

Condolences to

- The family of David Neumayer, who went home to be with Jesus on December 6, 2019.

Stephen Ministry at FEPC



Caring Tip #12: Have (or Allow) a Good Cry!

Our tendency when someone is showing deep emotion that begins to result in tears is to hand them a kleenex. Somewhere along the way, I learned not to do this because it may send the message that I'm uncomfortable with their tears and I want them to stop.

Though I'm aware that some people may think this insensitive, I still believe it is good advice. You see, tears are cleansing. Denying tears to hurting individuals can prevent them from working through and cleaning out the pain right at the most appropriate and beneficial time. Crying can be an important part of healing, as it releases tension and gets painful feelings out in the open. It's normal to worry that you've done something wrong if a friend is sharing and begins crying. But it's more likely you've done something right, since people cry in front of those they feel safe with, those they trust. So, hold that kleenex for a moment and let the feelings flow along with the tears. By Marty Rodkey, Stephen Leader *To explore receiving the care of an FEPC Stephen Minister, talk to Pastor Kelly or Marty Rodkey.*

Another Opportunity to Serve

The next Jobs for Life class begins on Tuesday, February 4. 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 4 through March 28. Class times are 6:30 – 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We encourage people to arrive by 6:15.

Ask a past Champion about their experience: Sam Walker, Sandy Meyer, Dan Coapstick, Myron & Janice Chezem, Susan Calloway, Caleb Calloway, Eric & Colleen Spencer, Janet Trent, Linda Frey, Mike Peters. If you think God might be calling you to be a Champion in 2020, contact Chris Walker @ 970-215-7524 or by email at walkerchristine1949@gmail.com OR Miriam Curts @ 513-484-6750 or macurts@gmail.com

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!

Grace on Wings

Mission 621 - December 2019

On December 18, Miss Ada, who is 81 years old, was transported from Evansville, Indiana to Atlanta, GA to be near her daughter, Donna. In 2014 Miss Ada had a stroke and no longer communicates verbally. Earlier this fall her husband of 62 years became ill and was forced to place her in a nursing home in Evansville. On October 24 Grace on Wings transported the husband to Atlanta (Mission 615), where he later passed away.

Now Donna was eager to have her Mom brought to Atlanta, and Grace on Wings was happy to make that happen. When they arrived at the nursing home to pick up Miss Ada, they found her dressed and waiting. They were told by the staff that she is in late stage Alzheimers. The trip report says, "She simply stares at us, and I see a distance in her eyes. We are strangers to her so we do our best to explain why we are here, where we are taking her and to reassure her that we will take great care of her."

Donna was concerned that they 1) remember her hearing aids, and 2) place an extra blanket on her because she gets cold easily. She was assured that they have handmade quilts for just these reasons. The pictures show her covered with a quilt lovingly made by the ladies of the FEPC Quilts on Wings.



Dec 23, 2019 from Michael and Lindsey Kaspar



Merry Christmas!

We love you, FEPC Frankfort and your family!

Our hearts brim with gratitude and joy for Jesus. We reflect on all He unleashed in the World like unconditional love, forgiveness of others and ourselves, restored relationships, and more. We worship you, Jesus!

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 14:1

Jesus propels God's plan of every tongue, tribe and nation worshipping around the Throne which we imagine in Revelation 5:9 and 7:9! Wow! This year we have talked with God about many things. Can we share a couple?

- First, "Jesus, show us . . ." This is a prayer we have prayed over and over, alone and as a family and then insert. It has been amazing.
- Another simple prayer is "Lord, help us see what is Good, Beautiful, and True."

It has been a year of getting closer to Jesus. If you are interested in more, [please ask us](#)--we'd love to share! This year we saw the departure of Lyme disease and co-infections among our 3 kids oldest. Also, we (adults) are enjoying the journey of renewing our bodies and minds by regular workouts.

Ministry work is going well with visionSynergy, Lausanne Movement, and the Vision 5:9 Network. With our focus on building connections in the Body of the Christ by forming and Kingdom Networks to solve complex challenges. We get to live out what Jesus prayed in John 17, "Father, I want them to be one as we are one," and Michael is getting to use his strengths. Our focus is where there is desperate need for disciples and followers of Jesus--these unreached parts, often with less than 1% followers of Jesus.

Early in 2020,

- Michael will receive training in life coaching to set him up better to coach Network Leaders.
- Co-design with input from others, a Regional collaboration strategy at the Global Disciple-making and Multiplication Summit with many movement leaders (think 9 different regions of the World) collaborate better within each region and learn from one another. This will take place in South East Asia, so that church planters/workers from Asia and Africa can attend at a lower cost and without visa challenges.
- and, there is more to come which we will share in 2020. God is up to something in the area of Collaboration in the Body of Christ Globally.

Lindsey's investment of love, time, hard work, and creativity is a genuine blessing to so many. She homeschools Hadassah, Judah, Oswin and Redmond, and invests through friendships through Burn Boot Camp, neighbors, friends and Grace Church.

Dec 23, 2019 from Michael and Lindsey Kaspar — continued

At this time of year, would you prayerfully consider partnering with us through a Special Gift? This helps us seize opportunities God brings in the coming year through airfare and ministry expenses. Also, a portion of this goes to help majority World leaders get to experience training and coaching for Kingdom Network Leaders.

Right now, we have seen about \$5000 in December. We need about \$7,000 more to meet our goal. If we saw additional amounts come in we would make sure it went to sisters and brothers seeking equipping and coaching in forming a Kingdom Network among the unreached.

Would you take this simple request, and consider a year end gift for whatever amount God puts in your heart? Thanks so much. ***If you are already an annual or monthly partner, we want to express deepest gratitude to God for you. Thank YOU for standing with us, so we can invest with others.***

HOW to Give (USA):

Send your gift to Allegro Solutions, 5535 Memorial Dr, Houston, TX 77007 with the code Intl-KSPR.MLK. You can give online here: allegrosolutions.org/give/ using the Intl-KSPR.MLK designation.

Give in the UK by sending a gift here Stewardship.org.uk using account 20270512

To find out more about [visionSynergy](#) and the [Lausanne Movement](#). Our work with the Vision 5:9 Network is a connection of Muslim Ministry Practitioners (disciple makers and church planters) around the World seeking to share what is working and what is still needed for more fruitful ministry to Muslims.

Deepest Gratitude,

Michael & Lindsey Kaspar
Hadassah (March 27, 2009 - Age 10)
Judah (June 24, 2011 - Age 8)
Oswin (Nov 6, 2013 - Age 6)
Redmond (April 20, 2016 - Age 3)