



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

April 2023

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday

@ 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Bloodmobile

Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 6, 2023

@ 7:00 p.m. — Communion

Quilts on Wings

Friday, April 7, 2023

Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Walk

Friday, April 7, 2023

5:00—8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 9, 2023 — Easter Sunday

VBS Planning Meeting

April 16, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

5th Sunday Offering—Grace on Wings

Sunday, April 30, 2023

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 equipment.

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

Prayer Walk

The youth group invites you to attend a prayer walk on Good Friday, April 7 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Utilize this time to help focus your prayers on the themes from the stations. All are welcome.

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 2 — Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 6 — Maundy 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.

Prayer Requests brasilianheart@gmail.com

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2023 VBS

VBS is scheduled for July 17-21 so mark your calendar! All children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome! A planning meeting will be held briefly after Sunday School on April 16. If you have any interest in planning or serving at VBS this year, please attend.

Summer Camps for Youth

Heading back to Seneca Hills Camp & Retreat Center in Polk, PA.

Middle School camp is June 25—July 1, 2023

High School camp is July 9—15, 2023

Contact Ms. Amanda ASAP if you wish to attend.

Looking for people to assist with transportation. If you might be interested in scheduling a vacation to northeastern Pennsylvania and shuttling some of our youth during one of these weeks, please contact Amanda Trent.

SERMON INFORMATION

Apr 2 - *Palm Sunday*

“Hosanna to the Son of David”
Matthew 20:29-34; 21:1-17

Apr 6 - *Maundy Thursday 7 pm*

“You Will All Fall Away”
Matthew 26:1-5, 20-35

Apr 9 - *Resurrection Sunday!*

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Matthew 27:62-66; 28:1-15

Apr 16 - “The Parable of the Talents”

Matthew 25:14-30

Apr 23 - “The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats”

Matthew 25:31-46

New Series: Study in Acts

Apr 30 - “The Church in Antioch”
Acts 12:1-19

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Apr 2 - ?? - Jesus’ Last Passover

Apr 9 - ?? - Jesus is Risen: Mary

Apr 16 - ?? - Jesus Is Risen: Emmaus

Apr 23 - S. Ransom - Jesus & Thomas

Apr 30 - S. Ransom - Appearance by
the Sea



Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences to

- Carol Downs and family on the passing of Fred Downs on March 12, 2023.
- Gina and Travis Sheets on the passing of Gina’s father, Leonard Lucas on March 14. A memorial service will be held in Fellowship Hall at FEPC on Saturday, April 8. Family will greet guests at 1:00 p.m. with a short service at 1:30

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: Doyal Bell, Karen Biery, Joyce Peters, Kalen Jackson or Patty Nash.



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

What do I do if I or someone I know might benefit from having a Stephen Minister?

Just ask! Sounds pretty simple, right? If you feel overwhelmed or burdened, it may be time to ask about having a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is struggling due to difficult life circumstances or emotional turmoil, perhaps it would be helpful to recommend a Stephen Minister. The first step in both cases is to ask.

If you are inquiring about a Stephen Minister for yourself, there are many people you could approach for further information. Pastor Kelly, Marty Rodkey, or Amanda Trent would be excellent first contacts but there are many other equally viable options. Talk with one of the current or previous Stephen Ministers. Talk with an elder. Talk with a deacon. Each of these groups has been trained as “Stephen Minister Lookouts” and can point you in the direction of the answers you may be seeking.

If you are inquiring about a Stephen Minister for someone you know, a great first step is to first ask the person you are interested in connecting to Stephen Ministry. Ask him or her if Stephen Ministry might be a helpful next step in addressing the situation. Ask him or her if it would be okay to pass along information, confidentially, to the pastor or a Stephen Leader (Marty or Amanda). Once the individual needing care has assented to being contacted by Stephen Ministry, pass along the information.

In summary, just ask! It is never too late to get connected with Stephen Ministry. You may contact Marty Rodkey (765-379-3112/marty@fepcfrankfort.org) or Pastor Kelly (314-374-6042/kelly@fepcfrankfort.org).

Amanda Trent

FEPC Stephen Ministry Communications Coordinator

Children in Worship Needs Volunteers

Can You Teach One Lesson

Please help us finish out the school year by teaching a Children in Worship lesson. There are several dates available this spring. Check the schedule on the bulletin board by the Nursery and contact Amanda Trent ASAP to help.

Open dates: **Leader:** April 9, April 16, May 14

Greeter: April 9, April 30, and ALL of May

5th Sunday Offering

Grace on Wings will be the recipient of our 5th Sunday Offering on **April 30, 2023**. A few weeks ago Hal Blank, CEO and pilot, visited FEPC to share in person what a blessing FEPC has been to Grace on Wings over the years. Their ministry was founded in 2006 and has flown a total of 710 missions. Read more at their website: <https://www.graceonwings.org/>

Do We Have Any GRADUATING SENIORS To Celebrate??
We need the following information about any grads by April 20.

2023 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 20***

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

Senior/Youth Sunday will be celebrated May 21, 2023

Something NEW in the Office

A locked receipt box has been added on the wall outside the main office. This is where you can drop off receipts for Ashley. It has been designed with an attached pen and a paper holder so you can leave notes for Ashley anytime she is not in the office. Thank you, Mark Calvin.



Signs of Spring



Have you wondered ...
What the sanctuary looks like from the balcony?



Can You Explain?

When looking from the balcony, I recently noticed for the first time there are what looks like wooden boxes up high above the stairs that lead to the choir loft. Their wood matches all the other wood in the sanctuary, but *what are they?* And *what is their purpose?* If you know the answers to my questions, please email macurts@gmail.com so the questions can be answered next month.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

3—Becky Thies
Wayne Williams
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
25—Joe & Susan Ruch

