

Steepleviews

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May 2016 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Kerry Buzzell
Jackson Deloria
Tyler Grant
Kristin Jackson
Dylan Prance-Jewell
- 02 Michael Grant
Julie Hirschfeld
- 03 Mary Bateman
Mariah Manning
Candace Nostrandt
- 05 Betty Webb
- 06 Mary Dykstra
Serenity Schulz
- 07 Liam Condon
Bob King
- 08 Jacob Grant
Gail Nugent
- 09 Alma House
Chia Yang
- 10 Bill McMillan
Michael Mendoza
- 13 Marijke Church
- 16 Tegan Chicky
- 19 Tommy Mendoza
Dawn Schulz
Jill Smeltzer
- 20 Jared & Jordin Kelly
- 21 Becky & Matt Addis
- 24 Randy & Katherine Johnson
- 26 Rob Wolowiec
- 27 Donna Phillips
Faith & Jack Dulaney
- 28 Andy & Marti Mollema
- 29 Julie Morris
Randy Johnson
Sean Morris
- 30 Kathy Conrad
- 31 Bill & Jeanne McMillan

Catch These Coming Events!

- May 1 Wild Rose Concert**
- May 3 Eat out for BACN**
- May 6 The Gathering**
- May 8 Happy Mother's Day**
- May 15 Pentecost Sunday: Wear Red**
- May 26 Ladies' Lunch at Fusion**
- May 30 Memorial Day**



The Gathering

Andrea Frost has volunteered to host this time of connection and reconnection at her home, 100 Bridge St., Friday, May 6, at 6:00 pm. Ask Andrea about parking, bring your own beverage and snack to share and join us for an evening of enjoyment.

Pastor's Page



The History of Mother's Day

The origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greeks and Romans. Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced to the UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in U.S. The celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and is not even a hundred years old. The day came into existence thanks to the hard work of two pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis. Howe, the activist and writer famous for her composition "Battle Hymn of the Republic", first suggested the idea of an official celebration of Mother's Day in 1872. Anna Jarvis and her supporters, in honor of her own mother's request to honor all mothers, wrote letters to people in positions of power lobbying for the official declaration of the holiday. The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Today Mother's Day is celebrated across 46 countries.

And the new name for the former Red Room is:

The Parlor!

Thank you all who submitted names and voted! Most appreciated gratitude goes to Will Church and Andrea Frost who did a lion's share of creating such a beautiful, fresh new place for all those things that happen in that room. (Make sure you take a peek if you've not seen it yet!)

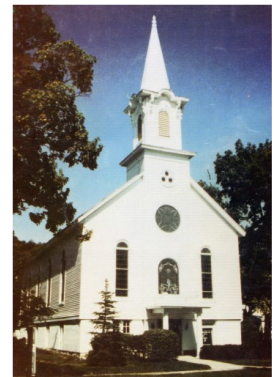
First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

2nd Publication

Will Church and Andrea Frost, as well as many others, are to be congratulated on performing such a complete transformation of the room. Please stop by and view how bright and cheerful it looks.

While down there, try to envision a stairway that went from the Parlor to the sanctuary – on the north wall where the ladies' room is. Jill Smeltzer can give you a better picture from her memory.

And that funny, little room in the southwest corner of the Parlor – that used to be the only restroom for the whole church!



Thanks!

To

- Randy Johnson for putting together a new pack 'n play for the nursery. (We needed one that complies with all the new regulations, which we now have!)
- Will Church for installing a new garage door opener at the parsonage. It's so much easier than trying to open a door without a handle!
- Mary Ann Harness for cleaning out the little dungeon in the Parlor. It's so nice to have it neat again!
- Al Bryant for putting together an extra Academy last month. Great job on the choices of comedians to highlight!
- Katherine Johnson for so faithfully hauling our recycling away each week. It's not a requirement of her position at the church, so it is extra appreciated.
- Andy Mollema, Ann Osborn and Judy Welch (and any others) for faithfully proofreading the newsletter each month – nearly always under pressure for printing. It means a lot that you do your part with a faithful heart.
- Al Bryant covering an extra day in the office while Pastor Dinah was sick one day last week. Thanks for stepping in.
- John McElduff for the snow plowing this winter. It's been a while since he had to do it, but all his efforts of clearing our way at the church are deeply appreciated.



Congratulations!

- Ella Louise Domin was born March 28 to parents Lukasz & Michelle Domin. Michelle is the youngest daughter of Kathy & Denis Crosby
- Emmett William Grant Jasinski was born Mar. 31. Great-Grandparents are Bill and Molly Frostic
- Maile Church and Cecelia Schmitt for earning second team basketball all-conference awards. Cecelia also won the All-Region Girls Basketball Second Dream Team, and Maile received an Honorable Mention. Excellent job, young ladies!
- Leo Sinclair Smith baptized into the family of faith on April 10. Welcome, Leo!
- Tina Kneisel on receiving the Academic excellence recipient for the Spanish Department from Grand Valley State University!
- The Kolehmainen family's newest addition: Robert (Robbie) Raymond. He was born April 23, weighing in at 6 lbs., 12 oz., 20.5 " at 8:58 a.m. Dad Jason got everyone to their places and mom Naomi to the hospital – without speeding – and just in the nick of time!



Council Notes

FCCF Council Meeting Minutes There were 12 members present at the April 13, 2016 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Larry Neuhardt at 4 pm followed by the Opening Prayer.

The first presentation prior to Council business was given by Cameron Clark from Hometown Giving. Cameron gave members an overview of how Hometown Giving works: It is an online community supporting local businesses, charities, and nonprofits. Our church can be listed as one of the nonprofits if we decide to do this (see New Business).

The second presentation was the Annual Report of our Investment Fund given by David Appleford from RW Baird. The value of our Stocks at this time totals \$374,632.00/59.8%; the value of our Bonds totals \$251,605.00/40.2%. The Fund has made 5.14% over the 5 years we have had the account with Baird, and despite the downward spiral in 2015, things are looking good for the long term. Denis Crosby, Chair of the Investment Committee, commented on how pleased he and the Committee have been with their relationship with RW Baird.

The minutes from the March 9, 2016 meeting were then reviewed. With no corrections noted, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Neuhardt for John McElduff

1. Offerings for the month of March totaled \$5,658.65.
2. Expenses for the month of February totaled \$8,464.37.
3. This shows a deficit of -\$2,805.72.
4. Total current balance of Church funds is: \$69,434.58.

Following a short discussion and explanation in the insurance section of the Line Item Expenses vs. Budget Report, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Constitution and By-Laws, Finance and Stewardship, Memorials, Missions, Nominating, Women's Fellowship, Worship: no reports.

Investment: Denis Crosby – see RW Baird report above.

Outreach: Dinah Haag for Judy Grant/Myra Elias – upcoming events include 1) Dinner and Al's Academy on Comedians on April 20; and 2) the Gathering hosted by Andrea Frost on May 6.

Personnel: Andy Mollema – the Committee is continuing the process of updating the job descriptions of our employees.

Property: Andrea Frost – 1) The lower level (former Red Room) should be completed hopefully by April 20; 2) No starting date for the bathrooms as Phil Wade needs to be contacted for cutting concrete for toilet relocation; 3) The handrail for the Parsonage porch needs to be put in place; and 4) The porch still needs a final coat of paint.

Religious Education: Dinah Haag for Candace Nostrandt – there is now an ample supply of Sunday School curriculum material.

Historian: Al Bryant – Andy Mollema and Al have been doing much work on compiling historical data for the upcoming Sesquicentennial; therefore, there will be a report from the Sesquicentennial Committee listed in the Council's Agenda beginning next month.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Discussion concerning the possibility of joining Hometown Giving Community and having the Church's name listed under the nonprofits section. Al Bryant made the motion that Council approve our joining; Judy Welch seconded the motion. Discussion continued on where/what account any contributions would go. Pastor Dinah will also check back with Cameron Clark on how the Church would follow up on any donations with a thank you message. Deciding the Council needs a bit more time and clarification, the vote to join Hometown Giving was defeated.

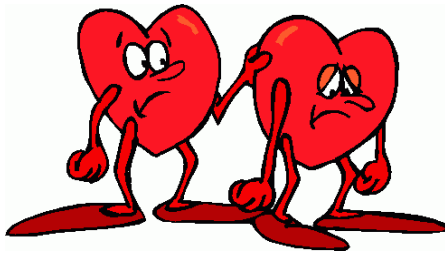
Larry Neuhardt, Chair, called for adjournment at 5:19 pm. Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

Over (+)/Under (-): The Bottom Line

| | Received | Over/Under |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| January | \$11,422.16 | +\$1,554.12 |
| February | \$12,874.20 | +\$1,600.16 |

**Pentecost Sunday –
the day we wear red in honor of the Holy
Spirit breathing life into the church.
If you don't have red, come anyway!**



The Grief Support Group will meet on Sunday, May 1, 3:00 PM at the home of Mary Link,

140 Sixth St, Frankfort. (Her home is on the SE corner of the intersection of Sixth and Forest.) After the loss of a loved one we must deal with many major issues that have to be addressed. This month we will discuss some of the little issues, "Keepsakes, Ghosts and Odds and Ends". If you know someone grieving a loss, we would be happy to contact them and invite them to the meeting. If you would like more information about the group, have questions, or need directions, call Carol/Doug Luther (Group Leaders) at 399-0141,

Frankfort Rotary Community Revue Talent Show 2016

The **14th Annual Frankfort Rotary Revue Variety Show** featuring local area talent of all ages. Event is scheduled for May 13th at Benzie Central High School Auditorium on Homestead Road in Benzonia.

Time is 6 pm – 10 pm. Preshow at 6:30 pm
Curtain at 7 pm for revue , \$5 admission
Refreshments available – 50/50 Raffle
Contact info – Linda Evans at 882-4154
All proceeds benefit the
Willoughby Rotary Foundation

RED CROSS HEROES!

Donna Phillips is once again heading the Northwest Michigan American Red Cross "HEROES" CAMPAIGN for us. For the past few years, our church family has been involved in raising close to \$3,000.00 to support local Disaster, Health, Safety & Service to Armed Forces Programs. If you'd like to help, you can write a check or donate cash. Remember, whatever way you choose, we are all "HEROES" when we contribute to this communitywide effort. Please fill out the "Heroes" Envelope (in the Church Dining Room) and return to Donna Phillips by the end of May. Thank you to all who have donated in the past!



Join us for
The Ladies Lunch
On May 26 at 12 noon.

Let's all meet at
The Fusion in Frankfort.

Dutch-treat, & bring
someone to share
with us!!!



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors At Stormcloud Brewing

Company in Frankfort and **Platte River Inn** in Honor on Tuesday, May 3rd and 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN.

Our local BACN had many moments worth noting and celebrating in 2015.



- BACN was one of five finalists for Michigan's Governor's Service Awards in the category of Outstanding Volunteer Program.
- Expanded partnerships with the MSU Extension, Michigan Works, Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc., and Food Rescue.
- The completion of a 3-year strategic plan.
- The demolition and removal of the former unusable east wing of BACN's facility.
- Over 12,000 hours of service given to our Neighbors by over 125 volunteers.

Tours of BACN are offered & encouraged



The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for its existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun." -Napoleon Hill (1883-1970)

Most of us realize that our own strength is not always enough to get through some of the situations that this life brings. At those difficult times, it is wise to call on God for extra strength and for His strength to help sustain you when your own strength fails.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." [Isaiah 41:10]

The Wild Rose Society will present a spring concert on Sunday, May 1, 3:00 p.m. at the Frankfort United Methodist Church. The Manitou Winds, pianist Susan Snyder, and soloist Claire Olinik will weave together solo works along with many different combinations of instruments and settings. Music written by living composers within the last 20 years will be featured. The collaborating artist for the spring concert will be Ellie Harold of Frankfort, and there will be a special exhibition at the concert. Founded in 1996, the Benzie Wild Rose Society serves to spread the joy of music by connecting local musicians to an eager local audience. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds supporting the Society's scholarship fund, which assists area students with summer music camp tuition. Refreshments will be served.



Please Remember in Prayer

Laura Allred
 Chuck Anderson
 Dick Brown
 Lynn Buzzell
 Bob Conrad
 Kathy Crosby
 Rita Gilbert
 Megan Gray
 Matt Olson
 Christopher
 Peregrine
 Moore Peregrine
 Helen Postema
 Tammy Provins
 Allen Rauner
 Marilyn Reed
 Josh Schulz
 Edna Teatro
 Georgia Visser
 Doc Wagner

Orchard House
 Susie Vigland

POLAR

John Abbett
 Charlie Holtrey

The Maples

Beverly Matthews
 Moore Peregrine

The Pines

Bea Gray
 Susie Middleton

The Families of:

Ken Atkinson
 Jim Burns
 Leonard Case
 Margaret Cromwell
 Nicky Goodreau
 Peter Guthman
 Judy Ingleston
 Erich Luedtke
 Norm Nelson
 Chaz Phillips
 Katherine Sprengins
 Jason Stoddard








April is First Congregational Church's Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Month

Sunday school teachers are such an important part of our ministry. They give their time, resources, energy and love each week to the children in our church. They have given of their worship time to teach the love of Jesus and their walk on the faith journey with so many youth. **Take time to say thank you to Becky Addis, Rob Burch, Lauren and Will Church, Jim & Robin MacKenzie**

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May 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| 01 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship & Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Wild Rose Concert FUMC Kerry Buzzell Jackson Deloria Tyler Grant Kristin Jackson Dylan Jewell | 02 Property Meeting Following Worship Michael Grant Julie Hirschfeld | 03 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: white; font-weight: bold;"> Eat Out for BACN </div> Mary Bateman Mariah Manning Candace Nostrandt | 04 10:00 a.m. BaLA VisX Group Class 4:00 pm Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir | 05 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Betty Webb | 06 <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> 6:00 p.m. The Gathering Mary Dykstra Serenity Schulz | 07 Liam Condon Bob King |
| 08 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship & Sunday School <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> Jacob Grant Gail Nugent | 09 Alma House Chia Yang | 10 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. Bill McMillan Michael Mendoza | 11 10:00 a.m. BaLA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg 7:30 p.m. Choir | 12 9:30 a.m. Yoga Tommy Mendoza Dawn Schulz Jill Smeltzer | 13 12:00 p.m. Dining Room Occupied Marijke Church | 14 |
| 15 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Pentecost Sunday | 16 Tegan Chicky | 17 | 18 10:00 a.m. BaLA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir | 19 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association Tommy Mendoza Dawn Schulz Jill Smeltzer | 20 Jared & Jordin Kelly | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> Armed Forces Day Becky & Matt Addis |
| 22 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship, Sunday School & Education Recognition 1:00 p.m. Baccalaureate St. Andrews | 23 | 24 Randy & Katherine Johnson | 25 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative 10:00 a.m. BaLA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir | 26 9:30 a.m. Yoga <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: white;"> 12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch at The Fusion </div> Rob Wolowiec | 27 Donna Phillips Faith & Jack Dulaney | 28 Andy & Marti Mollema |
| 29 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship & Sunday School Julie Morris Randy Johnson Sean Morris | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> Kathy Conrad | 31 Bill & Jeanne McMillan | 7 | | <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> | |

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| Announcements | 1,2,3,5,6 | 8 | Michael & Sharon Grajcar Larry Newhart, Lori Dougherty | |
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