



# 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 2021

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

*Happy New Year*

Church Offices Closed

January 1, 2021

January 1 — **Church Offices CLOSED**

NO Sunday School

Sunday, January 3, 2021

January 3 — **NO Sunday School**

January 4 — **Ministry Reports Due**

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January 17 — 10:15 a.m. **Annual Congregational Meeting**

New Officer Installation

Sunday, January 10, 2021

*Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!*

Annual Congregational Meeting

10:15 a.m., January 17, 2021

- ★ Advent Candle Lighters and Readers ... you enhanced our worship reminding us of the themes of Advent each week.
- ★ Everyone who contributed to our Advent Devotional ... The sharing of your thoughts blessed us each day.
- ★ All Advent musicians who delighted us with your special offerings of seasonal music.
- ★ Carolers who went out visiting homes of our church family ... not one, but two Sunday afternoons. You blessed and cheered us more than you know.
- ★ Wayne Williams for our Jesse tree ornaments
- ★ Amanda Trent and all who helped organize and/or participated in the Christmas pageant. It was a most **FUN** sharing of the reason we celebrate Christmas. Truly, this was a pageant we will remember.
- ★ Pastor Kelly for the Advent sermon series that helped us see God's advent promises by Looking at Advent through the Eyes of the Covenant.
- ★ Class of 2020 Church officers who have completed their terms of service. **Elders:** Kim Calloway, Jeff Hardesty and Dick Moore **Deacons:** Amanda Moore, Joyce Peters, Susan Ruch and Pam Hall **Trustees:** Steve Glover and Colleen Spencer **Nominating Committee:** Kris Queen, Janet Trent, Deb Bracken, Abby Price and Patty Nash

Bloodmobile

Thursday, January 28, 2021

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in 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 hasn't been reserved by someone else.

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

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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

**Jan 3** - Rev. Dave Horner  
(Retired EPC Pastor)  
"Happy New Year?"  
Hosea 11:1-11;  
Matthew 2:13-23

**Jan 10** - "Samson"  
Judges 13-16

**Jan 17** - "Darker & Darker"  
Judges 17-21

**Jan 24**—"A Glimmer of Hope"  
Ruth 1-2

**Jan 31**—"A Flame Kindled"  
Ruth 3-4

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Jan 3** - ?? - Boy Jesus in Temple

**Jan 10** - Susan C - Jesus Baptized

**Jan 17** - ?? - Jesus in Wilderness

**Jan 24** - Amanda T - Followers of  
Jesus (In Sanctuary)

**Jan 31** - Susan C - Jesus & Children

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April. Sign up sheet is outside the  
Nursery.

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## Life in the Body of Christ

### Thank You

- I would like to thank everyone in the church for praying for my brother and for all the sympathy cards that were sent to me after his passing. Sincerely, *Anne Himmelwright*
- I would like to convey my appreciation for all of the texts, emails, cards, words of encouragement and prayers from everyone. They have meant so much to me over the past number of weeks since my mother's passing. I am thankful for all of you! *Beth Adams*
- We all thank the Deacons for their gifts of yard signs. As one member stated, "it helps lift our spirits" to see them.

### Condolences to

- The family of Beverly Lewis, who died Friday, December 18.

## 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.



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### Myth #10: God should reveal His reasons for life's trials

For many, 2020 was a year of loss. It would take a very little time to make a very long list. Such lists of the common losses we as a nation have endured are appearing in all manner of end-of-year writings. But many losses may be more private and difficult to acknowledge even to ourselves, much less speak of or put on a public list.

Loss inevitably brings pain, a state in which the heart and mind often seek answers. We want reasons. We want to make sense of what has happened and why God allowed it. We obsess and question even though we may know deep down that God does not owe us an answer, that He is God and we are not. Even Job, in all his troubles, did not receive an answer from God about why he was afflicted. Only God is sovereign, unlimited in knowledge and power, but He does give us His promises and His presence.

If you are having trouble getting through the questions of loss in your life or in this world, consider asking God, in His sovereignty and omnipotence, if a Stephen Minister (SM) could be helpful for you. Stephen Ministers are trained to be compassionate, Christ-centered, and confidential, and you can meet with your SM by phone, zoom, or carefully distanced in-person. To initiate a conversation about having a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Kelly, Marty Rodkey, or Amanda Trent.

### 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 will be going from FEPC along with a few people from other churches. It is not too late for you to join them. Contact Gina at [sheets.gina@yahoo.com](mailto:sheets.gina@yahoo.com) for information. You will need a current passport and shots. 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.**

### It's Official ...

*WeCare* has moved into the house across the street previously inhabited by The Way Out. *WeCare* is a recovery home that believes in faith-based treatments for women. Their programs focus on providing healing and lasting change to the lives of women in need. They provide access to cooking, finance and parenting classes along with other educational opportunities.

## *A Look Back at Advent*

**Advent 2019** introduced our Jesse Tree and ornaments. The tree was crafted by Greg Meyer and the ornaments were crafted by Wayne Williams to highlight our Advent Theme through the sermon series “The Women in Jesus’ Lineage”



Tamar (Hope) Rahab (Peace) Ruth (Joy)



Bathsheba (Love) Mary (Fulfillment)



**Advent 2020** we continued adding ornaments crafted by Wayne Williams to highlight our Advent Theme through the sermon series “Advent Through the Eyes of the Covenant”.



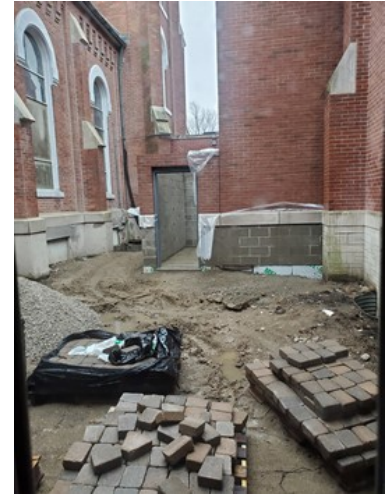
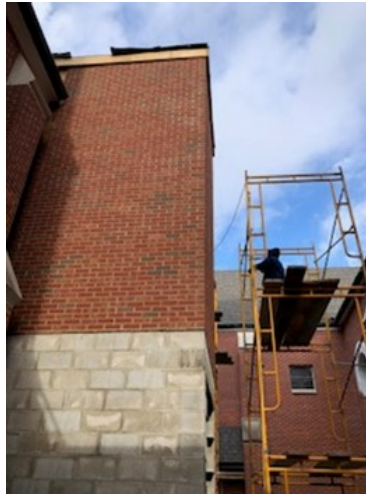
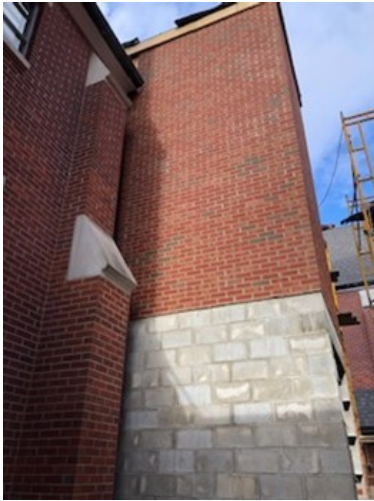
Noah (Hope) Abraham (Peace) Moses (Joy)



David (Love) Jesus and the New Covenant



## Elevator Progress Continues ...



### Current FEPC Church Officers

#### Class of 2021

##### **ELDERS**

Joel Wilson  
Connie Timmons  
Eric Davis  
Rodney Thies

##### **DEACONS**

Linda Bergum  
Jarrod Boe  
Janice Chezem  
Peggy Williams  
Justin Trent  
Sue Wolfe  
Mike Montgomery

##### **TRUSTEES**

Larry Rothenberger  
Dick Hammer  
Sam Walker

#### Class of 2022

Amy Crawford  
Neal Dorsey

Marvel Albitz  
Chuck Queen  
Cathy Price  
Linda Frey  
Sally Myers

John Milholland  
Mike Peters

#### Class of 2023

Doug Montgomery  
Jeff Hardesty  
Susan Calloway

Megan Sheets  
Karen Biery  
Stephanie Coapstick

Mark Calvin  
Joe Ruch

#### **2021 Church Officer Nominating Committee**

Anna Beardsley (Youth representative)  
Les Berger  
Leah Borntrager  
Becky Kurth  
Sandy Meyer  
Elder Chair: *TBD*  
Deacon Chair: *TBD*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## January

- 1—NancySmith
- 4—Jain Egelhaaf  
Crystal Stewart
- 5—Linda Doan  
Mickey Plunkitt
- 5—Liam Cochran
- 7—Greg Meyer
- 9—Andrew Hromas
- 10—Patty Nash
- 11—Ryon Herin
- 12—Bob Meredith  
Anna Shupe
- 13—Nancy McWhirter
- 14—Kim Calloway  
Mike Montgomery
- 15—Lizzie Kurth
- 17—Cameron Queen
- 19—Joe Dupler  
Mackenzie Moore
- 21—Joe Clossin  
Patrick Cochran
- 22—Pam Hall
- 23—Cassie Porter
- 28—Connie Scheid
- 30—Marilyn Hale

## January Anniversaries

*Hmmm ...* It seems January is NOT a popular Wedding Month



## Update fro Merediths — December 10, 2020

THANKS FOR FAITHFULLY WALKING WITH US IN PRAYER AND GENEROUS GIVING! We depend on your gifts to God **all year and especially NOW** at the end of the year to keep us up to budget – which empowers us to serve GLOBALLY!

**Merry Christmas fellow travelers** - From Glen Eyrie (Navigators Headquarters) in Colorado!



On 7 December 1973 inside that Castle, I heard, understood and EMBRACED the gospel for the first time. I was a freshman at the Air Force Academy at the time and NEVER IMAGINED what the next 40+ years would look like! (That's probably a GOOD thing! I would have had too many questions!!)

I NEVER would have imagined a friend and Godly partner like Patty and spending three plus decades in Africa together as missionaries!?! ME? US? (YEP.)

We continue to stay in DAILY mentoring contact with many of our Zambian, Kenyan and other African friends/disciples. It is amazing how God is using them in such broad spheres of influence as...

- International Nav leaders
- Medical doctors
- National Nav directors
- Trainers of national Navigator Staff
- Government economist
- A Minister of Interior (“Secretary of Interior”) who has served THREE Zambian Presidents  
And now as PARENTS of their own “kids” who are in college making the same decisions THEY made when we met!!

### *1 Thess 1:5-6*

*“because our gospel came to you not simply with words but you know how **WE LIVED AMONG YOU** for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord.”*

Thanks for walking with us as we continue to live among our African staff friends AND continue to explore new relationship in Colorado Springs! (As COVID allows)

Please continue praying for PATTY’S Parkinsons journey and for ME AS CAREGIVER!! I NEED GRACE, PATIENCE and sense of humor to serve her well!

Here’s a BRIEF update on our “kids”:

- Wes will finish his PhD in International Affairs for the Air Force at Georgia Tech (Atlanta) next spring and they hope to get assigned to the African Command!
- Ian manages some finances at Covenant College where he and Holly graduated. Holly is working on her Masters while managing a medical clinic near their log-cabin home on Lookout Mountain, Georgia.
- Emily and Karl are moving NOW from Alaska to Oklahoma – to Karl’s new Air Force assignment. They took a few ice chests full of frozen “Alaska” with them to enjoy eating in Oklahma. Apparently, there’s a shortage of caribou, bear and halibut meat in Oklahoma? I was not aware.

Gratefully in Him, Bob & Patty



Happy New Year to you and your family! Though 2020 will be remembered as one of tremendous turmoil and challenge, we want to take a moment to reflect on the past year and be thankful for your prayers and support. We wouldn't be here without you.

Grace on Wings strives to be a beacon in our world by caring for all whom are in need of this one of a kind service throughout the United States that is unparalleled with an all volunteer staff living by the example of **1st Peter 4:10 Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace.**

Looking forward to 2021 All of us here at Grace on Wings are wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year. Praying for you the blessings of Christ and May God always shower you with His abundant joy and happiness. God Bless!

### ***SPECIAL NOTE***

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