

Steepleviews

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March
2019

Birthdays &
Anniversaries

- 01 Jocelyn Lepke
Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell
Dan Nostrandt
Jake Reed
- 03 Chuck Henry
- 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
Linda Schweyer
- 31 Billee Beyette
Marvelee Kneisel

Catch These Coming Events!

- Mar 5 Dine out for BACN
- Mar 6 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 10 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 20 Al's Academy: Russians
Romanovs & Rebellion
- Mar 29 Vietnam Veterans Day

March 6,
2019

Please join
us for our
Worship
Services
with Ashes
at 12:30 &
6:45 p.m.



Time to set
your clocks
ahead one hour
before
going to bed on
Saturday,
March 9th.

Pastor's Page

There are reasons that people read “the classics.” Good words that resonate and touch the heart and mind are timeless and have truly changed the world. When I read the March newsletter article from the Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, I knew there were a lot of good words that fit that “timeless” category, in terms of spirituality. And rather than try to change them enough to call them my own, I decided to call Rev. Anne and ask her permission to share her wisdom.

With Lent starting next week, we have some forty days to be intentional about the time we have, time that we can turn aside from the weather and politics and health concerns and work and whatever else occupies so much of our brain time, and think about that which is Eternal, is Ultimate and Love.

Forty is the Bible’s growth number. Not always growth in ways that are easy or necessarily pleasant, but definitely growth that can become worthy and of great value. It’s also a short enough time that we don’t necessarily get overwhelmed by the enormity of such a block of time.

Forty days of exercise, not doing something, doing something, repetition or doing nothing at all is something that can be helpful to most any person. But to Christians, these forty days of Lent are opportunistic.

Too often people think of Lent as a negative time, one of darkness and heaviness. But the word “Lent” actually means spring! For Christians it is the final preparation for blossoming into the full life of summer, preparing our hearts and souls for the full life of Easter.

(With thanks to Rev. Anne,)

There are many ways we can turn inward and seek God. Here are some options:

- 1) Downloading an app like “Pray as You Go” to listen to each day.
- 2) Using scripture to create a word or phrase that you repeat throughout the day.
- 3) Attending worship faithfully.
- 4) Taking something on, like volunteering or making phone calls to the lonely and homebound.
- 5) Giving something up, like taking technology Sabbaths – not using cell phones, etc., for a specified time – and using the time for prayer, journaling, Bible reading or just being with God.
- 6) Fasting from hate, anger and resentments.
- 7) Walking in the woods to observe how the landscape may or may not be like your inner landscape. Listen for God.
- 8) Taking up a practice with your family in which you participate together.

So go do something different, something good and helpful for your soul over the course of this forty day Lenten season. You could even start on Ash Wednesday! And get ready, because it may still be winter, but Spring is coming! Pastor Dinah



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, April 5, 2019**. Thank you!

Number of plants:

_____ Easter Lilies @ \$9.00 ea. _____ Tulips @ \$7.99 ea. _____ Daffodils @ \$7.99 ea.

In loving memory/honor of

Given by _____



Al's Academy

Wednesday, March 20th

Free Dinner at 5:30 Talk commencing at 6:00

A century ago Europe was in turmoil, but no place more so than Russia. Between a disastrous war, and an ineffective monarch, the time was rife for revolution. Unfortunately one of the most tragic aspects was the execution of the Romanov family. Between abdication, house arrest (first for their own protection and then as dangerous prisoners) and their final murder it serves as Greek tragedy played out on a world stage. We will talk about their final fate and the search for their remains (including the "missing Grand Duchess Anastasia," who wasn't missing at all.) Rasputin may even arise in conversation. Join us for a different program on the last Czar of Imperial Russia.



**Dine Out For
Benzie Area
Christian Neighbors**

at Bradley's Pub & Grill in Interlochen
& Lucky Dog Bar & Grill
in Beulah on Tuesday,
March 5th and 10% of
your dinner bill will be
donated to BACN.



March Aquamarine Birthstone

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FCCF Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2019

The **Minutes** from the January 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report Andy Mollema

1. Offerings for the month of January totaled: **\$ 4,357.53**
2. Expenses for the month of January totaled: **\$ 8,213.27**
3. Carryover for the month of January: **\$-3,855.74**

Following a review of the Report, there were a couple of questions and the Treasurer's Report was then accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch - There was one memorial in honor of Doug Ehle.

Finance: Judy Welch - See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost/Andy Mollema - As the Congregation voted for a 6% allocation from the Baird Funds for 2019, down from the 10% in 2018. There was a reminder that we keep this in mind with any spending from those committees which benefit from this allocation.

Missions: Andy Mollema - This account remains fully funded. Paul Osborn agreed to report for this Committee beginning in March.

Nominating: Myra Elias - Our new Council members, Paul Osborn and Kim Scripps, were welcomed.

Property: Dinah Haag for Andrea Frost - 1) A new computer (Lenovo) has been ordered for the administrative assistant's office, in the amount of \$900.00; and 2) Two cabinets (\$200.00 each) will be ordered from IKEA to be placed at the bottom of the side doors in place of the existing table. Arrangements for pickup from a downstate store will be made.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - 1) Sunday School is going well; and 2) Bill will be doing a Bible Study during Lent, the date still to be determined. Committee beginning in March.

Women's Fellowship: no report; Kim Scripps agreed to report for this group.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) In place of Lenten Devotionals, a short piece will be printed in the Sunday bulletins during Lent; 2) Eco-palms, which are more environmentally friendly, will be purchased this year for the first time; 3) The four-paneled banners will be hung in the Sanctuary for Lent; and 4) Ash Wednesday services on March 6 will be at 12:30 and 6:45 p.m.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - Report submitted, with a reminder that Al's Academy about the Frontenac Hotel will be on February 20, presented by the Historical Society.

No Reports: Constitution and By-Laws, Outreach, Personnel

No Unfinished or New Business



Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, provided more than 10.6 million shoeboxes in 2018. The shoebox gifts were sent to 112 countries and territories around the world. Local churches invite shoebox recipients to learn more about Jesus through a 12-lesson program that God is using to share God's word and more than 2.77 million children graduated from The Greatest Journey in 2018. New generations of children are hearing about Jesus through Operation Christmas Child. Volunteers make it all happen. More than 9,000 volunteers are dedicated year-round to encouraging people in their communities to participate in this wonderful journey. These volunteers put their love, excitement, and prayer into helping send shoebox gifts to these children around the world.



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* Council Representative
Committee Chair

italics - have been on that committee in the past

Council Reporters

Constitution & By-Laws: Mary Ann Harness
Finance & Stewardship: Judy Welch
Investment: Andrea Frost
Memorials: Judy Welch
Missions: Andy Mollema
Nominating: Myra Elias
Outreach: Judy Grant/Myra Elias
Personnel: Myra Elias
Property: Andrea Frost
Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld
Women's Fellowship: Kim Scripps
Worship: Ann Osborn

Constitution/ By-Laws

Mary Ann Harness *

Finance/ Stewardship

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

Investment:

Treasurer: Andy Mollema
Jim Buzzell
Denis Crosby
Myra Elias
Andrea Frost *#
Bill Frostic
Sharon Grajcar

Memorial

Bill Frostic #
Molly Frostic
Judy Welch*

Nominating

Council President: Myra Elias *#
Pastor: Dinah Haag
Member at Large: Larry Neuhardt

Outreach

Mary Bateman
Al Bryant
Kathy Crosby
Myra Elias
Judy Grant *
Julie Hirschfeld
Andy Mollema #
Kelly Ottinger
Donna Phillips

Personnel

Council Chair: Myra Elias #
Vice Chair: Mary Ann Harness *
Member at Large: Andy Mollema
Member at Large: Larry Neuhardt

Property

Jim Buzzell
Myra Elias
Andrea Frost *
Bill Frostic #
Jim MacKenzie
Tom Osborn
Mary Reed

Religious Education

Becky Addis #
Sunday School Teachers
Bill Hirschfeld *

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Al Bryant
Nora Bungard
Mary Ann Har-
ness #
Leslie McElduff
Ann Osborn *#
Julie Robinson
Judy Welch

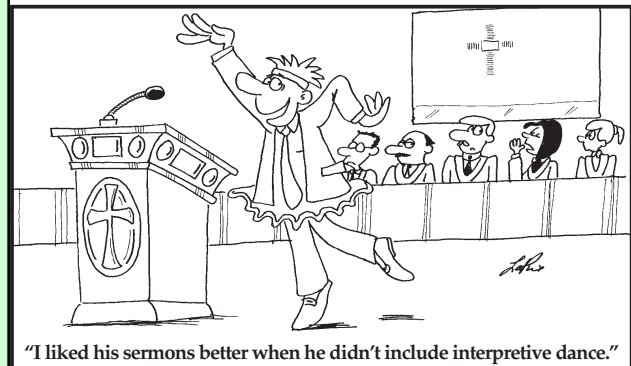
Missions

Myra Elias
Hugh Hessler
Susan Lavender
Robin MacKenzie
Paul Osborn
Signe Ruddy
Andy Mollema*

Because there was an extra page in the newsletter this month....

Lenten Feasting and Fasting

Fast from gossip;
Feast on the Gospels. Fast from junk foods;
Feast on the Bread of Life. Fast from bad news;
Feast on "The Good News." Fast from darkness;
Feast on the Light.
Fast from the secular; Feast on the sacred.
Fast from despair;
Feast on hope.
Fast from revenge;
Feast on forgiveness. Fast from tears of sorrow;
Feast on tears of joy.
Fast from getting;
Feast on giving.
Fast from complexities; Feast on simplicities.
Fast from horror;
Feast on humor.
Fast from listlessness; Feast on laughter.
—Rev. James A. Gillespie, Monongahela, PA.

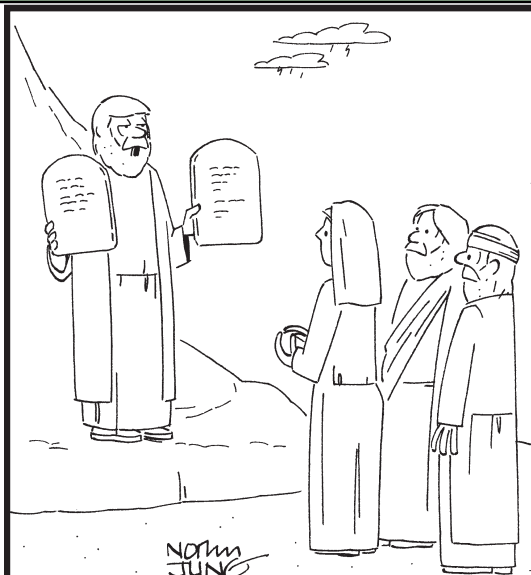


"I liked his sermons better when he didn't include interpretive dance."

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St. Patrick's Day Blessing

I wish you not a path devoid of clouds,
Nor a life on a bed of roses.
Nor that you should never feel pain. My wish for you is:
That you might be brave in times of trial, when others lay crosses upon your shoulders.
When mountains must be climbed and chasms crossed,
When hope scarce shines through. When every gift God gave you might grow along with you, And let you give the gift of joy to all who care for you.
That you might always have a friend who is worth that name, Who will defy the storms of life by your side.
That in every hour of joy and pain, you may be close to God."
—Author unknown via Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, Apple Seeds



"He said to take these two tablets and call him in the morning."

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Thank You

Congratulations!

- Robin, Robbie, Freddie and Jim MacKenzie for repotting the Mother-In-Law Tongue plant in the sanctuary. Hopefully it will be happier and add even more "life" to our services.
- Myra Elias and Leslie McElduff for making dinner for Al's Academy. It was delicious and thanks to Al Bryant for arranging for the really interesting presentation on the Hotel Frontenac.
- The ladies that changed out the dining room decorations. It's always fun to see your results.
- We want to give a big thank you to Bob & Sue King for updating the church's First Aid Kit. And as Sue said, they "dressed it up" beautifully with all the various requirements needed in a first aid kit.
- Luke Reed was chosen as an MIAA Athlete of the Week for the week of competition ending on January 27, 2019. The awards are nominated by coaches following one week of competition, and selected by a panel of MIAA Sports Information Directors, including the MIAA Director of Media Relations. Luke won the 3000m run at the Defiance College Invitational Jan. 26, crossing the line in 9:29.82. Reed beat the 13-runner field by six seconds and posted a personal best by seven seconds; it was also his first career indoor track win.



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!

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Liz Acklin
Ed Baldwin
Nena Bonderenko
Judy Calhoun
Sue Chandler
June Coolman
Denis Crosby
Sherry Gigous & Home
Liz Gottlieb
Peggy Harban
Carrie Hessler-Radelet
Pat Hessler
Allen Hosko
Veronica Jamros
Shirley Kerr
Becky Kleyn
Robert Knop
Linda Krapper
Betty Kroft
Jim Lalas
Lois Martindale
Michelle Master
Kevin McClure
George McHugh
Leslie McElduff
Andy Mollema
Elaine Peterson
Ron Phillips
Linda Schweyer
Donna Steward
Randy Straugh

Edna Teatro
Betty Webb
Norma Weeringa

The Families of

Maxine Hansen
Phil Hill
Bob Hubbard
Ann Kulas
Bruce McKinnon, Sr.
Judy Murtaugh
Katie Reade
Marv Rosa
Don Samardich
Joel Stratton
Reese Watkins

Senior Living:

Orchard House
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland
The Homesteader
Moore Peregrine
The Maples
Jan Condon
Danielle Gardner

Military

Matthew Conrad
Cheyenne Dubois
Mike Kinney
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy




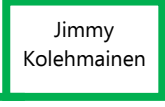

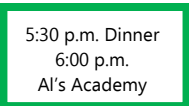





Our Deepest Condolences to the Families of

Rianne Bruinsma, Maxine Hansen,
Bob Hubbard and Bruce McKinnon,

We grieve with you in your losses and look forward with you to that day when we will join your loved one in eternity. God bless you richly on this part of your journey.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i></p>					1 Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland	2 Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt Jake Reed
3 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School Chuck Henry	4 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Rob Burch	5 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes  Carmen Brodbent	6 12:30 p.m. Service of Ashes 1:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 6:45 p.m. Service of Ashes  7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7 9:30 a.m. Yoga 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg.  Jimmy Kolehmainen	8 Julie Grant	9 Katherine Johnson
10 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  Daylight Savings Begins	11 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Susie Hughes	12 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. Gavin MacKenzie	13 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Scott Harrison	14 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Min. Assoc. Mtg. 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI	15 1:00 p.m. Personnel Mtg. Genny Bowman Mary Reed	16
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24 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 & 2:45 p.m. Nursing Care Worship	25 6:00 p.m. MOBBI  Reagan Clevenger Cheryl Acklin & James Daniel	26 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes  Peyton Koenig Dan Gill	27 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	28 9:30 a.m. Yoga 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes Helen Lautenbach Linda Schweyer	29 Vietnam Veteran's Day  Honoring all who served Veterans day	30
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Greeters	9	17	Dave & Linda Schweyer Jill Smeltzer, Alma House	Becky Addis
Prayer List	7	24	Leslie McElduff, Chris Porter Betty & Fred Milliron	Julie Hirschfeld
Congratulations & Thank You's	7			
Ushers	9	31	Bill Hirschfeld, Cheryl Acklin Jim & Robin MacKenzie	Jun MacKenzie