



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

October 2021

Prayer with the Pastor
Each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.



Quilts on Wings
Friday, October 1 @ 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Communion Sunday
October 3
Observed in Morning Worship



All Church Bonfire
Saturday, October 9
See details on page 3



Called Meeting of the Congregation
Sunday, October 17 after worship
To Elect Officers



5th Sunday Offering
Sunday, October 31, 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.

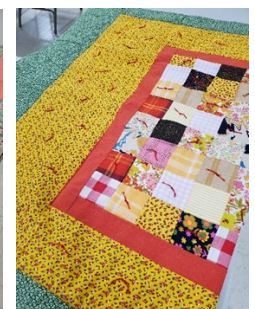


5th Sunday Offering

October 31 will be our next 5th Sunday Offering. Deacons have designated this offering to help pay for remodeling projects in the WeCare recovery home across the street (church manse).

Grace on Wings / Quilts on Wings

Several people from FEPC attended the Grace on Wings fundraiser September 23. At that time Matt and Amy Crawford delivered 7 blankets from our Quilts on Wings group. We thought you would like to see pictures of what we sent.



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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

- Oct 3 - Communion**
"Resting in the Lord: His Yoke"
Matthew 11:28-30
Isaiah 42:3
- Oct 10 - "Resting in the Lord: "**
- Oct 17 - TBD**
- Oct 24 - TBD**
- Oct 31 - TBD**

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

- Oct 3 - S. Calloway - "Noah"**
- Oct 10 - A. Trent - "Abram & Sarai"**
- Oct 17 - A. Trent - "Saving Baby Moses"**
- Oct 24 - ?? - "Exodus"**
- Oct 31 - ?? - "10 Best Ways"**

Leaders & greeters needed.
Contact Amanda Trent to help.



Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences

- to Leah Borntrager. Her father, Calvin Borntrager, went home to be with Jesus on Sunday, September 26.

3 C's Committee

Connecting • Cares • Concerns.

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Stephen Ministry at FEPC

A Caring Christian Friend Who Really Listens

“From the very beginning of time, (God) has wanted people to enjoy intimate relationship with Him and others. He longs to walk arm-in-arm with us- and to provide empathetic friends to walk with us- through the sorrows and sufferings that are an inevitable part of this world. Connections matter. When we withdraw, detach, or close God and others out of our suffering, we cut off our source of life and derail our own healing. The bottom line is that God never intended for us to try to handle our worries and anxieties alone. Peace comes in the context of relationships.”

This quote is from *Letting Go of Worry and Anxiety* by Pam Vredevelt, and from her own experience the author says, “...the greatest moments of relief came when I sensed that God and a trusted friend were truly present with me in my struggle. It was as if they opened the door, walked into my turmoil, sat down with me, and, with full acceptance, waited.”

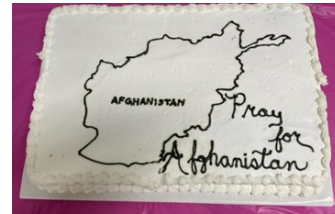
Vredevelt might have been describing the care of a Stephen Minister (SM), which our FEPC Stephen Ministry pamphlet describes as being...“a caring Christian friend who really listens.” When you need this kind of friend, know that there are Stephen Ministers ready to walk with you. Simply contact SM Referral Coordinator Marty Rodkey (765-404-1349 or marty@fecpfrankfort.org) for a confidential chat about your need. Pastor Kelly or Amanda Trent can also help you initiate the SM referral process. God knows your need and will be faithful to provide for you.



Mark your calendar!
Bonfire Gathering for FEPC Friends & Family
Saturday, October 9
5:00—8:00 p.m.
Jackson residence
6779 S. County Road 350 W.
Frankfort, IN 46041
(765) 586-2789

**Fire, food, fellowship, devotions, and fun
for the whole family.**

Coffee Talk About Afghanistan



The Mission Team met on September 2nd in Fellowship Hall with its usual full agenda. Amy and Matt led us through updates about upcoming events like the Grace on Wings Gala on September 23 and the Mission weekend on Nov. 5-7 with the Crossing. Budget of course was addressed. FEPC has a heart and history for missions of many types. As we grew closer to being done, a brand-new mission happened. One member was concerned about what was happening in Afghanistan, particularly for those who needed rescue, including Americans and our Afghan supporters. We wondered how to pray for what was happening.

The whole Mission team rallied and began planning the Conversation about Afghanistan which happened on September 22. Well over 50 people attended that night and showed the concern many had, with the goal of shaping a plan for how to pray for what was happening. From 6 to 7:30 we met and listened to our speakers, Mike Montgomery, who served three tours as a Marine in Afghanistan and Jennifer Gardner, who along with her husband and two children, spent several years in Kabul up to 2014. Jennifer taught at the university. Both Mike and she described how wonderful the people were. Jennifer urged that we pray for three people and their families who supported her and her family: Swaila and family, Zacrio and family, and Corbon and family. Pray for warmth, food, and safety.

How we were able to put this together in a couple of weeks showed how God can use us to do His will. We have a suggested prayer list for all of us as the need continues. We hope innocent Americans and their supporters will be rescued. Thanks to Mike and Jennifer for helping educate us about their experiences and the wonderful people they met in Afghanistan. Thanks also to Susie Plunkitt for the cake to go with the coffee over conversation. It was decorated with a map of Afghanistan.

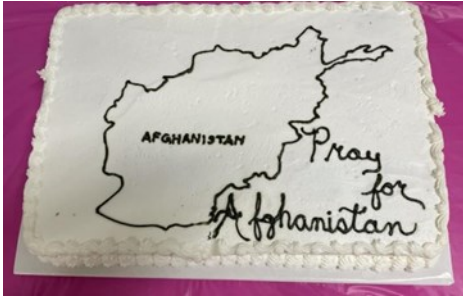
Again, we pray for the innocent Americans and their Afghan supporters, including the following:

1. Protection of believers
2. Peace and stability, both political and social
3. Education opportunities for all, both men and women
4. Truth emerging over corruption
5. The dream and vision of Jesus for the Afghan people who put stock in dreams
6. Courage to live in the face of death
7. Afghanis who have helped Americans
8. The International Security Force
9. Military who served there
10. 5000 Afghanis in Camp Atterbury

See pictures on next page.

Coffee Talk About Afghanistan

Speakers for the evening



Amy chatting with Jennifer Gardner



Mike Montgomery





His Eyes — Colby Update

We asked...you answered, the family in Las Botijas now has the roofing materials they need, all in a very quick turnaround!

How do we begin this? So much to cover. Let's go bullet style and try to keep this short..er.

- Thank you to those who donated to help the family in Las Botijas put a new roof on their house. The donations more than covered that expense! The extra money will be used to build houses in Sampredrana for migrant workers who pick coffee, and also to help a pastor in Tegucigalpa with a roof. We will update as that progresses.
- Camp Allendale...besides hopefully impacting quite a few kids for missions and expanding some world views, we raised almost \$15,000 for the Milk Project expansion (first in Las Botijas)
- Cecilia started classes at Ivy Tech and has moved into her apartment. Soren started his senior year at Rossville, and presuming things go well, will get his driver's license later in September. He will move in with Cecilia then. We were blessed by many people giving them pretty much everything they needed for this move (and even some gift cards to cover what they need to buy).
- Felipe and Valerie came back to Honduras on August 26th and got right to work. We were so blessed by a great time in the US, but also bummed that there are quite a few of you that we literally ran out of time and could not visit! We hope to travel back next March for visits and work for the mission.
- The FAME container had scheduling problems (normal now since COVID) so we were not there when they loaded it on the 25th/26th, but it did load and hopefully will be arriving in Honduras in October! Thanks to everyone who provided items, funding, prayers, and contacts for us to get everything together!
- COVID situation in Honduras is still not good, masks required and many sick, but as vaccinations come into the country they are very quickly being given. Honduras is 12% fully vaccinated at this point, and almost 30% with at least one shot.
- The clinic is staying very busy. The Churches are meeting and working. On the farms there's a ton going on preparing for coffee harvest in a few months (working on those new buildings, road work, etc.) The Milk Project...food is given to the families every week, but otherwise mostly virtual (schools here are still virtual as well). We pray that the kids can come back into the buildings in 2022?
- Groups? We have one scheduled for October, our board of directors is coming in November, and so far we have 7 groups scheduled for 2022!

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His Eyes — Colby Update

- Prayer requests?
 - ~ Smooth sailing for the FAME container, literally and figuratively
 - ~ Staff encouragement and health.
 - There has been a lot of health problems in staff and family members, and just feeling worn out
 - ~ Adaption for us and our kids to being apart from each other
 - ~ The Milk Project families going through so much right now:
 - Finances, relationships, physical struggles, etc.
 - ~ The plans for the mission going forward:
 - ~ May God guide us, making clear what we should be doing and how we should be doing it!

Thanks for joining us on the continual ride!

Our mailing address is:

His Eyes

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Jobs for Life

Inquiring minds want to know ... what's the status of the Jobs for Life program. In the Spring of 2020 we began our 10th class and were forced to shut down due to Covid. We graduated those students, but the future was unclear at that time. In the Fall of 2020 we were still unable to hold classes in Fellowship Hall, but we received requests from the WeCare and One80 recovery programs asking for copies of our materials. They expressed the desire to incorporate the Jobs for Life training into their programs, and they had the facilities to conduct classes for their people.

Because several key people in our program were ready for a break and our resources for students had become primarily the local recovery programs, it was decided this was the time to end the life of the program as an offering of FEPC.

We have shared the materials and resources we were using with both the WeCare and One80 staff and pray that their programs will continue to be used by God in providing people with needed skills for seeking employment.

Update from the Merediths ... We're Leaving!

September 27, 2021

YES! After FOUR changes to our flights due to COVID impacting flight schedules, we are leaving this FRIDAY for Kenya!



PLEASE

continue to pray for:

- Patty's stability. Since April Patty has had one surgery, and a bit of "turbulence" with her thinking. So far, no hallucinations and nothing long-term! YAY!
- NEGATIVE COVID tests – starting TOMORROW! And a total of FOUR TIMES.
- Friends in Kenya and Zambia who are organizing "gatherings" for us as much as are COVIDly possible.

PEOPLE

Mutinta Silenga, NavStaff, spiritual "daughter" and friend from Zambia is HERE and will fly back with us to accompany Patty (and me). Her presence will be a HUGE blessing.

PARTNERSHIP

THANKS! You gave and God provided for what we HAD budgeted as anticipated costs. HOWEVER Mutinta had to buy ANOTHER round-trip ticket in Nairobi to fly a DIFFERENT airline through the Middle East to get here due to new USA COVID restrictions! **ARGH!**

We bought her original tickets and if you would like to partner with us in reimbursing her \$1400 for her second ticket, please click on the link below and you can donate to The Navigators for her account! THANKS!! (again)

You can give online at: <https://donations.navigators.org/s/fund/a4e1Q00000Uc7ZQAS/mutintasilenga>

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

Gratefully in Him,

Bob and Patty

Grace on Wings

MISSION REPORT 682 (September 2021)

Departure: Las Vegas, NV

Arrival: Cleveland, OH



85 year old Essam (Sam) was born in Detroit. His parents immigrated to the United States from Lebanon. He is the oldest of 3 children with a brother Norm 16 months younger and a sister Nancy who is 9 years younger.

Shortly after the birth of his sister his parents decided to move back to Lebanon and start a business there. Unfortunately that did not work out as they hoped so they returned to the United States. They moved around a lot here in the states and even left again for a short while when they went to live with family in Venezuela. Both parents have since passed away after 52 years of marriage.

Sam spent 16 years in the U.S. Army. He later met Marian at Ford Motor Company in Cleveland where they both were employed. Marian already had a son and daughter when the two married. Her daughter passed away at the young age of 26 from complications of diabetes. After her death the two moved to Las Vegas to be near and help her son and his family out. Unfortunately, her son passed away in his 40's. Sam and Marian stayed in Vegas and were married for 40 years when Marian passed away. Sam was recently diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver.

Norm, his wife and their 2 sons still live in Cleveland. Nancy ended up in Virginia where she continues to live. Now after 30 years of living in the desert he would like to spend time near Norm and his family.

Norm contacted us a few weeks ago about getting Sam back to Cleveland. He warned me that he was having difficulty getting communication from the facility where his brother was staying. Boy, was he right however after a few setbacks it is finally time to head to Vegas.

After a quick breakfast we head to the airport this morning and it is already 80+ degrees and rising fast. It is forecast to be a toasty 103 today but remember it is a "dry heat." LOL :)

The ambulance arrives promptly and when the door swings open there is a handsome young man with a kind smile. He immediately says to Claire and I, "So you two drew the short straw?" He has an olive complexion, a grey mustache and goatee and the same hairstyle as his brother Norm he tells us. After a prayer we load him on board Nellie and begin our cross country trek together.



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MISSION REPORT 682 (September 2021) ... *continued*

I asked him if he has a favorite genre of music and without hesitation he answered, "I love the 40's, big band." Once we are at altitude and cruising we put in his request to Hal. I must admit at first I was not really looking forward to listening to 40's music but it is not about me.

Sam is enjoying his window seat and we all chat about a hundred different things. It sounds like he has done so much and lived so many places when Claire asks him, "what haven't you done?" He laughs and responds, "Well, I haven't won the lottery." We all chuckled. We cruise over the Grand Canyon with the sound of the Big Band playing in the background. It is really nice and relaxing. I even tell Sam that I am really enjoying his music choice as I am singing along with most of the lyrics. Shortly after that Hal says the same thing.

We stop for a quick refuel in Salina and are back in the air in no time. We continue on to Cleveland chatting, laughing and being lulled by Nellie and the music just enjoying our time together.

At last we land in Cleveland and transfer Sam over to the ambulance crew who will take him to the facility. Claire and I both lean over to kiss him on the cheek as we each fight back tears. It was a wonderful day spent with a wonderful gentleman. I must admit that since that flight I have found myself tuning into the "40's big band" music in my truck now on a regular basis in honor of Sam.

After a nice dinner we enjoyed a very short night flight home. The sky above is well lit by the many stars and we have a clear view below of the city lights as we cruise along.

ROMANS 15:7

ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER, THEN, JUST AS CHRIST ACCEPTED YOU, IN ORDER TO BRING PRAISE TO GOD.

Thank you to Hal and Claire for sharing this mission with me.
Shalom and Blessings,
Shelli Engle RN

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October

- 1—Karen Sutton
- 4—Cary Carter
- 6—John Miller
- 7—Jeff Bracken
- 9—Alyssa Lukasik
Lily Rockhold
- 10—Becky Kurth
Heidi Troyer
- 12—Dick Hammer
- 13—Glenda Jones
Sally Myers
- 15—Joyce Shrock
- 16—Mark Butchko
- 18—Jim Moyer
- 19—Mark Haynes
- 20—Kathy Montgomery
- 21—Sue Wolfe
- 22—Terri Calvin
JoAnn Mullendore
Connie Timmons
- 25—Cindy Chambers
- 26—Kristen Beardsley
- 27—Elaine Ridenour

October Anniversaries

- 1—Mark & Terri Calvin
- 6—Doug & Kathy Montgomery
Gary & Susie Plunkitt
- 17—John & Amy Rockhold
- 20—Christopher & Tiffany Thies

