

# Steepleviews

First Congregational Church of Frankfort  
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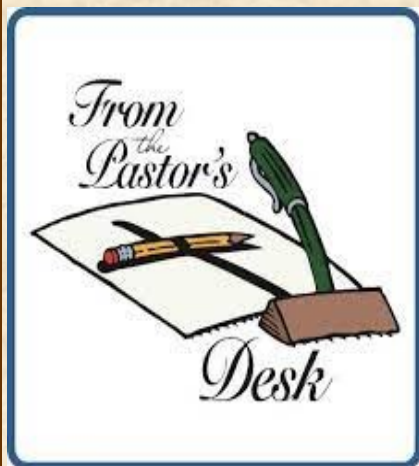


- 01 Jocelyn Lepke
- Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell
- Dan Nostrandt
- Jake Reed
- 03 Chuck Henry
- 04 Rob Burch
- 05 Carmyn Brodbent
- Dennis & Kris Richards
- 06 Jimmy Kolehmainen
- 07 Julie Grant
- 09 Katherine Johnson
- Amy Schindler
- 12 Gavin MacKenzie
- Kris Richards
- 13 Scott Harrison
- David Schweyer
- 16 Amelia Holmgren-Rath
- 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
- Jane & Roger Schultz
- 28 Helen Lautenbach
- Linda Schweyer
- 31 Billee Beyette
- Marvelee Kneisel

## March 2022

- Mar 2 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 13 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 17 Al's Academy –  
"The Sinking of the  
Eastland"  
Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 29 Vietnam Veterans Day





## A Message From Pastor Jim

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior,  
Jesus Christ!

When Pastor Dinah first approached me about serving First Congregational Church of Frankfort during her three-month sabbatical, I said Jan and I would get back to her. After sitting down in Dinah's office and discussing what she foresaw it would all entail, I agreed that I would accept the interim position. Being 80 years old and spending all of those 80 years worshipping as a Lutheran it was a bit scary to see myself presiding at worship in a Congregational Church. You all have been so accepting and welcoming that those fears have faded away. Thank You!

After my first Sunday, the Church Calendar took us into the Season of Epiphany. In this Season, revelations as to who Jesus is has become more apparent. Soon, on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, we begin our 40-day journey through the Season of Lent. The focus of this season will have us looking inward in an attempt to humbly acknowledge our sins, sincerely repent, and turn our lives more fully toward our Lord and His mission in this world.

It has been good for Jan and me to become newly-acquainted with so many wonderful individuals who are worshipping here. To be re-acquainted with others we have known for years but do not see often enough has been an additional blessing. It is apparent that your congregation has been blessed with dedicated and skilled leadership, all supported by so many caring and giving members. The ministry provided by First Congregational Church of Frankfort in our community and beyond shows forth that the Holy Spirit has been at work among you.

Jan and I look forward to being with you for another month though already knowing we will be missing you once this time together has ended.



# St Patrick's Day



Write the answers in the Crossword and the numbers in the boxes.

## Across

- 1 a musical instrument with strings
- 3 a Christian symbol
- 6 a container filled with coins
- 8 the colour people wear on 17<sup>th</sup> March in Ireland
- 9 a large musical instrument with strings stretched on a vertical frame
- 10 an alcoholic drink
- 11 the national emblem of Ireland
- 12 a cap
- 13 an animal with a long body and no legs
- 14 the third month of the year
- 15 a country in Western Europe

## Down

- 1 a piece of cloth with a special pattern, a symbol of Ireland
- 2 a half circle of bright colours that you see in the sky when rain and sun come together
- 5 the patron saint of Ireland
- 7 a small man with magic powers in Irish stories
- 9 a piece of curved iron that is attached with nails to the bottom of a horse's foot

# Council Minutes

## FCCF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2022

**Members present:** Hugh Hessler, Bob King, Jim MacKenzie, Ann Osborn, Chris Porter, Kris Richards, Linda Schweyer, Betty Webb, Judy Welch, with a welcome to our new Council members Sonia, Bob, Beth and Betty. **By Zoom:** Sonia Duffy & Beth McNamara, and Rob Burch. **Also visiting today:** Ed Schindler from RW Baird, former Council Chair Myra Elias, and our interim pastor, Rev. Jim Petteys.

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Linda Schweyer, at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Opening Prayer.

The Minutes from the January 12 Council Meeting and the January 23 Annual Meeting were reviewed and with no corrections noted, were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Burch

Offerings January totaled:	\$ 9,430.00
Expenses for January totaled:	11,487.29
YTD Carryover:	-1,914.83

A note from Rob regarding State Savings Bank fees: 1) There is a fee for direct deposit of \$200/per year which impacts the church's payroll; and 2) There is a transaction fee added beyond 100 items per month, per account which would probably not impact us. The church will absorb these bank fees. Rob also stated that all is well with the budget at this time but to keep an eye on the fluctuating market. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** Judy Welch – see Treasurer's Report

**Investment:** Chris Porter – the total of all Baird accounts, as of January 31, 2022 is: \$786,975.46.

**Missions:** Hugh Hessler— This account remains fully funded.

**Property:** Myra Elias, who is supervising the Parsonage redo, gave the following update: 1) The painting is

almost finished; 2) The flooring is in and waiting for pickup as soon as the painting is completed; 3) Cody Lamerson has replaced Steve Crouch (due to health reasons) and will continue rebuilding steps, replacing trim, caulking, etc.; and 4) A "shout out" to Kris Richards and Jim Buzzell who have volunteered their time to help with the painting. The project is coming in under budget and on time.

**Women's Fellowship:** A Council member is needed to replace Mary Reed for reporting.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn – 1) The mask update continues at least until the end of February; 2) Office hours continue for Rev. Petteys from 10 a.m. - 12 noon every Wednesday, and 3) Wednesday, March 2 is Ash Wednesday, and we will offer a service beginning at 12 noon with Rev. Petteys presiding.

**Unfinished Business:** Parsonage update – see Property Report

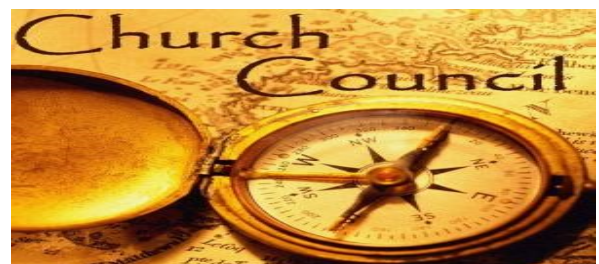
**New Business:** A Council Vice-Chair is needed. Judy Welch nominated Kris Richards; Linda Schweyer seconded the motion. By acclamation of all present, the nomination of Kris was approved, and she accepted the position.

**No Reports:** Memorials, Constitution & By-Laws, Nominating, Outreach, Personnel & Religious Education.

Linda Schweyer, Council Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 4:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn,  
Church Council Clerk







**From Benzie Area  
Christian Neighbors**

**Dear Dinah & Church Members  
Thank you for your generous support of  
BACN in 2021.**

For over 30 years, the work done at BACN is the legacy of what was initiated by our area churches. What began as a means of most efficiently getting food to hungry families has grown into today's food pantry and other array of services intended to help people work toward self-reliance.

The work continues, in partnership with our churches and communities as an example of Christ's love. For as we know (and so eloquently stated by Mahatma Gandhi), "When people are hungry, God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

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 2021, your church gave a total of \$2,580.00. Your financial gifts represent enough funds to have the following impacts on our Neighbors:

- Enough healthy food to supplement the weekly grocery budget for 50 families
- Propane fills allowing 3 households to stay safe and warm this winter
- Sets of new tires keeping 2 households safer on the road during our icy northern Michigan winter
- Prescription expenses for 6 senior citizens

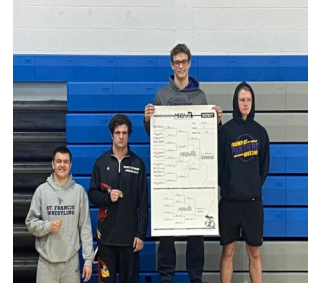
We are so grateful for the help you have given. Our area churches provide so much more than financial help, they help us be the hands and feet of Christ to Neighbors during challenging times.

In thanks for your partnership,  
Kelly Ottinger, Director of Development

# IMPRESSIVE!

BUT NOT SURPRISING. CONGRATULATIONS!

**To Tucker Hubbard  
who took first in  
weight class & who  
will go on to Regional  
Finals & to Ford Field  
in wrestling!!!**



A big shout out to the  
Frankfort District 2 Solo  
& Ensemble  
performers, especially  
Serenity Schulz—all  
earned First Division  
ratings—an A in school  
grade terms and  
qualified for State!



Congrats to Owen Chownyk on making all "A"  
in the second quarter of school. Way to go  
Owen!!!



*Congratulations  
on your new  
Grandchild!*

**Congratulations Mary Reed  
on your 11th Great Grandbaby  
Philip Reed Babiasz!!!**

## 2022 Council Members of First Congregational Church

### Treasurer

Rob Burch 2/18-present  
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### Finance Secretary

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## 2022 Committees & Members

\* Council Representative

# Committee Chair

<b>Council Reporters</b>	<b>Investment Committee</b>	<b>Personnel Committee</b>
Constitution & By-Laws:	Treasurer: Rob Burch	Council Chair: Linda Schweyer
Jim MacKenzie	Chris Porter *#	Member at Large: Kris Richards
Finance & Stewardship: Judy Welch	Bill Frost	Member at Large: Molly Harrison
Investment: Chris Porter, Chair	Sharon Grajcar	
Memorials: Judy Welch	Scott Harrison	
Missions: Hugh Hessler	<b>Memorial Committee</b>	<b>Property Committee</b>
Nominating: Linda Schweyer: #*	Bill Frostic#	Jim Buzzell
Council Chair	Molly Frostic	Myra Elais
Outreach: Kelly Ottinger, Chair	Judy Welch*	Bill Frostic #
Personnel: Linda Schweyer,	<b>Missions Committee</b>	Jim MacKenzie *
Council Chair	Sonia Duffy	Mary Reed
Property: Jim MacKenzie	Myra Elias	Glen Tracy
Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld	Hugh Hessler #*	<b>Religious Education</b>
Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed	Robin MacKenzie	Becky Addis #
Worship: Ann Osborn	Betty Webb	Sunday School Teachers
<b>Constitution &amp; By-Law Committee</b>		Bill Hirschfeld*
Jim MacKenzie		
Member at Large: Kris Richards *		
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Worship Committee</b>
Finance Secretary: Judy Welch *#	Council Chair:	Rosemary Abbett
Asst. Fin. Sec.: Jeanne Hafer	Linda Schweyer	Al Bryant
Investment: Chris Porter	Pastor: Dinah Haag	Ann Osborn #*
Member at Large: Bob King	Member at Large:	Mary Osborn
Memorials: Bill Frostic		Julie Robinson
Treasurer: Rob Burch		Judy Welch
Asst. Treas.: Kelly Ottinger		
Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed		
	<b>Outreach Committee</b>	
	Mary Bateman	
	Al Bryant	
	Myra Elias	
	Judy Grant	
	Molly Harrison	
	Julie Hirschfeld	
	Kelly Ottinger #*	
	Donna Phillips	



### Easter Lilies, Tulips & Daffodils Order Form

Once again, we are offering you the opportunity to order Easter Lilies, Tulips, and Daffodils 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 flowers home. Please send or phone in your order by Friday, April 1, 2022. Each plant is priced at \$8.99

**In Loving Memory/honor of :**

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**Given By:**

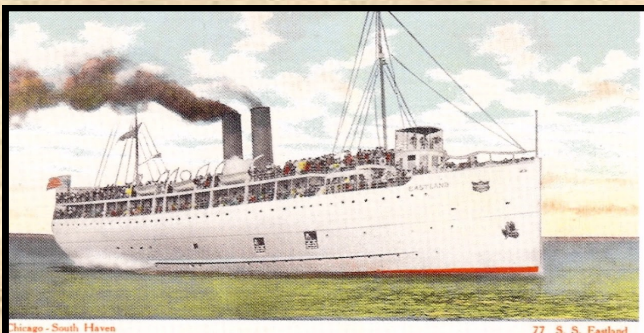
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## Al's Academy

Come and join Al to learn about one of the greatest inland waterway disasters in US history on March 17, 2022

Free meal at 5:30 p.m. Presentation at 6:00 p.m.



The Sinking of the Eastland—Chicago River



### Prayer Concerns

- \*Added last week  
Liz Acklin
- \*Elijah Bingham & Hannah  
Cherie Boswell  
Peggy Burns  
Dave Buzzell  
Craig Cleveland  
Greg Cobb  
Bob Condon  
Deb & Jon Derr  
Theresa Duffy  
Myleigh Dunlop
- \*Pastor Rich Ferne  
Ray Francis
- \*Mike Gramza  
Dori Hallquist  
David Hendrick  
Pat Hessler  
Rob Humphries  
Walter Kidd  
Scott Lee  
Ron Phillips  
Roy & Mary Pierce  
Wendy Pratley  
Bonnie Reed Heaney  
Becky Reed Kelly  
Pete Reed  
Tina Reed  
Vivian Reed  
Irene Shrake  
Daphne Smith  
Frank St. Onge

### Senior Living:

- Cadillac  
Don Bonderenko
- The Homesteader  
Bea Stone  
John Young
- Maple Valley  
Steve Elrick
- Orchard House  
Pat Hessler  
Joan Miller  
Susie Vigland
- The Maples  
Dori Turner  
Gladys Wilson

### Families of

- Beverly Augustine  
Bentley (Julie & Bill  
Hirschfeld's dog)  
Pastor Rich Ferne  
Dale Holmgren  
Roxanne Miner

### Military:

- CJ Kinney  
Mike Kinney  
Tyler Kinney  
Ryan Ruddy



Caring thoughts are with you at this sad time in the loss of  
**Pastor Rich Ferne**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:45 a.m. MOBBI <b>2:00 p.m. Coffee withOut Dinah</b>  <b>Paczki Day</b> <b>Peace Corps Day</b>  Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland	2 9:45 a.m. MOBBI 10:30 a.m. Worship Meeting  <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>12:00 Noon</b>  Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt Jake Reed	3 10 a. m. MOBBI 3:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting   Chuck Henry	4 Yoga Discontinued until further notice.  <b>World Day of Prayer</b>  Rob Burch	5   Carmyn Brodbent Dennis & Kris Richards
6 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b>  Jimmy Kolehmainen	7 4:30 p.m. MOBBI  Julie Grant	8 8:45 a.m. MOBBI <b>2:00 p.m. Coffee withOut Dinah</b>  <b>International Women's Day</b>	9 9:45 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting  Katherine Johnson Amy Schindler	10 10 a. m. MOBBI 3:00 p.m. MOBBI	11 10:00 a.m. Yoga Discontinued	12   Gavin MacKenzie Kris Richards
13 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b>  Scott Harrison David Schweyer	14 4:30 p.m. MOBBI	15 8:45 a.m. MOBBI <b>2:00 p.m. Coffee withOut Dinah</b>	16 9:45 a.m. MOBBI  Amelia Holmgren-Rath Mary Reed	17 10:00 a. m. MOBBI 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  <b>Al's Academy</b> "The Sinking of the Eastland" 5:30 p.m. Free Meal 6:00 p.m. Presentation	18 10:00 a.m. Yoga Discontinued  Susie Hughes	19   Sandy Campbell
20 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b>  <b>Earth Day</b> Andrea Robinson & Brandon Valentine	21 4:30 p.m. MOBBI  Cheryl Acklin & James Daniel	22 8:45 a.m. MOBBI <b>2:00 p.m. Coffee withOut Dinah</b>	23 9:45 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Missions Mtg.  <b>National Puppy Day</b>  Dale Herscher	24 10:00 a.m. MOBBI  Reagan Clevenger	25 10:00 a.m. Yoga Discontinued  Peyton Koenig Jane & Roger Schultz	26 10 a.m. Nostrandt Baby Shower
27 <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b>	28 4:30 p.m. MOBBI  Helen Lautenbach Linda Schweyer	29 8:45 a.m. MOBBI  	30 8:45 a.m. MOBBI  <b>I Am in Control Day</b>  7	31 8:45 a.m. MOBBI 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  Billee Beyette Marvelee Kneisel		

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