

Life and Times of FEPC

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 2023

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

Lenten Breakfast

Saturday, March 4, 2023 @ 8 a.m.

Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

Helpers please arrive @ 10:30 a.m.

Quilts on Wings

Friday, March 10, 2023
Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Taco Bar

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Fellowship Hall @ 5:00 p.m.
Family Retreat Fundraiser Dinner

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 26

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 12

On Saturday, March 11, be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour. If you show up at church an hour early on March 12, we will know you forgot!!

THINK 2023

The **THINK 23 Conference** will be March 3-5. The conference will explore what the Bible says about technology, how we can develop a healthier use of technology, and how our faith can flourish in a technological world. For more information, visit <https://www.yourchurch.com/think23/>

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Sunday, April 2 — Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 6 — Maunday Thursday Worship
@ 7 pm with Communion

Friday, April 7 — Good Friday Prayer Walk @ 5 pm

Sunday, April 9 — Easter Sunday

Sunrise Worship @ 7 am

Morning Worship @ 9 am

Breakfast @ 10 am

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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
www.fepcfrankfort.org, or phone the church.

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SERMON INFORMATION

Mar 5 - "The Parable of the Two
Sons"
Matthew 21:28-32

Mar 12 - "The Parable of the Tenants"
Matthew 21:33-46

Mar 19 - "The Parable of the
Wedding Feast"
Matthew 22:1-14

Mar 26 - "The Parable of the Ten
Virgins"
Matthew 25:1-13

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Mar 5 - Amanda T - Good Shepherd:
Wolf

Mar 12 - ?? - Good Shepherd:
Lord's Super II

Mar 19 - Justin T - Great Commission

Mar 26 - ?? - Jesus the King

***Looks like help is needed in March
and April. Contact Amanda Trent to
sign up.***

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NEW Sunday School Class

Do all religions lead to the same God? If not, why not? What do they say about the nature of God, the authority of scripture, who is Christ, what is salvation, and how do they view mankind? These questions will be answered in the class *Christianity and World Religions*. The class meets in Fellowship Hall during lent.



TACO Dinner March 15

The FEPC Family Retreat planning team invites you to attend a fundraiser dinner on March 15 at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A taco bar will be served. Funds raised will be used to help offset the cost of retreat attendance.



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You ...

We would like to thank all the ladies who donated food and helped with the last two funeral luncheons. ~ *Marvel Albitz and Linda Frey*

And thank you to ALL who participated in finding a new name for this newsletter. *Life and Times of FEPC* won by ONE vote.

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.



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

What Kinds of Life Challenges Do Stephen Ministers Offer care For?

You might think of Stephen Ministers (SMs) primarily for health crises or situations involving grief. But SMs are trained to come alongside hurting people in many other types of life challenges as well. Stephen Ministers have been called The After People: after the dreaded phone call, after the new baby with all the demands, after the funeral, after the pink slip...you get the idea. Situations where Stephen Ministers have provided care to those in need include:

Grief	Medical Crisis	Broken Relationships
Financial Difficulty	Job Struggles or Loss	Caregiver to a Loved One
Terminal Illness or End of Life Issues		Chronic Illness Situation
Major Life Transition: New Baby, Empty Nest, Relocation, Move to Assisted Living		

These are all situations in which individuals could benefit from the emotional and spiritual care a Stephen Minister provides. When you have an After need in your life, contact the SM Referrals Coordinator or Pastor Kelly to get connected with a SM and receive support and comfort for *as long after* as needed. And pick up an After People handout at any of the brochure racks around the church for the contact information.

Marty Rodkey, FEPC Referrals Coordinator 765-379-3112 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.*

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.org
before **April 20**

Let's not forget our December grads ... HS, college and post-graduates.

February 12—Scout Sunday

We were pleased to have all 5 of our scouts participating in worship



“SOUPER” Bowl Sunday

Our preschool through high school Sunday School classes were challenged with collecting 100 cans of soup for the Salvation Army food pantry. How excited they were when they collected more than 225 cans of soup.



Monkeys in the Sanctuary ... OR ...

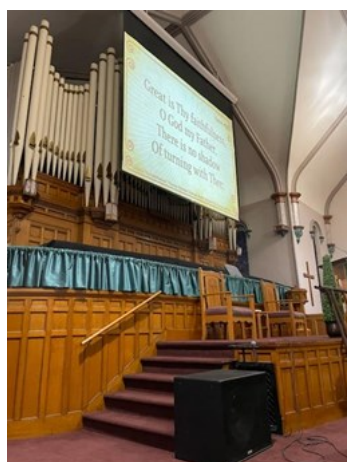
How many Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb—or fix a projector?



Two Presbys and a Trustee to supervise.



Aligning the projector with the screen will keep the Media Team happy.



They DO look like monkeys!

Thank you to ALL involved in these very important projects.

POPCorn Sunday—February 26, 2023

People of Purpose

What a FUN day! We celebrated the first Sunday of Lent with communion, ate popcorn as the People of Purpose, and began a new Sunday School class on comparative religions. Thank you to the 3 C's team for introducing POPcorn Sunday!



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Missionary Update

Stan and Faith De La Cour

Serving from a place of rest



Dear Praying Friends,

In early January, we flew to Colorado to attend the Celebration of Life service for Carolyn Hardy. Ron and Carolyn served in Japan and attended the International Community Chapel of Saitama (the church Stan pastored). Carolyn was diagnosed with ALS in January 2022 and went to be with the Lord in December. We visited them at their home in Estes Park last May (photo above) and were encouraged by her strong faith and joyful spirit even while the disease was progressing.

A week ago, I (Faith) was in Dallas to participate in the Stateside Summit of Azmera, facilitating workshops in Member Care for women who serve in that capacity within their various organizations. I also was a cofacilitator of a “connection circle” of eight global workers—all experiencing the grief and loss that comes with transition. Whether it was returning to the US for family reasons, conflict in their place of ministry, or a normal stage of life, they were looking for encouragement and appreciated meeting with other women who understood them. It has been a while since I was in a circle of missionary women—much of my work recently has been at an organizational leadership level—and I appreciated this interaction.

This month I have two trips to Colorado for Mission Training International (MTI), beginning with a Board meeting (8th through the 10th). I will attend their Partner Retreat (21st to the 25th), where the MTI staff meets with representatives of ministries that send global workers to their pre-field COMPASS and debriefing and renewal (DAR) programs. **Please pray for God’s guidance and blessing on these meetings and health and safety with all the travels.**

I am also writing a chapter on a *Family Readiness Conversation* we utilize at SIM USA as part of our candidate preparation process for an upcoming Member Care book. This is due in March. **I am not a professional writer, and I would appreciate prayer as I continue to tackle this!**

We are at a new stage with each of our sons—having them live separately has provided more opportunities for us to care for and support them individually. John is beginning a training position with an exterminator company in the area. **Please pray with us and for him as he adjusts to a new set of expectations and experiences.** Joseph had the Dodge Charger he recently purchased vandalized at his apartment complex. **Pray with us as we coach him through the decisions that he needs to make as a result. Please continue to pray with us that they trust the Lord and His love for them.**

Stan enjoyed sharing the Christmas morning sermon at our church on “hope when you’ve lost hope in hope.” It was an encouragement for him to be able to preach again. He continues leading his men’s group and our couples’ life group this month. He anticipates participating as a teaching facilitator for a Healing the Wounds of Trauma training in March.

This week we learned that Stan has a tumor in his bladder, and cancer markers are in his blood. We will not know the extent or severity of it until mid-March, when he is scheduled to have the tumor removed. We have made “Great is Thy Faithfulness” the theme song of our lives together, and we continue to trust God morning by morning for His new mercies. **Please be praying with us as we enter this unknown journey.**

Your partnership in prayer is a great encouragement. Thank you!

Faith & Stan

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
24—Marty Rodkey
27—Mitch Coapstick
 Eric Spencer
29—Myron Chezem
 Madeline Swinford
30—Max Blessing
 Violet Trent
31—Tiffany Thies

March Anniversaries

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

