

# First Press Lite

FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA

*Connect — Worship — Grow*

A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

September 2022

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, September 2, 2022

Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

## Peru Mission Trip Report

September 4, 2022 @ 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

## Joint Boards Meeting

Tuesday, September 6

5:30-7:30 pm

## Discipletown—Resumes

Wednesday, September 7

5:30 pm - Dinner with Parents

6:00 - 7:15 pm - Discipletown

## Children in Worship, Youth SS and CIA Resumes

Sunday, September 11, 2022

## Bazarre Sweet Shoppe Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 15 @ 4:00 p.m.

## 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 Labor Day

## New Adult Sunday School Class

In preparation for the Harvest of Gifts on October 9, a new three-week Sunday School class will begin **September 18**.

This class will take a deep dive into the responsibilities and duties of a church office. This class will also examine what it means to serve the Bride of Christ, the Church through congregational care from a church office. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Youth Ministries Update

**CIA youth kick-off** for students in 6-12 grade will be Sept. 11 at 11:30. The men's Sunday school class will host a cookout.

**Discipletown** resumes September 7 at 6:00 p.m. Students age 4 through 5th grade are welcome.

**Children in Worship** resumes September 11.

Thank you to those who have signed up to teach! We still need greeters. Please check the schedule by the nursery.

**Youth Sunday School** resumes September 11.

We are still **in need of volunteers** for youth activities.

Here are some ways you may consider ministering to our youth: middle school Sunday school teacher, driver for youth activities (we are now without large group transportation), youth group volunteer (it's fun and easy).

Please talk to Amanda if you're interested.

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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

### Series: Attributes of God

**Sept 4** - "God is ... Love"

**Sept 11** - "God is ... Holy"

**Sept 18** - "God is ... Wrath/Justice"

**Sept 25** - "God is ... Grace"

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Sept 11** - ?? - The Light

**Sept 18** - S. Calloway - Creation

**Sept 25** - S. Ransom - The Fall

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## Life in the Body of Christ

### Thank You

- Donnie & Marvel Albitz are thankful for the FEPC Handy-men who came and cleaned up after storms downed a tree in their yard.

Notice our youngest handyman is holding that power saw like a Pro!



### Condolences

- To the family of Ron and Cindy Chambers on the passing of Ron's brother, Douglas Chambers, on August 4.

## 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 Why Do We Have Stephen Ministers?

You may wonder: Why do we need to keep hearing about FEPC's Stephen Ministers? Well, there are times when every one of us experiences difficulties, anything from a health crisis to loss of a loved one, loneliness and discouragement, or many other challenges.

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That's why He brings us together in congregations — and it's why we have Stephen Ministry. These specially trained servants are members of our congregation who have learned how to minister to others in difficult times through listening and walking alongside someone in a caring way.

So, when you find yourself in a tough, challenging, or confusing time, a Stephen Minister can meet with you every week — privately and confidentially, to listen, care, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence into your life. This care lasts as long as you need it, whether for two months or two years. If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our congregation), contact a Stephen Leader:

Marty Rodkey ([Marty@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:Marty@fepcfrankfort.org), 765-379-3112)

Amanda Trent ([Amanda@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:Amanda@fepcfrankfort.org), 765-413-7662).

### Mission Trip Opportunity

Travis Sheets will be leading a trip to Liberia this fall. Approximate dates are November 4 to 21 and the approximate cost is \$2600. For more information, contact Travis Sheets or Matt Crawford.

### Junior Deacons

Our Junior Deacons program for children who have completed Children in Worship through 5th grade will start up again in September. This ministry includes helping with donuts, greeting, taking up offering, and other tasks to assist our awesome Deacon team. Contact Amanda if your child is interested or you would like more details.

### Cookout at Jacksons

Mark your calendar for a bonfire and cookout at the home of Geoff and Kalen Jackson on October 1 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a side or dessert if you're able, but if you're not able, please come anyway!



## Peru Mission Team Report

**Note:** The team will be giving a report during the SS hour on **Sunday, September 4**. Be sure to attend this opportunity to hear from the team in person.

Several fund raisers were held before the team left. Many of us may have thought those funds would be used for travel for the team, but they say the majority of those funds went to purchase supplies handed out to people in the communities visited. So, what did we help distribute to the people of Peru? Team members worked with members of the Moyobamba Presbyterian Church to fill large, colorful bags like the one in this picture. When filled, the bags weighed 30 lbs. each. Nearly 100 bags were distributed. Contents included: sugar, rice, oats, salt, cooking oil, beans, canned milk and laundry supplies.



Enjoy a few of their pictures and personal highlights shared below.



### MATT CRAWFORD

This trip was all about “re-connection”. We got re-connected to the native Aguaruna communities that FEPC has a long history of gospel outreach to. We got re-connected to the Moyobamba Presbyterian Church that we have partnered with since 1999. We also got re-connected with the community of the Vargas family to whom we are related by marriage.

All agree that a Agriculture Research Center built in Moyobamba when be beneficial to everyone. Many questions still remain about where we could build; it will require a trusted and committed partner. Having a permanent ag missionary stationed there would be an awesome accomplishment for the Hope-In-The-Harvest mission.

Thanks for all of the financial and prayer support. Our time in Peru was unique, fantastic, moving and holy. I had almost forgotten how much I loved the culture there.

## Peru Mission Team Report ... *continued*



### JUSTIN TRENT:

I want to start off by saying, “Thanks be to God for the opportunity to go and do His work!” I’d also like to thank my family, church family, and friends for their support in helping send me!

The time we had in Peru seemed short but much was accomplished. Worshiping with the Moyobamba church was great and they were all so welcoming! We worked a few long nights to prepare hope baskets with help from church members. Handing out the hope baskets was so meaningful to the people receiving them. I can’t even express the joy on their faces! It was like getting a new bike on Christmas morning! One lady just threw her hands up with joy, praising God that we were there because she had just lost her last few soles (money). I think I was more blessed than she was, as we all were tearing up. That part of the trip was such a practical ministry and truly humbling.

We also visited some farms in hope that we could establish Hope in the Harvest in Peru! I think we could definitely offer a lot there, and the good news is they are all very hard working! I look forward to what God has in store for this mission and hope to be a part of it.

The day we went to visit the native communities was very humbling but exciting at the same time. There is so much need for help in these communities, not only for food but also for Jesus. That’s what we hope to do with farming God’s way! Fill their bellies so they are willing to hear about Jesus! Sure, I want to see their harvest increase so they can provide more and tithe more; but the seed I want to plant and see grow is Jesus. Thank you all again for your support. I can’t wait to go back soon!

## Peru Mission Team Report ... *continued*



### **KELLY KURTH**

Hey FEPC family! I wanted to share highlights with you from our 2022 mission trip to Peru.

The first highlight that I'll share is the opportunity itself to see and experience this South American country. Peru is a very beautiful and diverse place! We initially flew into the coastal and very cloudy city of Lima, which has an approximate population of just under 10 million people! We then flew to the hot and humid city of Terapota, a bit farther north, and considered a 'high jungle plateau'. From Terapota we travelled by bus through the mountains (and it was quite the harrowing ride...though it was on this leg of the journey that I experienced my first drink from a coconut!) to Moyobamba. It was here in Moyobamba that we spent the majority of our time.

The second highlight for me was the people. It was good reconnecting with several folks that I had been on trips with before. It was also enjoyable to make new connections with this particular group. There's nothing like travelling, sweating, and navigating through strange lands to bring a group together!

The third and final highlight that I'll share here is tied to the rationale for us going on the trip. Not only did we connect with local farmers to get a grasp on existing farming technique and to see how Hope in the Harvest might come alongside and be of some benefit (and it was quite an adventure getting to some of these farms... riding in the back of a pickup truck, crossing rivers, and wielding machetes!); but we also reconnected with the Moyobamba Presbyterian Church that we have significant history with. It was a blessing to worship together, work side by side putting together the food gift bags, and to then hand them out. Folks that received them were truly thankful! My prayer would be that we all would grow stronger in the Lord as we set our eyes on Him, walk faithfully in His ways, and truly live out being salt and light in our respective communities.

Thank you FEPC for being a partner in this gospel work!

# August Food Pantry

Over 100 people were served on this beautiful day.



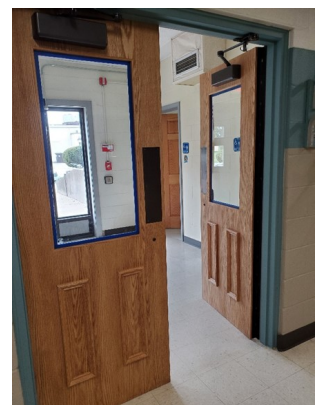
## 3 C's Committee

*Connecting • Cares • Concerns*

*This committee saw it's beginning one year ago, and they've been busy doing a lot of caring for us since then. Be sure to **THANK** them for their service.*

## Have you Noticed?

We have new doors at the south end of Fellowship Hall.



## Greetings from Tanzania

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is continuing to provide for the Kwetu Faraja family, and showing us His presence in the lives of our kids. Paul, Joseph, Elizabeth and myself just recently returned from a visit to Tanzania. It was such a joy to be together there as a family once again reunited with our Kwetu family. The kids bonded with their brothers and shared many wonderful experiences. Paul and I spent our time counseling with each of our boys and staff members, helping to advise about the direction of our ministry. We were most encouraged by seeing how our older boys have really stepped up in their roles as family leaders. They are taking the younger ones under their wings and mentoring them, caring for them, and showing them sacrificial love. The ministry of Kwetu was started in this way – older brothers caring for the young ones. We are thankful to see this legacy still in place. We continue to pray that the kids we raise will be the future leaders of the ministry.

There are also many difficulties being faced by Tanzanians at this time. Under the new President taxation has increased and inflation is making it extremely difficult for people to afford basic amenities. Soap, sugar, staple foods, and cooking oil have all more than doubled in price. Street vendors and small businesses have been chased out of the streets and many people are without a way to make a living wage. We are thankful that we are able to provide employment to so many people at Kwetu. Our staff members keep the basic operations moving forward on a daily basis.

In spite of challenges, we are thankful that our kids are growing in their knowledge of the Bible, their relationships with Christ, and in their formal educations. We have a large group of kids now preparing for advanced education. It is exciting to see them maturing and developing their gifts and calling. We wanted to share with you the financial needs of our current students and ask you to join with us in prayer that sponsors be found for each of them. The following are the annual educational costs for each of these students:

- 1 student completing his last year of Medical School - \$3,000**
- 1 University student starting his second year of studying Social Work - \$1,000**
- 1 student beginning Bible College - \$230 (*\$1,770 already raised*)**
- 1 college student studying business administration – (*\$1,000 already raised*)**
- 1 college student studying marine logistics - \$1,000**
- 4 boys attending Park Ranger/Wildlife Services training - \$1,000 each (*1 sponsored*)**
- 2 boys attending Junior college - \$700 each**
- 11 boys in High School - \$300 each**
- 27 boys in Primary School - \$200 each**

We thank you for how you have stood with us these many years, loving our Kwetu family, supporting our needs, and partnering with us in this valuable ministry. God has been so faithful to this work that He began. Please continue to pray that our campus be a light in the darkness, and a testimony to our village that they see the power of Christ at work through our boys and our staff members. Pray that our kids be encouraged in their daily walks, and that the Lord continue to develop roots in their lives as they foster a trusting relationship with Him.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,  
Lorien Knapp



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## September

- 1—Grace Wickersham
- 2—Stephanie Coapstick
- 3—Doug Coapstick  
Neal Dorsey
- 4—Bill Miller  
Stan Smith
- 5—Miriam Curts  
Emma Price
- 7—Steve Glover
- 8—Payton Robbins  
Alex Snyder
- 11—Jeremiah Herin
- 12—Anne Himmelwright  
Mindy Robbins  
Joe Snyder
- 13—Matt Crawford
- 19—Leah Borntraeger
- 24—Les Bergum
- 26—Becky Milstead
- 27—Kris Queen  
Susan Ruch
- 29—Fred Downs  
Andy Dudley
- 30—Christopher Thies  
John Trent

## September Anniversaries

- 2—Dick & Grayce Moore
- 5—Larry & Olivia Rothenberger
- 11—Travis & Gina Sheets
- 19—Tom & Debi Boe
- 26—Hans & Angie Vargas

