

# 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 2025

## Monday Morning Prayers

@ 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



## Friday, May 2

Quilts on Wings

@ 10 a.m. in the Parlor



## Saturday, May 10

Refocus @ 9 a.m.



## Sunday May 11

*Mother's Day*

Baby Bottle Distribution



## Sunday May 18

*Youth and Senior Sunday*



## Thursday, May 22

Bloodmobile

11 am—5 pm in 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 equipment.

## Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center baby bottle fundraiser will begin on Mother's Day, May 11.

Look for baby bottles at the Sanctuary exits. Fill them with change, cash, or check, and return them to church by Father's Day.

## Youth and Senior Sunday

Join us May 18 for a special worship, led by FEPC children and youth. There will also be a special time in worship to recognize our graduating high school and college seniors. Please pray for this group as they prepare and practice for all aspects of worship. There will be no Sunday School that day.

## Mark Your Calendar — Father's Day Picnic

Join us at Prairie Creek Park on Father's Day, June 15 at noon. We will celebrate fathers with fellowship and a meal together. We hope the splash pad and playground will be open for the kids to enjoy. If you are able, bring a side dish or dessert to share.

We have extended a special invitation to Primera Iglesia Bautista, One80, and We Care Recovery centers. We encourage you to invite far-from-God people for this low-key afternoon of fellowship.

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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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### 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	Kalen Jackson
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Joyce Peters	Rodney Thies

### SERMON INFORMATION

**May 4 -**                      TBD  
**May 11 -**                *Mother's Day*  
                                    TBD  
**May 18 -**    *Youth & Senior Sunday*  
**May 25 -**                *Guest Speaker*

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**May 4 -** Suzie R.    - Appearance by the Sea  
**May 11 -** Gayla D.   - The Great Banquet  
**May 18 -** Suzie R.   - Great Commission  
**May 25 -** Suzie R.   - Ascension



## *Life in the Body of Christ*

### Condolences to

- The family of Jain Egelhaaf, who passed away April 8. A Celebration of Life is planned for May 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the Amanda Reid Chapel at Wesley Manor.
- The family of Margaret Robison, who passed away April 13. Her service was held April 17 at Goodwin Funeral Home.

### Congratulations

- To our high school students involved in the production of Newsies. It was a fantastic performance. See more about this on another page in this newsletter.

### Thank You

- Terri Calvin and all the musicians for making our Easter Worship so special.
- Glenda Jones and Mark Calvin for setting up flowers and the cross to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. It was beautiful.
- Lily Rockhold for ringing the church bell Easter morning.
- Deacons for another wonderful Easter breakfast.



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

### You Can Be a Stephen Ministry Lookout

*Merciful God, there are those in our midst who carry heavy burdens. Help us to be sensitive to those needs, reaching out to them with your love and compassion. Help us also to encourage them to turn to our Pastor and Stephen Leaders who can help them receive the care they need.*

*In the strong name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

Anyone who notices a hurting person can be a Stephen Ministry (SM) Lookout. You might recognize hurting people in your small group or ministry area, among your friends or family, or out in the community. A SM Lookout not only notices, but offers to connect hurting folks with our group of compassionate and confidential lay caregivers called Stephen Ministers. It's as simple as

- 1) expressing your care and concern,
- 2) telling the person about Stephen Ministry,
- 3) getting permission to pass along their name and phone number, and
- 4) giving this information to a Stephen Leader or Pastor.

Though people may be reluctant to reach out and ask for help on their own, many are receptive to Stephen Ministry when it's offered by a caring acquaintance. In coming newsletters, we'll explore the four steps in suggesting Stephen Ministry, but you may contact one of us at any time to learn more or to refer a hurting person for a confidential chat about their needs and how a Stephen Minister could help.

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## VBS is Coming!

We're starting the roundup for Wonder Junction!

July 7-11 from 5:30-8 is all about Jesus and inspiring wonder around who he is, what he did for us, and when he'll return. Get your overalls and mosey on over to peruse the volunteer sign-up in Fellowship Hall and see how you can help inspire wonder for Jesus in young hearts.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

Kids can be registered here: [fepcwonderjunction.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/](http://fepcwonderjunction.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/)

## Highlighting Our Youth

Green Meadows Intermediate hosted the area Math Bowl competition for the first time. The Green Meadows students took 3rd place and did a fantastic job. Our Katia Beardsley was among those winners. Congratulations, Katia!



## Quilts on Display

Recently completed quilts are on display in the hall at the back of the sanctuary. If you haven't seen them, please stop by and take a look. These will be delivered to Grace on Wings soon to be given to their patients.



## Celebrating Our 2025 High School Graduates



### **Isaac Adams**

**Parent:** Thresa Adams

**High School:** Frankfort High School

**School Activities:** Basketball and Theater

**Future Plans:** Isaac will attend Purdue Poly-tech in Kokomo to study Automotive Engineering.



### **Luke Beardsley**

**Parents:** Matt and Kristen Beardsley

**High School:** Frankfort High School

**School Activities:** Basketball and Golf teams.

**Church Activities:** Discipletown and Great Escape

**Future Plans:** Luke plans to enter the work force in the Golf Industry.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you." Romans 8:11

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### **Lizzie Kurth**

**Parent:** Kelly and Becky Kurth

**High School:** Frankfort High School

**School Activities:** Dance, Theatre, Choir, National Honors Society, and CRASH Club

**Awards and Achievements:** National Honors Society Member.

**Church Activities:** VBS, Music/Praise Team, CIA Youth Group

**Future Plans:** Lizzie will attend Calvin University where she will major in Speech Pathology.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** “For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord’s people.” 1 Corinthians 14:33



### **Jaylen O'Brien**

**Parents:** Tabitha Rust

**High School:** Frankfort High School

**School Activities:** National Honors Society, FCCLA, SADD, Choir, Theater.

**Awards and Achievements:** National Honors Society

**Church Activities:** CIA Youth Group, special music

**Future Plans:** Jaylen will attend Taylor University where she will study Elementary Education and Behavioral Analysis.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** “The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.” Psalm 28:7

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### **Jake Swinford**

**Parent:** Josh and Erin Swinford

**High School:** Clinton Prairie High School

**School Activities:** Boys' Golf Team, Boys' Basketball Team

**Awards and Achievements:** Jake was a part of the Clinton Prairie State Runner-Up Basketball Team

**Church Activities:** CIA Youth Group

**Future Plans:** Jake will attend Ball State University in the fall.

**Favorite Bible Verse:** "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

## 2nd Annual Hope in the Harvest Golf Outing

August 9, 2025

At Cool Lake Golf Course

Entry: \$65/person or \$260/foursome

Register by July 25

Meet @ 7:30 a.m.

Tee off @ 8:00 a.m.

Lunch will follow

RAFFLE prizes for ALL

Register at [fepcfrankfort.org](http://fepcfrankfort.org) OR [hopeintheharvest.org](http://hopeintheharvest.org)

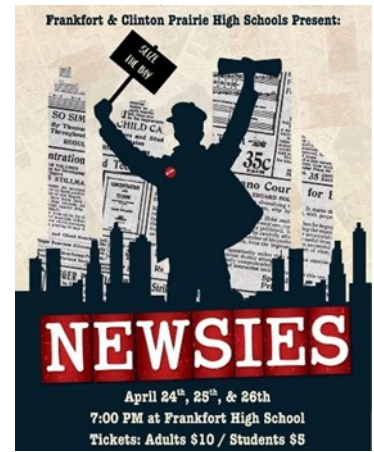


## All Things Theater

The Frankfort and Clinton Prairie Schools worked together to produce a fantastic presentation of the musical NEWSIES.

Several of our youth were involved in this production, including Isaac Adams, Lizzie Kurth, Zach Kurth, and Jaylen O'Brien. Included in the pit orchestra were Sam Troyer on trombone and Dan Troyer on trumpet. Numerous FEPC members showed up to support our youth and enjoy the 3-night performance.

Seniors had posters on display in the hallway depicting their theater involvements during their high school career. Here are pictures of their posters:



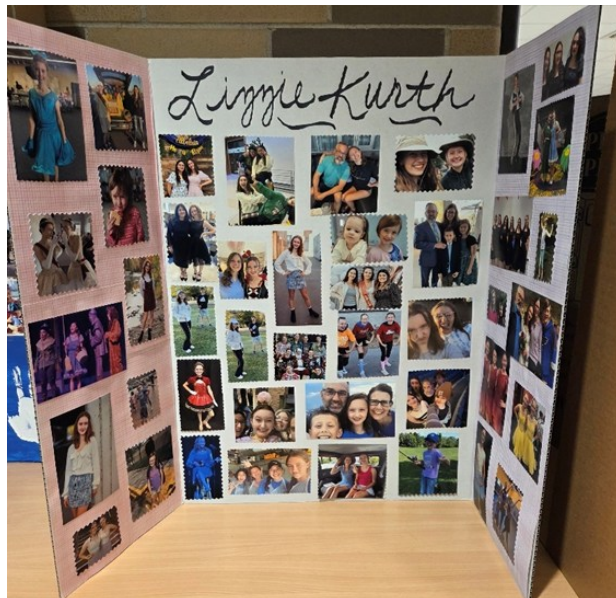
Isaac Adams



Jaylen O'Brien



Lizzie Kurth



## Front Entrance

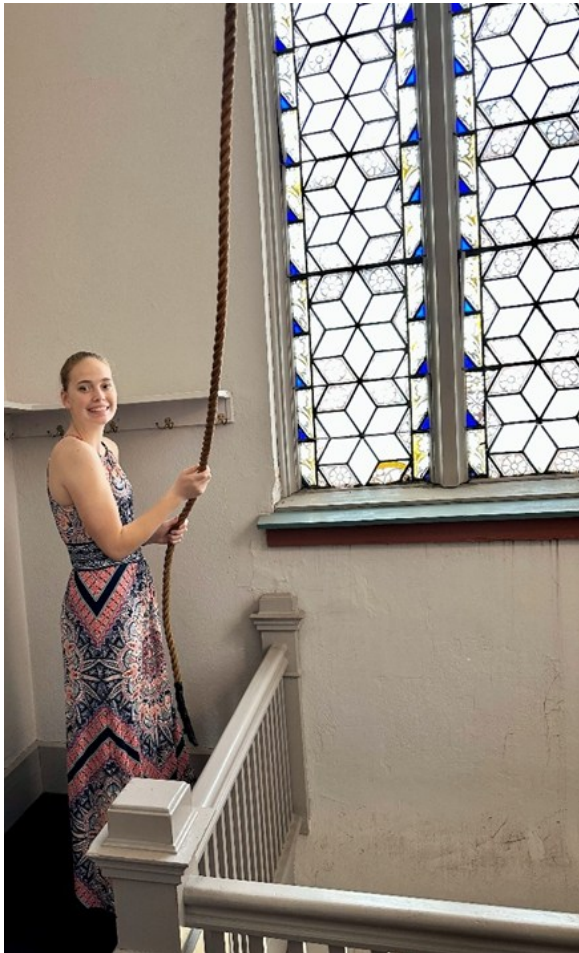
The front entrance has been torn up for quite some time, but the work there is now completed. It looks very nice and welcoming.



The flowers across the front of the church have been very nice this spring.



## All Things Easter ... starting with Palm Sunday



It was great to hear our church bell ringing on Easter morning.

Expect to hear it again, soon.

## All Things Easter



So sorry, we missed getting pictures from the Easter breakfast fellowship.

The Deacons did another great job feeding us. The food was tasty and the tables were inviting with their decorations and hidden candy.



## Missionary Update



### Stan & Faith De La Cour

The SIM Leader  
Development  
Gathering in Greece

Today, April 1, 2025, marks three years since we “retired!” We are so grateful that this doesn’t mean we’ve stopped serving the Lord with the gifts and abilities He has developed in us through the years before!

#### **SIM LEADER DEVELOPMENT GATHERING**

In late February, we flew to Athens one day before they had a nationwide strike. We rested that day, watched the protest on TV, and began to adjust to the time change. The next couple of days, we visited sites in Athens and attended an International Church. We joined T & J, the couple we’ve been mentoring, on a one-day trip to Corinth. On March 4, we headed to a Christian retreat center south of Athens to meet with the other mentors and leaders for a week of learning and fellowship. Each of the leaders was allowed to teach what they had learned over the past with the rest of us. I (Faith) was very grateful for T’s presentation on “Leading Change.” *Please pray for this couple as they serve in a country where the opposition to the Gospel is growing. Pray for T as she seeks to create a more cohesive culture in her team.*

#### **MISSION TRAINING INTERNATIONAL (MTI)**

The week before Greece, I was interviewing several people for the MTI President and CEO position in Colorado. I then led my first MTI board meeting as chair. I am grateful for the veteran members of the board who coached me along the way! I flew to Colorado again last week to lead a follow-up interview. We are encouraged that this position will soon be filled and praise God for His guidance. We have had quality candidates and the assistance of a great search company, Job *fit*Matters. *Please pray for God’s blessing on the ministry of preparing cross-cultural workers of the Gospel and providing a safe place for returning workers to process their time of overseas service.*

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## Missionary Update — *continued*

### TRAUMA HEALING

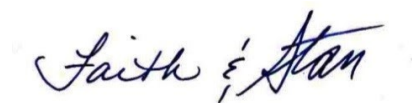
Stan is in the first of two weeks of training (as a staff person) for Healing the Wounds of Trauma and Advanced Training. These are long days, hearing difficult stories, as people learn how to lead these sessions in their churches and ministries. He is not teaching this week but will be one of the instructors for next week's sessions. *Pray for those receiving this training to experience healing for their places of hurt even as they prepare to lead others. Pray for Stan's stamina, for discernment as he leads, and for God to get the glory in this!*

### WE'RE GOING TO JAPAN!

This summer, we will mark 12 years since we moved back to the US from our years of service in Japan. We want to make one more return trip, so we have plans to fly on April 17, landing there on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Stan will be preaching on Easter at the church we planted, and we'll have a "covered dish" lunch together with these dear people. We will also spend one day with the family and some friends of his first homestay in 1979! We will end the time at our mission's spring retreat. We are sure much has changed in the years we've been away—and we've also changed! *Please pray that we can encourage those we meet and that we will enjoy reflecting on the work God did through us and in us in the many years we served there. Pray also for our health, as this is a significant change in time zones, and we realize it takes more for us to adjust in both directions!*

I will have one more trip to Colorado in May for the MTI board meeting, and then hopefully, we can put the suitcases away for a few months!

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faith & Stan". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

## More Missionary News



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NAVIGATORS  
A Worldwide Partnership

Greetings fellow travelers.

Last Friday I was crying 😭.

I walked into MorningStar (Patty's memory care community) when they were having a Bible study and sat down without Patty (left) knowing I was there. Staff person, Sierra (on the right) was leading and inviting comments. A few shared. Then Patty read a verse. When Patty finished, Sierra leaned over to her and said:



"Patty, I love how you always have something from scripture to share with us...."

Patty had only been here 3 DAYS!! What did she mean Patty "always has something from scripture to share"??? Like, you've known Patty for YEARS???

So, afterwards, I asked Sierra and she said, "YES! We've just learned, That's Patty! She always has something good and deep from Scripture to share with us."

Patty fell TWICE last week that landed her and ME in the ER for hours while they thoroughly checked her out! Just several bad bruises – nothing broken or dislocated! Since then, the MorningStar staff have loaned her a wheelchair to use instead of her walker. More change.

**PRAY FOR HER SAFETY** and to continue to 'leak' His word to others at MorningStar!

**PRAY FOR MY TRIP** - Ian and I leave next Sunday for the All-Africa Navigator Staff conference in Kigali, Rwanda. Never been there. I will be gone 2 weeks and look forward to connecting with Navigator friends we've have known for DECADES from Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Nigeria...actually, MOST of the 30 African nations where we have a Navigator ministry!

**PRAY FOR** travel SAFETY, good flight connections, great fellowship with my OUR African friends, Patty while I'm gone, and good coffee in Kigali.

THANKS for walking with us!

Bob & Patty

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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  
11—Jeff Hardesty  
14—Lillian Stewart  
15—Kimber Jackson  
    Bob Shaffer  
23—Carol Dupler  
24—Mandy Dudley  
25—Ed Pluhar  
27—Doyal Bell  
28—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

