

Steepleviews

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| 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 |

March 2021

Catch These Coming Events

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| March 14 | Daylight Savings Time |
| March 17 | Happy St. Patrick's Day |
| March 28 | Holy Week Begins |
| March 29 | Vietnam Veteran's Day |

March 28, 2021



Pastor's Page

Have you ever looked at a sidewalk that you've walked over a gazillion times and one day out of the blue, discovered a crack with a weed growing out of it? It didn't spring up over night, but you see it as if it were brand new. Today, February 24, I heard a passage from the second chapter of Philippians as if for the first time. I know I've read it a hundred times before because Philippians is one of my favorite books of the Bible. And yet, there it was—in the New Living Translation Version.

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ²Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Ph. 2:1-5

Philippians is the letter Paul wrote to the people in Philippi, encouraging them to keep on keeping on. But they may have well been words straight from Jesus' lips to us.

A recent Ministerial Association meeting found us discussing working with fractions and finding the lowest common denominator—the lowest number with a relationship to all the other numbers. The lowest common denominator for Christians is Christ's love and sacrifice.

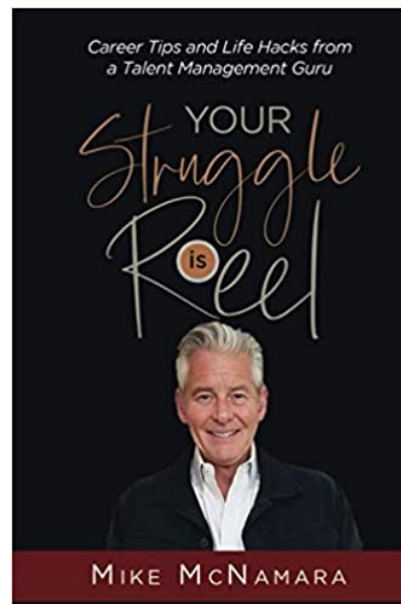
So often people think of the season of Lent as a time of dreariness and/or feigned piety. It's a serious time, certainly. But it is also a time to

explore the ramifications of belonging to Christ, what it means to work together with one mind and purpose and to take an interest in others.

One of the great parts of Lent is that we live in the 21st century, as people of the resurrection rather than people without hope. Lent is not the end of the story but the opportunity to stretch our faith in its practice, allowing for the maturation of faith that results in a confidence of discipleship that cannot be purchased or traded.

So don't run from what seems hard or disinteresting. You may be surprised by what grows up to bless you and untold numbers of others that see those virtues blossom in you.

Blessings on all of you this season, Pastor Dinah



There's a New Author Among Us...

Should you hire a talent agent? For the first time TV talent management guru Mike McNamara has put his insights

and industry best practices in a publication that answers all these questions. Available at your nearest Amazon website and able to be passed along to anyone contemplating a career in

**FCCF COUNCIL MINUTES
February 10, 2021**

The first order of business was the semi-annual report from Ed Schindler of RW Baird, the Church's investment firm.

The next order of business was a review of the January Council Meeting Minutes and the Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes. With no corrections noted, both copies of the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

Offerings for January:	\$10,498.07
Budgeted expenses for January:	7,192.59
YTD Carryover:	3,305.48

Committee Reports

Investment: Chris Porter – See Baird Report

Missions: Paul Osborn – This account remains fully funded.

Outreach: Dinah Haag for Kelly Ottinger –
1) Coffee's On Dinah at Your House (Zoom) continues through February; 2) Pastor Dinah will administer Ashes To Go from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 17; 3) Bill's Bible Study on Jonah is scheduled for February 18, at 7:00 p.m. both in person and via Zoom; and 4) Al's Academy (Women of the Wild West) is scheduled for February 25 at 7:00 p.m., in person and via Zoom. Also, Rob Burch will check into Prayers To Go, a service which is provided by a church in Grand Rapids.

Property: Myra Elias – 1) Discussion has begun on redecorating the Church Dining Room, beginning with painting the walls and hallway; 2) New flooring is needed in the storage room, as well as a new coat of paint for the walls; 3) The Committee

will look into the possibility of solar panels and will be talking with businesses who have installed them; 4) Jim Buzzell has been applying an undercoating paint to seal a leak stain in the balcony; and 5) The enhanced audio-visual situation is still a work in progress.

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) Communion was held on February 7th using the newly purchased Communion wafers and juice combo sets; 2) Ashes To Go is scheduled for Ash Wednesday between noon and 1:00 p.m.; 3) The purple Lenten banners will be hung in the Sanctuary for the Lenten season; and 4) Ideas for the celebration of the Lenten season will be further discussed at our March meeting.

Re-opening Ad Hoc Committee: This Committee is still functional until further notice.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted

Unfinished Business: Thank you acknowledgement of flowers for Andrea Frost in appreciation for all her contributions and work done for our church.

New Business: At today's meeting, February 10, 2021, Bill Hirschfeld made the motion for Council to approve the signatures and accounts as stated in the letter to the State Savings Bank (a copy of which was in the Council documents); Linda Schweyer seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved. Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk, will sign the official letter and it will be sent to the bank.

No Reports: Memorials, Constitution & By Laws, Nominating, Personnel, Religious Education and Women's Fellowship

Myra Elias, Council Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

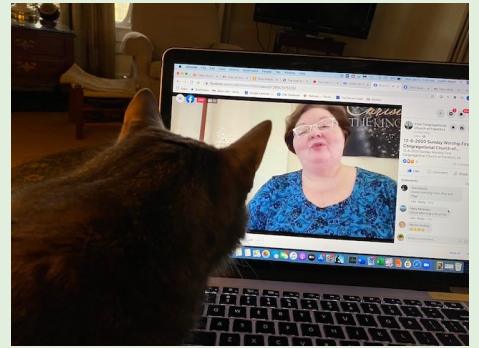
A New Zoom Trend



Otto Brown is a little shy!



Tessa Porter is cleaning her "Sunday Go to Meeting Coat"



I'm thinking Perch Welch is in love with our Pastor!



Myshka Grant seems a little enamored of the Pastor too!



Bentley Hirschfeld is paying rapt attention to the Pastor's Sunday Service!



Gracie Godsey is just peeking in!



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!!

FIND THE WORDS AND THE MYSTERY MESSAGE

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Answers on following page

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY!!

FIND THE WORDS AND THE MYSTERY MESSAGE

The crossword puzzle grid contains the following words:

- 1 Across: K A M R O C
- 2 Down: I A N B O W
- 3 Down: S R E C A N C E
- 4 Across: S O I C O
- 5 Across: M T U S C O S E
- 6 Across: E T U L T
- 7 Across: H O R S E S H O E S
- 8 Across: N E E B E E R
- 9 Down: S P I P E
- 10 Across: A H T
- 11 Across: I F I D D L E
- 12 Across: N E R I F R I E S
- 13 Across: T I E B O W T I E
- 14 Across: P E R E C H A U N
- 15 Across: A F L S H I R I
- 16 Across: T O P O T O G O L D
- 17 Across: R E E T I N G S
- 18 Across: I R E L A N D
- 19 Across: C L O V E R
- 20 Across: S T P A T R I C K
- 21 Across: S I G N P O S T
- 22 Across: D A R A P
- 23 Across: A B N N E R
- 24 Across: Y R I A F I

The letter 'K' in the top-left square (1,1) is highlighted in yellow and has a red arrow pointing to it.



Ashes To Go



Because of COVID-19 our "Ashes to Go" event brought about 20 people who appreciated being "ashed" so conveniently in front of the church.



Marian Preble

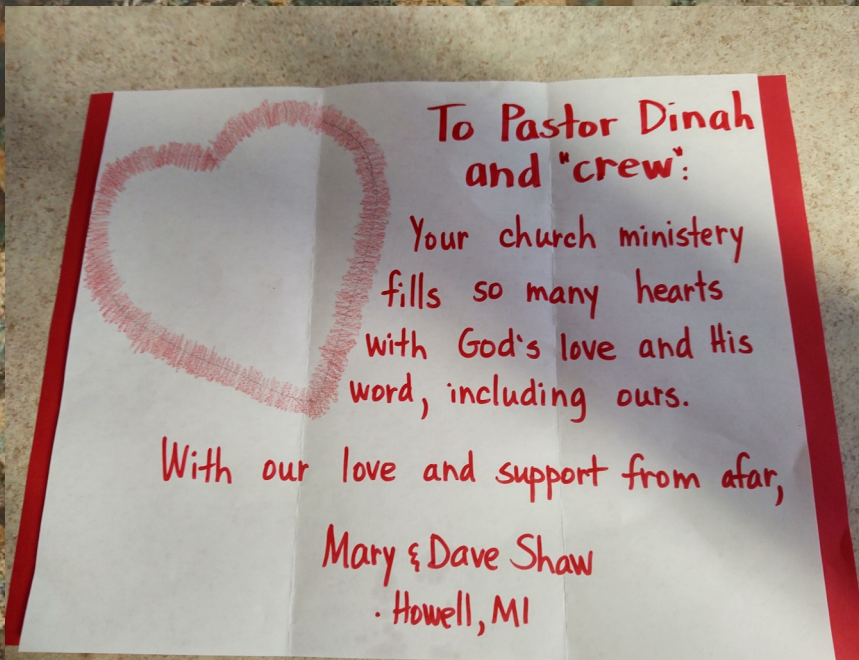
Marian Preble, a resident of the White Sands of La Jolla since 2000, passed away on January 21, 2021. Born



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and raised as a small town minister's daughter in Indiana, she will be remembered for love of music and talent playing many instruments, including piano, guitar, zither and flute. She also

enjoyed the fellowship and singing in the church choirs in the First Presbyterian Church in La Grange Illinois, the Congregational Church in Frankfort Michigan, and Palm Desert Presbyterian in California. Her other interests included stained glass, water colors and her membership in P.E.O.



A beautiful Valentine's Day letter from Mary & Dave Shaw



- Randy Johnson, Stapler Operator, aka Long-Arm Johnson. He helped our Administrative Assistant (his wife), Katherine, assemble the newest version of our By-Laws. And, he hung up a bulletin board in the Finance Office.
- Tucker Hubbard for sorting some choir music that wasn't sung last year and for clearing out the pantry for painting. Volunteering helps all of us!
- Jim Buzzell, Andy Micham & Myra Elias for painting the dining room and lower level hallway.



- Serenity Schulz is now an Award-winning published author!!! She won 1st Place in the student category for her poem "Luxury of the Dead" and the Horizon Books prize. The check and book arrived from the Traverse Area District Library.



Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Ed Baldwin
 Judy Benniger
 Alex Bonderenko
 Don Bonderenko
 Diane Brutzer
 David Burns
 Portia Butler
 Joel Buzzell
 Melissa Grant
 Molly Harrison
 Pat Hessler
 Jurian & Joel
 Gabe Kindl
 Gillian Kindl
 Mia Lamerson
 Kelly Olson
 Cindy Osborn
 Ron Phillips
 Todd Reed
 Signe Ruddy
 Dawn Schulz
 Josh Schulz
 Frank St. Onge
 Matt Tuller
 John Young

The Families of

Isabelle Knapp
 Marian Preble
 Tom Ryan

The Military

Mike Kinney
 Tyler Kinney
 Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living

The Homesteader

Bea Stone

The Maples

Karen Collins
 Gladys Wilson

Orchard House

Pat Hessler
 Susie Vigland




100 Women who Care of Benzie County

Even though they were not able to meet in person, the Benzie ladies banded together and

made sure a local non-profit had their support. Molly Harrison and Ann Henning presented an \$11,400.00 check to BACN Executive Director, Gerri Van Antwerp. The money will be used to fund the food pantry and assist with home heating needs in the Benzie County Community.

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March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>1</p> <p>Peace Corp Day</p> <p>Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah At Your House (Zoom)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting</p> <p>Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt Jake Reed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting</p> <p>Caregiver Appreciation Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Meeting</p> <p>Rob Burch</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Carmyn Brodbent Dennis & Kris Richards</p> <p>World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Jimmy Kolehmainen</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship</p> <p>Julie Grant</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah At Your House (Zoom)</p> <p>Katherine Johnson Amy Schindler</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Meeting</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Council Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Gavin MacKenzie Kris Richards</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Scott Harrison David Schweyer</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship</p> <p>Daylight Savings Ends</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ides of March Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah At Your House (Zoom)</p> <p>Mary Reed</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Al's Academy: (In Person & Zoom)</p> <p>Susie Hughes</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Sandy Campbell</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Proposal Day</p> <p>Andrea Robinson & Branden Valentine</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship</p> <p>Cheryl Acklin & James Daniel</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah At Your House (Zoom)</p> <p>Dale Herscher</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Human Services Collaborative</p> <p>Reagan Clevenger</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>Peyton Koenig</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>Helen Lautenbach Linda Schweyer</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00 a.m. (& 3:00) MOBBI</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Dinah At Your House (Zoom)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>World Backup Day</p> <p>Billee Beyette Marvelee Kneisel</p>			

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