

# Steepleviews

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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

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- 2 Jim MacKenzie  
Molly Morris Nguyen  
Crystal Rath
  - 3 Trevor Chicky  
Steve Elrick  
Bill & Norma Bruinsma
  - 6 Bill Hirschfeld  
Candace & Dan Nostrandt
  - 8 Margaret Bilsky  
Pete Reed  
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 2022

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| <b>April 3</b> Potluck for<br>Dinah 's Return                 |
| <b>April 10</b> Palm Sunday                                   |
| <b>April 14</b> Maundy Thursday<br>Dine Out for BACN          |
| <b>April 15</b> Good Friday                                   |
| <b>April 17</b> Easter Sunday                                 |
| <b>April 18</b> Easter Monday                                 |
| <b>April 19</b> Benzie Faith In Action<br>Community Gathering |
| <b>April 21</b> Dinner & Al's Academy                         |
| <b>April 22</b> Earth Day                                     |
| <b>April 27</b> Admin. Assistant Day                          |

*Holy Week: April 10-18*

*Palm Sunday*



*Maundy Thursday*



*Good Friday*



*Easter Sunday Resurrection Day*



# Pastor's Page

There are so many true statements in our world.

There's no place like home.

Time flies when you're having fun.

Home is where the heart is.

How can tomorrow be April?

The idea to get serious about a sabbatical came more from necessity than design. There was no real plan to the three months, except that I would go to Minnesota and spend time with my family. But that was very small part of what actually happened over the course of the last ninety days.

You all got used to having another person to shepherd and from what I hear, you welcomed both Jim and Jan Petteys with open arms. Jesus did that all the time—to all the people he ran into, even those with whom he disagreed.

You invested in the future ministry of this church family by permitting and helping with parsonage renovations that will linger long into the future, for the next pastor(s). (Don't worry. I'm not planning to go anywhere anytime soon. But one day....) I think one of the reasons God sent the Holy Spirit is so that we could look to the future with a little more certainty than on our own. (It's beautiful! There are not enough thank yous for Team Myra et al!)

And I was reminded again of how big our world is. Some grocery stores in MN carry over 12 kinds of Lottza Mottza pizzas! But those same (large) stores don't carry near the assortment of Progresso soup varieties. Go figure. When God created the Garden of Eden, it wasn't filled with just one sort of tree. There were lots of different plants and even the first humans were unique from each other.

I was reminded—over and over—how many hands make light work, and when we help one another, we are really preparing the soil of our hearts for times when we may need help ourselves. Cleaning out drawers, closets and cupboards with my dad reminded me that we all have our own schedules and ways of doing things and we do our best when we treat people like we would like to be treated. It's that Golden Rule thing, ya know.

We all need breaks every now and then, and in some ways, that is the season of Lent. It is a season that allows for introspection and thoughtfulness. And the best part of Lent is that it makes Easter so glorious in its newness of purpose and celebration of life—real, ongoing, even eternal life.

Thank you all, from the very bottom of my heart, for the time you've given me to reset and rev up again, that we can all serve our God better and more efficiently. I'll be seeing you soon, I'm sure. But until then, Godspeed on your days and weeks ahead.

Watch for deer. (Wisconsinite for I love you.)  
(Wisconsin—sort of Yupper, sort of Minnesotan, in a good way. Pastor Dinah



## She's not just the girl you see at church!

14-year-old high school sophomore, Serenity Schulz, in addition to achieving all A's, participating in Model United Nations, AP Forensic Science, taking Psychology 101 at Northwestern Michigan College, an

active member of the Interact and Drama Clubs, Varsity Track and Cheer teams, Benzie County Community Chorus, National Honor Society, is a first chair clarinet member of the Frankfort High School Band. Last spring, she became the first Frankfort student in four years to be awarded the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Scholar Instrumentalist Award.

Every year, Serenity has performed a solo piece for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District Solo and Ensemble Contest where she's consistently received top scores. This fall, she auditioned and was accepted as first clarinet in the MSBOA District 2 Honors Band. (See photo of that event.)

She's also been scouted out by colleges including the University of Michigan, Tulane University, University of Rochester NY, UC Berkely, Brown University, and numerous others, but is set to graduate high school with an associate's degree under her belt before she goes off to work on her desire to become an FBI criminal profiler. And we all thought she often lights altar candles!



AL'S ACADEMY PRESENTS: AL BRYANT

# TRUTH ON THE NILE

AND OTHER WACKY, WEIRD AND ODD EVENTS

THE MOVING COFFINS OF BARBADOS

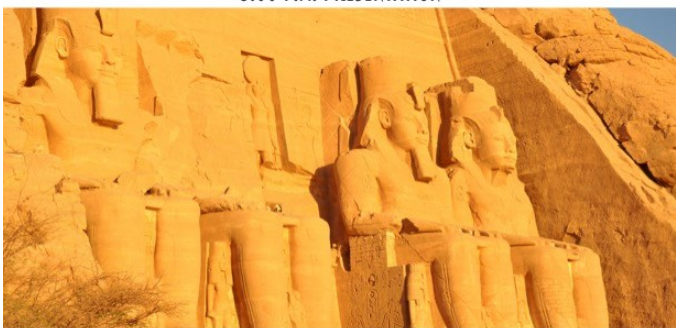
KING TUT'S CURSE

THE MAN FROM TAURED

THE UNITED STATES EMPORER

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 5:30 P.M. FREE EGYPTIAN DINNER

6:00 P.M. PRESENTATION



# Al's Academy One More Time!

In a take-off of the Agatha Christie novel and recent (great cinema graphic film), Death on the Nile, Al Bryant is going to explore some of the topics that come up when one thinks of the Nile River. All are welcome at the 6:00 program, but come at 5:30 for the free dinner of Egyptian food.

Don't worry, the food won't be crazy or exotic, but interesting combinations of things that are similar to foods we often eat. Mediterranean Salad (tomato, cucumber, onion, oil and lemon, Lentil Soup (potato, carrot, celery, lentils, onion, spices, oil, yogurt, lemon), Chicken Schwarma (cooked chicken with oil and spices) and Ghorayebah (butter cookies). While you're at it, bring some friends!

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## EASTER WORD FIND

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Ascend          | Jellybeans       |
| Ash Wednesday   | John             |
| Barabbas        | Judas Iscariot   |
| Basket          | Last Supper      |
| Boiled eggs     | Lent             |
| Bonnet          | Mardi Gras       |
| Chocolate bunny | Mary Magdalene   |
| Crucifixion     | Maundy Thursday  |
| Doubting Thomas | Pastels          |
| Dress           | Peter Cottontail |
| Egg hunt        | Plastic Eggs     |
| Equinox         | Resurrection     |
| Eternal Life    | Shroud of Turin  |
| Fat Tuesday     | Solid            |
| Golgotha        | Spring           |
| Good Friday     | Spring Break     |
| Ham             | Thirty           |
| Heaven          | Three            |
| Hippity         | Tulips           |
| Hollow          |                  |



**FCCF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2022**

Members present Rob Burch, Hugh Hessler, Bill Hirschfeld, Bob King, Jim MacKenzie, Beth McNamara, Ann Osborn, Mary Reed, Kris Richards, Linda Schweyer, Betty Webb, and Judy Welch.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Burch

Offerings for February:	\$12,260.05
Budgeted expenses February:	11,374.13
YTD Carryover:	-989.25

**Committee Reports**

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

**Investment:** Ann Osborn for Chris Porter – the total of all Baird accounts, as of March 4, 2022, is \$754,022.09.

**Missions:** Hugh Hessler – this account remains fully funded

**Property:** See Unfinished Business

**Women's Fellowship:** Mary Reed – \$100.00 was donated to BACN and \$100.00 was donated to Benzie County Senior Resources.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn – 1) The strongly recommended mask mandate is not needed as Covid restrictions have been lifted. 2) Our audio-visual/tech continues to perform well each Sunday. 3) Ash Wednesday service was held on March 2 at noon with Rev. Petteys officiating and five in attendance. 4) A Thank You Potluck for Rev. Jim

Petteys and his wife Jan will be held after the service on March 27. 5) The next Communion Sunday is April 3.

**Unfinished Business:** 1) Kris Richards gave the Council an update on the Parsonage Renovation: the flooring is down with the runner for the stairs still to be installed, there is trim to be finished, and the good news is that all is coming in under budget and ahead of schedule. 2) Katherine and Linda reminded Council members that the church is still collecting clothing, blankets, etc., as well as donations for Ukraine. Linda and Dave Schweyer will take our donations to the Nazarene Church in Traverse City either Thursday, March 10 or Friday, March 11.

**New Business:** Rob Burch, our Treasurer, wanted Council members to be aware that our endowment with the Baird Funds could be less by the end of the year. Rob also was asking how we might get in touch with the survivors/family of Ruth Deacon, who gave the church such a generous endowment and let them know how it has impacted the life of FCCF.

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

With no other new business, Linda Schweyer, Council Chair, called for adjournment of the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Osborn, Council Clerk





- Many thanks to Dawn Schulz for all of your assistance the past three months. You were always there to lend a hand or complete odd jobs in the office. We came to know each other a little more, and I appreciate your friendship—Katherine
- Jim MacKenzie for working with our insurance company to discover that a water sensor was bad and that they will replace it in a week or so. Yes, Church Mutual sent all their customers—churches—water sensors, free of charge. Tells you how big a deal it is, recovering from water damage, that they will help us prevent it.



**Dine Out For  
Benzie Area  
Christian Neighbors**  
at the Roadhouse Mexican

Bar & Grill in Benzonia on Thursday, April 14th and the restaurant will donate 10% of evening meal proceeds to BACN, 5:00 p.m. til closing.



**Pastor Petteys last Sunday Service on March 27th**



- Tucker Hubbard, Academic All-State in Wrestling!!!
- Congratulations to Sharon McKinley's son, Troy. He was informed that his heart is showing zero rejection! Sending our thoughts and prayers for his continued good health.
- The Frankfort-Elberta High School Concert Band earned a Division 1 ranking at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District 1 Band and Orchestra Festival.
- Carrie Hessler-Radelet on her upcoming position as CEO of Global Communities in October. Global Communities aims to help people, communities, and ecosystems around the world.
- Ed Schindler, on being promoted to Managing Director, the highest title in Private Wealth Management, at Baird and also, as voted Coach of the Year in Regional Football . Nice!





*Jim & Jan  
Petthey's twin  
granddaughters  
Aubrie (left)  
and Brynna*

**A Departing Message from Pastor Jim**

As Pastor Dinah returns and our brief time with you concludes, we wish, in many ways, it could continue a bit longer. It has certainly been a time filled with blessings from our Gracious God. We have been deeply touched by the warm welcomes and the many expressions of support and appreciation.

It has been enlightening to witness how dedicated FCCF is to serve our Lord Jesus Christ both within the life and ministry of FCCF and in your outreach to our neighbors here and far.

It is our hope that as your gifted pastor begins serving fulltime once again in your midst that you will renew your support and dedication to the faithful witness of our Lord in and through FCCF.

If you have not been a regular worshiper in the church during the pandemic, and maybe not physically involved in its ministry, please recommit yourself to making your physical presence felt in the important work and needed fellowship Christ expects of each one of us.

The new friends and the renewed friendships that we have realized while we were among you, sharing in worship and in service, has been a lasting very positive memory that we take with us as we depart. We leave with very warm feelings and love for you caring servants of God.

Love & Peace, Jim and Jan



**Prayer Concerns**

- Liz Acklin
- Greg Cobb
- Gail Crompton
- Steve Crouch
- Dr. Tony De Bari
- Theresa Duffy
- Melissa Grant
- Pat Hessler
- Karol Lamb
- Kim & Jo Lathwell
- Trevor Lee
- Steven McHugh
- Ron Phillips
- Wendy Pratley
- Becky Reed Kelly
- Pete Reed
- Vivian Reed
- Dawn Schulz
- Cathie Stall
- Melvin Trausch
- Dori Turner
- Peter Young
- Ukraine & Refugee Countries

**Senior Living:**

- Cadillac
- Don Bonderenko
- The Homesteader**
- Mary & Roy Pearce**
- Bea Stone
- John Young
- Maple Valley**
- Steve Elrick
- Orchard House**
- Pat Hessler
- Joan Miller
- Susie Vigland
- The Maples**
- Dori Turner

**Families of**

- pim Dodge
- Pastor Rich Ferne
- Kyle Campbell-Slade
- Doug VanMeter
- Gladys Wilson

**Military:**

- Jacob Bingham
- CJ Kinney
- Mike Kinney
- Tyler Kinney
- Ryan Ruddy

**All area welcome to join our church choir!**

We are moving rehearsals to Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for at least the month of April. You don't

have to be a super musician to join us, but a love to sing with other folks would be greatly advantageous.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>National Month of Hope</p>				1 10:00 a.m. Yoga 	2  Jim MacKenzie Molly Nguyen Crystal Rath
3 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion  <b>Lent 5</b>  Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Bill & Norma Bruinsma	4  <b>National VHS Day</b>  	5 8:30-12:30 p.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting	6 9:00–11:00 a.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting  Bill Hirschfeld Candace & Dan	7 10:00-12:00 p.m. & 3:00-4:30 MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting  7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  <b>International</b> 	8 10:00 a.m. Yoga   Margaret Bilsky Peter Reed Catherine St. Onge	9 <b>Winston Churchill Day</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             War does not determine who is right, only who is left.              Winston Churchill           </div> Maile Church Bev Kidder
10 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship  <b>Palm Sunday</b>	11  <b>National VHS Day</b>  	12 8:30-12:30 p.m. MOBBI	13 9:00–11:00 a.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Council Meeting  Betsey Goodman Phillip McKinnon Paul Osborn	14 10:00-12:00 p.m. & 3:00-4:30 MOBBI  7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>  <b>Dine Out for BACN</b>	15 10:00 a.m. Yoga  <b>Good Friday</b>	16
17 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship  <b>Easter Resurrection Sunday</b>	18	19 8:30-12:30 p.m. MOBBI  <b>6:00 p.m. Benzie Faith in Action Community Event</b>  Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky	20 9:00–11:00 a.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Missions Meeting  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Peggy Burns              Jill Smeltzer           </div>	21 10:00-12:00 p.m. & 3:00-4:30 MOBBI  7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  <b>5:30 p.m. Free Dinner</b> <b>6:00 AI's Academy: Truth on the Nile</b>	22 10:00 a.m. Yoga   Wesley Henry	23   Robbie Kolehmainen
24 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship  Olivia Addis	25  	26 8:30-12:30 p.m. MOBBI  Nancy Reed	27 9:00–11:00 a.m. MOBBI  7 Jean Ann Wolfe	28 10:00 a.m. MOBBI  7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Sally Lavender Susan Lavender Pat Luedders Steve Rath Kim Scripps	29 10:00 a.m. Yoga   Bill Frostic	30 <b>Adopt a Shelter Pet Day</b>   Myra Elias Doug Somero

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