

# 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 2023

**Prayer with the Pastor**  
Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

*Happy Valentines Day*

## New Weekly Bible Study

*Dust to Glory* is a video study that provides a panorama of biblical truth and a starting point to help you understand the content of the Bible. Join this group as Dr. R. C. Sproul leads us on a unique study tour as he explores the major themes, events and people that are brought to life in the Bible.

Dads — are your children at Discipletown and your wife at her own bible study on Wednesday evening? Don't sit home alone. Join this weekly Bible study facilitated by Justin Trent in the center section of Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:15 p.m. each Wednesday evening.

Everyone else is welcome. If you can't be there every week, that's ok. Come when you can and share with the FEPC family in learning more about God's word for us.

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, February 3, 2023  
Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

## New Bible Study Begins

Wednesday, February 15, 2023  
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

## Ash Wednesday—Beginning of Lent

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

## Communion Sunday

February 26  
Observed in 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

## Thank you for Special Music

To Amy Crawford and the  
FEPC Handbell Choir  
Sunday, January 29



To the Men's Quartet  
Sunday, February 5



## Looking Ahead to March

Saturday, March 4 - Lenten Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 7— Mobile Food Pantry

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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 5 - TBD**

Daniel 10:1-21

**Feb 12 - TBD**

Daniel 11:1-45

**Feb 19 - TBD**

Daniel 12:1-13

**Feb 26- Communion**

TBD

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Feb 5 - Amy C - Jesus Feed 5,000**

**Feb 12 - Justin T - Jesus Makes  
Lazarus Alive Again**

**Feb 19 - Heidi T - Transfiguration**

**Feb 26 - Susan C -The Great Banquet**

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

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## Life in the Body of Christ

### Congratulations

- To Patrick Swinford on his recent high school graduation.

### Thank you

- Dear Church Family,

This past year you have ministered to Bill and I and our family in so many loving ways. You helped sustain and strengthen us during a difficult journey and we are so very grateful.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, meals, calls, visits, flowers, hugs, and words of encouragement. Thank you to those who helped with the funeral—Goodwin's, Kelly, Terry, Miriam, Marvel and the Tuesday morning Bible Study for a wonderful meal. My family and I were overwhelmed with the tender care you provided. Your love has sustained us through our grief and lifted our spirits.

We praise God for His goodness, nearness and grace and the Hope we have in Christ. We are blessed!

In Christ's Love,  
*Sheri and Family*

- Thanks for all the prayers for my eye problem before, during, and after the surgery. I really appreciate them all. Now, it just takes some time to heal. : ) Don't stop the prayers yet! *Susie Plunkitt*



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

“Faithfully sharing Christ’s love and compassion with hurting individuals as we walk alongside them through life’s difficult times.” This is the mission statement of FEPC’s Stephen Ministry. But what does it mean? It seems simple enough; however, there is more than meets the eye.

Stephen Ministers empathize. They share the burdens of those who are hurting. Stephen Ministers bring their unique selves to a caring relationship. Their personalities, backgrounds, and experiences help them connect with and understand Care Receivers with whom they are matched. Stephen Ministers offer an impartial ear with no solutions or advice. Care receivers are free to share things they may not feel comfortable sharing with friends or family and can rest assured it will remain confidential and they will not be judged. Stephen Ministers bring the concerns of the Care Receiver regularly before the Caregiver in prayer. Frequent intercession can be of great comfort for those who are hurting or feeling overwhelmed. This description merely scratches the surface of what Stephen Ministers do.

If the actions of these trained caregivers sound like something from which you may benefit, it is never too late to get connected with Stephen Ministry. You may contact Marty Rodkey (765-379-3112 or [marty@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:marty@fepcfrankfort.org)) or Pastor Kelly (314-374-6042 or [kelly@fepcfrankfort.org](mailto:kelly@fepcfrankfort.org)).

Amanda Trent  
FEPC Stephen Ministry Communications Coordinator.

### Name this Newsletter

You were asked to suggest a new name for the newsletter since **First Press Lite** might be misleading due to the current length. Now it is time to VOTE! Select your choice from the names listed below and TEXT your choice to Miriam Curts @ 513-484-6750 OR send by email to [macurts@gmail.com](mailto:macurts@gmail.com)

☐ The Monthly Messenger

☐ FEPC Snapshot

☐ FEPC Essentials

☐ The Beacon

☐ Life and Times of FEPC

☐ The Lamp

☐ Church Family Newsletter

☐ The Joyful Noise

☐ Life at FEPC

☐ FEPC News

☐ First Press

☐ The Good News

**VOTE TODAY** before you forget, or no later than February 23.



## *Life in the Body of Christ*

### Condolences:

- To the family of Jane Claudon, who died January 6.
- To Mark & Terri Calvin on the passing of Mark's sister, Yolonda Kaye Kemper, who died January 6.
- To Lynnette & Jeff Hardesty on the passing of Lynnette's aunt.
- To Travis & Ginna Sheets on the recent passing of Travis' uncle.
- To the family of Bill McCormick, who died December 31, 2022.
- To the family of Sharon Palmer, who died January 15.
- To the family of Marilyn "Mitzi" Carter, who died January 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, Kalen Jackson or Patty Nash.

*Connecting ~ Cares ~ Concerns*

### Prayer Quilt Ministry

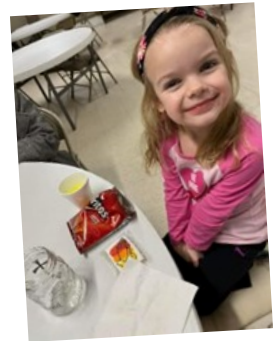
The Prayer Quilts have a new home on a table in Fellowship Hall. Please check there on a regular basis to see if there are new quilts needing your prayers and your knots. You will no longer find them in the lounge outside the church office.





## DiscipleTown

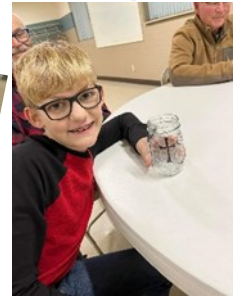
2023 got off to a good start Wednesday, January 18, when our DiscipleTown kiddos met with their prayer partners for an evening of fun. They wrote letters to pen pals, made gratitude jars, ate awesome cookies and prayed together. These pictures are worth a thousand words!



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## DiscipleTown—January 18 continued



# Colby Update

## Conferences!

We did a Yiddish themed update back in 2006 that I rather enjoyed. I like finding words that English has borrowed from other languages, and I use several such words frequently. This update is no *glitch* in the system, yiddish is back again! By the by, I have included a special word that comes from a specific Dick Van Dyke Show episode. Let me know if you spot where I fit in this delicious *knish* of a word.



December gave us a few reasons to say *oy*, and more reasons to *plotz* with joy. We got word that we are losing a relationship with a church in the states who has supported His Eyes since 2005, and *boy-chick*, that hurts. The *gelt* they give will be missed, but more so the relationship. But don't be *me-shuggeneh*, God is in control bringing new contacts, connections, and relationships with churches and people in the states. Given how much we anticipate the mission growing and changing in the coming year, we certainly will need your help to make more of those financial connections. We will be hiring at least three new people in 2023, people with *chutzpah* for God and the ability to put up with the *putz* writing this.

You might have heard about our *mensch* Oscar's health issues. He was, and is, very ill. He ultimately needs a liver transplant which can not be done here in Honduras. His normal, smiling *punim* makes it hard for some to see how serious it is. He is looking into what options are available, and doable, whether here (just temporary stop gap fixes) or in another country. Please continue to pray for wisdom and God's healing for him. Oscar does so much work for the mission that we had been *kibitz-ing* about hiring help to lighten his load. Now it's urgent that we hire a church development director and a farm development coordinator. These people will *schlep* heavy things, *schmooze* with groups, and learn more about the coffee *schtick* business.

The mission is fundraising for three big projects... you can bet your *tuchus* that they are all good ways to invest some funds:

- Paying off the new Land Cruiser for Sampedrana, which is white like a *schmear* of cream cheese. You can do that [here](#).
- Funding for the building to replace the man cave which will be used for offices, pastoral meeting, and perhaps even a place to *nosh*. You can donate for that project [here](#)
- Buying school materials for the 125 Milk Project *goys* and girls. You can do that [here](#).

Worried you are a *yenta* if you talk to God, *kvetching* about every little thing? Oh you silly *schlub*! God is there for us in the big, the little, even the tiny *tchotchkes* of life. Whatever you've got, or we've got, it is *kosher* to share with Him.

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## Colby Update ... *continued* ...

- Prayers for Oscar, who has *bupkis* when it comes to knowing where to go from here, that God would show him and his wife Julia how to proceed with his health options.
- Like a good *blintz*, His Eyes is made up of many ingredients, including good partnerships... praying for more of those in 2023.
- My *bubbe* was a great example of love, and we pray that in the busyness of the coming months we would love others more.
- We have many groups upcoming for 2023, not a *schlemiel* in the bunch. The collective blood, *schvitz*, and tears during the time they are here and no *schlimazel* while working! We may set a record for groups in one year this year!, that's a lot of *latkes* for breakfast!

Write me back if you want a rather humorous and helpful way of remembering what the difference is between a schlemiel and a schlimazel. And allow me to take this time to thank you, if you are still reading! We are *verklemt* at the thought of how much you care for us, and more importantly for the work God is doing via His Eyes.

Now I will leave you with a topic: Beaver Cleaver was neither a beaver, nor a cleaver. Discuss.

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Felipe and Valerie



# 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

