



# Steepleviews

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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 2 Jim MacKenzie  
Molly Morris Nguyen  
Crystal Rath
- 3 Trevor Chicky  
Steve Elrick  
Bill & Norma Bruinsma
- 6 Bill Hirschfeld  
Candace & Dan Nostrandt
- 8 Catherine St. Onge
- 9 Maile Church  
Bev Kidder
- 10 Logan Judson
- 13 Betsy Goodman  
Phillip McKinnon  
Paul Osborn
- 15 Addison Chownyk
- 19 Shelby Anderson  
Tegan Chicky
- 21 Peggy Burns
- 22 Wesley Henry
- 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 2021



*Catch These  
Coming Events*

- April 1 Maundy Thursday
- April 2 Good Friday
- April 4 Easter Sunday & Communion
- April 8 Zooming Hour
- April 11 Holy Humor Sunday
- April 16 National Librarian Day
- April 29 Zooming Hour
- April 21 Administrative Assistant Day
- April 22 Earth Day



## HOLY WEEK

# Pastor's Page

*All services in-person or on Facebook Live*



**Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**



With spring in the air, Holy Week on our doorstep and pandemic fatigue lurking in the shadows, it's hard to be patient for the time when we can be together like we once were able to be as the family of God. Couple that with the frustration of feeling like we are losing connection with each other, and that April is normally a time for the Gathering, I had an idea. (Thursday, when you felt the ground shift a little, that was my thought!)

Some folks have continued to stay connected through weekly meetings online. Some have done it over coffee and others over happy hour. So if you put those two together, you get Zooming Hour. It will be offered at 5:00 on Thu. April 8 and Tue. April 20. Those who sign up will receive a Zoom link, and after everyone is there, we will break out into smaller groups for 10-15 minutes. After that, Zoom can scramble the groups and we will meet with different folks for another 10-15 minutes. (Not to worry if socializing isn't your forte. There will be ice breaker questions to help.)

The gift of Christ's resurrection is most gracious, but it not all that it should be when it is not able to be shared with the people of God. So join us by letting the church office know which "meeting" you'd like to attend—either or both—and don't forget your beverage and appetizer, or whatever you "bring." And in the mean-time, have a great spring! *Dinah*



First Congregational Church of Frankfort  
Council Minutes

FCCF COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 10, 2021

Following a review of the February Council Minutes and with no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Burch

Offerings for February	\$18,525.00
Budgeted expenses for February	9,653.36
YTD Carryover	13,057.32

**Committee Reports**

**Missions:** Paul Osborn – It was reported by Hugh Hessler that a \$100.00 donation was made to Crescent Bakery as a thank you for their free bread give-away during the pandemic.

**Outreach:** Kelly Ottinger 1) A review of February events include: Coffee's On Dinah continuing through March, Al's Academy on March 18 at 7:00 p.m., and Bill Hirschfeld's presentation of Religious Lore and Legend on March 30 at 7:00 p.m. 2) There was discussion on other creative ways the Committee can continue to reach and connect with people; and 3) Advertisements for our Church services will now be in the upcoming issues of The Betsie Current, with Benzie Bus advertisements on hold due to the expense.

**Property:** Myra Elias – 1) The dining room has been painted and window shades/blinds have been ordered. 2) The pantry and boiler room floors have been painted. 3) Projects slated for warmer weather include power washing and painting the lower portion of the Church.

**Religious Education:** Bill Hirschfeld – Bill's presentation on Religious Lore and Legend will be held on Tuesday, March 30, at 7:00 p.m.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn – 1) Ashes To Go went well with approximately 20 people receiving ashes on foot or in vehicles. 2) Work is being done on the update of our audio-visual department. 3) A minimum number of eco-palms will be ordered for Palm Sunday. 4) Pastor Dinah will read scriptures as she did last year for both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as it was well received for its connectivity. 5) We have a new outdoor Easter Banner announcing our service. 6) Communion will be served on Easter Sunday. 7) Several Easter flowers will be purchased for our altar. Those who want to purchase a plant in honor or in memory of someone can still do so.

**Pastor's Report:** Dinah Haag – Report Submitted

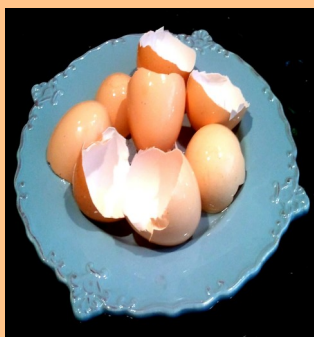
**No Reports:** Memorials, Investment, Constitution & By Laws, Nominating, Personnel, Women's Fellowship, Unfinished Business, and New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



We are trying to do our part in keeping a clean planet by replacing our styrofoam cups with eco-friendly ones. As they are rarely used, we would appreciate it if you could pick up any personal cups you may have here. After a time, we will donate remaining ones to a good cause.



### Give Nesting Birds a Calcium Boost By Saving Your Leftover Eggshells

Rinse the shells off in the sink, spread them out on a cookie sheet and bake them in the oven at about 250 degrees for 10 minutes. You just want the shells to dry, not brown. When you're done, crush them up. Crushed eggshells can be mixed with birdseed or suet and set out in a feeding tray or scattered right on the open ground.

Audubon Society



- Scott Harrison for doing some little chores around “home” like taking legs off a new tv, creating bookends from scrap wood and various other handyman-type jobs. It’s such a sweet surprise when those little jobs are magically done.
- Huge, massive thank you to Jim Buzzell, Myra Elias and Andy Micham for repainting the church dining room, hallway, pantry and upstairs bathroom. Hours and hours were spent patching holes and making way for the transformation. Pantry tiles were removed and floor painted, old wobbly shelving was relocated, shelves were sorted and Bob King reglued the old buffet.
- Molly Harrison relocated a shelf from the parlor and now there’s a “little free library” where the freebie table once was. She & Myra also did some revamping of the parlor into little chat groups. It’s getting closer and closer to an updated, revitalized space of welcome!



- Congratulations to Max Buzzell who will be graduating this spring with a Master of Arts degree from the University of Amsterdam.



# Easter Word Search



A	S	L	I	C	D	E	S	P	R	I	N	G	T	F	D
E	N	E	P	H	V	L	T	J	Z	Y	O	X	K	L	O
D	U	A	T	O	A	B	L	S	P	T	G	I	Q	O	P
F	B	S	E	C	H	O	N	E	K	C	I	H	C	W	A
B	D	T	A	O	E	Z	K	M	H	A	K	C	B	E	L
O	E	E	E	L	S	H	X	K	J	S	T	O	V	R	D
G	S	R	T	A	S	D	J	C	E	B	G	B	Y	S	X
N	S	E	A	T	H	D	A	I	I	Q	D	G	E	N	K
I	O	G	R	E	E	O	F	H	T	Z	O	B	E	S	O
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K	C	Q	E	A	O	J	E	S	U	S	Y	N	N	U	B
C	T	I	L	B	A	S	K	E	T	H	E	K	U	I	M
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D	H	O	C	X	E	T	N	U	H	G	G	E	Z	D	L

- ❖ CHICK
- ❖ LAMB
- ❖ EASTER EGG
- ❖ EGG HUNT
- ❖ SPRING
- ❖ EGG SHELL
- ❖ DUCKLING
- ❖ BASKET

- ❖ FLOWERS
- ❖ CHOCOLATE
- ❖ CROSS
- ❖ HOT CROSSED BUNS
- ❖ CELEBRATE
- ❖ CHICKEN
- ❖ BUNNY
- ❖ JESUS





## Frankfort-Elberta Area School students

are building a food pantry program to

provide meal kits and cooking know-how to their peers who may be going hungry over the weekends. "Currently, federal grants help the schools give free breakfast and lunch to every student, but there are students coming here on Monday that haven't eaten since Friday's lunch."

For displaced (homeless) students (of which there are about 30), Easy Mac, Ramon Cups, Single soups and non-perishable meal bowls are good. Simple ingredient pancake mix, syrup and cereal can help older siblings in the care of younger ones. Chicken noodle casserole is easy if they have egg noodles, canned chicken, chicken stock, packet or jar chicken gravy and saltines. A can opener is helpful when donating for 6 Can Tortilla Soup: salsa, refried beans, chicken stock, canned chicken, black beans, corn and tortilla strips or chips. There is to be a collection area outside the high school, so delivery of donations can happen anytime. We know how much BACN helps neighbors, and this is just another way to help local kids.

## Re Tax Deadline Change

The new tax deadline has been extended to May 17, 2021 to file paperwork & pay any taxes.



## Please Remember in Prayer

### Prayer Concerns

Ed Baldwin  
 Alex Bonderenko  
 Don Bonderenko  
 Diane Brutzer  
 David Burns  
 Joel Buzzell  
 \*John Chiotti  
 Dan Cira  
 Arlene Giglio  
 Charlie Gonyon  
 Pat Hessler  
 Beth Johnston  
 Nicole Nostrandt  
 Kelly Olson  
 Ron Phillips  
 Todd Reed  
 Signe Ruddy  
 Dawn Schulz  
 Matt Tuller  
 John Young

### Families of

Bob Bailey  
 Doug Corner  
 Helen Day  
 Dodie Ferguson  
 Andy Fitzhugh  
 Barb Hoig  
 Brooke Miller  
 Irene Wade  
 Emma Webb

### 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

## April is our Financial Worker's Appreciation Month

## Thank You!!!

From the Financial Secretaries to the Investment people, to the Treasurers, these are the people who work behind the scenes to keep our finances and accounts in order. Not everyone has the ability to serve us in such ways,



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:00 a.m. (&3:00) MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Property Meeting  <b>7:00 p.m.            Maundy            Thursday            Worship</b> (In-person/Online)	2 <b>12:00 p.m.            Good Friday            Worship</b> (In-person/Online)  12:45 p.m. MOBBI  Jim MacKenzie Molly Nguyen Crystal Rath	3      Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Bill & Norma Bruinsma
4 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship & Communion  <b>Easter            Sunday</b>	5	6 11:00 –1:00 & 3:00 MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting  Bill Hirschfeld Candace & Dan Nostrandt	7 2:00 p.m. Benzie Faith In Action Mtg.  4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting	8 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  <b>5:00 p.m.            Zooming Hour</b>  Catherine St. Onge	9 12:30 p.m. MOBBI   Maile Church Bev Kidder	10      Logan Judson
11 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship  <b>Holy Humor            Sunday</b>	12	13 11:00 –1:00 & 3:00 MOBBI  Betsy Goodman Phillip McKinnon Paul Osborn	14 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Meeting  4:00 p.m. Council Meeting	15 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  Addison Chownyk	16 12:30 p.m. MOBBI  <b>National            Librarian Day</b>	17
18 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship	19   Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky	20 11:00 –1:00 & 3:00 MOBBI  <b>5:00 p.m.            Zooming Hour</b>	21   Peggy Burns	22 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  <b>Earth Day</b>  Wesley Henry	23 12:30 p.m. MOBBI   Robbie Kolehmainen	24      Olivia Addis
25 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship	26   Nancy Reed	27 11:00 –1:00 & 3:00 MOBBI  Jean Wolfe	28   Sally Lavender Susan Lavender Pat Luedders Steve Rath Kim Scripps	29 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  Bill Frostic	30 12:30 p.m. MOBBI   Myra Elias Doug Somero	

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