



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

March 2022

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Lent Begins—Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

Quilts on Wings

Friday, March 4, 2022

Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Communion

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Diaper Shower

Sunday, March 6, 2022

During Fellowship Hour before and after Worship

Stephen Ministry Commission

Sunday, March 13

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 20

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



SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13

On Saturday, March 12, be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour. If you show up at church an hour early on March 13, we will know you forgot!!

A Message From Ms. Amanda

As the time approaches for Baby Trent to arrive, I am seeing the need to ask for help with some of the responsibilities I will not be able to fulfill. Here are some areas we will need help: Discipletown volunteers, VBS planners/organizers, youth group volunteers, middle school Sunday school teacher, middle school and high school summer camp fundraising/planning/chaperones. I will be available to do training, share what information and resources I have, and be open to questions at any time. Thank you for prayerfully considering.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Sunday, April 10 — Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 7—Maunday Thursday Service @ 7:00 p.m. with Communion

Friday, April 15—Good Friday

Sunday, April 17—Easter

Watch for Easter Sunday details to be announced

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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

Mar 6 - "Persecution"
Acts 12:1-19

Mar 13 - "The Death of Herod"
Acts 12:19-25

Mar 20 - "Barnabas & Saul's
Excellent Adventure (in Cyprus)"
Acts 13:1-12

Mar 27 - "Barnabas & Saul's
Excellent Adventure (in Antioch
in Pisidia)"
Acts 13:13-41

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Mar 6 - Justin T - Good Shepherd:
Wolf

Mar 13 - Susan C - Good Shepherd:
Lord's Super II

Mar 20 - ?? - The Sower (Parable)

Mar 27 -Kris Q - Great Commission



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You ...

I would like to thank my church family for the many ways you provided encouragement during my recent surgery. We felt so loved through prayers, meals, cards and phone calls. ~ Amy Crawford

Change of Address ... Here is our new address:

5414-11th Avenue B.
Moline, Illinois 61265

While we will be back to visit occasionally, you are also welcome to visit us. We have been so blessed to be at FEPC. For these three wonderful years we will remember and thank God for leading us to FEPC.

~ Chris and Sam Walker

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

Your Heart Matters

Perhaps, like me, you have appreciated the depth of leadership our FEPC Elders offer during Sunday Worship times. Not long ago, Joel Wilson was the assigned Elder, and before the Call to Worship he used this prayer by Leighton Ford.

Lord, give me I pray:

A remembering heart for the things that have happened, an attentive heart to what I have heard, a forgiving heart for what has hurt, a grateful heart for what has blessed, a brave heart for what may be required, an open heart to all that may come, a trusting heart to go forth with you, a loving heart for you and all your creation, a longing heart for the reconciliation of all things, a willing heart to say “Yes” to what you will. Amen

We all know we should want a heart like that, but maybe it seems too complicated, or there’s too much baggage, and we don’t think anyone would even want to hear us express our hurts or doubts. But because our hearts matter to God, your heart concerns matter to Stephen Ministers. And it’s easy to be connected with a Stephen Minister: simply contact Pastor Kelly or Marty Rodkey and have a confidential conversation about your needs. They can help you sort it out and get started.

Kelly: kelly@fepcfrankfort.org Marty: marty@fepcfrankfort.org

Stephen Ministers Mission Statement:

*Faithfully sharing Christ’s love and compassion with hurting individuals
as we walk alongside them through life’s difficult times.*

Diaper Shower for Baby Trent



Sunday, March 6, we will host a diaper shower for Baby Trent. This will be a very informal and small gathering in Fellowship Hall during the fellowship hour and after worship. Bring diapers of all sizes, wipes, gift cards, and blessings for the new baby, and grab a cupcake to celebrate.

Prayer Quilts



What you need to know ...

- Prayer Quilts can be found on the table in the lounge next to the main office. Each quilt will have a name pinned to it so you know who you are praying for.
- You are invited to pray over the quilts and tie a knot in the strings on the quilt.
- If you know of someone who could use the gift of a prayer quilt, tell a member of the 3 C’s ministry.
- Your task is simple ... Check the lounge frequently, and pray over the prayer quilts and tie a knot.

CONGRATULATIONS ... Ryon Herin

Leave it to Ryon to do things a bit “out of order”. He has already been called and is serving as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway, NJ. His next step, going by the calendar, will be Ryon’s ordination as a Presbyterian pastor on **April 3 @ 4 p.m.** in the First Presbyterian Church of Muncie, IN (1400 W Riverside Ave.). Pat Smith has been Ryon’s mentor and will be participating in his ordination service.

Looking back to the calendar, Ryon’s next step will be graduation from Princeton Seminary in May. Following graduation, Ryon will be officially installed as pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway, NJ.

Congratulations to Ryon, and to his parents, Dwight and Lydia Herin!!

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 22**

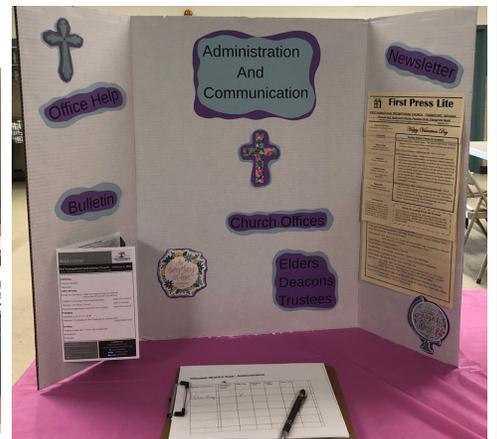
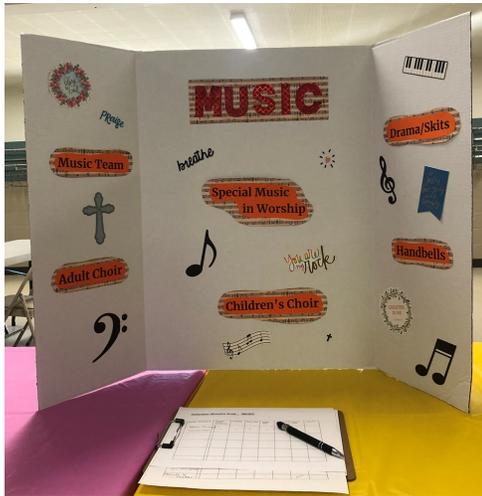
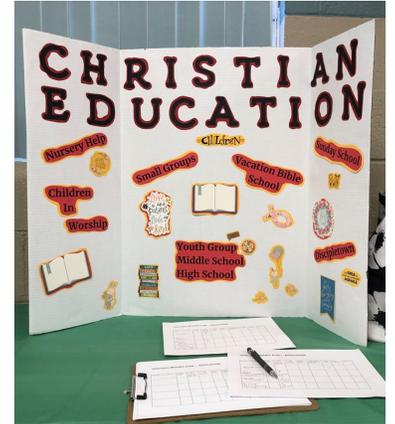
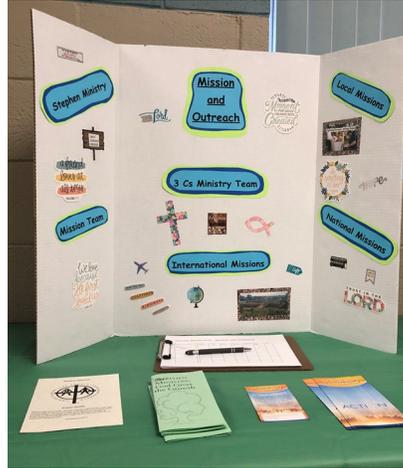
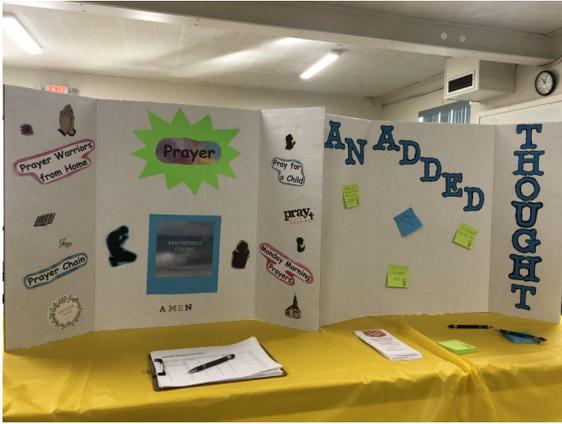
Donating to Dispersão Missions just got easier...

February 20 we were so blessed to hear from Amanda and Josue Sousa about their ministry in Brazil. If you are interested in donating to them online, you can download the Tithely App from the store and create an account. Once you have created an account you will go to the search bar and type in: Faith Family Church.

Be sure to Choose Faith Family Church
508 West Green Street
Frankfort, IN 46041

Here you will fill out the amount, who you want to give to and your information. Below the amount there is a section that says *Give to*. You will press on the arrow button and **choose Sousa Mission Fund**. If you have any questions about giving through Tithely please feel free to contact us and we will help you and answer your questions.

A Look at the Ministry Fair and Brunch



De La Cour Update

Still Serving Global Workers

Thank you for praying for us through our visit to England in January to see Bethany, Andy, and our three grandchildren! Having been in touch via FaceTime over the past few years we were blessed by how natural it was to be with them.

While there, we celebrated our granddaughter and Bethany's birthdays and bought an annual membership at the "[Garden House](#)" next door to them. We reconnected with the extended Bowden family. We worshiped at both the churches in Andy's parish and had a few meals at the local pub next to the church. One day we took a walk on the moors, and on another, we visited the history museum in Plymouth. We stayed with the grandchildren while Bethany and Andy enjoyed a two-night getaway on the coast.

Thank you for praying for our multiple required covid tests which gratefully were all negative. We traveled to Colorado Springs last week where I (Faith) was appointed to join the Board of Mission Training International (MTI). Founded in 1954, This ministry has been serving missionary sending organizations and churches by providing excellent training and debriefing for missionaries. Missionaries from both Asian Access and SIM USA have been helped by their Debriefing and Renewal Program (DAR). We attended it as we began our home assignment in 2009. Many of the global workers we send from SIM USA participate in their pre-field and language learning program called COMPASS. I look forward to being able to contribute to the MTI board, bringing my experience of leadership within a mission organization. **Please pray for the board as MTI is in the search process for a new president.**

We will be in Charlotte for the next month and a half. At the beginning of April, we will fly to California to participate in a mission conference at Cornerstone Bible Church. We hope to visit many friends and ministry partners as well. **Please pray with us for planning and logistics for this trip.** Our next zoom call with our Leader Development cohort is this week. As they were preparing to leave the US to return to their country of service, Su and Yang (who we saw in California) were delayed due to positive covid tests. They are now back, and Su is settling back into her leadership role. Preliminary plans are being made to gather the entire cohort somewhere in the world during the last week of September. **Please pray for wisdom as the program team searches for a location that would be accessible for people from multiple nations.**

Thank you so much for your continued partnership with us!

Faith & Stan



The Blessing of Grandchildren

February 8, 2022

“So, What Material Do You Use?”

I struggle trying to adequately answer that simple question when people ask what we do and how we disciple people life-to-life. It is YEARS of walking with them through the Word as it intersects their many life events while prayerfully growing relationships, church choices, life partner choices, extended family issues, losses of family members, many funerals, weddings, graduations, having babies, hunting trips and shani shani shani (etc.) as we said in Zambia.

We met Maria when she was at the University of Zambia Medical Campus in the late 90's. She now has her own medical practice in the field of mental health. After visiting her in Zambia last October, she wrote the following about Patty. We deeply appreciate her heart and want to share how she recently described Patty's life-to-life investment in her MUCH BETTER than we can. Read on...



One of my most precious moments this year was the chance to get together and meet up with this precious and dear friend of mine, Patty Meredith. I can't quite remember the exact time I met you Patty but the time you influenced my life the most was when I was in med-school. If you had sat me down and tried to teach me lessons, I'd have probably missed a major part of them. Instead, you opened up your heart, your home and your family life. I have learnt so much from watching you live, serving God and others.

I have learnt from:

- ★ *watching you be a woman. How you embrace femininity, pretty things and drama movies*
- ★ *experiencing your love. A genuine and constant presence even after years of silence. How you treasure me always blows my mind*
- ★ *seeing you be a wife. Allowing Bob to take care of you or make fun of your instructions. Bear and Mouse - too cute*
- ★ *observing you as a host efficiently taking care of your guests, planning meals and dealing with day-to-day duties*
- ★ *emulating your values for time and money, how they don't mean much unless they are invested for eternity*
- ★ *experiencing you as a parent to me but also watching you raise your children*

I can't list all the lessons here. There are too many. I am just so glad, though, that during a time I least expected, because of the pandemic, because of the many health challenges, God made a way for us to see each other again this side of eternity.

I know I speak for many of your Zambian family when I write this. So, as you read this, may you feel that tingling and warm feeling that comes from a good, long and squishy hug.

Compliments of the season to you both: Bear and Mouse

Zikomo kwambili (thank you very much) Maria for so beautifully capturing our years (decades) of investing in your life - and dozens of others!! While THEY invested in US!!!

Thank you for your global ministry through us as God continues to faithfully fulfill His Ephesians 3:20 promise to do “exceedingly abundantly beyond ALL we could ask or imagine”!!

Gratefully in Him, Bob & Patty (“Bear & Mouse”)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

- 2—Gary Plunkitt
- 3—Joe Ruch
- 4—Lynette Hardesty
- 9—Tom Boe
 - Ron Chambers
 - Carrie Wheeler
 - Simon Wilson
- 11—Zach Kurth
 - Isabelle (Izzy) McClain
- 12—Garrett Jackson
- 14—Gayla Davis
 - Joyce Peters
- 15—J.T. Montgomery
- 16—Chuck Queen
- 17—Lindsay Davis
 - Brooke McClain
- 22—Bill McCormick
- 24—Marty Rodkey
- 27—Mitch Coapstick
 - Eric Spencer
- 29—Myron Chezem
 - Madeline Swinford
- 30—Max Blessing
- 31—Tiffany Thies



March Anniversaries

- 17—Jeff & Lynette Hardesty
- 29—Mike & Diana Kelley
- 31—Brian & Carrie Wheeler

