

# Steepleviews

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## April Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Jim MacKenzie  
Molly Morris Nguyen  
Crystal Rath
- 03 Trevor Chicky  
Steve Elrick  
Bill & Norma Bruinsma
- 05 Soua Yang
- 06 Bill Hirschfeld  
Candace & Dan Nostrandt
- 08 Margaret Bilsky  
Mary Jane Franklin
- 09 Maile Church  
Bev Kidder
- 10 Logan Judson
- 13 Betsy Goodman  
Phillip McKinnon  
Paul Osborn
- 14 Daymian Tabbert
- 15 Addison Chownyk
- 18 Kylee Manning
- 19 Shelby Anderson  
Tegan Chicky  
Rob Conrad
- 21 Peggy Burns
- 23 Robbie Kolehmainen
- 24 Olivia Addis
- 26 Nancy Reed
- 27 Jean Ann Wolfe
- 28 Sally Lavender  
Susan Lavender  
Pat Luedders  
Steve Rath  
Kim Scripps



## Catch These Coming Events!

- Apr 02 **Albie Elias Celebration of Life**  
Dine out for BACN
- Apr 07 **Communion Sunday**
- Apr 10 **Bill's Bible Study**
- Apr 14 **Palm Sunday**
- Apr 18 **Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion**
- Apr 19 **The Gathering**
- Apr 21 **Easter Resurrection Sunday**  
**Easter Bonnets Welcome**
- Apr 22 **Earth Day**



**April 14th**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Service 10:30 a.m.**

**April 18th**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**Service 7:30 p.m.**

**April 21st**  
**Easter Sunday**

# Pastor's Page



## A Brief History of Gifting and Blessing

An Investment Fund, Committee and Policy was created at a Special Meeting of the Congregation on February 29, 2010. The initial Investment Committee was comprised of Jim Buzzell, Bob Conrad, Andrea Frost, Ron Phillips (chair), and the Church Treasurer (Chris Porter)

An original bequest from Joe and Ruth Deacon of \$481,851.68 was invested into the Frankfort State Savings Bank, then to a Raymond James Account. Five investment managers were considered, and Manitou Investments was chosen. The investment was changed to R.W. Baird of Traverse City in 2011. The account at that time was \$587,505.

The initial investment of \$585,000.00 on March 17, 2011 has produced the following resulting totals.

Year-End (Dec. 31)	Total	Stocks	Bonds
2011	538069.54	321972.11	216097.43
2012	579695.19	353885.25	225,809.94
2013	631892.08	383893.35	247998.73
2014	667077.25	403988.00	263089.15
2015	625,602.49	376,332.21	249,270.28
2016	634,031.57	379,116.38	254,915.19
2017	693,748.13	418,403.51	275,344.62
2018	607,710.58	354,767.06	252,943.52
2019	633,935.68	382,651.61	251,284.07

With the exception of 2017, each year the congregation voted to spend 5% of the investment funds. In 2017, it was voted to spend 10%. The current investment manager suggests that while our Investment policy allows us to spend up to 10% per year, 5%-6% is a manageable and sustainable amount. The gifts we have been able to bestow because of time and effort of many people, beginning with Mr. & Mrs. Deacon are as follows.

Expenditures	Property	Missions	Red. Ed.	Outreach	Total
2011					26,050.00
2012	13,500.00	5,100.00	7,344.25		
2013	14,318.31	5,687.58	8,971.07		
2014	9,674.18	6,175.81	5,220.00		
2015	13,850.65	4,800.00	5,120.12		
2016	28,952.97	4,800.00	7,204.05		
2017	19,635.18	4,040.61	11,035.65		
2018	29,766.94	14,969.60	7,547.82	4,819.23	258,584.00

Little did this pastor realize that less than ten years later, a gift to us, wisely invested, has allowed us to do some major work on the buildings,

sent numerous individuals to camps and mission trips and helped untold numbers of people with food, shelter, clothing, utilities and other needs – all to the tune of over a quarter of a million dollars. It has been "gifted" money to spend, and it has blessed more than either of the Deacons could have imagined. It is exciting to think of how we will be able to continue blessing and gifting in the future, truly on the shoulders of those who have come before us!

As it is so in this little piece of the financial world, how much more so is it true of the spiritual world and all that God has planned for us in eternity. The gift of God's Son of redemption and love. Absolutely astounding! May we all bask in that Easter Love that was so freely given to us. What a fortune we have in being ambassadors of God's great love and joy and mercy and grace. Hope to see you soon! Pastor Dinah

## SUPPORT groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group meetings are held on Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church.
- Al-Anon Family Support Group meets on Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., St. Ann Catholic Church.
- Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group meets at 2:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the REMEC room at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital. Family members and friends of those with memory loss, Alzheimer's, or other dementia issues are welcome. For information, contact Nancy VanderLinde, 399-0253, or Jeanette McNinch at POMH, 352-9621.
- Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services' Traverse City Clinic offers drug and alcohol out-patient services via the internet in four counties: Kalkaska, Benzie, Manistee, and Leelanau. This TeleHealth program allows those in need to obtain group and individual treatment regardless of their ability to drive or attend in-person services for whatever reason. Peer support coaching is also available through local Peer Support Specialists in your county. For more information call Pine Rest at 231-947-2255 or in Leelanau/Benzie Counties you may call Vic McCarty, Peer Support Specialist, 231-409-7929.



## Bill's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 10  
6:00 p.m.

Holy Weekend:  
Maundy Thursday —  
Easter Morning

And don't forget  
the free  
dinner at  
5:30 p.m.....

## Our Deepest Condolences to the Families of

### Albie Elias

Service: Tuesday, April 2, 11:30, FCCF

### Lois Martindale

Service: Saturday, June 1, 1:00, FCCF

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 deeply on this part of your journey.



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## FCCF Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2019

From the **Minutes** of the February 13 meeting, a note: in the Investment Report, it should read that the Congregation voted for **up to** a 6% allocation from the Baird Funds. This correction will be made by Ann Osborn and a corrected copy will be emailed to Katherine, our church secretary, for the record. (This was completed on March 14, 2019). The Minutes were then approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report.** Andy Mollema

- |                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Offerings for February totaled: | <b>\$16,887.99</b> |
| 2. Expenses for February totaled:  | <b>\$ 8,593.22</b> |
| 3. Carryover for February:         | <b>+\$4,439.03</b> |

Review of the Report noted that we are right on target with our 2019 Budget, it was accepted as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

**Memorials.** Judy Welch - There was one memorial of \$50.00 in honor of Dorothy Schindler.

**Finance.** Judy Welch - See Treasurer's Report

**Investment.** Andrea Frost - Pastor Dinah will be sending a copy of our investment policy to Council members not present at the meeting.

**Missions.** Paul Osborn - 1) We will no longer be supporting the InterServe NOOR Eye Clinic as our connection with that that Mission, Libby Little, has retired. Instead, we will be supporting the WaterForGood Project in the Central African Republic. 2) There was discussion of giving more monies to Benzie Senior Resources.

**Outreach.** Andy Mollema/Dinah Haag - Al's Academy, on the subject of Russians, Romanoffs and Rebellion, will be held on March 20 with dinner preceding.

**Personnel.** Mary Ann Harness for Myra Elias - No report, but there is an upcoming meeting.

**Religious Education.** Bill Hirschfeld - Bill's Bible Study on the Holy Weekend (the Last Supper to the Resurrection) will be held on April 10 with dinner preceding.

**Women's Fellowship.** Kim Scripps - No report, but to be noted that \$100.00 was donated to the Frankfort High School Graduation Party.

**Worship.** Ann Osborn - 1) The lighting of candles at the beginning of Worship will now happen during the first hymn, with the exception of Hymn Sing Sundays. 2) Upcoming: Communion Sunday on April 7, Palm Sunday service on April 14, Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm on April 18, and Easter Sunday service on April 21.

**Historian.** Al Bryant - No report

**Pastor's Report.** Dinah Haag - Report Submitted

**No Reports:** Constitution & By-Laws, Nominating, Property

### **No Unfinished or New Business**

Mary Ann Harness, Council Vice Chair, called the meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk





- Al Bryant for another rousing edition of Al's Academy.
- And thanks to Robin MacKenzie for the addition of the yummy noodles for the stroganoff.
- To all of our "Lenten Soup" chefs: Mary Ann Harness, Ann Osborn, Robin MacKenzie, and Dawn & Serenity Schulz. They were all delicious.
- Jeanne Hafer and Dawn Schulz for doing some scanning of historic documents. It is surely appreciated!

Dear Women's Fellowship

Thank you so much for the scholarship money! I am enjoying my classes at the community college near my house. At the moment I have been selected to perform in LA for a scholarship as well. I am so excited.

Thank you for all your love & support.



Carlisle Clevenger



*Congratulations!*

A stormy tip 'o the pint to 4-H Club (Jeanne & Tom Hafer), Curling League Champions this winter! League competition wrapped up with this weekend's final tournament at StormCloud. Cheers and good curling to all of our 16 league teams this year! #RainingChamps

# Easter Sudoku

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grids so that each horizontal row contains each letter exactly once, each vertical column contains each letter exactly once, and each subgrid contains each letter exactly once.

BASKET

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HAPPY EASTER



Can you find these words?

Easter egg hen

bunny Sunday

chocolate chicks



## Announcing a Mission Change! waterforgood.org

The Missions Committee has determined to make a change-up to the projects we support; taking on Water for Good. It's a faith-driven well program in the Central African Republic that aims to bring clean water and maintain wells. They maintain two rules: work through local people and build sustainability. They certainly dig new wells, but they are all about maintaining those they already have. So far, 900 wells have been rehabbed! Once they reach their goal of water sustainability in 2030, they will leave it to the people and begin in another country. We came to this project through Melody and Pete Wright, maker of the altar banister and time capsule. Their son, Luke, has a business that creates pottery and all the proceeds go to waterforgood.org. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information in the future. Our support will replace the NOOR Eye Clinic project.

## Please Remember in Prayer

Liz Acklin  
Michael Berghash  
Kathy Blake  
Nena Bonderencko  
Judy Calhoun  
Denis Crosby  
Lucy DeGuia  
Ashley Frostic  
Judy Furber  
SherryGigous & Home  
LizGottlieb  
Pauline Grigg  
Elizabeth Harness  
Bonnie Heaney  
Carrie Hessler-Radelet  
Pat Hessler  
Allen Hosko  
John & Heidi  
Shirley Kerr  
Becky Kleyn  
Robert Knop  
Linda Krapper  
Jim Lalas  
Susan Lavender  
Christian & Kevin  
MacKenzie  
Michelle Master  
George McHugh  
Leslie McElduff  
Andy Mollema  
Dave Monteith

Ron Phillips  
Rogers  
John Ruckrich  
  
Linda Schweyer  
Kim Scripps  
Betty Webb  
Norma Wierenga  
Judy Chick Walton

### The Families of

Rianne Bruinsma  
Alice Buzzell  
June Coolman  
Albie Elias  
Robert Isbell  
Bill Jowett  
Ed Lefluer  
Lois Martindale  
Pete Moss  
Randy Strauch

### Senior Living:

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



**April is  
First  
Congregational  
Church's**

## **Women's Fellowship Appreciation Month**

The history of the work of women in the church is long, and the ladies of our Church family here at First Congregational are a great part of that heritage. Without our ladies, this place would not feel so much like a church home. So we thank you, one and all, from the bottom of our hearts!



## **Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors**

at Jim's Joint BBQ in  
Honor & Stormcloud  
Brewing Co. in Frankfort  
on Tuesday, April 2nd and  
10% of your dinner bill will be donated  
to BACN.





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## April 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p><b>Happy April Fool Day</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>11:30 a.m. Albie Elias Celebration of Life</b></p> <p><b>Dine Out For BACN</b></p> <p>Jim MacKenzie Molly Morris Nguyen Crystal Rath</p>	<p>3 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.</p> <p>No Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Bill &amp; Norma Bruinsma</p>	<p>4 9:30 a.m. Yoga</p> <p>1:30 &amp; 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Soua Yang</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bill Hirschfeld Candace &amp; Dan Nostrandt</p>
<p>7 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p>8 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Margaret Bilsky Mary Jane Franklin</p>	<p>9 9:30, 1:30, 2:30 MOBBI Classes</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</p> <p>Logan Judson</p> <p>Maile Church Bev Kidder</p>	<p>10 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Council Mtg.</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. Yoga</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Min. Assoc. Mtg.</p> <p>1:30 &amp; 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Betsy Goodman Phillip McKinnon Paul Osborn</p>
<p>14 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>Daymian Tabbert</p>	<p>15 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Addison Chownyk</p>	<p>16 9:30, 1:30, 2:30 MOBBI Classes</p>	<p>17 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m. Yoga</p> <p>1:30 &amp; 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship</p> <p>Kylee Manning</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky Rob Conrad</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>Peggy Burns</p>	<p>22 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p><b>Earth Day</b></p>	<p>23 9:30, 1:30, 2:30 MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Robbie Kolehmainen</p>	<p>24 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative</p> <p>9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Olivia Addis</p>	<p>25 9:30 a.m. Yoga</p> <p>1:30 &amp; 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Nancy Reed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Jean Ann Wolfe</p>
<p>28 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Sally Lavender Susan Lavender Pat Luedders Steve Rath Kim Scripps</p> <p><b>Holy Humor Sunday</b></p>	<p>29 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Bill Frostic</p>	<p>30 9:30, 1:30, 2:30 MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Myra Elias Doug Somero</p>	<p>7</p>			

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Anniversaries	1, 7	7	Molly & Scott Harrison, Marti Mollema & Tom Hafer	Robin MacKenzie
Announcements	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7			
Birthdays	1, 7	14	Cheryl Acklin, Lori Dougherty, Ron Wardwell & Billie Beyette	Linda Schweyer
Calendar	7			
Greeters	8	21	Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Betty & Fred Milliron	Nena Bonderenko
Prayer List	3			
Congratulations & Thank You's	6	28	Andrea Frost, Bill Hirschfeld, Dawn & Serenity Schulz	Rob Burch
Ushers	8			