

# Steepleviews

First Congregational Church of Frankfort  
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## March 2020 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 01 Jocelyn Lepke  
Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell  
Dan Nostrandt  
Jake Reed
- 03 Chuck Henry
- 04 Rob Burch
- 05 Carmyn Brodbent  
Dennis & Kris Richards
- 06 Jimmy Kolehmainen
- 07 Julie Grant
- 09 Katherine Johnson  
Amy Schindler
- 12 Gavin MacKenzie  
Kris Richards
- 13 Scott Harrison  
David Schweyer
- 16 Mary Reed
- 18 Susie Hughes
- 19 Sandy Campbell
- 20 Andrea Robinson &  
Brandon Valentine
- 21 Cheryl Acklin &  
James Daniel
- 23 Dale Herscher
- 24 Reagan Clevenger
- 25 Peyton Koenig
- 28 Helen Lautenbach  
Linda Schweyer
- 31 Billee Beyette  
Marvelee Kneisel

## Catch These Coming Events

- March 3 Dine Out for BACN
- March 6 The Gathering at Judy Welch's
- March 8 Daylight Saving Time
- March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 18 Al's Academy: Chaplin & Keaton
- March 29 Vietnam Veteran's Day

## Holy Week

April 5th thru April 11th



## SPRING FORWARD

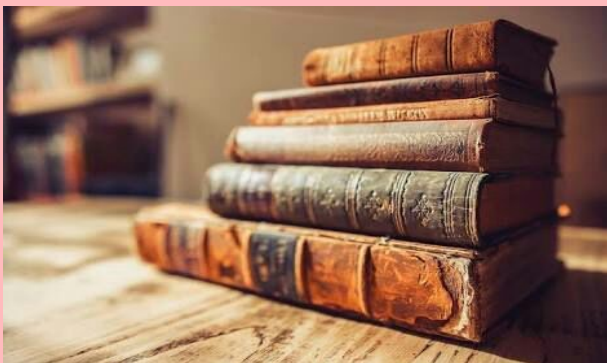
March 8, 2020



# Pastor's Page

## Six Little Stories with Lots of Meanings

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and we have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's birth was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience. That is attitude.



## Note About Financial Giving

Know that any plea for funds would not come through email alone. Or through snail mail alone. If the situation should ever come about for substantial fundraising, we will let you know through more than one source.

E-giving can be set up to go through designated monthly bank deductions.



# The Gathering

Will take place at  
Judy Welch's Home  
324 Forest Ave., Frankfort

Friday, March 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share, your own beverage  
and gather with the rest of us  
for a fun get together.



**AI's Academy Returns**  
**Come for (a free) dinner**  
**At 5:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and**  
**stay for the Academy at 6:00.**  
**The evening's topic(s) will be**  
**Charlie Chaplin and**  
**Buster Keaton.**

WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU  
LEMONS, MAKE PEOPLE  
SNOW CHAIRS.



Some Short Videos That May Be of General Interest

During the gray and dark months in Michigan or the bright lighted places of yonder, here are some things that might pique your interest and maybe even make a cause to say, "Cool!" (All are Youtube videos and G rated!)

Music at Mount Vernon: A Replica of the Washington Family Harpischord  
(jwpepper1876)

Adam Ben Ezra - Flamenco (Pin Drop / Live Session)

"Piano Lessons" Comedy By Chonda Pierce  
(one of Pastor Dinah's favorites)

# Council Meeting Minutes

## FCCF Council Minutes February 12, 2020

First in the order of business was to welcome Hugh Hessler and Jim MacKenzie to this year's Council.

The Minutes from the January 8 meeting were reviewed with one question noted under Unfinished Business. Following explanation, the Minutes were approved as presented.

### Treasurer's Report:

- |                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Offerings for January:     | \$5,017.00  |
| 2. Budgeted expenses totaled: | \$9,163.93  |
| 3. Carryover YTD:             | -\$2,681.39 |

### Committee Reports

Finance: Refer to Treasurer's Report

Investment: As of February 11, Stocks totaled \$413,857.00; Bonds totaled \$275,975.00; the total in the Baird Investment Fund: \$689,832.00.

Constitution & By-Laws: No report, but the By-Laws will be reviewed in the coming year for any wording/verbiage that might need updating.

Missions: This account remains fully funded

Outreach: 1) A check was given to BACN for purchasing kids' clothing. 2) The next Gathering will be hosted by Judy Welch on March 6th. 3) An upcoming sleigh ride event is in the works. 4) The Committee will continue to provide meals to those church worshippers who are in need.



Property: The many future projects discussed were: 1) Bids for spring and summer lawn maintenance, 2) The Sanctuary storm windows, 3) The main boiler is rusting and showing signs of deterioration. Exploration of potential cost is beginning. 4) The Pantry floor will need replacing. Repairs already completed: Choir speaker and choir robe doors. New homes were found for the metal media shelf (BACN) and the wooden display case (Benzie Historical Museum).

Women's Fellowship: The final amount in proceeds from the Silver Tea totaled \$1,114.00.

Worship: 1) Lenten devotionals, as well as devotionals for the children, were chosen. 2) Our banners will be inventoried and photos will be taken for a record of what we have. 3) Upcoming events include: Ash Wednesday Services at noon and 7:00 p.m. on February 26. Communion served on Palm Sunday, April 5. Maundy Thursday Service with the Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, and Easter Sunday Service on April 12. 4) The Committee is gathering possible names to add to the monthly head usher list.

Pastor's Report: Report submitted.

Unfinished Business: All items under Unfinished Business in January's Minutes were completed.

New Business: None

No Reports: Memorials, Nominating, Personnel, Religious Ed

Larry Neuhardt, Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 4:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

# 2020 Committees & Members

\* Council Representative  
# Committee Chair  
*italics - have been on that committee in the past*

## Council Reporters

Constitution & By-Laws: Jim MacKenzie  
Finance & Stewardship: Judy Welch  
Investment: Chairperson Andrea Frost  
Memorials: Judy Welch  
Missions: Paul Osborn  
Nominating: Larry Neuhardt  
Outreach: Myra Elias  
Personnel : Larry Neuhardt  
Property: Andrea Frost/Myra Elias  
Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld  
Women's Fellowship: Kim Scripps  
Worship: Ann Osborn

## Constitution & By-Laws

Jim MacKenzie \*

## Finance/ Stewardship

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

## Investment:

Treasurer: Rob Burch  
Jim Buzzell  
Andrea Frost \*#  
Bill Frostic  
Sharon Grajcar

## Memorial

Bill Frostic #  
Molly Frostic  
Judy Welch\*

## Nominating

Council President: Larry Neuhardt  
Pastor: Dinah Haag  
Member at Large: \_\_\_\_

## Outreach

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

## Personnel

Council Chair: Larry Neuhardt\*  
Member at Large: Myra Elias  
Member at Large: Mary Ann Harness

## Property

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

## Religious Education

Becky Addis #  
Sunday School Teachers  
Bill Hirschfeld \*

## Worship

Rosemary Abbett  
Al Bryant  
Nora Bungard  
Mary Ann Harness #  
Leslie McElduff  
Ann Osborn #\*  
Julie Robinson

## Missions

Myra Elias  
Hugh Hessler  
Robin MacKenzie  
Paul Osborn\*

# 2020 Council Members of First Congregational Church

## Treasurer

Rob Burch 2/18  
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## Clerk

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## Finance Secretary

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## Asst. Fin. Secretary

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## Feb. 1, 2020-Jan. 31, 2023

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Jim MacKenzie 2/20  
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Larry Neuhardt 2/17, 2/20  
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- Those who come to church in separate cars. While it surely means extra effort and expense on your part, it is greatly appreciated in the ongoing programs and things we can do at the church.
- Bill Frostic for getting the choir speaker going again. It's nice to hear.
- Mary Ann Harness and Ann Osborn for inventorying the banners.
- Jim and Robin MacKenzie for hanging the Lenten banners in the sanctuary. They are beautiful and look great along with the Crown of Thorns plant.



**Letter from the Benzie Historical Society**

Dear Dinah,  
 Thank you so much for contributing the Maple display case to the Museum. We will be "rotating" our use of it in our exhibits and it will be ideal to exhibit jewelry and other small collectibles. It was quite thoughtful of you to donate to us, and we're very grateful. With gratitude

**Barb Mott,  
 Executive Director.**



**Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors**

at Dinghy's in Frankfort & Geno's in Thompsonville on Tuesday, March 3rd & 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN.

**A Note from BACN**

Hunger is most often what brings people to BACN, and from there they learn of other ways they can receive the help that may stabilize their family budget. In 2019, our church gave a total of \$3,070. Our financial gifts represent enough funds to have the following impacts on our neighbors;

- Enough food to supplement the weekly grocery budget for 50 families
- Propane fills that kept five households safely warm
- Car repairs for three families, to allow for safe transportation



**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!



## An Art Collaborative

Come to explore  
your own true creative spirit!

What art or activity might bring you to a peaceful place, your peaceful place. Knitting, crocheting, embroidery, painting, drawing, cooking, singing, etc., etc. fa

Come for sharing and creating

Tuesday, March 24th 11:00 a.m. until noon.

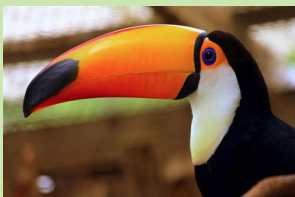
I will bring lots of paper, markers, paints and pencils. Questions? Contact Signe Ruddy  
lavenderlingonberry@yahoo.com

## What a Wonderful World!

A few months ago, that odd and goofy pastor at Frankfort

Congregational Church was struck by the many different sorts of toucans there were in the world.

(How that happened is not even fully realized—her fascination with them.) So she started to collect some of the photos and is hoping to bring the to a tv screen near you on Sunday mornings—just ‘cuz.



## Please Remember in Prayer

### Prayer Concerns:

Eloise & Liz Acklin

Aaron Anderson

Ed Baldwin

Al Bryant

Nora Bungard

Bob Carter

John Chiotti

Denis Crosby

Myra Elias

Ben Evans

Alice Farr

Forrest family

Alan Hasko

Caleb Henry

Pat Hessler

Scott Johnson

Gaylord Jowett

Victoria Mekas

Dave Miller

Hannah Morris

Hella Morris

Carrie Newland

Ron Phillips

Elizabeth Harness-

Richardson

Julie & Paul Robinson

Ryan Ruddy

Matt Tuller

Gladys Wilson

### Military:

Dawn Bonderenko

Joe Cartwright

Mike Kinney

Tyler Kinney

Clark Robinson

Ryan Ruddy

### The Families of:

Susan Brewer

Pat Cole

Judy Curtis

Ford Forrester

Kim Gettings

John Marshall

Nancy Kasperzak

Faith Sanders

Linda Wade

Lola White

### Senior Living:

*Frankfort Senior Care*

Al Bryant

*Orchard House*

Pat Hessler

Susie Vigland

*The Homesteader*

Moore Peregrine

Bea Stone

*The Maples*

Karen Collins

Jan Condon

Gladys Wilson

ABOVE  
KNEE





# First Congregational Church of Frankfort March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland</p>	<p>2 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt Jake Reed</p>	<p>3 10:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah</p> <p>Dine Out For BACN</p> <p>Chuck Henry</p>	<p>4 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Rob Burch</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>11:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg.</p> <p>Carmyn Brodbent Dennis &amp; Kris Richards</p>	<p>6 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>6:00 p.m. The Gathering</p> <p>Jimmy Kolehmainen</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Julie Grant</p>
<p>8 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p> 	<p>9 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Katherine Johnson Amy Schindler</p>	<p>10 10:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Meeting</p>	<p>11 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Council Meeting</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>11:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Min. Association</p>	<p>13 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Scott Harrison David Schweyer</p> <p>Gavin MacKenzie Kris Richards</p>	<p>14 12:00 p.m. Dining Room &amp; Parlor Reserved</p>
<p>15 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p>16 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Mary Reed</p>	<p>17 10:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah</p> <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Al's Academy</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Susie Hughes</p>	<p>19 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>11:15 a.m.. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Sandy Campbell</p>	<p>20 8:30 a.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Andrea Robinson &amp; Brandon Valentine</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p>23 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Dale Herscher</p> <p>Reagan Clevenger</p> <p>Cheryl Acklin &amp; James Daniel</p>	<p>24 10:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>11:00 a.m. An Art Collaborative</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah</p>	<p>25 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collab.</p> <p>9:45 MOBBI</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Peyton Koenig</p>	<p>26 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>11:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p>	<p>27 8:30 a.m. MOBBI</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Helen Lautenbach Linda Schweyer</p>
<p>29 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>Vietnam Veterans Day</p>	<p>30 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Billie Beyette Marvelee Kneisel</p>				

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Calendar	9			
Council Minutes	4	15	Mary Reed, Larry Neuhardt David & Linda Schweyer	Cassie Henry
Greeters	10			
Prayer List	8	22	Molly & Scott Harrison Chris Porter, Leslie McElduff	Naomi Kolehmanien
Congratulations & Thank You's	7			
Ushers	10	29	Mary Ann Harness, Kathy Walthorn Jim & Robin MacKenzie	Julie Hirschfeld