



# 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

February 2021

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

*Happy Valentines Day*

## Youth Super Bowl Party

February 7, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

## Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2021

## Mobile Food Pantry

February 18, 2021

10:30 a.m.—1 p.m. Hall

## Offering Envelopes

Available at Sanctuary Entrances

## 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 hasn't been reserved by someone else.

The policy states that we will not lend out kitchen equipment.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation was held after worship on Sunday, January 17. This is always a combination of two meetings: the meeting of the Congregation and the meeting of the Corporation.

During the meeting of the Corporation, the following Officers of the Corporation were elected:

President: John Milholland

Vice-President: Larry Rothenberger

Treasurer: Joe Ruch

Secretary: Sam Walker

During the meeting of the Congregation the Pastor Report and other printed reports were approved. The proposed budget was reviewed and Terms of Call for the Pastor were approved.

## **HELP NEEDED—Mobile Food Pantry**

The Food Finders mobile food pantry returns to FEPC on Thursday, February 18. We are in definite **need of volunteers**. Jobs include directing traffic, taking registration information, lifting and restocking food items, and placing food in cars. If you can help that morning in any capacity, contact Susan or Kim Callo-way or email Kalen at [kalen@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:kalen@fepcfrankfort.org) ASAP.

## **SPECIAL NOTE**

*Children in Worship Leaders and Greeters are needed for February, March and April. The sign up sheet is outside the Nursery.*

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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

*Sermon Series: Acts 1-7 ... Jerusalem*

**Feb 7** - "Preparation for Witness: The  
Ascension"  
Acts 1:1-11

**Feb 14** - "Preparation for Witness:  
Replacing Judas"  
Acts 1:12-26

**Feb 21** - "Preparation for Witness; The  
Giving of the Holy Spirit"  
Acts 2:1-13

**Feb 28**—"Preparation for Witness:  
Peter's Sermon"  
Acts 2:14-41

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Feb 7** - Marilyn C - Jesus Feeds 5,000

**Feb 14** - ?? - Transfiguration

**Feb 21** - Susan C - Jesus Heals Boy

**Feb 28** - ?? - The Great Banquet

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## *Life in the Body of Christ*

### Condolences to

- Sue Wolfe on the passing of her brother, Dr. Dale Hendrickson.
- Ron and Carol Montgomery on the passing of son-in-law, David Whitsett.
- Matt and Brooke McClain and family on the passing of Brooke's father, Doug White.
  - Brian and Carrie Wheeler on the passing of Carrie's father, Glenn Surber; and Brian's aunt, Marianne Davis.
  - Jeff and Lynette Hardesty on the passing of sister-in-law, Beth Hardesty.

Address update: Nancy Boulton  
c/o Calvin Boulton  
10122 E. Hendricks Rd.  
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## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### A Prayer for Those Suffering During the Pandemic

Though many are now receiving the coronavirus vaccine and there is hope that the COVID restrictions will end this year, Pandemic Fatigue continues to oppress us as we deal with isolation from loved ones, grief due to personal and community losses, strained finances, family tensions, the uncertainties of life as it continues to unfold, and more. Stephen Ministries in St. Louis offers this Prayer for People Suffering from Pandemic Fatigue:

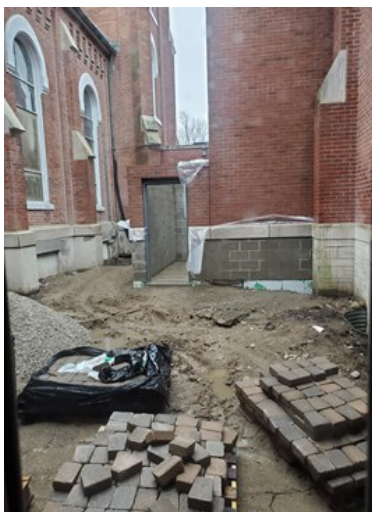
Gracious Comforter, you come into the midst of our pain and lovingly dwell with us. During this pandemic, we ask that you strengthen and comfort those who are lonely, grieving, anxious, and overburdened. Provide for them with the caring ministry of your servants who can walk alongside them in their struggles, and grant them recognition and courage to seek help from their brothers and sisters in Christ so they may face the trials of this time together. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

To learn more about how a Stephen Minister could be helpful to you or a loved one in these times, be in touch with an FEPC Stephen Leader (Marty Rodkey, Amanda Trent) or Pastor Kelly Kurth, through their confidential emails:

[marty@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:marty@fepcfrankfort.org), [amanda@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:amanda@fepcfrankfort.org), [kelly@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:kelly@fepcfrankfort.org), or at their numbers in the church directory. If you need a church directory, contact the church office at 765-654-5558.

### Courtyard and Elevator Progress Continues ...

The courtyard surface work is done. The next thing to happen is the roof over the elevator and the walkway. There is no firm date yet on when the elevator will arrive; but once it arrives, it will take 4-5 weeks to install.



## ***WeCare Recovery***

As many are aware, there is quite a growing problem with drugs and drug addiction in our community. Our church has recently partnered with a ministry called WeCare Recovery which was started by Frankfort's Bible Holiness Church in July of 2019. WeCare signed a lease with our Trustees to use the manse across from our church. This move increased the capacity of the ministry so that it can house 8, rather than 6 women. Additionally, FEPC's Mission Team opted to include WeCare in the 2021 Community Outreach budget.

WeCare is certified by the National Association of Recovery Residences and operates a nine-month, faith based program for women who are trying to turn their lives around and leave drug addiction behind. The women often come to the home directly after being incarcerated. They participate in addiction recovery classes, Bible study, life skills and financial planning classes. Many of the women attend church with staff members who work at the home.

The women pay a monthly fee to participate in the program and other funding is secured through a program called Recovery Works. Currently there are four staff members, one of whom is a Nurse Practitioner. WeCare is working alongside One80Recovery, a men's facility that is being constructed on 200 West in Frankfort. The two ministries hope to have a cooperating physician to assist members from both homes.

**How can we help?** There are many items the home needs, some are one time needs, while others will be ongoing. **Current needs** include twin and full size sheets and blankets, towels and washcloths, a small vacuum, brooms, a large dining room table, and a locking file cabinet. **Ongoing needs** are paper products (toilet paper, tissues, paper towels), cleaning supplies, trash bags, and office supplies. We will have a place set up at church on the stage where items can be contributed. Additionally, please continue to lift this wonderful ministry, its leaders and participants in your prayers.

### **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.



## Liberia Mission Trip Fundraiser

Caleb Calloway provided a homemade chicken noodle dinner for the purpose of raising funds for the April mission trip to Liberia. Funds raised will be used to offset expenses for travel, medical supplies, media equipment, reader eyeglasses and other ministry expenses.

Caleb reports that it was a wonderful success, with many people coming for the drive-by pick ups, and almost every table filled in Fellowship Hall. Donations exceeded what was expected and the extra funds will be used help Hope in the Harvest with new programs that are in need of support.

Enjoy these pictures and watch for reports from Caleb and Doug Montgomery when they return.



## Hope in the Harvest Missions—Keep Them In Prayer

- ★ Travis Sheets will be going to Liberia January 11—April 30. He has been contracted as a consultant for AgraCorps as Chief of Party in their school-base agricultural program. Pray for safety in travel and for his work to bring glory to God.
- ★ The Hope in the Harvest Mission trip is scheduled to travel April 17—30. Travis and Gina Sheets will lead this team (Travis will meet them in Ganta, Liberia). Caleb Calloway and Doug Montgomery will be going from FEPC along with a few people from other churches. In addition to travel safety, be in prayer for the logistics of the trip ... getting through airports smoothly, finding food when they need it on the long trip, that their skillsets will be used for God's glory, and for God's peace to surround the team ... Internal peace free of anxiety about international travel and external peace in our world during their trip.
- ★ **Needed:** Reading glasses—gently used to new—for Hope in the Harvest Glasses Clinics. Please give them to Caleb before April and help meet the **Goal: 500 pairs.**

## Mission Ministries Supported by FEPC in 2021

### Community Engagement

Pregnancy Resource Center  
Child Evangelism Fellowship  
COACHKids  
The Crossing School  
Open Door Health Clinic  
DECA Backpack Buddies  
Salvation Army Food Pantry  
Primera Inglesia Bautista  
Bibles for Jail Ministry  
One80 Recovery Home  
We Care Recovery Home

### Missions

Heifer International  
Mountain Mission School  
Grace on Wings  
World Missionary Press  
Unreached People (Moyobamba-Peru)  
Stan & Faith DeLaCour (SIM-USA)  
Mutinta Silenga (Navigators-Zambia)  
Judy Hill (BEST-CAR/Cameroon)  
Trevor & Valerie Colby (His Eyes-Honduras)  
Bob & Patty Meredith (Navigators-Colorado)  
HITHM Liberia  
Lorien Knapp (Kwetu Faraja)  
Michael & Lindsey Kaspar (Vision Synergy)  
Dan Rose (EPC Antioch Moverment)  
Amanda & Josue Sousa (Dispersao)  
Jessica Rockhold (RUF)  
EPC Siberian Tatar Project

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## February

- 3—Phoebe Smith
- 4—Dick Moore
- 5—Fred Carter
- 6—Rosa Martinez
- 7—Charlotte Swinford  
Emerson Swinford
- 8—Joel Wilson
- 9—Mark Joe Butchko
- 10—Marvel Albitz
- 12—Susie Plunkitt
- 13—Sally Moore  
Hans Vargas
- 17—Amanda Hromas
- 22—Logan Robbins
- 23—Donnie Albitz  
Steve Frey
- 25—Cecelia Trent
- 26—Grace Miller
- 28—Avery Hromas

## February Anniversaries

- 11—Mike & Joyce Peters
- 12—Ron & Cindy Chambers
- 16—John & Janet Trent





## Update from Stan & Faith De La Cour

Serving Global Workers sent from SIM USA

From December 12 -19 we were guests of Shepherd's Care, a ministry to missionaries and other ministry people. They had arranged a home for us to stay in near the beach on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. We enjoyed daily walks on the beach, miniature golf, meals that were provided, recreational reading and resting. Walking the beach one day, I realized that Bethany and her family were on the other side of that vast Atlantic as I faced north-east. One of the biggest disappointments of 2020 was having to give up an August vacation in the UK with that family. Talking with them the other day, our oldest grandson said he hoped we could visit them this August during their summer holiday.

Hope. Many of us have hope for the end of the pandemic, for harmony in our homes and in our country, for improved economic and financial security. May it be so in this new year. Yet the hope that can sustain us through all of this is the hope that comes from God, filling us with joy and peace as a result of our trust in Him. And the result of this is that we would overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. That is the kind of hope we are looking for this year.

This week we have two different groups of people at our Charlotte campus. The attendees are in training to prepare them to serve globally. Some will leave for overseas the following week. They all hope to use their abilities to the glory of God while sharing the good news of Jesus to a world that has yet to hear of Him.

Rejoice with us as several SIM USA missionary households who came back to the US earlier in 2020 are now preparing to return to their countries of service. Others are finally able to return to the US for a time of rest and renewal after having been involved in ministry while quarantined in their host countries. Some are wondering what their next assignments will be since they are unable to return to their previous place of ministry for various personal or political reasons. Each one needs prayer that they would be filled with joy and peace by our God of all hope during these transitions.

Over the last twelve months, we have been able to watch our gifted carpenters and craftsmen complete a 4-unit complex. Each two-bedroom apartment is available for SIM USA missionaries to stay for several months when in transition. One unit will be filled soon by a family that has moved every few months since returning from East Asia last February. We will walk with them as they hope in God to give them clarity for their next steps.

Other hopes we have for this year include being able to remain healthy. We want to be able to enjoy Anna's wedding in California this coming April. We hope that Bethany and her daughter can fly from the UK to join us at the wedding. And yes, we do hope that we can get to the UK to see the whole Bowden family later in the year. We hope that Stan's brother, Ed, responds well to chemotherapy. In all of these, we continue to ask God to fill us with joy and peace, even as we trust in God to guide and provide in His way.

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## Update from Stan & Faith De La Cour ... continued

We are convinced that God is still calling Christians from the US to join in sharing the gospel as missionaries. We are focusing our energies this year to seek an increase in the numbers of people inquiring about overseas ministry with SIM USA. Not only is this being done through initiatives, but we are intentionally praying that God will raise up workers for the harvest as Jesus instructed us in Matthew 9:38. Every day at 9:38 a.m. I get a text reminder on my phone to pray for a needed worker, and to pray for someone we know that God may be leading to becoming a missionary. We may even be praying for you! Please join us in prayer by going to [www.simusa.org/pray938](http://www.simusa.org/pray938).

In addition, we also pray using “Together in Prayer” guiding us to requests for missionaries who are already serving with SIM USA. If you use the Prayer Mate app, you can download the SIM USA feed for daily requests. Would you prefer a weekly email? Request to be put on the list at [simusa.byprayer@sim.org](mailto:simusa.byprayer@sim.org)

May you experience God's hope in your life!

*Our Mission Committee has been informed that Stan's brother, Ed, passed away January 26 after battling cancer. Your prayers are appreciated for Stan and Faith as they deal with this loss.*

## News from Scott and Colleen Burdsall

The Burdsall family serves in East London, UK. They request we not publish their full letter, but they shared about life coping with Covid in London. The Covid restrictions enabled them to enjoy more family time over Christmas. Also, they were able to share the Christmas story with various groups and individuals God placed in their lives during the holidays.

They ask for prayers for safety, and for wisdom and reliance on God in figuring out how best to use their time in ministry during this pandemic.

## Coming NEXT Newsletter

If you will share, a list of recommended books from the congregation will be included. What have you been reading during the COVID pandemic? Send your recommendations (title & author) to [macurts@gmail.com](mailto:macurts@gmail.com) before February 24. Share one or more books.