

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 2025

Monday Morning Prayers
@ 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins

Friday, March 7
Quilts on Wings
@ 10 a.m. in the Parlor

Saturday, March 8
Church Cleanup / Sale Setup
8 a.m.—12:00 noon
Lunch served.

Sunday, March 9
Communion
Daylight Savings Time

Saturday, March 15
Church Yard Sale 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16
Membership Inquiry Class @ 10 a.m.

Tuesday, March 18
Mobile Food Pantry @ 11 a.m.

Spring Break
March 21—March 28



SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9

On Saturday, March 8, be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour. If you show up at church an hour early on March 9, we will know you forgot!!

Lenten Schedule

Saturday, April 5—Lenten Breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sunday, April 13 — Palm Sunday (NO SS)

Thursday, April 17 — Maundy Thursday Worship
@ 7 pm with Communion

Sunday, April 20 — Easter Sunday (NO SS)

Sunrise Worship @ 7 am –TPA Park

Morning Worship @ 9 am – FEPC

Easter Breakfast @ 10 am – Fellowship
Hall

Saturday, March 22
Refocus @ 9 a.m.

Thursday, March 27
Bloodmobile 11 a.m.—5 p.m.

Sunday, March 30
5th Sunday Offering

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.

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CONNECT WORSHIP GROW

If you received this issue by U.S. mail but would like to receive Life and Times of FEPC electronically, please email kalen@fepcfrankfort.org.

NEEDED

Children in Worship Leaders & Greeters for April 13

See the sign-up schedule posted outside the nursery.

SERMON INFORMATION

March 2 - "How Should We Speak?"
1 Thessalonians 2:2-12

March 9 - *Communion*
1st Sunday of Lent
"How Do We Keep Going?"
2 Corinthians 4:1-18

March 16 - Begin new series looking
at the events of the last
week of Jesus' life

March 23 - TBD

March 30 - TBD

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Mar 2 - Gayla D. - Transfiguration

Mar 9 - Kathy M. - Who Is the
Greatest?

Mar 16 - Leah B. - Jesus Heals 2
Daughters

Mar 23 - Gayla D. - Jesus & Lazarus

Mar 30 - Leah B. - Jesus Anointed

NEEDED

Leaders & Greeters

For April 13

See Schedule Outside the Nursery



Life in the Body of Christ

Thank You

- Justin Trent and the Missions Team for all the wonderful Soup Lunches. While you are raising money for the Mission Trip to Honduras, we are enjoying good food and good fellowship.

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

Karen Biery

Patty Nash

Joyce Peters

Rodney Thies



Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Hidden Disabilities, Jesus, and Stephen Ministry

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” You have likely heard or read these words of Jesus from John 16:33. And you would probably readily acknowledge that Yes, there ARE troubles in this world. Many troubles, like disasters, deaths of loved ones, grave illness, or sudden job loss, are very visible and garner a lot of attention and support, at least initially. But you may not realize there is a whole other sort of troubles that is termed Invisible Disabilities or Hidden Disabilities.



Defined as disabilities that are not immediately apparent, these can include physical, mental, or neurological conditions that significantly impair normal activities of daily living. Think: chronic illnesses like diabetes or heart disease, anxiety, chronic pain, or other things that may not be easily detected by looking at or talking with a person. Nonetheless, such conditions may affect a person’s physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual well-being.

People with hidden disabilities may feel invisible since others do not readily see or respond to their ongoing suffering. Perhaps you find yourself realizing you may be living with an invisible disability and feeling quite isolated or lonely. In view of Jesus’ assurance that he has overcome the world, do you just say *Thank you, Lord* (which is a good thing to say!), then go on being isolated and lonely? Well, you could, but I hope not. Because God has overcome the world, he has equipped believers to bear one another’s burdens and provide his love and support through caring ministry. At FEPC, we have Elder Shepherds, Deacons, 3 C’s Committee members, and Stephen Ministers to hear your concerns. It may be helpful to have even a few listening sessions with a trained Stephen Minister (SM) to begin to address the issues of Hidden Disabilities in your life and find an appropriate spot in this spectrum of folks who would offer some care and concern if they only knew what you are facing. If so, please contact me or Pastor Kelly and ask for some help to get started.

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The Milk Project — Meet Diego

FEPC is now Deigo's sponsor. The team going to Honduras this summer is eager to meet him in person.



Name	Diego Alexander Amador Flores
DOB	Abril 24, 2019
School	21 de octubre
Year	kindergarten
House material	Block and lamina
Home owner?	Loaned (grandmother's house)
Neighborhood	Brisas del roble (Tegucigalpa)
Number of family members in the home	7(Grandmother, mom, aunt, 2 brothers, 1 sister)
Birth order	Fourth
Mother's profession	housewife
Father's profession	-----
Favorite Color	Red
Qualities	Cheerful
Hobby	Play with cars and soccer
Needs	Food, clothing, shoes
Profession desired	Firefighter
Notes	His father went to United States looking for a job He has allergies He is undergoing treatment for stomach issues

Highlighting our Youth

Congratulations to Ella McAtee on being named 2nd team all Sagamore Conference.



Congratulations to Seth and Sam Troyer, who recently participated in music competitions. Seth played his first trumpet solo, and Sam had a solo and was part of an ensemble that will go on to state.



Congratulations to Lizzie Kurth and Jaylen O'Brien, who participated in the statewide Solo and Ensemble competition. Their vocal group performance received a 'gold'. Lizzie also received a 'gold' for her solo. Jaylen and Lizzie also provided special music at FEPC a couple of weeks ago.



Church Work Day — Saturday. March 8

Please plan to attend a church work day on Saturday, March 8. We will need many hands to help clean out and organize neglected areas of the church as we set up for the yard sale. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. Come for as little or as long as you are able. Lunch will be served.

Membership Inquiry Class

A membership inquiry class is set to begin March 16, during the Sunday School hour. This eight-week class will cover all necessary elements of a relationship with Christ, membership in the Presbyterian Church, and baptism, if needed. Please RSVP to Kalen@fepcfrankfort.org if you plan to attend, so class materials can be ordered.

5th Sunday Offering

The designation for the loose offering on the 5th Sunday has been determined to be both One80 and WeCare. There are other plans in the works to collect items for welcome packets for each facility, so watch the bulletin for more information as we approach this next 5th Sunday.

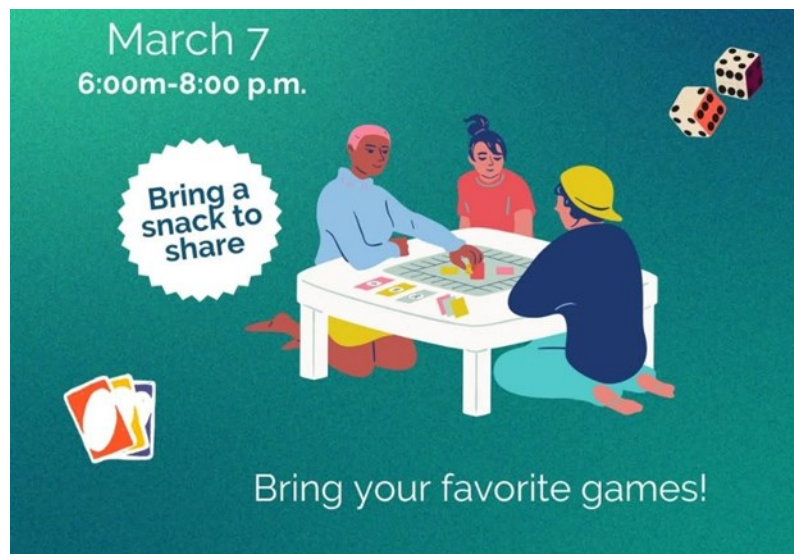
Lenten Breakfast

Join us for Lenten Breakfast on Saturday, April 5 at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will partner with Pastor Leo Gonzales and Primera Iglesia Bautista for a time of fellowship, food, and worship as we celebrate the Season of Lent.

Media Technology Upgrade

We are in the process of upgrading equipment used for the visual presentations in our worship services. The cost of this upgrade will be significant. If you would like to support this project by designating a special gift, simply mark it for Media Technology Upgrade. If you would like additional information, please speak with Pastor Kelly or Dan Troyer.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT in Fellowship Hall



Seniors—and Parents of Graduating Students

It's that time again when we start thinking about our graduates. It's time to start gathering information on our graduates. What we need is a **picture** along with information for the following categories:

Student name

Parents names

School name

School activities

Church Activities

Special achievements and/or awards

Future plans ... *more schooling? Where and what field of study?*

Job? Other plans?

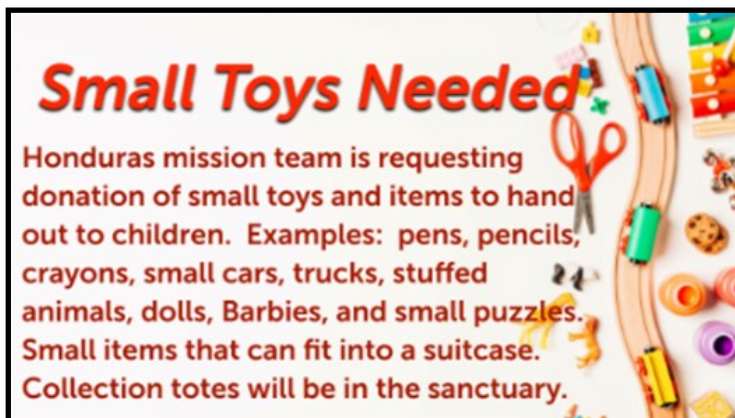
Favorite Bible Verse

We want to highlight our graduates in the May newsletter. So, please send a picture and the information to **macurts@gmail.com** or to **kalen@fepcfrankfort** before **April 22**

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

Honduras Mission Trip Fundraisers

Members of the Mission Committee are busy raising funds and collecting needed items for the mission trip planned for this summer. Your support is appreciated.



Start looking around for things you no longer use or need and bring them to the Fellowship Hall stage for the Yard Sale on March 15. All items will be sold for a donation.

A list of church overstock items will be available soon. If you would like to make an offer on one of these items before the sale, contact Kalen.

All funds raised will be used by the Honduras mission team.

"Showing Christ's love through aviation"



Grace on Wings

★**Air Ambulance**

★**Missions**

www.graceonwings.org

You may or may not have known that after Grace on Wings moved to their new location on the south side of Indianapolis last year, it took many, many months to get local certification to fly their missions from the new airport. The following announcement was posted in their Spring 2025 newsletter. We rejoice with them that they are now able to fly again.



Air Carrier Certificate

It seemed like a lifetime that we were unable to serve people during the certification process and in that time we kept our faith in looking to the Lord for strength and perseverance to stay the course that He had put us on to serve all that He brings before us in need of this service.

Grace on Wings earned its FAA 135 air carrier certificate on January 13th 2025 and is now able to continue serving the many families in need of air ambulance transport here in the United States. In the past Grace on Wings was under another certified air carrier out of Tulsa, OK and we would like to thank Air 1st Aviation Companies of Oklahoma, Inc for their support to the mission of Grace on Wings.



Food Finders

The following note was received in late January, reporting on the success of 2024. Our next scheduled day for the Mobile Food Pantry is Tuesday, March 18 @ 11:00 a.m.

**thankyou
so much**

Together we hosted **297** mobile pantries, serving over **32,000** households, over **1.5 million** pounds of food.

Thank you for your help!

SEE YOU IN 2025!

The Mobile Pantry Team

*Alex * Caroline * Katy*

Timothy Two Project International



In the late 1990s, FEPC began an effort to reach the Aguaruna people in the jungles of the Rio Mayo (tributary of the Amazon) region outside of Moyobamba Peru. In conjunction with the congregation of the Moyobamba Presbyterian Church (home church of Hans Vargas!), several mission teams have traveled out to the villages where churches have been formed over the years. Language differences have always posed difficulty, but with translators, there have been great opportunities for sharing the gospel.

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Timothy Two Project International — *continued*

In the summer of 2022, Justin Trent, Pastor Kelly and Matt Crawford were part of a Hope in the Harvest Missions International (HITHMI) team that traveled to Moyobamba to explore the possibility of expanding HITHMI into Peru. While there, they discovered a desire on the part of the indigenous pastors to have more theological training so they could better support their congregations.

While at the General Assembly in Colorado in June of 2023, the Crawfords and Kurths met Dan Sonnenberg, Latin America Regional Director for Timothy Two Project International. God was at work, providing for the needs of His people! Dan shared about the work their organization does to train and equip indigenous pastors and ministry leaders in the majority world who don't have access to theological teaching. They use a series of 4 workshops (84 lessons!) to train the pastors in systematic and practical theology and equip them to train others. It was quite the "a-ha moment" as it was realized by all as a wonderful way to provide for the needs the Awajun (as they are now called) pastors had shared with the team who met with them the previous summer.

The first of four 3-day workshops, "Knowing God: His Divine Attributes" was held in Moyobamba in October of 2023. The series of workshops were all led by Luis Rojas Espinozas who was already working with other groups in Peru. The remaining three workshops were held in Baja Naranjillo, the closest Awajun village to Moyobamba. Other topics included "Loving God: Transformed from Light to Darkness" (May 2024), "Trusting God: Practicing Kingdom Living in Relationships, Social Issues & Personal Issues" (October 2024) and "Serving God: Living Life in Response to Grace-Serving in the Church, the Community and The World" (February 2025).

At the conclusion of the February workshops, the participants received their completion certificates and heard a charge from Timothy Two founder, Steve Curtis. Curtis's charge was that they "take what they have learned in the workshops and apply the doctrines in their own lives as well as teaching them to others. In so doing, may the Body of Christ in Peru be encouraged, equipped, and empowered to impact the nation with the gospel."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March

- 2—Gary Plunkitt
- 3—Joe Ruch
- 4—Lynette Hardesty
- 9—Tom Boe
Ron Chambers
Simon Wilson
- 11—Zach Kurth
- 12—Garrett Jackson
- 14—Gayla Davis
Joyce Peters
- 15—J.T. Montgomery
- 16—Chuck Queen
- 17—Lindsay (Davis) Bregin
- 24—Marty Rodkey
- 27—Mitch Coapstick
Eric Spencer
- 29—Myron Chezem
Madeline Swinford
- 30—Max Blessing
Violet Trent

March Anniversaries

- 17—Jeff & Lynette Hardesty
- 29—Mike & Diana Kelley

