

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 2025

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



Friday, April 4
Quilts on Wings
@ 10 a.m. in the Parlor



Saturday, April 5
Lenten Breakfast
8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



Sunday, April 6
Soup Fundraiser Lunch @ 11 a.m.



Saturday, April 12
Refocus @ 9 a.m.



Sunday April 13
Palm Sunday



Thursday, April 17
Maundy Thursday Worship
@ 7 p.m. with Communion



Sunday, April 20
Easter— see schedule in next column



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

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)

NO Sunrise Worship this year

Morning Worship @ 9 am – FEPC

Easter Breakfast @ 10 am – Fellowship Hall

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.

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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.

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

SERMON INFORMATION

April 6 - "One Bride for Seven Brothers"
Mark 12:18-27
Eric Davis preaching

April 13 - TBD

April 17 - *Communion*
Maundy Thursday

April 20 - *Easter*

April 27 - TBD

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Apr 6 - Gayla D. - Jesus the King

Apr 13 - Amanda T - Jesus' Last
Passover

Apr 20 - Gayla D. - Jesus is Risen:
Mary

Apr 27 - Leah B. - Jesus is Risen:
Emmaus



Life in the Body of Christ

Condolences to

- Jeff and Amanda Moore and Mackenzie, Olivia and Vivian on the passing of Jeff's mother, Donna Howe on March 28.

Congratulations

- Carol Downs is now a great-grandmother! Granddaughter Payton gave birth to Tobias Grey Allison on March 10.

- Marvel Albitz was recently celebrated by Zonta Club of Frankfort for over 30 years of making her famous angel food cake for the annual Zonta Chicken Noodle dinner.





Stephen Ministry at FEPC

Finding Comfort and Support

Each of us has times when we are lonely, grieving, hurt, or in need of care. In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that when we suffer and are troubled, we can find comfort through Christ. And one of the ways we find this comfort is through other caring Christians. Our congregation has a group of people called Stephen Ministers who are skilled in caring for those facing challenges in their lives. Such hurting people may be hospitalized or facing health changes, grieving the death of a loved one, home bound, struggling with job loss, retirement, or a major move or transition, among others.

Think about your life and the lives of people around you. Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed. Reach out today and find out how a Stephen Minister could help.

- Marty Rodkey, Stephen Leader 765-404-1349

marty@fepcfrankfort.org

Prayer

God, our refuge, there are those among us whose hearts are heavy and who are facing their struggles alone. Yet you have called us, saying, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," and you have promised us "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding." Help all of us to recognize those who are hurting (maybe even ourselves) and connect them with caring help, so that your promises can become real to them and bring comfort and healing to their hearts.

In the name of Jesus, Amen

Say Good-bye to the Old Chime

On the work day in March some of our men were kind enough to haul away the very old, non-working chime that has occupied space at the top of the stairs to the balcony. Thank you to those hard working individuals.



Sharing Praises to the Lord!

Doyal Bell tells us the inside of the new house is coming together. Doors, windows, cabinets and counter-tops are getting installed and contractors plan to be finished in the next several weeks. We rejoice with Doyal and Alice in this accomplishment. They've waited patiently many months, trusting the Lord to lead and provide. Thank you, Doyal, for sharing the journey with us.

Asking God to fill this house with wisdom and understanding, keys to prosperous and purposeful future.

Proverbs 24:3-4 *Doyal and Alice Bell*



Mystery Solved

For a long time I have wondered about the purpose for the box-like fixtures at the corners of the front of the sanctuary. While the workers were here installing the TVs, and while they were high enough to see, they took a picture and told me inside was a dirty, burned-out light bulb. These are now hidden by the new TVs.



Highlighting our Youth

Congratulations to Zach Kurth, who played in a 17-member woodwind ensemble who earned gold at state.



The Frankfort Middle School Science Olympiad team had a great showing at their Regional competitions this spring. Congratulations to our FEPC youth taking awards.

Liam McAtee & Ellis Shaffer (1st Place-Fossils),
Seth Troyer and James McAtee (2nd Place-Air Trajectory)



Highlighting our Youth

Jake Swinford and Hunter and Conner Haynes, along with their other Clinton Prairie basketball team members won the Regional Tournament on March 15! This was a big accomplishment, since CP hadn't even won a sectional tournament in 43 years. They went on to bring home the 2025 State Runner-up trophy. Congratulations!!



Congratulations Jaylen Smith and Lily Rockhold. Both young ladies made the 2025 Junior Volleyball Association National Watch List this spring.



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.

Media Technology Upgrade

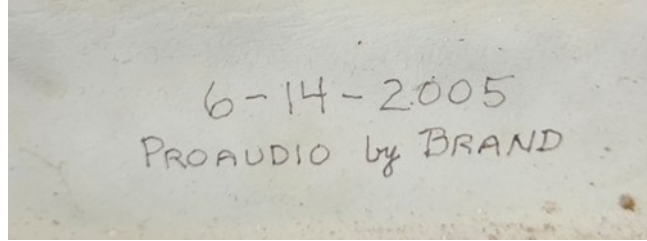
The work is done. Our equipment has been upgraded. And, hopefully, we are all pleased with the results of this upgrade for the visual presentations in our worship services. As stated at the beginning, the cost of this upgrade was significant. If you would like to designate a special gift to help with those costs, simply mark it for **Media Technology Upgrade** on your check.

The work began on a Wednesday with the anticipation it would be completed on Friday. The project was complex, and there were times some of us wondered if it would be completed in time to use the new equipment on the coming Sunday. It was so touch and go at times, we devised a Plan A and a Plan B for our Sunday morning worship. What a relief when everything was installed and working by 5 p.m. Friday. Two workers returned the following Monday to remove the projector that was hanging from the ceiling in the middle of the sanctuary. Had you noticed it was gone? We have kept that projector for possible future use.

The next few pages contain pictures to give you an idea of what it took to remove the 20-year old screen (estimated at 200-250 pounds) and install the two 98-inch TVs. Praise the Lord all work was completed safely. Just getting the lift into and out of the choir loft was a huge challenge.

Media Technology Upgrade

When the screen was down, we found the date of installation had been written on it:



The Before and After pictures ...

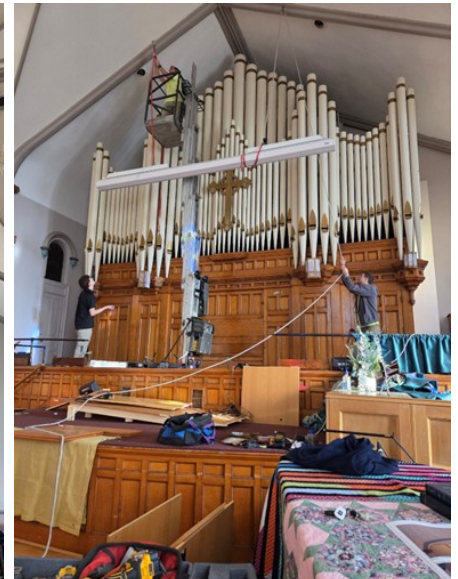
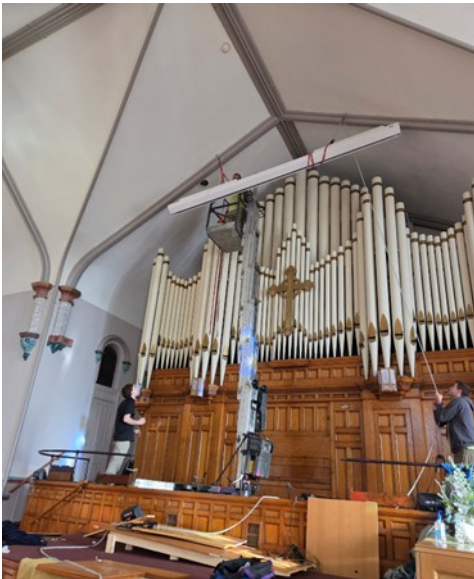


The lift was a huge piece of equipment, and it was no easy task getting it onto the stage and then over into the choir loft. But they did it without leaving a scratch in any of our wood and without injury. It was amazing to watch them work.



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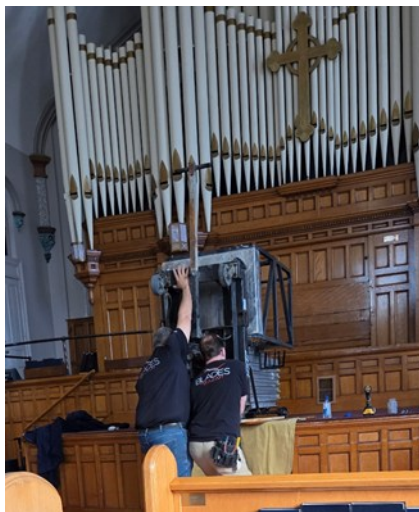
How many men are required to take down a large screen? Answer is 4 with a lift and some rope ... 3 men appear in these pictures and #4 is in the attic above them.



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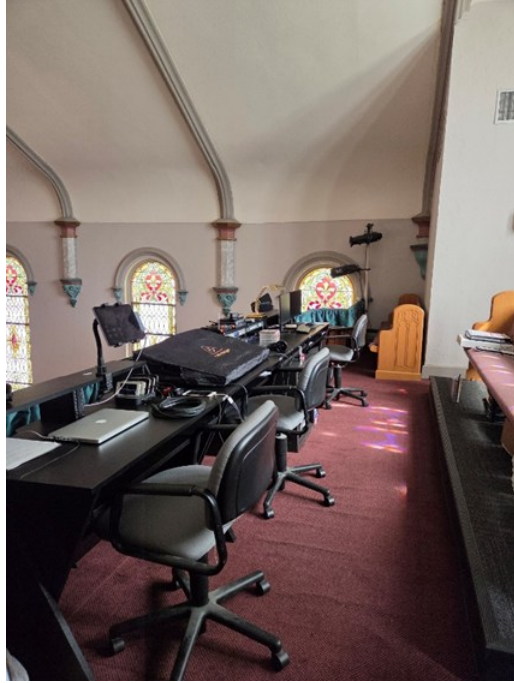
How do you determine just where the TV will go without holding up the real TV? Cut up the box the TV came in and make a fake TV from the cardboard — much lighter to hold while standing on a step ladder.

TVs are up ... now to get the lift out of the choir loft ...



Media Technology Upgrade

While we were at it, we upgraded the sound and media furniture in the balcony.



News from Felipe and Valerie Colby

Moved on *Wednesday* and many other days, here is a closer look at the new pavers going into the farm roads in all three farms eventually.



How about words that people commonly mispronounce for this month's update?

February passed as quickly as a thief in the night. While that was *hyperbole*, I am sure it went by too fast for many of us. We hosted our fourth group of 2025 during the first week of the month, and then directly proceeded to the South *Arctic*, in Indiana. Visiting churches and folks, talking about donations, containers... you know, all that *etcetera* that helps the mission run well.

We didn't *bury* it in last month's update, but wanted to mention again that we will be going on sabbatical from mid-March to mid-April. During that time, mission-related items will be handled by our daughter, *Colone/Cecilia* Colby. An honorific title to be sure, but she will be managing the *cache* of emails and coordination between the staff in Honduras and the board of directors while we are away.

Prayer is *pronunciation* to God, right? Let's go!

- ~That our sabbatical will be like *espresso* to our souls and that we will be refreshed for God's work in Honduras.
- ~For the two mission teams going to Honduras in March, that the team members would be in the pink, like *salmon!*
- ~That the kids in the Milk Projects won't be *mischievous*, especially in the newest MP at our church in Danli.
- ~The *debris* to be mostly gone in the new office/conference building, with air conditioning and handrails going in this month.
- ~Like moving an entire *library*, 80 thousand pounds of pavers were moved to the mission farms. Now praying for the even harder work is to come, putting them in place to improve the dirt roads.

If I could put a *GIF* in here, it would be of us making a heart with our hands for you! It's an internet *niche*, but we mean it!

INDNJC,
Felipe and Valerie

World Mission Builders

Dear friends and partners,

We are incredibly grateful for the support you have blessed us with over the past five months. Your generosity has brought hope and change to many lives and ministries of our churches in the Philippines. Thanks to your help, we have achieved incredible milestones:

****Feeding Program****

- Completed a trial feeding program in twenty-two of our churches, providing \$3600. We fed and shared the gospel with over nineteen hundred children. We would like to selectively continue this program in five churches and need a donor to contribute \$250 per month to make this happen. These five churches have achieved amazing results (See video clip).

****Roof Line Repair****

- Completed a roof line repair for \$600 for Pastor Alquin at Jaclupon Church of Christ on Cebu.

****Cebu Church Camp****

- Finished an unfinished project at Cebu Church Camp for \$1500. (See pictures).

****Light Church Camp Repairs****

- Completed long overdue repairs to Light Church Camp on Negros for \$1800. (See pictures). Added a new water pump to provide clean water for over 250 campers coming to a sports camp in June.

****Mountain View Church of Christ****

- Repaired the church ceiling and parsonage interior and roof severely damaged by a typhoon. Cost \$3400 (See pictures). Near Completion.

****Mondragon Samar Philippines Build****

- Stepped out in faith to do a major build at Mondragon Samar Philippines. (See pictures). We are building a 36 foot by 54-foot typhoon-proof church building and drilling a deep well with potable clean water to provide water on our property. They are a congregation of seventy-five who have waited ten years for this building. Their present church and grounds are featured above.

Our mission trip is from July 13-26th. The missionaries from World Mission Builders and Hope In Harvest pay their own way. All funds go directly to the project. We are all volunteers with no administrative costs, ensuring one hundred percent of donations are used for ministry.

We sincerely hope for your continued support. Please send checks payable to World Missions Builders and send to Steve Hayes, 1003 West Wabash Avenue, Crawfordville, Indiana, 47933.

Your support means the world to us and the communities we serve.

Thanks, and God Bless You,
Pastor Steve and Travis

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WORLD MISSION BUILDERS

Mission Trip

Join Steve Hayes in building a typhoon proof building for 75 of God's people who have waited ten years for a church building they don't have to rebuild after every storm.



Location: Samar Philippines

Dates: July 13-26, 2025

For more information
contact Steve Hayes
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

- 3—Becky Thies
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—Mark Calvin
 Beau Kercheval
 Jacob Swinford
24—Linda Frey
 Megan Wilson
25—Carleigh Wilson
26—Dan Troyer

- 27—Dan Coapstick
 Olivia Moore
 Sam Walker
 Ian Vargas
28—Caroline Queen

April Anniversaries

- 25—Joe & Susan Ruch

