



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

May 2023

Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday

@ 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Quilts on Wings

Friday, May 5, 2023

Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

Women's Spring Party

Sunday, May 7, 2023

2:00—4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Mobile Food Pantry

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

Workers arrive at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Market Planning Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 4:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Youth Sunday / Senior Recognition

NO Sunday School

May 21, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

NO Sunday School

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Bloodmobile

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 11:00 a.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

Happy Memorial Day

Church Offices Closed—May 29, 2022



There will be a special children's Sunday school on June 11, 18, 25 and July 2, 9, and 16. This will be a Mega Sports Camp themed outreach hosted at the TPA park from 10:30-11:30 culminating in a hotdog cookout each week. We are looking for volunteers to help with the sports, strike up conversations with other families playing in the park, cook/prepare food, and much more. This is an excellent opportunity to be a presence in our community and share Jesus' love each week. Join us by contacting Amanda Trent!

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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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2023 VBS

VBS is scheduled for July 17-21 so mark your calendar! All children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome! If you missed the planning meeting on April 16, and are interested in serving at VBS this year, please contact Amanda Trent.

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

Study in Acts

May 7 - "The Fate of James and Peter"
Acts 12:1-19

May 14 - *Mother's Day*
"The Island of Cyprus"
Acts 13:1-12

May 21 - *Youth & Senior Sunday*
"Antioch Pisidia"
Acts 13:13-52

May 28 - *Pentecost*
"Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe"
Acts 14:1-20

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

May 7 - A. Crawford - The Sower

May 14 - A. Trent - Ascension

May 21 - S. Ransom - New Heaven

May 28 - S. Ransom - Pentecost



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You to

- Deacons for the wonderful Easter breakfast and time of fellowship.
- Special musicians on brass and strings who added to the worship on Easter Sunday.
- Handbells and Men's Quartet for adding to our worship the past few months.
- Praise teams for faithfully leading us in worship each week.

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

If I'm Interested in Becoming a Stephen Minister, What Do I Do?

PRAY

As you pray, consider the following:

- Has God been preparing me for this moment?
- Are there needs among the congregation and community I could meet as a Stephen Minister (SM)?
- How might I grow in faith and caring skills as a SM?

EXPLORE

Visit the webpage: stephenministries.org/serve to find out more and see stories of SMs all over the country who have served the Lord and their churches as Stephen Ministers.

CONNECT

Let a Stephen Leader or the Pastor know of your interest. Simply talk to Kelly Kurth, Marty Rodkey, or Amanda Trent. Information meetings will be held in the late summer for a possible Fall SM Training Class. And know that the Stephen Leader Team is praying for you as you consider this opportunity.



"In the World, Not of It."

They are not of the world, just as I am not of this world. John 17:16

When: October 6-8, 2023

Where: Camp Tecumseh

Cost: \$125 per person and \$400 per family (4 members or more)

Early bird special—Register by July 2nd:

\$100 per person and \$370 per family

Registration Sunday mornings in the choir room!

A Look Back — Easter at FEPC 2023



Breakfast is ready!



Tables are set!



Deacons waiting to Greet!



Sanctuary is decorated!



And the cleanup!

Editor's Note: Sorry, the photographer was busy enjoying the breakfast and fellowship and **FORGOT** about taking pictures of all the people who filled Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Deacon's for a delicious breakfast.

Celebrating Our 2023 High School Graduates



Anna Maria Beardsley

Parents: Matt and Kristen Beardsley

High School: Frankfort High School

School Activities: Music, theatre and sports.

Awards and Achievements: Gold Medals at State for solo (oboe) and ensemble. Won County track meet in hurdles. Starred in theatre performances: 12 Angry Jurors and Dragnet.

Church Activities: Great Escape, nursery volunteer

Future Plans: Anna will attend Purdue University and study mathematics and/or psychiatry.

Favorite Bible Verse: "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music." Psalm 98:4



Jessica Jean Adams

Parent: Thresa Adams

High School: Frankfort High School

School Activities: Musicals and theatre plays, Color Guard, FHS dance team, Fortissao Choir.

Other Activities: Jessica loves to draw, paint and sing.

Church Activities: CIA Youth Group

Future Plans: Jessica plans to attend Ball State University and study physiology. She would like to be a Criminal Psychologist.

Celebrating Our 2023 High School Graduates

Jacob Glenn Herin



Parents: Dwight and Lydia Herin

High School: Rossville High School

School Activities: High School Choir, learning to play the eucele.

Church Activities: CIA Youth Group

Other Activities: Ten year member of 4-H where he has had projects in arts & crafts and clogging. Jacob also likes to read, watch movies, and talk with friends. He has participated in job shadowing with the mayor, a judge and the director of the Frankfort parks department.

Future Plans: Jacob plans to continue another year at Rossville for further education and job training. He would like to volunteer in the community to help others.

Jacob loves Jesus, his family and his church family.

Mackenzie Moore



Parents: Jeff (Amanda) Moore and Elisha Surber

High School: Clinton Prairie High School

School Activities: Cheerleading, FFA, Clinton Prairie Dance Team, Track Team

Other Activities and Achievements: Active in 4-H, and 2022 Clinton County Fair Miss Congeniality

Church Activities: Helping with VBS

Future Plans: Mackenzie is undecided about her future plans.

Favorite Bible Verse: "We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Celebrating Our 2023 High School Graduates



Tanner Austin Robbins

Parents: Mark and Mindy Robbins

High School: Lafayette Jefferson High School

School Activities: E-Sports Club

Church Activities: Worship and Sunday School

Future Plans: Tanner looks forward to finding a job.



Patrick Swinford

Parents: Josh and Erin Swinford

High School: The Crossing / Clinton Prairie High School. Patrick graduated in December 2022.

School Activities: Football

Church Activities: Great Escape and CIA Youth Group

Future Plans: Patrick is working a part-time job until he turns 18 this summer, and then he will begin a full-time job.

Favorite Bible Verse: "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 4:19

Honoring Our 2023 College Graduate



Jenna Rockhold

Parents: John and Amy Rockhold

School: Purdue University

Graduated: May 2023

Majors: Cybersecurity and Network Infrastructure Engineering Technology

Minors: Forensics Science, Spanish, Organizational Leadership and Supervision

Activities: RUF Praise Team, Polytechnic Ambassador, Women in Technology, Boiler Gold Rush Team Leader, Intramural Volleyball and Softball

Internships: Subaru and High Tech Crime Unit

Future Plans: Working at KPMG in Chicago, IL

Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

Senior/Youth Sunday will be celebrated May 21, 2023

Christmas Market

Christmas will be here before you know it. The first planning meeting for the 2023 Christmas Market will be held in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m.**

All who are interested in helping make this event a fun and exciting place to be in December are invited to come to this meeting.

His Eyes ... Colby Update

As this is sent, we should be on a plane flying back, yet again, to the USA. If it is confusing to know where we are...try being us!



Columns going up, but a long way to go,
in more ways than one!

[Office building donations click here](#)

MAGICS is my update acronym for you all:

Milk Project

Construction continues on the new Milk Project building in Cantarranas, and food was purchased to start with the 35 children in April! Our new ministry assistant Cecilia (some of you might have heard of her...bilingual, has volunteered off and on with the Milk Project for 20 years, last name COLBY) has been sending out the new childrens' profiles to sponsors, and sponsors have been helping in record numbers with special needs the families have (roofs, beds, cisterns, food).

Acreage

The farms are a continually developing side of the mission work. Coffee harvest finished up this month and already the coffee plants are in the ground straight from the nursery (thanks to IDES for providing bigger bags so the plants could grow bigger). We are still praying about hiring the farm-growth director.

Groups

March saw THREE different groups! We had two medical teams and a student team. A total of eight brigade days, Milk Project building painted in Las Botijas, and more!

Infirmery

The medical clinic is expanding with five new rooms because everything is bursting at the seams! The staff is also instrumental in helping the short term medical teams on medical brigade days.

Colby

We were in Honduras during March, we will be out and about in the USA in April, and then back in Honduras in May! If we haven't seen you lately, write us to see how we can rectify that.... if not in April, then perhaps in the fall!

Sanctuaries

Marvin, our milk project English teacher, will soon have a new position as church development director alongside Oscar. Looking forward to what he will do in this role and praying we can finish the office building soon for him to have space to work in...not just his office but also the meeting space for conferences, meetings, teaching times, etc. Also praying about what to do with the TV channel with the church in Talanga as it is struggling financially.

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His Eyes ... Colby Update

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PRAYER is its own acronym....please repeat all y'all each request:

- for harmony and success for the growing Milk Projects
- God's direction in helping the farms grow
- God preparing us and Marvin for his new job, and the resources he will need to grow and do things well
- God's direction what to do with the TV station in Talanga
- for the new office building, the funds to come to be able to continue and finish well.

Felipe and Valerie

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April Update from Jessica Rockhold

Dear Friends and Family,

So hard to believe there are only a few weeks left in the semester!! The spring semesters often feel long but after returning from spring break, time seems to be going really fast! So much is happening and will happen in the next few months that it's hard to keep everything straight!

In terms of RUF events, things have been really steady. Large groups have been a sweet spot in the week to connect and socialize with many students as well as hear preaching from Michael and have time to worship. Small groups have been in full swing and I love getting to dedicate time to my sophomore girls and hear how they are processing scripture and wrestling with hard things! We have continued to have fun monthly events and are gearing up for senior nights, our end of year party, senior dinner, and summer conference!

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April Update from Jessica Rockhold ~~ continued ~~

RUF Happenings



One of our recent events was attending a baseball game together! It was Georgia Tech vs. Georgia (our rivals) and while we did lose, it was still a fun time and the weather was sunny and great!



After the game we posted up and had root beer floats! It was the perfect treat after the game and was fun to catch up with students!



At the beginning of April, we had a park day where we gathered at Piedmont Park to hang out, eat food, and play games. The weather ended up being warm and sunny when we expected it to be cloudy, windy, and potentially rainy so I was thriving and having a good time getting some sun! We played a game of kickball which was so fun but wow was I sore afterwards! I think I overestimated my athletic abilities to sprint from base to base and not feel anything the next day lol!



Here are some other fun pictures of what's been going on in RUF. There was a musicians jam session for people to come and play and sing together! Also a great way to get people interested in using their gifts to serve on music team

April Update from Jessica Rockhold ~~ continued ~~

RUF Happenings



Our group has also had a good time getting extremely hype over our RUF girls flag football team! They went all out with the jerseys and even practice plays on Friday afternoons. Whether they win or lose, the games are so fun to attend and the girls have fun cheering each other on. It's also been a great way to get some girls involved and invested in RUF!

Life Happenings

As this is my last semester working for RUF, in many ways I often feel a lot like our graduating seniors! Transitions can be hard and I'm feeling the similar fear of the unknown as I try to diligently decipher what is next for me and where God is leading me. I want to soak up all the moments that are left in this job with these amazing students! I'm also really excited to finish out the semester with our summer conference and will tell y'all more about that soon!

I have been prepping for the job search, have applied to a few positions, and have interviewed with one. I'm really hoping to make it to a second round interview for a position at Chick-fil-A corporate so please pray for me as I wait to hear back! Pray for patience and that I would trust the Lord in the process no matter what happens with this particular job!

Some adventures we've been up to!

- Spring break fun visiting friends in New Orleans
- Was very hype to attend my first ever crawfish boil!
- And got to host Hannah and David for a weekend in ATL!! Some much needed catching up was had!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May

3—Barry Hall
4—Ryan Swinford
5—Betty Moloney
6—Andrew Stewart
7—Matt Beardsley
8—Linda Bergum
9—Ethan McClain
11—Jeff Hardesty
14—Lillian Stewart
15—Kimber Jackson
 Bob Shaffer
20—Nancy Clossin
23—Carol Dupler
24—Mandy Dudley
25—Ed Pluhar
27—Doyal Bell
28—Susan Calloway
 Lorrie Dorsey
 Dan Rodkey
30—Eric Davis
31—Justin Trent

May Anniversaries

2—Don & Marvel Albitz
17—Eric & Colleen Spencer
28—Bill & Sonya Miller
 Wayne & Glenda Jones

