

Steepleviews

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March 2018 Anniversaries & Birthdays



- 01 Jocelyn Lepke
Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell
Dan Nostrandt
Jake Reed
- 04 Rob Burch
- 05 Carmyn Brodbent
- 06 Jimmy Kolehmainen
- 07 Julie Grant
- 09 Katherine Johnson
- 12 Gavin MacKenzie
- 13 Scott Harrison
- 16 Ginny Bowman
Mary Reed
- 18 Susie Hughes
- 19 Sandy Campbell
- 20 Andrea Robinson &
Branden Valentine
- 23 Dale Herscher
- 24 Reagan Clevenger
Cheryl Acklin & James Daniel
- 25 Peyton Koenig
- 26 Dan Gill
- 28 Helen Lautenbach
- 31 Billee Beyette
Marvelee Kneisel

Catch These Coming Events!

- Mar 6 Dine out for BACN
- Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 21 [Al's Academy](#)
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday
- Mar 29 Maundy Thursday
- Mar 30 Good Friday



Sunday, March 11

Move clock
ahead 1 hour



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11!
Time to set your clocks ahead one hour
before going to bed on
Saturday, March 10th.

Pastor's Page

**Lent: “the period preceding Easter that in the Christian Church is devoted to fasting, abstinence, and penitence in commemoration of Christ's fasting in the wilderness “
Wikipedia**

You don't have a soul.
You are a soul.
You have a body.
-C.S. Lewis

**Ice on the path
makes walking difficult,
you pick your way carefully,
progress is slow and awkward.
Only light seems to move through it
with ease and grace,
make joy of every turn.
We are held in a great stillness
that has been here a long time.
The glossed stones and leaves,
the iced trees, the iced trunks of fallen
trees,
the rimed twigs and branches,
watch me balance my way along.
They are not moving.
They are not growing.
They are not thinking.
They invite me to join them in their work:
not hurrying,
not hurrying.**

Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Unfolding Light

So how do I sign-up for that AmazonSmile thing?

1. Type smile.amazon.com
2. A. If you already have an Amazon account, sign in or B. create a new account (register your name, email address, and a password)
3. Select your charitable organization (Scroll down to “Or pick your own charitable organization” and type in First Congregational Church of Frankfort or EIN 38-6095339)

How does it work?

The next time you purchase something from Amazon, sign into Smile.Amazon.com and 0.5% of your purchase will come back to the church.

Will I have to do all the above steps each time I use Amazon?

No. Amazon will remember your charity choice.

What if I forget to sign-in with Smile.Amazon and I'm ready to complete my purchase?

Right in the middle of the purchase, you can type Smile.Amazon in the browser address and it will switch over to the charity-giving side and you can continue on with your purchase.

Is there a way to make it easier to remember the Smile.Amazon part?

Yes. Sign into Smile.Amazon and bookmark it into your favorites.

Would someone at the church help me if I'm still skittish?

Absolutely! Just ask Pastor Dinah.

Thank you for your “double” contribution!

Maundy = Mandate = Command

John 13:31-35

31 When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. 32 If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

33 "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



Before Easter, there's
Maundy Thursday
March 29 7:00 p.m.
Join together in the
remembrance of
**Our Lord's Last Supper
and a Service of Darkness
(Tenebrae)**

St. Patrick was a fifth-century Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland. The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is broad agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the 5th century.

According to the *Confessio* (a formal statement of acknowledgement) of Patrick, when he was about 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals; he lived there for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on March 17, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemn and holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.

Wikipedia





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There were 8 Council Members at the February 14, 2018 Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

1.	Offerings for January	\$10,276.00
2.	Expenses for January	\$ 9,009.36
3.	The carry over	\$ 7,264.64

Committee Reports

Memorials: Andy Mollema - there was one memorial gift given in memory of Suzanne Reising; the balance in this account is \$7,519.43.

Investment: see Treasurer's Report

Missions: Dinah Haag - the Committee will be needing a new Chair to replace Myra, in addition to and a member to report to the Council; the balance in this account is \$1,585.01.

Outreach: Andy Mollema - 1) Al's Academy will have a presentation February 14. Suggestions/ideas needed for the March presentation; 2) Bill Hirschfeld's Bible Studies and dinners preceding are scheduled for February 21 and February 28; and 3) May 20 is the date set for our Historical Plaque/Marker Dedication with a potluck picnic, ceremony, Sesquicentennial Anthem, and a representative from the Michigan Historical Society (hopefully) in attendance.

Personnel: Myra Elias - our secretary, Katherine Johnson, has had her job review, but Pastor Dinah and our other employees still need to have their reviews.

Property: Myra Elias for Mary Reed: 1) The Committee had an extensive discussion on the installation of air conditioning in our Sanctuary with information from two other county churches which already have it; there will still be ongoing discussion of the cost justification for this project, with the Committee seeking Congregational input in the next few weeks; 2) The stained glass windows in the Sanctuary need maintenance and restoration; Myra is contacting window restoration companies for estimates on repairing and extending the longevity;

and 3) The Church's fire extinguishers were outdated so have been replaced, as well as new batteries replaced in all of the Church's exterior lights.

Religious Education: Dinah Haag for Bill Hirschfeld - discussion and ideas on what can be done with the Investment Fund portion of the monies that are earmarked for Religious Education; perhaps sponsor scholarships for high school students, but not necessarily those who are college bound was one idea - to be continued.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) Upcoming "events" include: two Ash Wednesday services on February 14, free soup lunch will be available after worship on Sundays, Nursing Care Services on March 18, Palm Sunday Service on March 25, a Maundy Thursday Service and Communion at 7 pm on March 29, and Easter Sunday Service on April 1; 2) Lenten Devotionals and Easter/Palm Sunday Bulletins were chosen by the Committee; 3) Lenten banners have been hung; and 4) No Holy Humor Sunday Service (April 8) is scheduled for this year.

No Report: Constitution & By-Law, Finance, Historian, Nominating, Women's Fellowship

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. A. Mollema made a Proposal that would approve voted changes in signing checks. J. Welch made the motion for said changes; M Harness seconded. Motion carried.
2. The computer in the Treasurer's office is very old and is not going to be functional much longer. A. Mollema asked that the Council approve the purchase of a Lenovo IdeaPad in the amount of \$779.00 to come out of the Baird Account. L. Neuhardt made a motion to approve the purchase; J. Welch seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

2018 Council Members

Nora Bungard: Assistant Financial Secretary, Worship

Rob Burch

Myra Elias: Council Chair, Investment, Missions, Nominating, Outreach, Personnel, Property

Andrea Frost: Investment Representative, Finance, Investment, Property

Judy Grant: Outreach

Mary Ann Harness: Council Vice-Chair, Personnel, Worship

Bill Hirschfeld: Religious Ed.

Leslie McElduff

Andy Mollema: Treasurer, Finance, Memorials, Outreach

Larry Neuhardt

Ann Osborn: Clerk, Worship

Kelly Ottinger: Assistant Treasurer, Finance

Mary Reed, Property, Women's Fellowship, Finance, Property

Judy Welch: Finance Secretary, Finance Chair, Worship

2018 Committees & Members

Constitution/By-Laws: Mary Ann Harness*

Finance: Financial Secretary^-Judy Welch*#, Investment-Andrea Frost, Memorial Committee^-Bill Frostic, Treasurer^-Andy Mollema, Asst. Treasurer: Kelly Ottinger, Women's Fellowship^-Mary Reed, Member^ at Large: Denis Crosby, Myra Elias

Investment: Treasurer^-Andy Mollema, Jim Buzzell, Denis Crosby, Myra Elias, Andrea Frost *#^, Sharon Grajcar

Memorial: Bill Frostic#, Molly Frostic

Missions: Myra Elias*, Hugh Hessler#, Susan Lavender, Robin MacKenzie, Paul Osborn, Signe Ruddy

Nominating: Council President^-Myra Elias*#, Pastor-Dinah Haag, Member at Large-_____

Outreach: Mary Bateman, Al Bryant, Kathy Crosby, Myra Elias, Judy Grant*, Julie Hirschfeld, Andy Mollema#, Donna Phillips

Personnel: Council Chair^-Myra Elias#, Vice Chair^-Mary Ann Harness*, Member at Large^:_____

Property: Jim Buzzell, Denis Crosby, Myra Elias, Andrea Frost*#, Bill Frostic, Jim MacKenzie, Tom Osborn, Mary Reed

Religious Education: Becky Addis#, All Sunday School Teachers, (Bill Hirschfeld*)

Worship: Rosemary Abbett, Al Bryant, Nora Bungard, Mary Ann Harness, Ann Osborn*, Julie Robinson#, Judy Welch



Thank You

All those who host our fellowship time after Worship. It has that element of entertainment, but it's really a ministry: allowing folks time to get to know others that they don't know, to catch up on "news," and to actually "be" the family of Christ.

Bill Hirschfeld for another great set of Bible studies on difficult parables. It's good to have our understandings challenged and broadened in ways that are respectful and inspiring. You are, indeed, a scholar and a gentleman.

Naomi Kolehmainen, Jim and Robin MacKenzie for so faithfully cleaning up after Coffee Fellowship most weeks. It's so above and beyond the call of duty, and it is greatly appreciated!

March is

First Congregational Church's Committee Appreciation Month

We give all of our committee members a huge "thank you" for your time and energy in keeping our church going strong and helping to build our church family and community!

*With
Thanks*



- To Grandma & Grandpa Nostrandt on the birth of their granddaughter, Abrianna Quinn Nostrandt, born 1/9/18, 7 lbs. 8 oz. Parents are Janelle Jensen and Bradford Nostrandt.
- Walker Schindler on receiving the Frankfort Panthers Snowcoming King crown! That's cool – pun intended.
- Jim & Robin MacKenzie's goalie grandson, Carson, played 4 of 5 games last weekend, Their team won the District 6 Championship!
- Maureen Penfold-McCool for being named the #3 agent for Remax of Michigan for the third consecutive year
- Addison and Owen Chownyk for achieving all As on their last report card! Way to go!
- Addie Chownyk has also been the Frankfort girls basketball team manager this last part of the season, working out with the girls, shooting and running drills. Very impressive, Addie!



Easter Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils Order Form



Once again, we are offering the opportunity to order Easter Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips to enhance our Easter Sunday Worship Service. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person, or "just because". After Worship on Easter Sunday, you are encouraged to take your flower home or you may leave it at church. (Leftover plants will find good homes.) Please send or phone in your order to the church by **Friday, March 16**, so that we may order the correct number. Thank you!

Number of plants: ___ Easter Lilies @ \$7.00 ea. ___ Tulips @ \$7.00 ea.
 ___ Daffodils @ \$7.00 ea.

In loving memory/honor of

Given by

Al's Academy

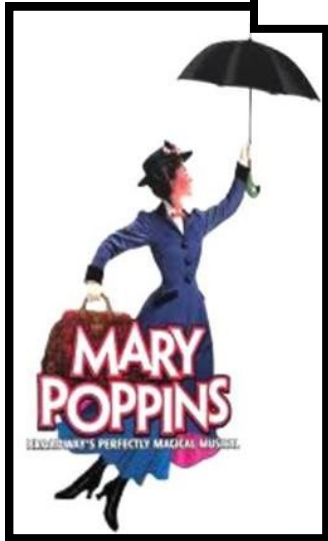
Michigan Eccentrics: "The Good, The Bad & The Mad"

March 14, 2018
5:30 p.m. Dinner (free)
6:00 p.m. Program



Not your typical household names:

Brace Beemer, Charles Crippen,
Fredrick Frieszke, Annie Edson Taylor,
James Wright Gordon, John Shipherd,
Vincent Damon Furnier
But unforgettable oddity.



Benzie Central
High School
Drama
Department
Proudly presents

Mary Poppins

Friday, March 16th,
7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March
17th, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 18th,
2:00 p.m.

Adults \$12, Students \$6
Tickets available at mynorthtickets.com

"Anything can happen if you let it"
-Mary Poppins

Correspondence



We received a lovely thank you letter from Kelly Ottinger, Fundraising Coordinator of BACN, for an aggregate donation amount of \$2,510.00 in 2017.

This money helped to provide food, basic toiletry needs, bedding and pillows, clothing and special needs such as eyeglasses and home weatherization kits which helped to save on winter heating expenses, just to name a few.

Please Remember in Prayer

The A&W
Liz Acklin
Julie Barrera
Alex Bonderenko
Rob Burch
Teri Carlson
Susie Carter
Ruddy Chapman
Will Colby
JB Collingsworth
Peggy Crosby
Dr. DeGuia
Waldo Haag
Dick Haan
Blair Hannah
Pat Hessler
Bill & Julie Hirschfeld
David Kinney
Daniel Kinney
Rich Long
Doug Luther
Dave Lyon
Jessie MacKenzie
Kim McKenzie
Debbie McKnight
Tom Mountz
Signe Olsen
Lisa, Luc & Dakota
Parriott
Marilyn Payne

Ron Phillips
Marjorie Porter
Mary Reed
Serenity Schulz
Penny Szczechowski
Gladys Wilson
Ella Whiting

Military:

Matthew Conrad
Cheyenne Dubois
Mike Kinney
Mike Porter
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

The Families of:

Phil Hoyt
Joyce Kittleson
Fran Larson

Senior Living:

The Maples
Jan Condon

Orchard House

Gordon Banks
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland

The Homesteader

Moore Peregrine




Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

at Geno's in Thompsonville &
Stormcloud in Frankfort
on Tuesday, March 6th
and 10% of your dinner
bill will be donated to
BACN.



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March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland	2 9:30 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt Jake Reed	3
4 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, & Sunday School Rob Burch	5 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class  Carmyn Brodbent	6 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Jimmy Kolehmainen	7 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 4:00 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	9 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Katherine Johnson	10
11 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship & Sunday School	12 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Gavin MacKenzie	13 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Scott Harrison	14 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	16 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Ginny Bowman Mary Reed	17  <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>
18 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 & 2:45 p.m. Nursing Care Worship Services Susie Hughes	19 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Sandy Campbell	20 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Andrea Robinson & Branden Valentine	21 9:30 a.m. Human Services Coll. 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Al's Academy 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	22 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	23 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Dale Herscher	24 Reagan Clevenger Cheryl Acklin & James Daniel
25 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Worship & Sunday School Palm Sunday Peyton Koenig	26 Dan Gill	27 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class	28 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Helen Lautenbach 9	29 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship	30 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Good Friday	31 Billie Beyette Marvelee Kneisel



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St. Patrick



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Date	Sunday School Teachers	Greeters/Ushers <i>Head Usher:</i> <i>Linda Schweyer</i>	Coffee Fellowship
4	Rob Burch	Mary Ann Harness, Ann Osborn Sue King, Leslie McElduff	Schulz's
11	Will Church	Denis Crosby, Larry Neuhardt Jim & Robin MacKenzie	Mollema's
18	Naomi Kolehmainen	Lori Dougherty, Donna Phillips Mary Reed, Signe Ruddy	Elias'
25	Julie Hirschfeld	Chris & Marjorie Porter Linda & David Schweyer	Henry's