



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

April 2022

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Quilts on Wings

Friday, April 1, 2022

Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Breakfast at FEPC

Saturday, April 9, 2022 @ 8 a.m.

Communion

Maunday Thursday—April 14 @ 7 p.m.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

And NO CIA

Easter Sunday—April 17

Bloodmobile

Thursday, April 21

11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

New Members Received

Sunday, April 24

During Morning Worship

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 Easter

Easter Memorial Flowers



Memorial Flowers are now available for purchase. They will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for the Easter season. Suggested donation is \$40. If utilizing Venmo, please leave a note with memorial details. Please send the names of those you wish to memorialize to Kalen@fepcfrankfort.org

Holy Week Activities

Saturday, April 9 — FEPC Lenten Breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sunday, April 10 — Palm Sunday

Confirmation Class Recognition

Thursday, April 14—Maunday Thursday Service @
7:00 p.m. with Communion

Friday, April 15—Good Friday

Sunday, April 17—EASTER

Sunrise Worship at TPA Park @ 7 a.m.

Worship at FEPC @ 9 a.m.

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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

Apr 3 - "Paul & Barny's Excellent
Adventure: Iconium"
Acts 14:1-7

Apr 10 - *Palm Sunday*
"The Triumphal Entry"

Apr 17 - *Easter Sunday*
He Is Risen

Apr 24 - TBD

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Apr 3 - Pam Hall - Jesus' Last
Passover

Apr 10 - A. Moore - Jesus the King

Apr 17 - S. Calloway - Jesus is Risen:
Mary

Apr 24 - ?? - Jesus Is Risen:
Emmaus



Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences

- To the family of Joyce Shrock, who passed away March 17.

Thank You

- Thank you for the many kind thoughts and prayers offered during my recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness reassured me of God's close Presence with us. *Marty Rodkey*

Congratulations

- To Fred and Mitzie, Carter who will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on April 20.

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, Patty Nash or Kalen Jackson..

**Seen on Facebook ...
So it MUST be TRUE!**

Congratulations Cameron Queen
on earning Silver at state solo and
ensemble on your trumpet solo.
Proud of you!!



Stephen Ministry at FEPC HELP, HOPE, HEALING

Help, Hope, Healing seems a good theme for FEPC's Stephen Ministry in 2022 as we all try to recover from the stresses of the last couple years and cope with the personal and global challenges that life continues to impose. God never intended for us to go through tough times alone, and the good news is that we don't have to. In the words of one of our Stephen Ministers:

"To me, being a Stephen Minister (SM) is being that person that others feel comfortable and confident enough to be able to tell me something that they probably would not tell anyone else. I also feel like being a SM brings me closer to God, because if I can listen to a Care Receiver and feel love for them as I walk alongside of them, it helps me to know that God does that for each one of us! How blessed we are!"

What a great reflection on how offering help and hope to another in God's name brings that same help and hope into the life of the one who is helping. So, by accepting help from a SM when you need it, you actually bless your SM as well! When you have a situation that would benefit from the support and encouragement of a caring listener, talk with Pastor Kelly or Marty Rodkey, SM Referral Coordinator. There are SMs waiting to help you move toward **Help, Hope, and Healing.**

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

Stephen Ministers Mission Statement:

Faithfully sharing Christ's love and compassion with hurting individuals

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**



Container wish list June 2022

- Shoe box gifts for children (like Samaritan's Purse) for Kid's Day and Christmas. We are looking for a minimum of 1000 for all the Churches and Milk Projects for those two special events.
- Monetary donations [here](#) to be able to buy the medicines (and other supplies/equipment we don't get donated) for the clinic. Purchasing in bulk as we can is much cheaper than individual small bottles of medicines, creams, boxes of gloves, etc. This is where we are hoping to raise/purchase more than \$10,000 worth of supplies and equipment.
- Other general clinic items: Toothbrushes, toothpaste*, surgical or higher grade masks, towels
- Cleaning supplies (hand soap, cleaning sprays, hand sanitizers*, Brooms, Mops, Fabuloso/floor cleaner)
- Children's material (books, pens/markers, arts and crafts supplies, puzzles, games)
- Musical instruments, mics and other sound equipment, as well as communion cups, and even some podiums/lecturns
- filing cabinets and office desks
- On a limited basis, couches and other household items.
- Gifts for staff/volunteers (new shoes/boots, creams/lotions/colognes)

*Would have to have an expiration date in 2023 at least

FEPC Mission Team will have a tub at the front of the sanctuary through April and until Mid-May to receive your donations.

Baby Trent Diaper Shower





Mid Semester Update & Third Year!

Update from Jessica Rockhold

Dear Friends and Family,

We have been keeping very busy here at GT RUF and personally life has been very busy as well! In the month of February, RUF held a winter retreat, galentines/palentines events, Freshmen hang outs, ministry team meetings, and a summer conference sign up party! It seems like each week we are spending a lot of time as a staff planning for the next event and it has been so fun! We also had some family and friends come to visit last month and it was so fun to host them! I know I've said it before, but every time someone visits us it makes Atlanta feel more like home. On a very exciting note, I will be staying for a third year of the RUF internship! More on that when you scroll down!

Winter Retreat

We took 30 students to winter retreat this year and the weekend away was so perfect! Georgia Tech does winter retreat with just our school which is often unique in the RUF world. Over the years, we've found that students really appreciate the intimacy and opportunity to connect deeply with each other in a space that is our own. It also makes it stand out from fall conference and entices students to come. Before the weekend started, it was a little hectic as two students tested positive and weren't able to come. Once we were there though the rest of the weekend went smoothly and we really got to see friendships being formed and students having fun! There is just something so special about sharing experiences with students and bonding with them. Michael preached over Jonah and it was so cool to have conversations with students after winter retreat about what the Lord was teaching them from that scripture and teaching.

Third Year Update!

I've decided to stay for a third year of the internship!! By design, this internship is a two year commitment, but can turn into three if you choose to stay. One more year can be such a blessing to the students and campus. This decision took me kind of by surprise, which is funny because doing this job in the first place also took me by surprise. But none of it was surprising to the Lord, and I love that! Last summer and even towards the beginning of the Fall semester I felt pretty content with where I was in the internship.

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Update from Jessica Rockhold ... *Continued ...*

Even though the first year had so many COVID challenges I didn't necessarily feel like my first year "didn't count" because God was very much at work and I built really deep and amazing relationships with my students. Looking back I can see that those deep relationships are why it was making it really hard to think about leaving. I feel like my work on this campus isn't finished yet. I love my students, especially my girls that will be graduating next year, and I love working with my CM and Co-Intern. The Lord has really been growing me in my confidence, conversations with students, how to ask good and thoughtful questions, and how to better encourage them.

Getting here took a lot of prayer and asking for wisdom on what to do but I feel really excited about this decision! I'm also really grateful for the thoughtfulness and care of the people around me as I processed this decision. And I couldn't possibly talk about all of this without saying how extremely grateful I am for all of you who financially support me and pray for me in this position. This work simply wouldn't be possible without y'all. It has really changed my heart and my posture to rely on your giving to do this work and disciple students. It had also been a way in which the Lord has asked me to trust deeper in Him and His people.

This summer will hold more fundraising for me, training, and time spent preparing my heart and mind for another year of ministry. I will share more in the future about fundraising and what that will look like but right now I just want to say thank you! I will be in touch soon with y'all about support and what that will practically look like moving forward!

How to Pray

- Pray for continued momentum as we are about halfway through the semester and really close to spring break!
- For students that are on the fence about signing up for summer conference. Pray that they would see the value of it and take the plunge!
- For Alex and I as we continue to navigate his job situation and what the summer will look like. He is in need of deep rest so we are praying for wisdom on how to structure/balance job searching.
- Pray for students that are thinking deeply and asking big questions as we go through our large group series on relationships. I've had some really deep and vulnerable conversations with students that are struggling and seeking wisdom

My contact info!

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New Address: 1501 Peachtree Park Dr NE Atlanta, GA 30309

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

3—Becky Thies
4—Teresa Beardsley
 Kira Vargas
5—Sandy Meyer
7—Sutton Meyer
 Abby Price
 Sara Williams
9—Finley Meyer
 Grayce Moore
 Jacque Snyder
10—Caleb Vargas
12—Jacob Herin
 Karen Lashbrook
13—Lyla Stewart
14—Jack Ransom
 Landon Stewart
15—Rachel Adams
20—Katie Crawford
22—Jacob Swinford
24—Zaiden Ford
 Linda Frey
 Megan Wilson
25—Carleigh Wilson
26—Dan Troyer

27—Dan Coapstick
 Olivia Moore
 Sam Walker
 Ian Vargas
28—Caroline Queen

April Anniversaries

7—Cary & Bobbi Carter
20—Fred & Mitzi Carter
25—Joe & Susan Ruch

