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LIFE AND TIMES OF FEPC

FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA

FOCUS ON GOD, EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE, PROCLAIM CHRIST, CHANGE THE WORLD

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday Morning Prayers

@ 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 1

Prayer at PRC @ 8:30 AM

Sunday, October 4

Communion

NO Adult Sunday School

Harvest of Gifts Brunch

Thursday, October 8

Christmas Market Planning @ 4 p.m.

Friday, October 30

Harvest Party 5-7 p.m.

FEPC West Parking Lot

Pastor Appreciation Month

HARVEST OF GIFTS - OCTOBER 4, 2026

The purpose of Harvest of Gifts is to complete a slate of officer nominations for the Class of 2029.

The called Meeting to elect officers is scheduled for Sunday, November 8.

The current Nominating Committee includes: Sam Troyer (Youth Representative), Sharon Druley, Amy Rockhold, Nancy Smith, Karen Biery, Dan Troyer, and Marty Rodkey (Elder Chair).

Current Board Members

An * denotes officers ineligible for another term.

SESSION

2026

Doug Montgomery*
Marty Rodkey (1 yr)

2027

Patty Nash
Dan Troyer
Rodney Thies*

2028

Eric Davis*
Justin Trent*
Matt Crawford

DEACONS

2026

Karen Biery (1 yr)
Marvel Albitz
Dan Coapstick
Pam Hall*

2027

Joyce Peters*
Jarrod Boe
Carol Downs

2028

Jack Ransom*
Amanda Moore*
Becky Thies*
Pam Robertson
Sue Wolfe

TRUSTEES

2026

Mark Calvin*
Colleen Spencer

2027

Jim Moyer
Geoff Jackson*
Gary Plunkitt

2028

Chuck Queen
John Rockhold

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.

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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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SERMON INFORMATION

Series on 1 Peter

Oct 4 - **World Communion Sunday**
"Identity & Faith as Exiles"
1 Peter 2:11-25

Oct 11 - 1 Peter 3:1-7

Oct 18 - 1 Peter 3:8-22

Oct 25 - **Reformation Sunday**

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Oct 4 - Gayla D. - Abram & Sarai
Oct 11- Gayla D.-Saving Baby Moses
Oct 18- Katelyn S. - Exodus
Oct 25 - Kalen J. - 10 Best Ways

NEEDED

Leaders & Greeters

For November & December

See Schedule Outside the Nursery

CONNECT WORSHIP GROW

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would like to receive Life and Times of FEPC
electronically, please email
kalen@fepcfrankfort.org.*



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 Junk Drawer
Ministry:

Doyal Bell	Kalen Jackson
Karen Biery	Patty Nash
Joyce Peters	Rodney Thies



LIFE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

CONDOLENCES

- To Mike and Joyce Peters and
family on the passing of Mike's
Mother, Constance P. "Connie"
Eikelburner Peters, who passed away
September 8, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Mike and Diana Kelley on the
recent birth of a great-grandson.
- To Myron and Janice Chezem on
the recent birth of a great-
granddaughter.

Babies are such a blessing!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

To JoAnn Mullendore on October 22

HIGHLIGHTING OUR YOUTH

CONGRATULATIONS to Sam Troyer!

Recently the Frankfort Boys and Girls Cross Country teams did a SWEEP at the Clinton County Meet 2026. Sam was listed among those receiving All-County Honors.



HIGHLIGHTING ANOTHER FEPC MEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS to Corey Rockhold, who participated in the Cornhole Sectionals! You will have to ask Corey if his team is advancing to State on October 4.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

November 7-8	Mission Weekend
November 8	Called meeting to elect officers
November 15	Thanksgiving Food Offering
November 21	Christmas Market 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
November 22	Hanging of the Greens - NO SS
November 26	Thanksgiving
November 29	Communion

ZENGEZA CHURCH OF CHRIST

These pictures are from the September 27 worship service at the Zengeza Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. The following pages include a copy of their first newsletter telling the story of their church. Enjoy reading their newsletter and seeing their pictures.



MORE THAN A BUILDING

The Story of Zengeza Church of Christ

01 | THE BUILDING

From a Simple Shelter to A Place of Worship

How Zengeza Church of Christ came to have a permanent place to worship.

02 | THE BABY JUDE IMPACT

A Little Life, A Lasting Legacy

The story behind the building and the life of a little boy who continues to be remembered.

03 | THE COMMUNITY

A Strategic Place for Evangelism

How the church is using its new space to connect with and serve the surrounding community.



FROM A SIMPLE SHELTER TO A PLACE OF WORSHIP

For the Zengeza Church of Christ, one of the greatest testimonies will always be the story of how God brought the right people together at the right time.

For some time, the congregation gathered for worship in a simple, makeshift shelter. While it provided a place to meet, it was never intended to be a permanent home for a growing church.

That began to change when Pastor Sidyne Mavodza connected with the Farming God's Way team, a connection that would eventually open the door for the involvement of World Mission Builders. Today, the Zengeza congregation worships in a larger, permanent church building.

What was once a simple shelter has become a decent and welcoming place where the church can gather, worship and grow.

The new building is more than a physical structure. It represents the faithfulness of God, the generosity and commitment of those who made the project possible and the vision of a local church seeking to serve its community.

With a permanent place of worship, Zengeza Church of Christ is now better positioned to reach beyond its walls and share the Gospel with surrounding communities. The building may have changed where the church meets, but its greatest significance lies in what it is making possible.



A LITTLE LIFE, A LASTING LEGACY

Behind the story of the Zengeza church building is another deeply personal story — the story of Baby Jude.

The Trent family experienced the heartbreaking loss of their beloved baby.

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A LITTLE LIFE, A LASTING LEGACY*Continued from Page 1*

Out of that loss came an opportunity for generosity, as donations were made towards the construction of a permanent place of worship at Zengeza.

Today, the church building stands as a lasting reminder of Jude's life and of the value of every human life, no matter how long or short. His story has become part of the story of this congregation — a reminder that even a life that was brief can leave an enduring impact.

Jude's memory has also helped shape the church's growing desire to intentionally reach children within its community and across Zimbabwe. The congregation sees an opportunity to invest in children, share the love of Christ with them and help them grow in faith.

In this way, the building is not only a place where people remember a little boy. It is also a reminder of the lives that are still to be reached.

Jude's life was brief, but his story continues to inspire a lasting commitment to others.

A STRATEGIC PLACE FOR EVANGELISM

The new church property is becoming more than a place where the congregation gathers on Sundays. It is becoming a place where the church can build relationships with the wider community.

One of the most visible examples is the basketball court. Basketball has created a natural point of connection with young people in the surrounding neighbourhood, drawing them onto the church property and creating opportunities for the church to engage with them beyond traditional church services.

*The Basketball Court at Zengeza*

The borehole is another important part of the church's outreach. In a community where access to clean water can be a challenge, the borehole provides a practical service to local residents. The church hopes that as it shares this physical water with the community, it can also introduce people to Jesus, the true Living Water.

There are also plans for a garden that will involve young people in growing vegetables and other crops that can benefit the community. Beyond providing food, the garden will create opportunities for young people to learn, serve and take ownership of something that contributes to the wellbeing of others.

The vision for Zengeza Church of Christ therefore extends beyond the walls of its new building. The church is seeking to use every opportunity — worship, sport, water, agriculture and relationships — to reach people with the Gospel and serve the community around it.

*The Old Church Building***More Than A Building**

What began as a simple shelter has become a permanent place of worship. What grew out of a family's loss has become a reminder of the value of life. And what now stands on the property is becoming a platform for service and evangelism.

The building is complete.
The mission continues.

*The New Church Building*

News from Bob Meredith

Patty's Meredith's Heaven Arrival



Patricia "Patty" Meredith, age 72, passed away on 3 August 2026 leaving behind a profound legacy of faith, and cross-cultural devotion. Patty spent more than 30 years of her vibrant adult and married life serving as a missionary and teacher in Kenya and Zambia. She was deeply known for her unconditional love, deliberate investment in people, love of the Word of God and open-hearted hospitality. Although diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001, she did not want it to define her. For more than 25 years, she wrestled with all the ups and downs it brought her way, but it did not stop her from continuing to be Patty. Even her medical providers would say 'We haven't seen this before.' or 'This isn't typical.' ... that's Patty.

Friends and family are invited to join in a celebration of Patty's life that will be held on **September 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM** with a fellowship time following at The Navigators US Headquarters, located at 3820 N 30th St. Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Family and friends are encouraged to share a favorite memory or story that highlights how Patty's life impacted them here

<https://www.tribute.co/patty-meredith/?invite=link>

Please do so by 30 Aug so the family can receive this combined contribution honoring Patty's life.

Family

Patty is survived by a large, loving family who carries on her memory:

- **Husband of 48 years:** Bob Meredith
- **Children & Spouses:** Emily & Karl, Wesley & Meghan, Ian & Holly, and Felix
- **Grandsons:** Duke, Titus, Wade, Isaac, Eli, and Jack
- **Father:** Jim Ramlow
- **Siblings & Spouses:** James & Nancy, Nanette & Dennis
- And many others who would call her a spiritual mother or friend.

News from Bob Meredith

Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to honor Patty's investment in people in Africa through one of either accounts to support discipleship across the continent:

- **The Navigators - Africa Regional:**

<https://navstaff.org/70672>



- **Bob Meredith:**

<https://navstaff.org/119206>



Grace on Wings

Sunday, August 2, Hal Blank from Grace on Wings was with us to bring us the message of the morning and to answer questions about the ministry after worship. Matt and Amy Crawford introduced Hal and shared about how FEPC first got involved with supporting the ministry and continues to support them financially and with quilts from our Quilts on Wings ministry. We had quilts on display during the service and those were sent back with Hal to be given to patients they transport. It was a special morning in worship. Below are pictures taken that morning, including some of the quilts made by ladies in our church.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

1—Karen Sutton
6—Carol Frazier
John Miller
7—Jeff Brackeh
9—Alyssa Lukasik
Lily Rockhold
10—Becky Kurth
Heidi Troyer
12—Dick Hammer
13—Glenda Jones
Sally Myers
16—Taylor McKinney
18—Jim Moyer
20—Kathy Montgomery
21—Sue Wolfe
22—Terri Calvin
JoAnn Mullendore
Connie Timmons
25—Cindy Chambers
26—Kristen Beardsley
27—Elaine Ridenour
29—Melinda Grismer

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1—Mark & Terri Calvin
6—Doug & Kathy Montgomery
Gary & Susie Plunkitt
16—Ayden & Melia Storey
17—John & Amy Rockhold

