

# Steepleviews

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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Jim MacKenzie  
Molly Morris Nguyen  
Crystal Rath
- 03 Trevor Chicky  
Steve Elrick  
Bill & Norma Bruinsma
- 06 Bill Hirschfeld  
Candace & Dan Nostrandt
- 08 Margaret Bilsky
- 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
- 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
- 29 Bill Frostic
- 30 Myra Elias  
Doug Somero

**April 5 Palm Sunday**

**April 9 Maundy Thursday**

**April 10 Good Friday**

**April 12 Easter Sunday**

**April 13 Easter Monday**

**April 22 Earth Day**

**April 26 "I've Been  
Meaning To..."  
Potluck**



**We may not be able to celebrate like  
we have in the past, but they are still  
worthy of celebrating in our hearts!**





## *It is highly unlikely*

That any of us will quickly forget the past weeks and months any too soon! It's astounding that something unseen by the naked eye has spread around the world so quickly and has had the immensity of impact we have hardly begun to realize.

In light of this year, perhaps more than ever before, we come to the season to reflect on the impact of one man's life, 2,000 years ago, on the world, influences and meanings that are still being felt in the world today.

We may, in these days, be more able to appreciate the surreal world that unfolded after Christ's last week, that left his followers wondering just what was going to happen in those early days—between his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, "trial," crucifixion, burial and then resurrection three days later—not to mention his appearances and ascension back to God.

May our inability to gather together in person this year allow us to give greater thought and meditation on this, Christianity's most important season. May each one reading this note receive the blessing of a deeper walk with the One who has been crazy over you since before time began. May the Good News of our faith lift you to joy and hope in ways seen and unseen to your heart. Blessings to all of you!

Pastor Dinah

A Little-Known Gem in Benzie County is Benzie Food Partners. Based in Honor, it is an independent charitable organization open to the public on the first and third Thursdays of every month. A totally volunteer-managed project, the group purchases food at wholesale prices from the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank. It also receives regular and special bakery donations and seasonal products from other fresh food partnerships and generous local businesses. The Annual Empty Bowls Soup Nite is the Food Partners' main funding source after direct donations. For a donation, supporters can get a free bowl (made by Benzie Central students) to keep, a choice of one or more of the donated soup specialties, beverage, bread, salad, and dessert. They also receive assistance from the Crescent Bakery, Food Rescue and Family Fare, along with Sleeping Bear Farms and local residents. Their 2019 numbers are interesting. The food and other goods distributed, totaling 56,816 pounds, were obtained for less than 51 cents a pound. The average number of families served each month was 104, with a cumulative total of 3,005 residents served. Of those residents served, 802 were seniors and 742 were children. Our church supports this Little-Known Gem to the tune of \$100/month. That's about 12% of their expenditures for 2019. While we also support BACN, Benzie Food Partners (with their sole focus on food) is another place where families and individuals dealing with food insecurity can find help. Thank you all for helping to keep this gem shining!

*Benzie Food  
Partners*

# In Celebration of Congregationalism in America (400 years ago)

The following is a brief history of The Mayflower passengers who arrived in Massachusetts on November 9, 1620 after leaving for its' trans-Atlantic voyage on September 6, 1620. The majority of them became the settlers of Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. Of the passengers, 37 were members of a separatist Puritan congregation in Leiden, Holland (also known as Brownists) who were seeking religious freedom in the New World. The Mayflower launched with 102 passengers, 74 male and 28 female, and a crew headed by Master Christopher Jones. About half of the passengers died in the first winter. Many Americans can trace their ancestry back to one or more of these individuals who have become known as the "Pilgrim Fathers". Two dogs are known to have participated in settling in Plymouth. Edward Winslow writes that a female English Mastiff and a small English Springer Spaniel came ashore on the first explorations of Provincetown. (Continued on Page 6)



**An "I've Been Meaning To..." Potluck**  
You know how people say, "I've been meaning to try this recipe?" Or "I've been wanting to make a batch of Grandma's special cookies?" This is your chance to get to do just that. With the time to plan, look through your recipe books or torn out magazine sheets and see what you can dream about making when we can once again gather around the table after church. Maybe April 29?



The Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor  
by William Halsall (1882)



# Council Meeting Minutes

## FCCF Council Minutes

March 11, 2020

The Minutes from the February 12 Council Meeting were approved as presented. The Minutes from the January 26 Annual Congregational Meeting were also approved as presented.

### Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

Offerings for February	\$ 7,088.00
Budgeted expenses February:	10,400.00
Carryover YTD:	-7,428.05

### Committee Reports

Finance: Judy Welch, See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost – 1) As of March 11, Stocks totaled \$351,925.00, Bonds totaled \$276,592.00 and the total in the Baird Investment Fund was \$628,517.00. 2) See Ed Schindler's report under New Business.

Constitution & By-Laws: Jim MacKenzie: Jim has been reviewing the By-Laws and there are some things that can be tidied. Review and work will continue.

Missions: Paul Osborn, Accounts remains fully funded.

Outreach: Kelly Ottinger, 1) Coffee's on Dinah will continue every Tuesday until the end of March. 2) The Gathering at Judy Welch's home on March 6 was well attended. 3) Proceeds from the 2018 Hot Dog Sale will be used as a grant by BACN for coupon purchasing and waste reclamation.

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) Banner inventory is completed. 2) The updating a current list of head greeters/ushers continues. 3) Eco-palms will be ordered for Palm Sunday. 4) We have Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins already on hand. 5) The idea Choral Scholars is being considered. It would be an opportunity for high school students to sing in the church's choir. 6) Upcoming events include: Palm Sunday and Communion on April 5, Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, and Easter Sunday Worship on April 12.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag, Report submitted. 1) Al's Academy and dinner is planned for March 18 at 5:30 p.m. 2) Signe Ruddy's Art Collaborative is planned for March 24 at 11:00 a.m. 3) The net total profit from the Silver Tea was \$1,117.10. 4) The church has been issued a \$23.01 donation from AmazonSmile. 5) \$115.33 has been applied to our church credit card for redeemed points. 6) State Savings Bank needs a copy of official minutes with names of those who can sign checks; Ann and Dinah will take care of this.

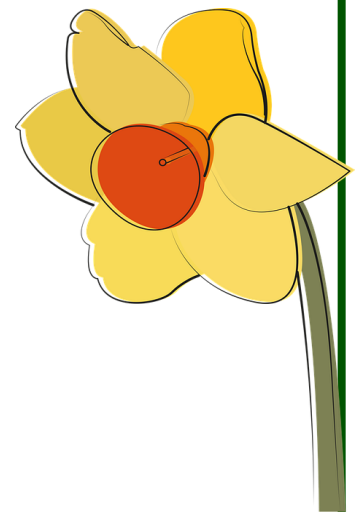
Unfinished Business: Bill Hirschfeld, out of concern over the Coronavirus, suggested that choir members sit in the pews instead of the choir loft except when singing the anthem; Pastor Dinah will ask choir members about this during practice.

New Business: Ed Schindler, our RW Baird representative, attended the meeting to give Council members an update on the church's Investment Fund. Ed showed members charts to give a visual of the up and down flow of the market in the last few months and to explain how it is decided from where to take funds, either from Stocks (60 %) or Bonds (40%). There was a question on how much Baird charges to manage our Funds; our church is charged .5%. The accounts will be handled, in the future, as they have been in the past.

No Report: Memorials,  
Nominating, Personnel,  
Property, Religious  
Education, Women's  
Fellowship

Larry Neuhardt, Council  
Chair, called for meeting  
adjournment at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ann Osborn, Church  
Council Clerk



# Congratulations!

Serenity Schulz on being selected to read her poem, "Luxury of the Dead," at the 23rd Annual Poet's Night Out to have been read on Sunday, March 29. Her prize was to have been able to read her poem at the City Opera House that day and a copy of a book containing all the other poem's for the year's program. There were over 500 applicants, of which 25 were chosen for this special commendation. Good for you, Serenity!



Polly Herscher's son Phil Johnson and Amanda had their first child on March 2. Baby Hannah, parents and all doing well!

Our grandson Grayson Scott Kearns was born February 25th. Mom, Dad, twin sisters and grandparents all in love with the little guy. Praise God! Molly & Scott Harrison

Nikki Holmgren and Doug Rath on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jane, born March 16th 10:33am 6lb 14oz 20 1/2 inches long. She's practically perfect in every way.

# Thank You

Robin MacKenzie for taking on the spraying of church tulips to keep deer away. Not a pleasant job, but the rewards will be spectacular and so appreciated by so many!

# Please Remember in Prayer

## Prayer Concerns

- Aaron Anderson
- Ed Baldwin
- Al Bryant
- Nora Bungard
- John Chiotti
- Denis Crosby
- Lucas Crosby
- Marnie Curtis
- Johnny Frostic
- Sherry Gigous
- Mrs. Hafer
- Alan Hasko
- Hugh Hessler
- Pat Hessler
- Scott Johnson
- Gaylord Jowett
- Lisa & Ed
- Devan Lalas
- Victoria Mekas
- Hannah Morris
- Hella Morris
- Carrie Newland
- Molly & Sang Nguyen
- Kelly & John Ottinger
- Ron Phillips
- Elizabeth Harness-Richardson
- Julie & Paul Robinson
- Margaret Schultz
- Judy Sterling
- Matt Tuller
- Gladys Wilson

## Military

- Mike Kinney
- Tyler Kinney
- Clark Robinson
- Ryan Ruddy

## The Families of

- Bob Carter
- Jack Sterling

## 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



## Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

In response to the growing ... it's sure that it will be canceled for April. Those wishing to continue your support of BACN are encouraged to send a donation to them.



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The ship was probably also carrying small domestic animals such as goats, pigs, and chickens. Larger domestic animals came later, such as cows and sheep.

(Information taken from Wikipedia)

(Redirected from The Mayflower passenger list)

Forty-five of the 102 Mayflower passengers died in the winter of 1620-21, and The Mayflower colonists suffered greatly during their first winter in the New World from lack of shelter, scurvy, and the general conditions on board ship. They were buried on Cole's Hill Burial Ground in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In 1921, some of the remains of persons buried on that hill were collected into the sarcophagus that is the Pilgrim Memorial Tomb on Cole's Hill in Plymouth.

## Easter Word Scramble

1. teEsra \_\_\_\_\_

2. nunBy \_\_\_\_\_

3. ggE \_\_\_\_\_

4. tnuH \_\_\_\_\_

5. gSpirn \_\_\_\_\_

6. oHp \_\_\_\_\_

7. Cyadn \_\_\_\_\_

8. ckhCsi \_\_\_\_\_

9. aBskte \_\_\_\_\_

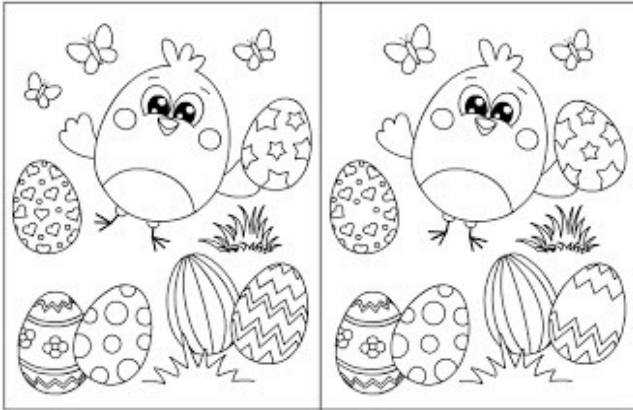
10. atFih \_\_\_\_\_

Answers: Easter; Bunny; Egg; Hunt; Spring; Hop; Candy; Chick; Basket; Faith

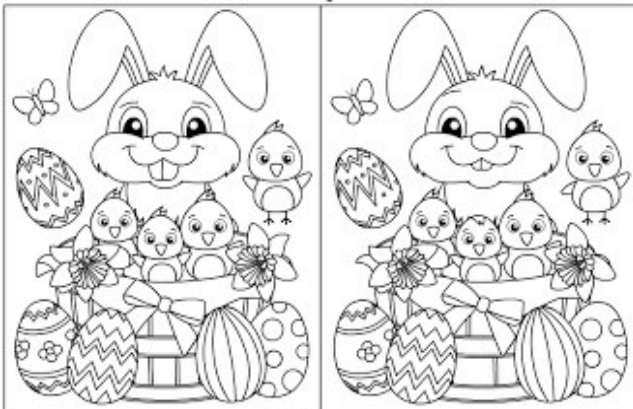
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## Easter

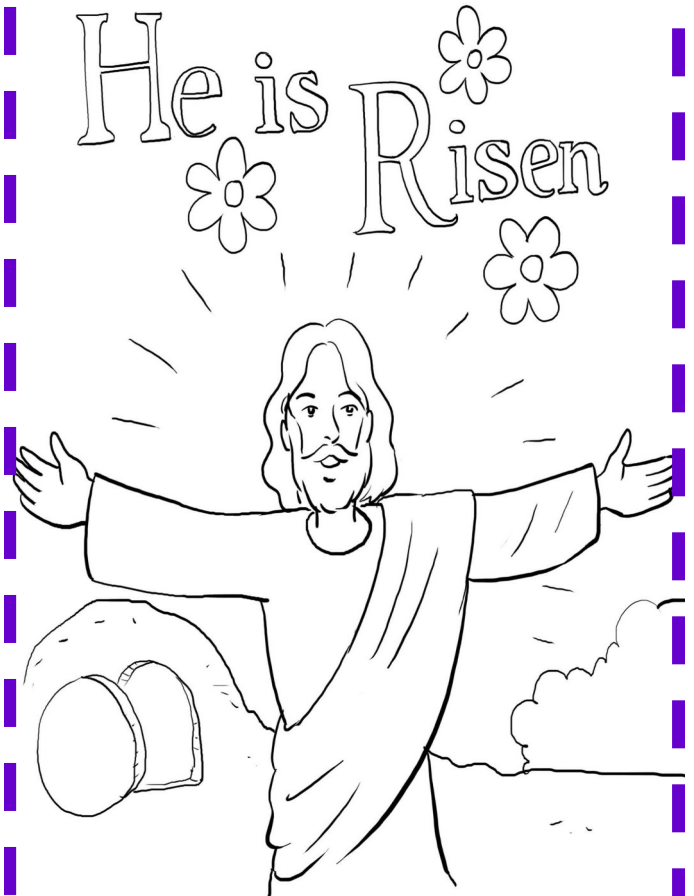
Spot 5 differences!



Spot 10 differences!



123kidsfun.com



# First Congregational Church of Frankfort April 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 4:00 p.m. Digital Worship Meeting</p> <p>Please Lift Up Those in the Military</p>	<p>2 4:00 p.m. Digital Outreach Meeting</p> <p>Please Lift Up Those in Care Facilities</p> <p>Jim MacKenzie Molly Nguyen Crystal Rath</p>	<p>3 Please Lift Up Farmers</p> <p>Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Bill &amp; Norma Bruinsma</p>	<p>4 Please Lift Up Teachers Missing Their Students</p>
<p>5 10:30 a.m. Digital Worship Via Facebook Live</p> <p>Please Lift Up Business People</p>	<p>6 Please Lift Up Students Missing Their Teachers</p> <p>Bill Hirschfeld Candace &amp; Dan Nostrandt</p>	<p>7 4:00 p.m. Digital Property Meeting</p> <p>Please Lift Up Non-Medical Essential Workers</p>	<p>8 4:00 p.m. Digital Council Meeting</p> <p>Please Lift Up the Homeless</p> <p>Margaret Bilsky</p>	<p>9 Please Lift Up Caregivers</p> <p>Maile Church Bev Kidder</p>	<p>10 Please Lift Up Hospital Workers</p> <p>Logan Judson</p>	<p>11 Please Lift Up Parents</p>
<p>12 10:30 a.m. Digital Worship Via Facebook Live</p>	<p>13 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Betsy Goodman Philip McKinnon Paul Osborn</p>	<p>14 10:15 a.m. NO MOBBI Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</p> <p>Daymien Tabbert</p>	<p>15 9:45 a.m. NO MOBBI Class</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Addison Chownyk</p>	<p>16 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>11:15 a.m.. NO MOBBI Class</p>	<p>17 8:30 a.m. MOBBI</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Kylee Manning</p>
<p>19 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky</p>	<p>20 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p>	<p>21 10:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Peggy Burns</p>	<p>22 9:45 MOBBI</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>11:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Robbie Kolehmainen</p>	<p>24 8:30 a.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Olivia Addis</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p>27 3:15 &amp; 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes</p> <p>Nancy Reed</p> <p>Jean Ann Wolfe</p>	<p>28 3:15 p.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Sally Lavender Susan Lavender Pat Luedders Steve Rath Kim Scripps</p>	<p>29 9:45 MOBBI</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Bill Frostic</p>	<p>30 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>11:15 a.m. MOBBI Class</p> <p>Myra Elias Doug Somero</p>		

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