



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

March 2021

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Hymn Sing

Friday, March 5, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

NO Discipletown

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Bloodmobile

Thursday, March 25, 2021
11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Borrowing Policy

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



SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 14

On Saturday, March 13, be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour. If you show up at church an hour late on March 14, we will know you forgot!!

From Pastor Kelly ...

On March 7 we will have the pleasure of hearing Jason Mirikitani as he fills our pulpit that Sunday.

Pastor Kelly tells us, "Jason is a happily married man with four awesome kids. He is a graduate of Covenant Theological Seminary; has 15 years of youth ministry experience, several of those working with inner-city kids; is a high school wrestling coach; and is currently working with Kindred Hospice in the St. Louis area as a hospice chaplain."

Pastor Kelly met Jason when he started rowing for Washington University's Crew in the mid 90's. Jason was the coach for the novice team. "He was a godly coach, mentor, and friend that the Lord used to draw me back to Himself after a season of rebellion in my life". I'm excited for all of you here at FEPC to meet Jason and his family and to hear his story.

SPECIAL NOTE

Children in Worship Leaders and Greeters are needed for 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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Prayer Requests brasilianheart@gmail.com

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SERMON INFORMATION

Sermon Series: Acts 1-7 ... Jerusalem

Mar 7 - Guest: Jason Mirikitani
"He Lights Up Our Darkness"
Psalm 23:4a

Mar 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
"A Snapshot of Community"
Acts 2:42-47

Mar 21 - "Healing and Wonder"
Acts 3:1-26

Mar 28—Palm Sunday
"Tales of the King"
Mark 11:1-11; 12:1-11

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Mar 7 - Marilyn C - Good Shepherd:
Wolf

Mar 14 - ?? - Good Shepherd:
Lord's Supper

Mar 21 - Susan C - Jesus the King

Mar 28 - ?? - Jesus' Last Passover

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needed for March and April. Sign up
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Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You

- To all friends and members of first church:
Thank you, thank you, thank you to all for your kind thoughts
and concerns! God bless you all and God bless first church.

Sincerely, *Nancy Boulton*

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

What Happens When I Consider Requesting a Stephen Minister?

Short Answer: Caring, confidential care from start to finish!

Longer Answer: It starts with a call or visit with Marty Rodkey, FEPC's Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator. She will listen as you explain your unique situation, gather some information, and help you understand what a Stephen Minister is and is not. Then you will decide together whether a Stephen Minister (SM) will best meet your need. (Sometimes help from a deacon, a small group, or a community agency will meet your need better.)

If a Stephen Minister is deemed best, Marty will leave you some information and spend the next 24 hours praying over which SM could best meet your need. Sometimes there is one who has faced something very similar, other times other reasons will become clear for which one to choose. Then, she offers your situation to the SM and gives them time to pray over whether to accept this "match". Once a match is made, your contact information is shared with the SM so they can call and set up a time to meet by phone or in-person, whatever the two of you decide you are comfortable with. Marty will keep you informed of the progress of your request, so you will know when to expect contact from your very own Stephen Minister! For more about this process, contact Marty (765-379-3112), Amanda Trent (765-413-7662), or Pastor Kelly (314-374-6042). These are confidential numbers, and you may leave a message. Psalm 33:20-22 says:

We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

Your FEPC Stephen Ministers are glad to be part of bringing hope, rest, and love to hurting people, whether believers or seekers, whether FEPC members or community folks. So please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Either ... Or ...

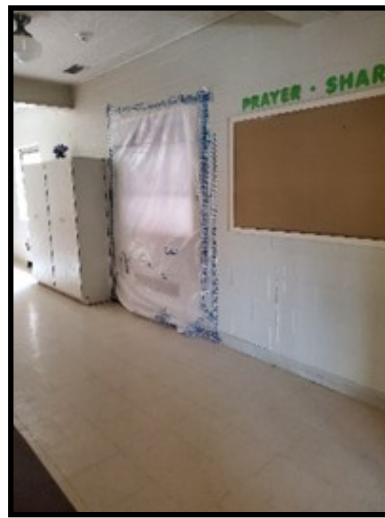
Either you missed the request in the February newsletter to share what books you have been reading ... **OR** ... you didn't want to share ... **OR** ... you haven't been reading during these cold winter months. Actually, one person DID email telling me a few books she's read. I'll save those for next month with the hope that more of you will share about your reading adventures. Send your recommendations (title & author) to macurts@gmail.com before March 26. Feel free to share one or more books.

Elevator Progress Continues ...

Work has begun on the roof over the elevator and the walkway, along with doorways being created in Fellowship Hall and the Main Floor hall across from the offices.



Walkway door to sanctuary
across from the church offices.



Elevator doorway in
Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Thursday, April 1—Maunday Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 2—Good Friday

Sunday, April 4—Easter

Watch for Easter Sunday details to be announced

Seniors—and Parents of Graduating Students

It's that time again when we start planning to celebrate our graduates. We need to start gathering information on our graduates. What we need is a **picture** along with information for the following categories:

Student name ... *and home city/country if an exchange student*

Parents names

Host family name ... *if exchange student*

School name

School activities

Church Activities

Special achievements and/or awards

Future plans ... *more schooling? Where and what field of study?
Job? Other plans?*

Favorite Bible Verse

Send picture and information to **macurts@gmail.com** or to **kalen@fepcfrankfort** before **April 23**

WeCare Recovery

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.

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.**

EPC World Outreach

Our presbytery has information to train/link-up people who have an interest to serve full or part-time in the mission field. If you know of someone with such an interest, please help them contact a member of our FEPC Mission Committee to get connected.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

- 2—Gary Plunkitt
- 3—Joe Ruch
- 4—Lynette Hardesty
- 9—Tom Boe
 - Ron Chambers
 - Carrie Wheeler
 - Simon Wilson
- 11—Zach Kurth
 - Isabelle (Izzy) McClain
- 12—Garrett Jackson
- 14—Gayla Davis
 - Joyce Peters
- 15—J.T. Montgomery
- 16—Chuck Queen
- 17—Lindsay Davis
 - Brooke McClain
- 22—Bill McCormick
- 24—Marty Rodkey
- 27—Mitch Coapstick
 - Eric Spencer
- 29—Myron Chezem
 - Madeline Swinford
- 30—Max Blessing
- 31—Tiffany Thies



March Anniversaries

- 17—Jeff & Lynette Hardesty
- 25—John & Grace Miller
- 29—Mike & Diana Kelley
- 31—Brian & Carrie Wheeler



February 10 — Update from Bob & Patty Meredith

TOMORROW we're outta here! "Oklahoma or Bust"? Hope not. Tomorrow evening, Patty & I fly to Oklahoma to visit Emily & Karl for the weekend in their new location. It's a bit closer than Alaska but looks to be just as COLD!!

I'm so glad Patty is able to travel and we HOPE to also make a trip later this year ("after COVID") to Kenya & Zambia to visit our extended family and friends. It 'dawned' on us that it was **40 years ago this year** we landed in Kenya for the first time!! (Wow, that sounds like something OLD people say!)

THANK YOU SO MUCH for walking with us and your generous financial support in December AND January!! It really does make a big difference in our ability to live and generously connect with our friends and extended family around the globe. Almost DAILY, we are receiving texts and calls from African 'family' who share joyous news of Gospel outreach, and personal heartache...

- "...my destructive patterns became the issue for me not dealing with my internal tension..."
- "How do I view (my wife) while we are still in conflict?"
- "Two of your Zambian friends are in the hospital with COVID."
- "The first hospital ran out of oxygen and required him to move to the large government hospital"
- "Bob & Patty – thanks for planting that seed (on Biblical parenting thoughts) in their lives! I'm building on it!"

PLEASE PRAY – for

- Patty's stability as we travel.
- Wisdom for Bob as he manages the International Office 2022 Budget process, International finances and Pandemic Compassion Fund

Thank you SO much for walking WITH us in and through this. We need your prayers and financial support!

– Gratefully in Him,
Bob AND Patty

God is STILL unfolding His promise to Patty & me from Eph 3:20 in 1981!