



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

February 2022

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Youth Lock-In

February 4-5

Quilts on Wings

Friday, February 4, 2022
Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Ministry Fair

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

NOTE: Not our regular day —
help needed

Bloodmobile

Thursday, February 24
11 a.m.—4 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 **Mark Calvin** 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

Happy Valentines Day

Sunday School Classes & Locations

Gospel Project Class—Music Room This class is open to all. A chronological, Christ-centered Bible study that examines how all Scripture gives testimony to Jesus Christ.

Men's Study of Romans—Fellowship Hall Open to all men.

Confirmation Class—Parlor Students in grades 6-12 who have not yet participated in Confirmation, are invited to attend classes to teach them why we believe what we believe and to equip them to take ownership of their faith. These classes will begin today from 10:15 to 11:45. Classes will continue until the culmination of our retreat on April 8. At the end of Confirmation classes, students will create their own "I Believe" statement and decide whether or not they would like to become members of the Church. Some food will be provided at each meeting, through the generosity of congregation members.

Membership Inquiry Class—South end of Fellowship Hall This 8-week class begins February 13. Whether you are a long-term Christian or a seeker of Christ, this class may be for you. We will explore the foundational theology of what it means to be a follower of Christ. If you are seeking church membership, you must attend. Current members are also welcome.

Word of Caution From the Trustees

As you know the parking lots were repaved this past fall. New paving can be dangerously slick when wet with rain, sleet, ice, or snow. Please use caution when exiting your vehicles and walking to and from the building during these winter months.

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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

Feb 6 - "Cornelius' Vision"
Acts 10:1-9, 20-43

Feb 13 - "Peter in Jerusalem"
Acts 11:1-18

Feb 20 - TBD

Feb 27 - "They're Called 'Christians'"
Acts 11:19-30

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Feb 6 - Susan C - Jesus Feed 5,000

Feb 13 - Justin T - Transfiguration

Feb 20 - ?? - Jesus Makes Lazarus
Alive Again

Feb 27 - ?? - Transfiguration

NOTE: Leaders and Greeters
are needed for February,
March and April. Sign up sheet
is outside the Nursery.



Life in the Body of Christ

Congratulations to

- The Cunningham Family on the birth of Carter David Cunningham, born on January 17.

Condolences to

- The family of Millard Morrill "Mo" Morrison, who passed away December 27. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, January 15 at Arborwood.
- Carolyn Ellis and family on the passing of her nephew, David, on January 17.

Congregational Care

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 3 C's Ministry: Susan Calloway, Doyal Bell, Karen Biery, Joyce Peters or Patty Nash.



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

We All Need Support

Have you ever gotten home from the grocery store with just one too many stuffed bags of groceries to carry on your own—and tried to take them all in at once anyway? It's easy for any of us to assume we're tough enough to handle it all ourselves. So you get the bags situated and get halfway to the door, only to hear a *riiip!* That's when panic might set in, and you're trying to hurry while struggling to keep from losing the bags or items, hoping you'll get to the kitchen before everything spills out.

That can happen with responsibilities in life—to assume "Whatever it is, I can handle it alone." But often the truth can be like carrying one overloaded or precariously balanced bag too many. It can be too much to carry on our own. Sometimes we really do need to take life more slowly or get help from another. You can't do it all yourself, and you don't have to. You can rely on a Stephen Minister to help carry your load. After all, even Stephen Ministers have each other to rely on, and they are especially equipped to help.

Access the care of a Stephen Minister through Marty Rodkey (marty@fepcfrankfort.org) or Pastor Kelly (kelly@fepcfrankfort.org).

Favorite Hymns

Thank you to all who remembered to share their favorite hymn(s). Several noted they have others they did not list—there are soooo many!

Kalen Jackson—How Great Thou Art (*Kalen says she sang this song "to both of my kids endlessly when they were babies, as I rocked them to sleep."*)

Peggy Williams—Blessed Assurance

Wayne Williams—A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Suzanne Pluhar—In the Garden / As the Deer / Great is Thy Faithfulness

Nancy Boulbee—A Mighty Fortress is Our Go / Dear Lord & Father of Mankind

Phoebe Smith—Be Thou My Vision / How Great Thou Art

Sally Myers—Holy, Holy, Holy / Be Thou My Vision / Love Divine, All Love Excelling / Blessed Assurance / Amazing Grace / This is My Father's World / In Christ Alone / Power of the Cross / When It's All Been Said and Done

Miriam Curts—Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise / What Shall I Render To The Lord

Carol & Fred Downs—Holy, Holy, Holy / Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee / Praise My soul the King of Heaven / King of the Universe

Ministry Fair and Brunch

Directly after worship on Sunday, February 6, there will be a Ministry Fair coordinated by the 3 C's team. We will showcase FEPC ministries along with local and foreign ministries we support. All FEPC friends and family are invited to attend this event as another opportunity to examine where you "fit in," and to learn in greater detail about our ministries. There are so many ways to serve God's kingdom! Many ministries have no "committee" or "team." You are uniquely created to serve in unique ways. Our ministry fair could help you identify your unique, God-given talents. Brunch will be served, so come for the food, fellowship, and opportunities to learn.



Prayer Quilt Ministry



A new ministry started by the 3 C's and supported by Quilts on Wings is the Prayer Quilt ministry. The Prayer Quilt measures approximately an 18" square and sports a number of strings of thread. These threads are designed to have knots tied in them each time a prayer is said for the recipient of the Prayer Quilt.

And who are the recipients of these quilts? Anyone who is preparing for surgery, anyone who is dealing with prolonged sickness, anyone dealing with discouragement or just in need of prayer support from our FEPC family.

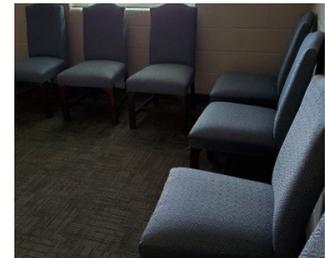
If you know of someone who should receive a Prayer Quilt, notify a member of the 3 C's team. They will select a quilt and begin passing it around asking people to pray for the recipient and tie a knot in one of the strings. When it is given to the recipient, they will be told each knot represents a prayer brought to the Lord on their behalf. The quilt shows they are covered in prayer for their specific need. It is hoped they will find comfort in knowing they have been remembered by the FEPC family.

During January Prayer Quilts were made and designated for the following: Amy Crawford and Marty Rodkey (upcoming surgeries), Josh Swinford and Bill McCormick (continued recovery), and Roxanne Birge (health issues).



February FUN!!!

Look at the pictures below and see if you know where you might find these items in the church. The number beside the picture corresponds to the key below the pictures.



- 1 Kelly's Office
- 2 Nursery
- 3 Lounge next to Office & Restrooms
- 4 Parlor
- 5 Sitting room next to Nursery

Colby Update

Greetings one and all! It is not normal for us to show up in your inbox *mid* month, so you know this one is going to be *smidge* different. Yep, you guessed it, this missive will include words that contain "mid." So there is at least a theme...but this is not a normal update.

In the *midst* of an ever changing world, *amid* uncertainties galore, we are taking 2022 in a new direction. I mean, why not, right? Those who have been with us for several years will know that in the past years Valerie and I have experimented with spending more time in the USA to visit supporting Churches, find new partners, move some of that sweet sweet Hill Climber Coffee, and coordinate containers, have meetings in the morning, *midday*, or evening as required. Even *midair* I suppose.

In 2022 we will spend about half the year stateside. We will go the states in the spring, back to Honduras in the *middle*, and then back to the states in the fall. The idea is to decide if the mission can continue to grow with us as directors of development instead of hiring a permanent US-based director. Can Valerie and Felipe handle the state-side work and also juggle everything back in Honduras?

It's like a *midterm* exam...you think you are prepared, you've studied, but how it will work out remains to be seen. We ask your prayers that we adjust well to the added workload and added travel, that God would encourage us in this year trial process, and that the His Eyes board of directors will help us figure out if we should continue, make changes, or pursue hiring someone and us spend more of our time at home in Honduras. So call the *midwife*, we are birthing a new schedule!

To that end, whether you are in *midtown* Manhattan or the island of *Midway*, if you have a Church or organization we need to visit, now is the time to schedule something with us! We will also take an airplane or *midsize* sedan to those Churches, organizations and individuals who support our family and His Eyes. For some, it has been too long! We want to see you... let's make that happen!

You might think, "these guys are dreaming like Walter *Middy*" or something to that effect. To be honest, we are both looking forward to what it can mean for the mission, but scared a bit because it will be potentially more stressful and just different for us. For now we will be bunking with Felipe's parents *midweeks* and when not otherwise travelling longer distance, but otherwise, no long term plans.

Adding to this update ...we are partnering with FAME in June to send a *humidor* to Honduras. You know, those big metal container things that keep our wet wipes moist? It is always a *formidable* task, but praise God, every year we have sent a container, it becomes obvious that the benefits of donated items and other things we just couldn't get in Honduras greatly outweighs the money we spend. If you want to donate for the many thousands of dollars we will spend to buy items and ship them (mostly for the clinic...equipment, medicines, gloves, etc.) you can donate [here](#). We will be ramping up mostly in April-May, but can start coordinating things now (praying about another ultrasound unit we will need, perhaps two!)

All of this is just the *midsole* of the mission's shoe that continues to march forward. Some quick highlights anticipated for the mission in 2022:

- new Milk Project will begin in Las Botijas
- big advancements in the road and planting more fruit trees in Sampedrana
- Clinic could become a hospital (much more on this long term project to come)

There is plenty to pray for and it seems very *intimidating*, but what else is new? God continues to guide us.

INDNJC,
Felipe and Valerie

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

- 3—Phoebe Smith
- 4—Dick Moore
- 5—Fred Carter
- 6—Rosa Martinez
- 7—Charlotte Swinford
Emerson Swinford
- 8—Joel Wilson
- 9—Mark Joe Butchko
- 10—Marvel Albitz
- 12—Susie Plunkitt
- 13—Sally Moore
Hans Vargas
- 14—Mike Walker
- 17—Amanda Hromas
- 22—Logan Robbins
- 23—Donnie Albitz
Steve Frey
- 25—Cecelia Trent
- 28—Avery Hromas
Ann Robey

February Anniversaries

- 11—Mike & Joyce Peters
- 12—Ron & Cindy Chambers
- 16—John & Janet Trent

