



First Press Lite

FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Connect — Worship — Grow

A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

August 2022

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Quilts on Wings

Friday, August 5, 2022
Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Peru Mission Team Fundraiser

Coffee and Cappuccino bar
with Muffins

Sunday, August 7
before & after worship

Bloodmobile

Thursday, August 11
11 a.m.—4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Peru Mission Trip

August 12-20
Keep the team in prayer

Celebration of Marriage

Izzy (McClain) and Eli Powell

Saturday, August 13
1:00-4:00 p.m.—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

Looking Ahead ...

No Sunday School in August ... Except ...
Gospel Light class will continue meeting in Fellowship Hall

“Harvest of Gifts” Church Officer Nominations

Mark your calendar for a “Harvest of Gifts” directly after worship on October 30. This event will serve as our church officer nomination event, where a slate of officers will be filled by YOU! Church members are invited to spend this time speaking and praying with other members to determine if they might be candidates for a church office. The goal is to fill all church offices by the end of the “Harvest.” Best of all, there will be food! Please spend the next couple of months preparing your heart and prayerfully considering if a church office might be your calling. Stay tuned for more details as the date draws closer.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser ...



for the Pregnancy Resource Center is going on now. Bottles are available at the Sanctuary exits. Please fill the bottles with cash, check, or change and return to church by **September 4.**

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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

Aug 7 - "God is Omniscient"
Kelly Kurth Preaching

Aug 14 - Eric Davis Preaching

Aug 21 - "God is Omnipotent"
Jack Ransom Preaching

Aug 28 - "God is Sovereign"
Kelly Kurth Preaching

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

On Summer Break



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You

- A special gift of thanksgiving to God for you my church family. Your prayers were and are vital going through this journey. Your visits, cards, phone calls, and meals were so helpful. Bless you for caring and sharing.

Janet Trent

Condolences

- To the family of Jack D. Scheid, who died July 9. There will be a Celebration of Life for friends and family Sunday, August 7, from 4:30-7:00 PM at Arborwood.

Congregational Care

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..



Stephen Ministry at FEPC More on *Help, Hope, and Healing*

Words from another Stephen Minister about offering *Help, Hope, and Healing* to hurting persons:

Isaiah 40:31 says “But they that hope in the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall take wing as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

God is the Caregiver, I am the Caregiver. As I have given care to Care Receivers over the past several years, I see their strength renewed as they put their hope in the Lord. God’s promise of faithfulness is shining in their eyes. How blessed I have been to be the “cup of cold water” for those who thirst for his love and mercy. Galatians 6:2 tells us to “bear one another’s burdens.” Listening to someone finding strength through her struggles has in turn given me the assurance that God placed me in that Care Receiver’s life at the perfect time, to help bear her burdens.

When you or a loved one needs this type of care, contact Marty Rodkey (765-379-3112 or marty@fepcfrankfort.org) or Pastor Kelly (314-374-6042 or kelly@fepcfrankfort.org) to have a conversation about your needs.

Peru Mission Team—One More Fundraiser

The Peru mission team will host a coffee and cappuccino bar with muffins, Sunday, August 7, during the fellowship hour before and after worship. This will be a fundraiser for their upcoming trip. Please mark your calendar now for this event!

The team leaves August 12. Please pray for their safety, that their work will be a blessing to all they meet, and that God will be glorified in all they do and say.

Bazarre Sweet Shoppe

December 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Planning has begun. We are looking for “donations” of services like snow removal, piano lessons, in-home Christmas decorating, gift-wrapping, craft items, or whatever your heart desires! Funds raised will be used to purchase supplies for Quilts on Wings, Women’s Ministry and other ministries within the church. Please see Terri Calvin for more information.



Newlywed Celebration

August 13, 2022 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Isabelle (Izzy) McClain, oldest daughter of Matt and Brooke McClain, was married to Elijah (Eli) Powell in Shortsville, New York on July 9, 2022. The newlyweds will be visiting Indiana for a few days in August, along with Matt, Brooke, Ethan, and Audrey.

Matt and Brooke would like to invite you to celebrate Eli and Izzy's new marriage with them. The celebration will be Open House style, so come as you are and stay as you like. Finger foods and appetizers will be served.

While your fellowship and presence are the best gift to the newlyweds, the couple does still have items on their wedding registry if you would like to bless them with a gift.

To see their registry, visit <https://www.theknot.com/us/eli-powell-and-izzy-mcclain-jul-2022/registry>

Please RSVP by text to Brooke at 765-605-2546 by **August 8th**.

Nothin' Could Be Finer ... Than To Be "Carol-ed" On Your Birthday!

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group surprised Carol Downs on Tuesday, July 26. when they sang Happy Birthday in front of her house. What a blessing from her FEPC friends and family.



They're Back ... From Camp

This summer our senior high and middle school youth made the 6.5 hour drive to attend Seneca Hills Bible Camp in Northwest Pennsylvania. The camp was on a hillside of 200 acres of wooded area that butted up against the Sandy Creek (which eventually flows into the Allegheny River.)

Both weeks were full. Activities included group games, kayaking, axe throwing, ziplining, ropes course, hiking, crafts, and water games in the creek. The kids also took part in cabin devotions, larger group bible studies, and a chapel service every evening. The middle school youth chapel services focused on the idea that God knows you fully and wants you to know Him.

The high school chapel services used the tv series, Stranger Things, as its theme base. I'll try and go into a bit deeper of an explanation here. In this series, a group of kids in the 80's (I haven't seen the show, but if it's based in the 80's it has to be good, right?)... who live in a small town in Indiana, find this weird connection to another universe... and strange things start to happen. So...how did the speaker connect this with the chapel talks? I'm glad you asked. He asked the question, what 'strange things' do Christians believe?

And so he walked us through these particular 'strange' beliefs:

- The idea of God: Who is He? Why does it say that to become 'great' you have to become 'least'? Strange.
- If God exists, how do we know anything about Him? If only He could somehow communicate with us in our world in a way that we'd understand... (God's word)
- We looked at the belief that God created everything from nothing... And that His creation was good, and that we were made In His Image.
- We discussed the Fall, its ramifications in our lives and world, and the problem of evil.
- We asked the question, how do we make decisions about what is right and wrong? We discussed the prevailing cultural mindset of 'consequentialist ethics' or 'the ends justify the means' mentality... i.e...for the 'greater good' and its detrimental effects. And we discussed our need for an objective standard. What if God gave us that?
- And finally... we compared the world's prevailing belief in the 'law of retaliation' to the concept of salvation by grace alone that we see in God's word...

It was a good few weeks! Good and challenging conversations were had; obstacles were overcome; we were challenged and encouraged by God's word. We worshiped The Lord together; made new friends; deepened existing relationships; studied God's word; experienced and enjoyed God's creation... and drove... a lot!

I want to thank our church family for making trips like this possible! We couldn't have done it without your support. Feel free to ask our youth about their summer camp experience. They have plenty to say.

Sincerely,
Pastor Kelly

Middle School Camp



Senior High Camp



Update from the Colbys ...

Thumbs Up

So many options for themes with what has transpired this past month. I think we will go for the low hanging fruit and use words that rhyme with June.

June was not *immune* from a *typhoon* of emotions and locations. We were able to *festoon* a combined party for Soren's high school graduation and Cecilia's birthday, with two cakes, one blue, one red and one of the cakes had more than one frosting *balloon*. Soren started work at a small manufacturing facility nearby for a summer internship (no, they don't make even one *harpoon*), and Cecilia returned to Camp Allendale for another summer where she has already piloted the *pontoon* several times now, among a few other dozen activities with the campers.

Before we could *swoon* with emotion, Felipe and Valerie were *soon* back on a plane to Honduras to host the summer groups and hum a *tune* to other daily Honduran life activities. We had a *boon* to our spirits hosting a team of 23 from CIY (Christ in Youth). Like emerging from a COVID *cocoon*, it had been three years since our last CIY group, and this one was a beautiful butterfly for sure. Sorry...a beautiful *cartoon loon*. That fits better with the theme, right?

We were also able to *hewn* out some medical appointments, *croon* about the mission with a few folks, and gather many things *strewn* about for both the FAME and Master Provisions containers. Of course, with things as they are, both containers have yet to ship for lack of a container to put everything in...insert *bassoon* playing wah wah wah waaaaaaah here.

Prayer requests? But of course! Don't be a *buffoon*!

- ~ a *monsoon* of people clamoring for more Hill Climber Coffee
- ~ a *lagoon* of safety for the groups coming in July, with opportunities to help physically and spiritually
- ~ As healthy as a *prune*, prayers for several in our staff that are sick, or have relatives that are sick.
- ~ Like being freed from a sand *dune*, a way for the containers to be found and shipped.
- ~ We are spending a *doubloon* or two on ongoing construction projects... prayers we can move the materials and finish some of those *soon*
- ~ Still praying about our mission vehicle needs, the answers (and vehicles!) seem as far away as the *moon*, but praying God will show us the way.

INDNJC,

Valerie "Teaspoon" Hunter, and Felipe "Goon" Calhoun



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August

- 1—Dwight Herin
Amanda Trent
- 2—Jane Kivett
- 5—Butch Doan
Don Reno
- 6—Karen Biery
Suzi Pluhar
- 7—Josh Swinford
- 9—Sharon Palmer
John Rockhold
- 12—Suzie Ransom
Beverly Thies
- 15—Sharon Cunningham
- 18—Katia Beardsley
Mackenna Eldridge
- 20—Megan Sheets
- 21—Jackie Detherage
Sam Troyer
- 24—Debi Boe
- 26—Jane Claudon
Maria Lopez
Jeff Moore (Amanda)
- 27—Hunter Haynes
Connie Milholland
- 28—Seth Troyer
- 31—Lee Albitz
Brice Stingley

August Anniversaries

- 3—Butch & Linda Doan
Dwight & Lydia Herin
- 4—Matt & Kristen Beardsley
- 6—Steve & Teresa Beardsley
- 7—Joel & Carleigh Wilson
- 10—Kenny & Sandy Meyer
- 12—Bob & Patty Meredith
- 17—Andrew & Crystal Stewart
- 21—Jack & Suzie Ransom
- 24—Mike & Abby Montgomery
- 29—Stan & Nancy Smith
- 31—Greg & Courtney Meyer

