



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

May 2021

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9

Youth Sunday & Recognition of Graduates

Sunday, May 16

Mobile Food Pantry

Thursday, May 20

10:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Bloodmobile

Thursday, May 20

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Pentecost Sunday — Communion

Sunday, May 23

Memorial Day

Monday, May 31

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.

5th Sunday Offering

Deacons are designating the 5th Sunday Offering in May to be used toward the Great Escape for student scholarships, and transportation expenses for our students and chaperones

We are now utilizing Venmo as an option for tithing, donations, or any other payment to the church. Payments will only be seen by Ashley, our financial secretary.

Smartphone users, download the Venmo app and search for @FEPC-5558

You will need to add bank account (free) or credit card (3% charge) info to your payment methods.

Important

To ensure your transactions are PRIVATE, do the following:

- Touch the 3 lines in the top right corner
- Touch "Settings"
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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

May 2 - "Tasked to Speak"
Acts 5:12-32

May 9 - *Mothers' Day*
"But if it is of God ..."
Acts 5:33-42

May 16 - *Youth Sunday*
Theme: Unity
Philippians 2:2-4

May 23 - *Pentecost*
"The Seven"
Acts 6:1-7

May 30 - Preaching: Dwight Herin

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

May 2 - Suzie R. - Appearance by the
Sea

May 9 - Amanda T - The Sower
(Parable)

May 16 - ?? - Ascension

May 23 - ?? - Pentecost

May 30 - Amanda T - New Heaven

*NOTE: Children in Worship will be
on Summer break after May.*



Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences

- Dick and Karen Sutton on the recent death of Dick's brother.

Welcome back to town!

- Nancy Boulton has returned to her home in Frankfort. She welcomes visits in her home in the afternoons and is looking forward to being involved in FEBC activities she has missed.

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.

Honoring Our 2021 High School Graduates



Megan Wilson

Parents: Joel and Carleigh Wilson

High School: Rossville Middle High School

School Activities: Choir, Sophisticated Ladies Girls Choir, Best Buddies, FCA, Track and Field, Cross Country, NHS

Church Activities: High School Bible Study, Rossville ROCK

Awards: National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, Indiana Academic All Star, Academic All State, Cedarville Presidential Scholarship winner

Future Plans: Megan will attend Cedarville University for Innovative and Industrial Design & to run on the Cross Country and Track team .

Bible Verse: “ I will give them a heart to know that I am the LORD, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart. “ Jeremiah 24:7 (ESV)

Congratulations to **Mark Joe Butchko** and **Cameron Swinford** who we understand also finished high school during this past year.

Honoring 2021 Post-Graduate Degree Achievements



Alex Snyder

Family: Joe and Jacque Snyder

School: University of Virginia, Ophthalmology residency

Graduating: June 18, 2021

Future Plans: Alex is engaged to Jess Houk with plans to be married in October, 2021. Because Jess still has 2 years left in her residency program at Duke University, Alex has taken a position in the Ophthalmology Department at Duke University.



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

“A Note to Caregivers”

Family caregivers are those who are caring for a disabled child, a grandchild, a spouse, or an elderly parent, among many other types of caregiving situations. Being a caregiver requires much focus, energy, and organization and often little appreciation. And as life expectancies increase, medical treatments advance, and more people live with chronic illnesses and disabilities, more of us will likely find ourselves caring for a loved one at home. Your FEPC Stephen Ministers (SMs) are equipped to provide support to family caregivers by coming alongside and listening, caring, and suggesting resources. If a conversation about the possibility of a SM for you or a loved one would be helpful, please contact Marty Rodkey at 765-379-3112 or marty@fepcfrankfort.org. Both are confidential for messages. And though we still have no men Stephen Ministers at FEPC, it is possible to refer a man to another SM program in the area.

A special note: The tenth anniversary of our rejuvenated Stephen Ministry program will be recognized in the June 6 worship service, and we hope you will share this special time in the sanctuary or by livestream or radio!



Hunger does not take a holiday, as we're reminded by these stories on the Food Finders website (www.food-finders.org):

- ~ Scott, a disabled veteran, watches and cooks for his five grandchildren while the parents are at work and as food prices continue to rise.
- ~ Sharon picks up food for herself and her elderly mom to make ends meet, especially helpful during the ongoing pandemic crisis.

Our upcoming **Food Finders Mobile Pantry on Thursday, May 20** helps people like these in our community and supports the mission of Food Finders in Central Indiana: *fighting hunger, giving hope*. The cost of the Food Pantry is covered by a grant from Anthem Blue Cross with assistance from the local Habitat for Humanity, but **volunteers are needed** to register, guide traffic, and hand out food on May 20 from about 10 AM to 12 noon. Contact Sally Myers or Marty Rodkey to sign up.

Great Escape — More than just a summer camp

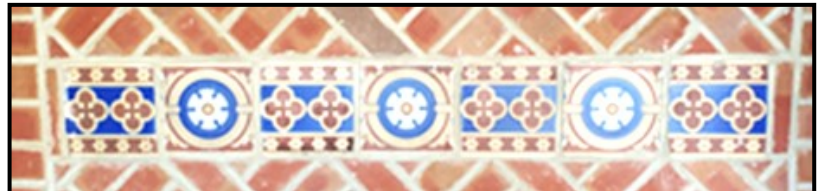
- ★ The CIA's middle school group is looking for work! As students prepare to go to the Great Escape summer camp, they are looking for ways to earn money toward their trip. If you have yard work to be done, mulch to be spread, or other spring cleaning activities, please consider contacting the youth group for help.
- ★ Over the upcoming months, the youth will be working hard to raise money for their trip to Wisconsin. The cost for each student to attend is \$480 and does not include the \$1,500 cost of transportation for the group. There are 10 middle schoolers signed up to attend this special event. Great Escape is not just a summer camp. It is an opportunity for these students to begin taking ownership of their faith and relationship with God as they become more independent. In the future, our prayer for them is that the experiences they have and the lessons they learn at Great Escape will be ones they will recall and God will use to shape them into devoted disciples. Also, we are looking for scholarships and sponsors for our youth attending Great Escape. If you are interested in making a donation to the Great Escape scholarship fund or sponsoring a student, please contact Amanda Trent.

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.

Construction Progress Continues ...

Here's a look at what we see from the Walnut Street entrance. The progress in the closed-off archway is looking good. Coming next month--the walkway to the sanctuary.



A closer look at those decorative tiles, selected by Colleen Spencer and Phoebe Smith.
Good job, ladies!

Elevator Installation

Until further notice, the south end of Fellowship Hall is closed. If you need to access Fellowship Hall, please use the kitchen door.

Enjoy the Flowers

As I was taking pictures of the archway last Sunday, Janet Trent came out and pointed out the lovely flowers that survived the recent freezing night-time temperatures. How many of us ever take time to a look at the flowers in front of the church. Enjoy!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

- 3—Barry Hall
Wayne Williams
- 4—Ryan Swinford
- 5—Betty Moloney
- 6—Andrew Stewart
- 7—Matt Beardsley
Sara Williams
- 8—Linda Bergum
- 9—Ethan McClain
- 11—Jeff Hardesty
- 14—Lillian Stewart
- 15—Kimber Jackson
Bob Shaffer
- 20—Nancy Clossin
- 22—Mark Calvin
- 23—Carol Dupler
- 24—Mandy Dudley
- 25—Doyal Bell
Ed Pluhar
- 28—Susan Calloway
Lorrie Dorsey
Dan Rodkey
- 30—Eric Davis
- 31—Justin Trent

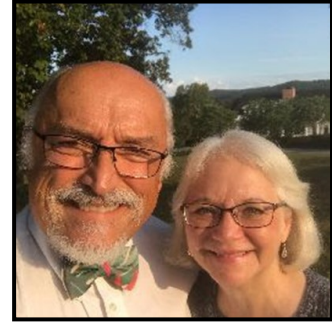
May Anniversaries

- 2—Don & Marvel Albitz
- 15—Dick & Karen Sutton
- 17—Eric & Colleen Spencer
- 25—Kim & Susan Calloway
- 28—Bill & Sonya Miller
Wayne & Glenda Jones



Update from Stan and Faith De La Cour

Serving Global Workers sent from SIM USA



Dear Friends,

Is this year moving faster than last? It feels that way to us!

March was filled with Stan contacting churches of our workers to gather information for "Church of the Week" prayer focuses in our daily chapels here in Charlotte. He debriefed several missionaries who have returned to the US for their "home assignments." He participated in multiple meetings each week as his Church Partnership team engaged in Recruitment conversations. His men's group from our church drew more men back after a covid hiatus.

I sat in on SIM USA Board Meetings, took part in the SIMStart screening event, and sat through three days of an online Child Safety and Protection Network conference. I also worked as the workshop track leader to gather and submit information for five Missio Nexus (mission leadership) Conference workshops on People Care for a mid-September conference.

As we enter April, our eyes are centered on the 17th, when Anna and Mitchell will be married in California. We will miss a SIMGo training event that week but will be back for the SIMSendOff final training event that begins April 21.

Please pray for our travels, health, and for a delightful time of celebration with Anna and Mitch. Pray also for the 14 adults and 4 children attending SIMGo to know that God is going to provide for them as they begin the journey of fundraising. Pray for the 10 adults and 5 children scheduled to attend SIMSendOff as they wrap up preparations before heading to their overseas assignments.

Speaking of praying ...

When Jesus saw the overwhelming need before them, He told His disciples to ask the Lord of the harvest to send more workers. **As one of Jesus' disciples, would you please commit to giving one minute per day to help us raise up more workers for the harvest to reach those who've yet to hear about Jesus?**

**WILL YOU GIVE
1 MINUTE DAILY
TO PRAY FOR MORE
HARVEST WORKERS?**



We have a very short and straightforward prayer request we send out as a text or email every morning with a brief description of a real person God might be calling to become a harvest worker. SIM workers around the world pause at 9:38 a.m. wherever they are—would you consider doing the same *(or whenever is most convenient for you)?*

We would love to have you join us!

Faith & Stan

Update from Bob & Patty Meredith

Greetings Fellow Travelers!

PERSPECTIVE 40 years ago B.C. (Before Children) Patty & I landed in Nairobi Kenya September 1981. My first time going overseas, and we were moving to Kenya to minister to high school students and teachers.

PROMISE The promise God gave us both was **Ephesians 3:20** *“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us”*

PLANS Patty & I PLAN to return to Kenya and Zambia this September and October to visit our extended “family” and friends. YAY!! Patty has not returned since we left and this will be a WONDERFUL opportunity for people to reconnect with the REAL Patty, the one they knew before our last year there when Patty was “hidden” behind nonstop psychosis. Patty is exceedingly courageous to return to Kenya and friends where she was seen as less than her normal self. I feel this is a courageous expression of the love she has for our dear friends!

I Thessalonians 2:8 *“We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our own lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.”*

PEOPLE Mutinta Silenga, NavStaff, spiritual “daughter” and friend from Zambia is available to come here and fly back with us to accompany Patty (and me). This trip is NOT without risks but having a travel partner will help me with the practical logistics of international travel and minimize the challenges for Patty. Having a travel companion(s) for our past 2 trips from Kenya proved *essential* for us to arrive “together”!

PARTNERSHIP There are risks in taking this trip, but Patty’s doctor is confident she has been stable long enough to make the LONG flights to Kenya, Zambia and back to Denver. We need your prayers and would not attempt this without your partnership.

We will also need **\$8020 before September for:** ours and Mutinta’s travel expenses to Nairobi and Lusaka, plus tourist visas for Patty & I since we no longer have work permits for Zambia or Kenya.

You can give online at: <https://www.navigators.org/staff/119206/> or by check at: <https://www.navigators.org/more-ways-to-give/>

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

– Gratefully in Him,

Bob AND Patty



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