



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

April 2021

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

NO SS & NO C.I.A. Youth

Sunday, April 4

Handbell Practice Resumes

Wednesday, April 7

Commissioning of Liberia Mission Team

Sunday, April 11

Liberia Mission Trip

April 17—30

Keep the team in prayer.

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.

Happy Easter



Easter Worship Services

April 1 - 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

April 4 - 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise @ TPA Park

April 4 - 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship

Construction Update

The elevator pieces have begun arriving. The south end of Fellowship Hall is closed. If you need to access Fellowship Hall, please use the kitchen door. Elevator installation should take 4-5 weeks.

SPECIAL NOTE

Children in Worship Leaders and Greeters are needed for April and May. 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

Apr 1 - *Maunday Thursday*

"Dinner Noir (or 'Alone?')"
Mark 14:1-11, 22-31
Phil. 2:5-11

Apr 4 - *Easter Sunday*

"He Is Risen"
Mark 15:42-47; 16:1-8

Apr 11 - "No Other Name"

Acts 4:1-22

Apr 18 - "A Prayer for Boldness"

Acts 4:23-31

Apr 25 - "The Why Behind the What"

Acts 4:32 - 5:11

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Apr 4 - Amanda T - Jesus is Risen:
Mary

Apr 11 - Marilyn C - Jesus is Risen:
Emmaus

Apr 18 - ?? - Jesus and Thomas

Apr 25 - Susan C - Appearance by
the Sea

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Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences

- To Linda and Steve Frey on the recent death of Linda's sister.
- To the family of Fred Agnew, who passed away March 28 at Wesley Manor.

New Address

- Beth Adams has moved to Florida. She thanks everyone for your prayer support, and reminds us all to trust God in everything. As David Crowder (song writer) puts it, "He is Good God Almighty!" Beth says, "look it up on YouTube." Beth has same phone and email. New mailing address is:

205 SE 16th Avenue, Apartment 20F
Gainesville, FL 32601

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

“Why is it called Stephen Ministry?”

Perhaps you’ve wondered about this, and here’s a good explanation on why it’s called Stephen Ministry. A woman who noticed how her pastor struggled to meet all the needs for care in her congregation thought of Stephen in the Bible. She knew Stephen was commissioned by the Apostles in Acts 6 to help care for the needs of the community of believers. When she googled ‘Stephen + Ministry’ she was surprised to discover that a ministry by that name actually existed! What she found out was that just as Stephen helped to meet the growing needs of the early church, Stephen Ministry expands the caring capacity of congregations. And just as Stephen shared the spirit of Jesus, so Stephen Ministry brings Christ’s healing love to those who are hurting. Stephen Ministry at FEPC will soon mark ten years since its rejuvenation in this community of believers, so watch for more details on recognizing this important milestone. In the meantime, your Stephen Ministers stand ready to provide compassionate, confidential listening to those in the church or community who could benefit from such care. Contact Kelly Kurth (314-374-6042), Marty Rodkey (765-379-3112), or Amanda Trent (765-413-7662) about a referral to Stephen Ministry at FEPC.

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**

Hope in the Harvest Missions—Keep Them In Prayer

- ★ 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.
- ★ **THANK YOU** for your contributions of reading glasses for Hope in the Harvest Glasses Clinics.

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.



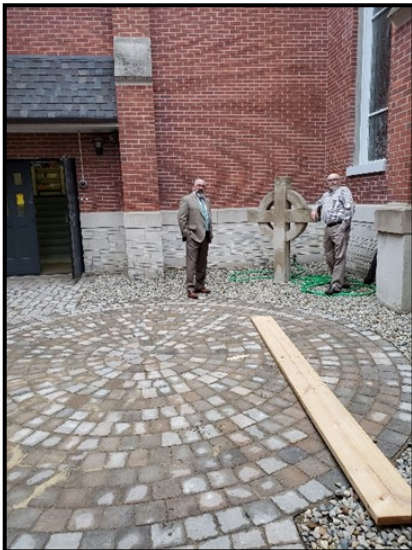
Families are being touched in the name of Jesus and that is evident in the mission stories that you read. They are real life events happening through the Grace of God and the ministry of Grace on Wings!

See Report 672 at the end of this newsletter.

We are in need of your support to keep serving families like this one. Will you please help to keep Grace on Wings serving all those He brings before us in the name of Jesus Christ.

Elevator Progress Continues ...

Here's a look at the Courtyard and elevator shaft. Also a couple of pictures showing how the Courtyard has been closed off from the street entrance.



Elevator shaft



To the right just inside this door



Looking for a 'Good Read'?

One year ago we had just gone into lock down and we shared about the activities we were engaging in during that time. That made for a fun section of the newsletter, so this year I thought we should share something different. Thank you to all who shared what you've been reading. I enjoy listening to audio books as I walk, and reading on my Kindle as I sit in my rocker. Real books are getting to be a challenge unless I can find them in LARGE print. 😊 You've introduced me to some new authors to explore.

Miriam Curts—Some books that surprised me by how enjoyable they were:

Series of *Amish Country Mysteries* by P.L. Gaus

Songbird Series by Rachel Hauck and Sara Evans (best read in this order:

The Sweet By and By, Softly and Tenderly, Love Lifted Me)

The Daughter's Walk by Jane Kirkpatrick

Marilla of Green Gables by Sarah McCoy

Janet Trent—*Answering the Call* by Jim Milstead. Janet says this was an easy read and sooo good.

Suzi Pluhar—In December when the "Christmas Star" was in the news, it reminded me of the Magi and one of my favorite books. I dusted off my worn copy of "*Ben Hur, A Tale of the Christ*," by Lew Wallace, Crawfordsville, Indiana, native, and enjoyed reading it again. After that, I slogged through "*The Great Influenza, The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History*," by John M Barry.

Gary Plunkitt—*The Complete Father Brown Stories* by G. K. Chesterton

Susie Plunkitt—

Music for the Heart: Reflections from Your Favorite Songs by Ace Collins

How Not to Die by Michael Greger M.D.

The Characters of Christmas by Daniel Darling

Dangerous Virtues by John Koesler

Roadside Geology of Indiana by Mark J. Camp & Graham T. Richardson

Cambridge Latin Course 4th edition Unit 2

Latin for Americans (Glencoe Latin1) by B.L. Ullman & Charles Henderson, Jr.

Splitting Heirs: Giving Your Money and Things to Your Children Without

Ruining Their Lives by Ron Blue and Jeremy White

Karen Sutton— Dick and I have been reading a series of Christian fictional books by Gilbert Morris in *The Wakefield Dynasty* from our library. They are historical stories of England and America dating from the mid 1400's to the Revolutionary War. Within each book, various famous Christians are described, e.g., George Tyndale, John Bunyon, John & Charles Wesley as well as Henry VIII and other kings and leaders of those times. Good reads!

Looking for a 'Good Read'? ... *continued* ...

Richard Hammer—I have this habit of getting involved in several books at one time, meaning it can take a while to complete each individual book. I frequently reread selections from books that have had a real impact on me—sometimes it was the book as a whole, sometimes it was a specific passage from that book.

Things That Matter by Charles Krauthammer

Pathway To Freedom by Alistair Begg

We Will Not Be Silenced by Erwin Lutzer

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

Troubled Blood by Robert Galbraith (actually J.K. Rowling writing under a pseudonym)

Mile Marker 825 by Jason Mirikitani

Debunking Howard Zinn by Mary Grabar

The Point Of It All by Charles Krauthammer

The Great Alone by Kristin Hanna

The Wind From The Stars by George MacDonald

Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton

Under The Banner Of Heaven by Jon Krakauer

'out walking' a book of poems and essays by John Leax

Matt Crawford—A very enjoyable book recommended by my daughter Katie:

Stumbling on Happiness by Daniel Gilbert, a psychologist. It's all about the psychology of what we think will make us happy. It's easy to understand, funny, and down to earth. It makes you think about your life and your future in very revealing terms.

Connie Timmons—

Miss Julia Series by Ann B. Ross. Light reading sometimes including some Mystery.

Jeff Hardesty—

She Calls Me Daddy by Robert J. Wolgemuth

Just Like Jesus by Max Lucado

Lynette Hardesty—Any book by Karen Kingsbury or Debbie Macomber

Shirley, Goodness & Mercy by Debbie Macomber

Rae Jahn—I enjoy cozy murder mysteries as well as thriller, suspense mysteries.

Mycroft Holmes series by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

The Pendergast series by Preston and Child (if you can stand some gore)

Nora Kelly series by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (not so gory)

The Bone Yard: A Body Farm Novel by Jefferson Bass (fiction based on a true story ... very disturbing)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

3—Becky Thies
4—Teresa Beardsley
 Kira Vargas
5—Sandy Meyer
7—Sutton Meyer
 Abby Price
9—Finley Meyer
 Grayce Moore
 Jacque Snyder
10—Caleb Vargas
12—Jacob Herin
 Karen Lashbrook
13—Lyla Stewart
14—Jack Ransom
 Landon Stewart
15—Rachel Adams
20—Katie Crawford
22—Jacob Swinford
23—Dick Sutton
24—Zaiden Ford
 Linda Frey
 Megan Wilson
25—Carleigh Wilson
26—Dan Troyer

27—Dan Coapstick
 Olivia Moore
 Sam Walker
 Ian Vargas
28—Caroline Queen

April Anniversaries

7—Gary & Bobbi Carter
20—Fred & Mitzi Carter
25—Joe & Susan Ruch



Update from Felipe Colby and His Eyes

Well, well, well. We marched into February...and forgot to update you. And then in March... well, we marched right along and forgot again didn't we?

I had great potential themes for March... a tribute to John Phillip Sousa (words that contain star or stripe), anagrams of March, or...yeah, I didn't have very many ideas.

So... here are some bullet points and some prayers, and we'll try again in April, a month sure to be rife with great theme ideas that you just can't get enough of, right? Right?

1. We (Felipe, Valerie, and Soren) got back to Honduras in late January, right back to work. We are starting 2021 with big plans as a mission, and doing our part to help everything move forward.
2. Cecilia is doing well in the USA, working, schooling, and in general enjoying all things winter. Or at least most things winter. Soren is in his room 16 hours or more a day (sleep, online school, guitar playing, yelling while online gaming.)
3. COVID is still alive and well here, and while restrictions on movement have eased somewhat (still an overnight curfew), the hospitals are still overwhelmed.
4. We are looking at a bumper crop of coffee this year, but prices are very low on the open market. We will dry and store all of the coffee beans, while we look for more homes to enjoy drinking it in the USA (this will be a prayer item below for sure). The more coffee we can sell there, the more we can support the rural communities and churches in Honduras.
5. We will take a brief trip to the US mid-March...going to get more medicines and equipment for the clinic, do some necessary and some fun appointments, and visit some folks as well. JAX, Indy, and Fort Wayne...we are coming your way. Let us know if we could meet up with you!
6. The clinic hired a pediatrician in February which is a big help for sick kids. Now...what will be the next specialty that the clinic will add?

Prayer Requests:

1. That God would open doors (literally!) to get more coffee into homes in the USA. Want some yourself? Know someone? Want to know more? Click [here](#)!
2. Safety for the staff from COVID. Pastor Manuel and his wife Leni recovered this month, praises!, but now one of the clinic staff has it and will be out for a couple weeks.
3. For the new pastor in Sampedrana, Juan, and his family to have a good transition, and God honoring ministry going forward!
4. For pastor Jonathan starting a new church in a new area (Guyavillas) and for God to show us the scope of mission involvement as the church progresses.
5. That God would provide more sponsors for the kids in the Milk Project. We are almost at 100 kids in the two branches (Teguc and Sampedrana) and when we reach 100, we want to open another Milk Project in another church! Want on board? \$38 per month to sponsor a child makes it happen. You can click [here](#).



Mission 672 - Report (February 2021)

Departure: Norfolk, VA

Arrival: New Orleans, LA

55 year old Thomas has been dealing with cardiac issues for sometime now. In 1999 he had bypass surgery and eventually had a pacemaker placed. Recently he went in for a lead replacement and ended up having his pacemaker replaced after some complications. This quickly went from an overnight procedure to quite an unexpected and unplanned hospital stay for him.

His family have been contemplating for some time now, what would be the best next step for him. They have decided to take him to New Orleans for hyperbaric treatment and then hopefully on to Baylor in Texas for extended rehab.

As I watch the crew walk out to board Nellie I am reminded of how blessed we are to have the very best volunteers anyone could ask for. So thankful. I am actually talking with Rossana (Thomas' wife) at the same time and assuring her they will be in extremely competent hands. The temperatures here in Indy this morning are still cold. The remnants of the recent 12 inch snowfall we were blessed with still linger in mounds made by the snowplows around the airport as a reminder of God's handiwork. The flight to Norfolk is filled with beautiful views of the sky and clouds. (I personally love flying over Naval Station Norfolk.)

The sun is shining when we land and we are greeted by the ambulance crew with both Thomas and Rossana inside. He has a full head of grey and white hair and a great smile. Rossana is tiny with long dark hair and she too has a wonderful smile. After a quick assessment we load them onto Nell and head to New Orleans.

We enjoy our conversation with the two of them. Thomas and Rossana met through their work as government contractors. She was actually training him. She was born in the Philippines and came to the United States because her mom was a diplomat. They have lived in Virginia where they raised their 4 children. Robert, who lives in Virginia Beach, Natalie, in DC, Rachel, in Arizona and Sarah living in Texas. They have also been blessed with 2 grandsons Jacob and Jackson. They have made it a priority to travel back to the Philippines every 2 years. They are now planning to sell their home and move permanently back to Rossana's home country.

They are renting a home in New Orleans for the next few months and transporting Thomas back and forth daily for his treatment. This seems like a huge task for such a small woman but through my many conversations with both Rossana and Rachel I can tell they are determined women and I have no doubt they will definitely accomplish what they have set out to do.

Thank you to Hal, Chris, Claire and Chelsie for doing this mission.