



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

July 2021

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Mission Committee

July 1 meeting CANCELLED

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Sunday, July 4

Acts SS Class will NOT meet

Joint Boards Meet

Tuesday, July 6

Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.

Great Escape

July 12–17 in Green Lake, Wisconsin

Bloodmobile

Thursday, July 15

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Dick Sutton Memorial Service

Saturday, July 24 @ 1:30 p.m.

Reception for family & friends

2:30—4:00 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 **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.

Thank you, Heidi!

We have been blessed to have had Heidi Troyer as our Director of Worship at FEPC since 2019. Sensing God's calling her to be more available to her family, she stepped out of that position at the end of service on June 20, 2021.

Heidi has done a tremendous job in guiding and directing our hearts to worship these past years. We thank her for the wonderful way she's allowed God to use the gifts and talents He's given her to build up and edify our church family in her planning and leading our worship.

VBS

July 26—30, 2021 5:30—8:00 p.m.

Theme: **iGo Green** ... Teaching our children about God's call to His people to care for the world and those in it that He created.

Check the FEPC website for Registration information.

Looking Ahead ...

No Sunday School in August

Sunday, August 1: NO Worship at FEPC

Plan to attend: **Community Worship from 10-11 a.m.**

Prairie Creek Park

260 E. Washington St.

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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

July 4 - "Stephen's Sermon: PART 2"
Acts 7:1-53

July 11 - "Stephen's Death"
Acts 7:54-8:3

July 18 - "A Tale of Two Sisters"
Luke 10:38-42; II Peter 1:2-3
Philippians 1:27-28
Dick Hammer preaching

July 25 - Joel Wilson preaching

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

On Summer Break



Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences

- to the family of Dick Sutton, who went to be with the Lord on May 28, 2021
- to Eric and Gayla Davis and family on the passing of Eric's mother, Mary Kathryn Davis, who went to be with the Lord June 27, 2021.
- to the family of Carroll Johnson, who went to be with the Lord on June 29, 2021

Moving On

- Connie Timmons left Frankfort on June 4 and moved to Boca Ratone, Florida. Connie blessed our church family many years and now we wish her many blessings in this new adventure in her life.

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:

Karen Biery, Joyce Peters or Patty Nash.



Life in the Body of Christ — continued

Thank you

Dear FEPC Family,

Words can hardly express what is in our hearts for all your prayers, cards, food and hugs during Dick's illness and death. We so appreciate all your words of love, empathy and kindness during the past few months. Although it was sad and a shock to all of us, our faith in Jesus' resurrection gives us all hope and joy. We are blessed and grateful for each one of you.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." II Corinthians 1:3-5

Love,

Karen Sutton, Jane Kivett and family

Dear FEPC church family,

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement and the amazing gift of a museum membership! Sam, Seth, Dan and I are so excited to plan some family outings to see and learn many new things.

Your sweet cards and words of encouragement really ministered to my heart. What a blessing you are, and what a special place to call our church home!

With love and gratefulness,

Heidi Troyer



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who helped support our youth in their efforts to raise funds to attend Great Escape. Your generosity in having them help with spring chores, donating items to and purchasing goods at the Silent Auction has helped them achieve their goals. All students and chaperones are now fully funded, and their transportation has been covered.

Please keep them all in prayer while they travel to and from, and participate in a week of activities at Great Escape. This year's Great Escape will be July 12-17 in Green Lake, Wisconsin.



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Care-Givers or Cure-Givers?

It is not easy to observe, walk beside, or minister to someone who is suffering, as all caregivers know. Our FEPC Stephen Ministers (SMs) have served people in a variety of caregiving situations: a wife seeing her husband's ever-worsening health, parents caring for grown children in life challenges, children caring for elderly parents, and more. And in these Stephen Minister/Care Receiver matches, the SMs become caregivers as well. Recently, a Stephen Minister asked me to remind all caregivers of a key SM principle: *We are the Care-Givers, God is the Cure-Giver.*

When SMs remind each other of this truth, it does two things. First, it places one's trust securely on God, not on one's own efforts. That brings a sigh of relief, and sometimes tears, that it's not all up to the caregiver. Our part is to care; it is up to God to apply His cure. Second, it gives hope, knowing that whether or not our desires come to fruition, there can be an ultimate cure through the One who sees it all, knows it all, and loves each one in the caregiving situation. For we have...*the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles... (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)* to accompany and care for us on our caregiving journey.

If you are in a difficult caregiving situation, there are resources, caring ears, and encouragement available by reaching out to SM Referral Coordinator Marty Rodkey (marty@fepcfrankfort.org, 765-379-3112,) or Pastor Kelly Kurth (kelly@fepcfrankfort.org, 314-374-6042).



Quilts on Wings

Thank you to all who have stepped up and said they want to help with this unique ministry. At our meeting in June it was decided we would not meet in July, but beginning in **August** our meetings will be **the first Friday** each month from **9:30—11:30 a.m.** We will meet in Fellowship Hall, where we have space to spread out and work on various tasks as needed.

While Grace on Wings will be the primary recipient of our quilts, we discussed the possibility of extending the ministry to other local organizations. That ability will depend on how many quilts we are able to complete.

If you aren't able to actively participate in this ministry, you can support us by donating used, washable blankets. These will be used for fillers instead of us needing to buy batting.

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Williams or Miriam Curts ... or, feel free to join us **Friday, August 6 @ 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.**

Donations Needed

The Colby children will be staying in the US when their parents return to Honduras soon. Cecilia will be studying at Ivy Tech and Soren will be attending Rossville. They will be living in an apartment and will need things many of us here at FEPC would be willing to donate for their use. They will need "all things house" -- household furniture, kitchen items, bedding, cleaning products, etc. Please know that if we receive too many duplicates, items may be gifted to the WeCare Recovery ministry in the house across from our church.

Please contact Amy Crawford or Marty Rodkey if you have items that you would be willing to give to Cecelia and Soren to help them settle into life in the US more easily and less expensively.

Update from Jessica Rockhold ...

Dear Friends and Family,

Happy Summer! It has been busy already but in the best ways. I've been able to have time off from work and meeting with students since most people are gone for the summer and I am feeling so refreshed! That being said I do still have work this summer!

The majority of my working time is used to read lots of books for the study program and to start the process of summer fundraising again!

Last year the task of fundraising felt quite daunting and it really pushed me to be bold, challenged my trust in the Lord, and taught me how to communicate well what the Lord was calling me to do. It was such a joy to have conversations with so many of you and I loved being able to update you all each month about how things were going.

Even now, it still blows my mind that you helped me raise forty-eight thousand dollars. God was so evidently at work in that process and used so many people to come alongside me and support me financially and in prayer.

Down to the nitty-gritty

I am deeply grateful to everyone who prayed for me and financially supported me during the first year. Know that you have played a part in my life, the lives of students, and the Kingdom! Your support does not go unnoticed!

This summer I need to raise about **\$14,000** to be fully funded for my second year. Money that I had leftover in my account after year 1 rolls over into year 2. If you are giving monthly or quarterly those gifts will automatically continue to withdraw for the second year! If you were someone that gave a one-time gift last year I would love for you to prayerfully consider giving again this year.

Continued ...

Update from Jessica Rockhold ... *continued*

If you would like to give, you can click the link below and it will take you to my specific page online. And if you would like to give via check you can make it out to "Reformed University Fellowship" and put my fund code "1974" on the memo line.

Checks can be sent to:
Reformed University Fellowship
PO Box 89004
Charlotte, NC 28289-0004

Summer reading!

If anyone wants to read books with me this summer heres a list of what I'll be reading! We can chat about it or you can keep me accountable to actually finishing them. The study program has been a tough habit to create for myself so I could use all the encouragement lol.

- Gilead (Robinson)
- Life signs (Nouwen)
- Martin Luther: Selections from his writings (Luther, Dillenberger)
- Bible reading: Ezra, Amos, Proverbs

Also a fun fact is that at the end of this internship I'll have read through the whole Bible!

My contact info!

Call/text: 765-639-5132 Email: Jessica.mercer@ruf.org

Praises

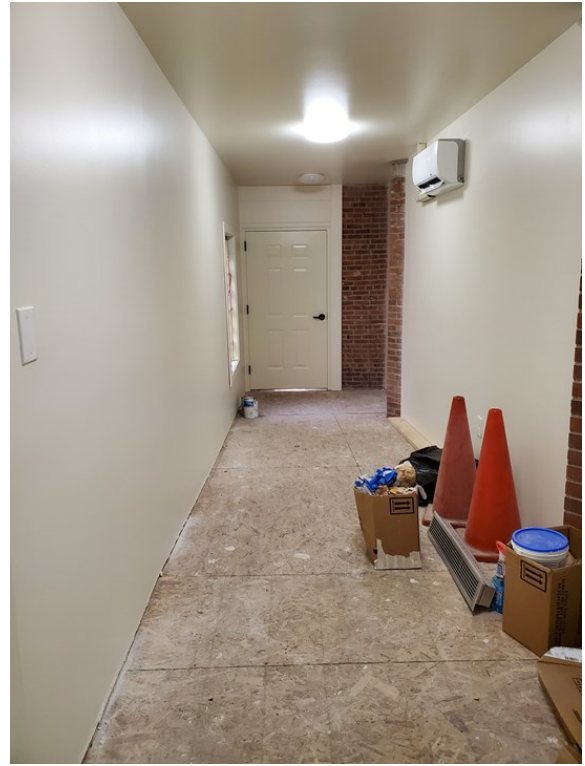
- Praise the Lord for getting to rest this summer and spend time reflecting on this past year and all the ways God was at work.

Requests

- Pray for me as I fundraise this summer for year two. Even though I saw how the Lord provided last year, it is still so easy to fall into anxiousness and doubt. Pray that I would trust the Lord wholeheartedly and that he would provide generously

FEPC Construction Progress Continues ...

Great news! The south end of Fellowship Hall is clear from construction materials and open to use. The south Fellowship Hall doors are also available to use. Elevator construction is not quite complete but we are making progress!



From 1st floor entrance across from the office ... the inside of the elevator and the hallway that leads to the Sanctuary. The back door on the elevator will provide access to the courtyard.



Benches have been added in the archway.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

- 1—Kay Hammer
Margaret Robinson
- 2—Peggy Williams
- 3—Patty Meredith
Kevin Price
- 4—Brady Swinford
- 5—Olivia Rothenberger
- 6—Amanda Moore
- 8—Frank Beardsley
- 9—Cathy Price
Ellie Swinford
- 13—Debbie Bracken
- 15—Sonya Miller
- 16—Alaina Dudley
Mary Ann Morrison
- 20—Jenna Rockhold
- 21—Audrey McClain
- 22—Kelly Kurth
John Milholland
- 26—Fred Agnew
Carol Downs
- 27—Kay Maddock
- 28—Charlie Beardsley
- 31—Luke Beardsley
Megan Wickersham

July Anniversaries

- 1—Dan & Marty Rodkey
- 4—Jeff & Sally Moore
- 5—Dick & Kay Hammer
- 7—Mark & Megan Wickersham
- 10—Fred & Carol Downs
- 12—Andy & Mandy Dudley
Steve & Linda Frey
- 14—Chuck & Kris Queen
- 16—Matt & Amy Crawford
- 20—Myron & Janice Chezem
- 24—Ed & Suzi Pluhar

