

# Steepleviews

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## Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Kerry Buzzell  
Jackson Deloria  
Tyler Grant  
Richard Henry  
Dylan Prance-Jewell
- 02 Michael Grant  
Julie Hirschfeld  
Amber Holmgren  
Nicole Holmgren
- 03 Mary Bateman  
Mariah Manning  
Beth McNamara  
Candace Nostrandt
- 5 Janet Pearce  
Betty Webb
- 06 Mary Dykstra  
Leo Hughes  
Serenity Schulz
- 07 Liam Condon  
Bob King
- 08 Jacob Grant  
Gail Nugent
- 09 John Henry  
Alma House
- 13 Marijke Church
- 17 Jetta Kelly
- 19 Dawn Schulz  
Jill Smeltzer  
Molly & Scott Harrison
- 20 Jared & Jordin Kelly
- 21 Becky & Matt Addis
- 22 Michael Elwell  
Les Webb
- 23 Marilee & Wayne Strom
- 24 Emilie Lepke  
Katherine & Randy Johnson
- 27 Donna Phillips  
Faith & Jack Dulaney
- 28 Rita & Sean Morris
- 29 Randy Johnson  
Julie Morris  
Sean Morris
- 30 Gus Gigous

## May 2021

### Coming Events

- May 9 Happy Mother's Day
- May 10 Frankfort Annual  
Pick-up Week
- May 23 Pentecost Sunday
- May 31 Memorial Day

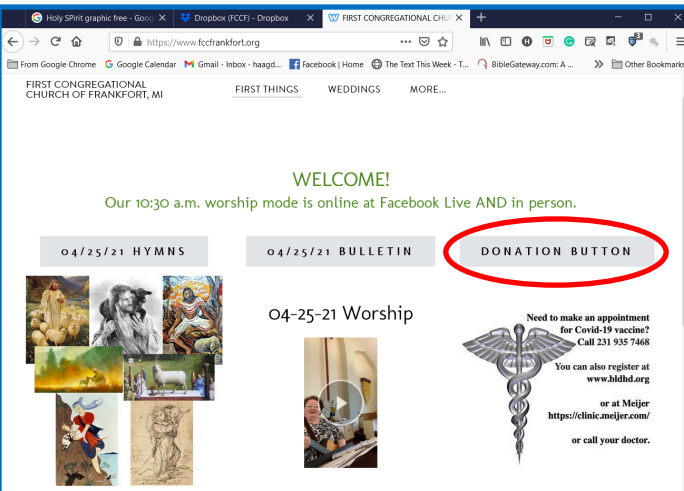


On Pentecost Sunday we wear red in honor of the Holy Spirit breathing life into the church. If you don't have red, come anyway!

# Pastor's Page

It's been a long while coming, but we finally figured out the online giving thing! And it's quite easy, too. If you go to [www.fccfrankfort.org](http://www.fccfrankfort.org), you will get the following page. The Donation button has been highlighted for you.

It's not a thing that will affect anyone's salvation, so it's a

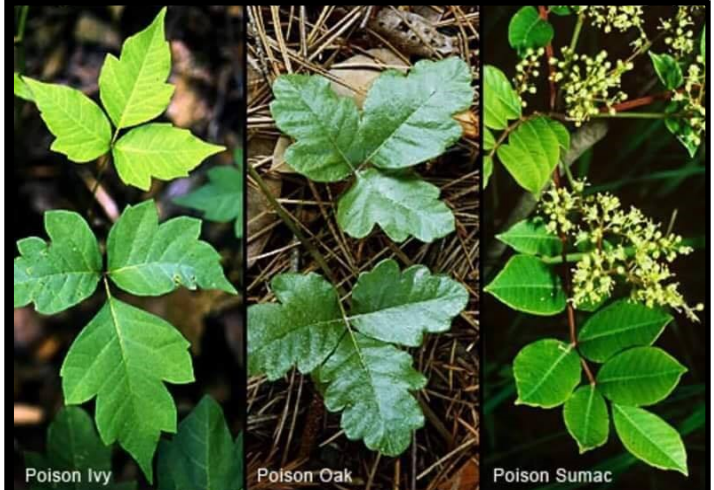


rather small thing. But it's a hospitality thing and an outreach thing, allowing people to do what they can with all the ease possible.

And it's become important in these days, because we now have people being "reached" from the Phillipines to Spain to India to Canada, all from little ol' Frankfort, MI. Between one Sunday worship service and the next one, we may have 20-100+ people who will brush by our sites/worship services.

When Jesus said to "go and make disciples," I don't know if he had any inkling of this stretch of ministry, but it's surely amazing to be a part of such breadth and love of God. Keep on keeping on, folks. You just never know how far your reach will go!

Of course, those who prefer to old-school it, checks and envelopes and the US postal service or your bank still work and are just as appreciated. Thank you, all of you!



Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac grow in wooded or marshy areas throughout North America. The plants aren't really poisonous. They have a sticky, long-lasting oil called urushiol that causes an itchy, blistering rash after it touches your skin. Even slight contact, like brushing up against the leaves, can leave the oil behind. Poison ivy and poison oak grow as vines or shrubs. Poison sumac is a shrub or tree.



**Household  
Hazardous  
Waste/Electronics  
Collections**

**Appointments are REQUIRED**

**Scheduled for Saturday, June 19, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.**

**At Frankfort High School 534 11th St  
Frankfort, MI 49635**

**Contact info — 231-882-0554**



## First Congregational Church of Frankfort Council Minutes

### FCCF COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2021

The March 10 Meeting Minutes were reviewed; with no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Burch

Offerings for March totaled: \$9,365.17  
Expenses for March totaled: \$9,204.28  
YTD Carryover: \$13,218.21

#### **Committee Reports**

**Memorials:** Judy Welch—It was reported that monies donated in memory of Andy Mollema totaled \$2300.00

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

**Investment:** Chris Porter – The total in all Baird Accounts is: \$859,199.12.

**Missions:** Paul Osborn – This account remains fully funded.

**Outreach:** Dinah Haag for Kelly Ottinger – 1) Virtual attendance for our Worship Services has reached more people than expected. Dinah explained how Constant Contact has kept track of those persons watching virtually for the past months. 2) The audio-visual system installation for continued online viewing is in progress. 3) The 4<sup>th</sup> of July hot dog sale will not take place this year due to Covid uncertainty.

**Property:** Dinah Haag for Myra Elias: 1) Sound Environments is the company which will be installing our new audio-visual system hopefully at the beginning of June. 2) New pulldown cellular shades have been installed in the dining room. 3) Three apple trees have been planted by Jim Buzzell between the Church and the Parsonage.

**Women's Fellowship:** Mary Reed - A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Frankfort High School graduating class for their overnight party.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn – 1) The numbers for Holy Week services were: 20 in person on Palm Sunday, 5 in person and 105 online for Maundy Thursday service, 10 in person and 109 online for Good Friday service, and 64 in person with 153 online for Easter Sunday service. 2) The Alleluia banner will continue to be displayed for the time being. 3) A donation will be made to the Baby Pantry in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day. 4) Passing of the offering plates is still on hold. 5) There are no weddings scheduled until June. 6) Pentecost Sunday is May 23 and the next Communion Sunday is June 6.

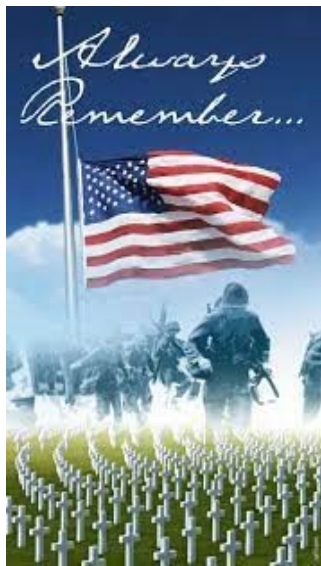
**Pastor's Report:** Dinah Haag – Report submitted with a note that Pastor Dinah sent a letter to the Olivet Congregational Church congratulating the installation of their new pastor.

**New Business:** 1) Regarding the question: will Unrestricted funds be included with Restricted funds come December 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2022 Baird Fund withdrawal? Upon the Investment Committee's recommendation, Linda Schweyer made the motion that Unrestricted funds not be included in year-end calculations so as to save the totality for larger projects. Ann Osborn seconded the motion. Following a question and clarification on said motion, the motion passed unanimously. 2) Rob Burch presented an overview and explanation to the Council of a Profit and Loss Report.

**No Reports:** Constitution & By Laws, Nominating, Religious Education, Personnel, and no Unfinished Business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



## Memorial Day

This holiday was created to honor the many American men and women who died in military service. This focus on those who made the ultimate sacrifice sets it

apart from Veterans' Day which honors all military veterans, living and dead.

Memorial Day is always commemorated in the U.S. on the last Monday in May. In Canada, Memorial Day is commemorated with Canada Day on July 1st each year.

Americans wear the symbolic red Poppy flower on Memorial Day to commemorate those military people who have died. The red color is not a symbol of blood, death or support for war, but instead, were the only flowers that grew in war-torn battlefields. In Canada, poppies are worn on Remembrance Day on November 11th. The sight of the red poppies inspired one Canadian soldier, Colonel John McCrae, to pen the poem, "In Flanders Fields" in May 1915. The poem moved two women, Anna E. Guerin of France and Moina Michael of Georgia to sell artificial poppies to benefit children left orphaned by the War, and by 1922, the poppy was adopted as the official memorial flower of the VFW. The Friday before Memorial Day was designated as Poppy Day.



## CHAMPION HILL GOLF COURSE

Champion Hill Golf Course is planning the 27th Annual Northern Michigan Transplant Golf Outing on May 1, 2021. After taking a COVID break last year they are ready to get back to it! This event began after Brady Cole received a liver transplant at the University of Michigan Mott Children's Hospital in 1991. As a way to give back, Brady's parents (Jim Cole & Jeanne Hafer) established the outing to raise money to help subsidize the cost of transplant recipient participation in Camp Michitanki (Michigan Transplant Kids) summer camp. The golf outing has been held each year since 1993 (except for 2020) and has raised over \$100,000 for the camp.

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

**Champion Hill Golf Course**

**501 N. Marshall Rd, Beulah, MI 49617**

**4 Person Scramble**

**Men's, Women's or Mixed Teams**

**Check-In: 8:30am – 9:30am**

**(Near Club House)**

**Complementary Driving Range:**

**8:30am – 9:45am**

**Shotgun Start: 10:00am**

**In your cart and ready by 9:45am**

**\$50 per person (Cash or check only)**

**Includes 18 holes of golf with  
cart, lunch, prizes**



# Happy Mother's Day

## Mother's Day Word Search



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MOTHER  
 AUNT  
 FAMILY  
 RESPECT  
 COOKING



MOMMY  
 LOVE  
 PARENT  
 WISDOM  
 NURTURE



GRANDMA  
 SPECIAL  
 HUGS  
 KISSES  
 BEAUTIFUL



- Sally Lavender on her 2nd great granddaughter, Jolene Elizabeth, born April 9th, 2021 to Victoria Hegbloom and Sam Suchek. Jolene apparently looks a lot like her older sister, Valerie. Mom and baby are doing well.



- Al Bryant for his presentations of AI's Academies this winter. One never knows what he will find to enlighten the curious.
- Bill Hirschfeld for his studies on "Jonah and Christian Legend and Lore". They were great opportunities to stretch the heart and the mind.
- Jim Buzzell for painting a cupboard in the church upstairs restroom. Very nice!

## Water for Good

**Jim & Faye Hocking founded Water for Good in the Central African Republic (CAR). Their 2021 To-Do-List includes:**

- 30 new handpumps providing water for 7,500 people
- 15 solar-powered pump systems providing water for 37,500 people
- Adding a water testing lab in Berberati (CAR)

**Would you consider joining them in helping the people of CAR receive clean water this year? Just a \$5 donation will provide drinking for one person for 12 months.**



### Prayer Concerns

Aaron  
 Shelby Anderson  
 Alex Bonderenko  
 Don Bonderenko  
 Marti Braithwhite  
 Phillip Brown  
 Robin Brunette  
 Diane Brutzer  
 John Chiotti  
 Bill Frostic  
 Norma Godsey  
 Pat Hessler  
 Becky Kelly  
 Sue King  
 Jerry Johnson  
 Sally Lavender  
 Oliver MacKenzie  
 Michelle Morris  
 Nicole Nostrandt  
 Lisa Parriott  
 Ron Phillips  
 Wendy Pratley  
 Tina Reed  
 Todd Reed  
 Mary Roeters  
 Dawn Schulz

### Serenity Schulz

Jane Tarneki  
 Mr. Tondoni  
 Trevor  
 John Young

### Families of

Grace Grigg  
 Jackie McHugh  
 Peter McKnight

### 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

## Many thanks to our Sunday School Teachers & Nursery Attendant

Though we have not had any Sunday School happenings for some time, we want to send thanks to all of our **Sunday School Teachers & Nursery Attendant** for their loving time spent with our youth in the past.





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May 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Kerry Buzzell Jackson Deloria Tyler Grant Richard Henry Dylan Jewell
2 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship  Michael Grant Julie Hirschfeld Amber Holmgren Nicole Holmgren	3  Mary Bateman Mariah Manning Beth McNamara Candace Nostrandt	4 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting	5 3:15 p.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting  Janet Pearce Betty Webb	6 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Property Meeting  Mary Dykstra Leo Hughes Serenity Schulz	7 12:30 p.m. MOBBI  <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> </div>  Liam Condon Bob King	8      Jacob Grant Gail Nugent
9 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship  <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Happy Mother's Day</b> </div> John Henry Alma House	10  <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Frankfort Annual Clean-up Week</b> </div>	11 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI	12 3:15 p.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Council Meeting	13 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI   Marijke Church	14 12:30 p.m. MOBBI	15      <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Armed Forces Day</b> </div>
16 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship	17  <div style="border: 2px solid brown; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Pack Rat Day</b> </div> Jetta Kelly	18 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI  6:00 p.m. Benzie Faith in Action	19 3:15 p.m. MOBBI  Dawn Schulz Jill Smeltzer Molly & Scott Harrison	20 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  Jared & Jordin Kelly	21 12:30 p.m. MOBBI  Becky & Matt Addis	22      Michael Elwell Les Webb
23 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship  Marilee & Wayne Strom	24  <div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Happy Brother-in-Law Day</b> </div> Emily Lepke Randy & Katherine Johnson	25 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI	26 3:15 p.m. MOBBI  4:00 p.m. Missions Meeting	27 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI  Donna Phillips Faith & Jack Delaney	28 12:30 p.m. MOBBI  Rita & Sean Morris	29      Randy Johnson Julie Morris Sean Morris
30 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship  Gus Gigus	31  <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Happy Memorial Day</b> </div>			<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div> <p style="font-size: 24px; margin: 0;"><b>MAY IS</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;">Mental Health Awareness Month</p> </div> </div>		

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## **Greeters/Ushers**

*Head Usher: Chris Porter*

2	Judy Grant, Alma House, Betty Webb, Judy Welch
9	Beth & Mike McNamara Chris Porter, Mary Reed
16	Catherine St. Onge, Pat Kinske Leslie McElduff, Phil Gates
23	Julie & Bill Hirschfeld Jim Buzzell, Myra Elias
30	Dennis & Kris Richards Molly & Scott Harrison