

# Steepleviews

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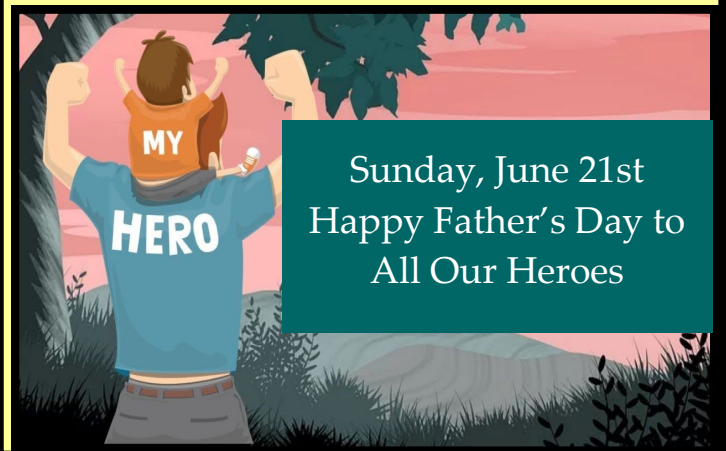
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## June 2020 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Hugh & Pat Hessler
- 03 Liz Acklin  
Kendra Nuske
- 06 Kim & Stuart Scripps
- 08 Julie & Paul Robinson
- 10 Luke Reed  
Crystal & Steve Rath
- 11 Bob Condon
- 15 Elizabeth Steigerwald  
Paula Steigerwald
- 17 Donna & Ron Phillips
- 18 Jane Tarnecki
- 19 John & Mary Bateman
- 20 Cassie & Chuck Henry
- 21 Jean & Tom Hafer
- 24 Noreen Henry  
Lillian Osborn
- 25 John Ruckrich  
Jeff & Michelle Frostic
- 26 Carolyn Lalas  
Jennie Schmitt  
Eva Strom  
Liz & Tony Ponce de Leon
- 28 Connie Bennehoff  
Robin Somero
- 29 Marilyn Switzer
- 30 Emory Duffy  
Michael Grajcar



So much is a-stir,  
you will have to read  
the Pastor's Page  
to be informed!



# Pastor's Page

One would think that if people aren't gathering for Worship, that the other aspects of church life would be rather quiet, too. Far from it, my friends!

The big one, of course, is that for those who feel comfortable and healthy, you are welcome to come to the sanctuary for our new normal worship beginning this coming Sunday, May 31. It is understood that not everyone will feel comfortable, and that's fine. For those folks, and for other reasons, our online sermons/services will continue. For those who chose to come, make sure to put your mask on before you enter the building and work hard to resist the hugs!

The second big thing that has happened lately is that we received the news that Patty Pohlman left us a lovely gift from her estate. An ad hoc (as needed) committee has been working on how we can honor Patty in the handling of the money. There will be more information on that coming in the future. I found a couple of photos of her, for those who find familiarity in her name.



In speaking to our Baird guy, Ed Schindler, he suggested that I let you all know that the Federal Coronavirus Tax Relief Bill allows taxpayers to claim up to \$300 of charitable contributions as a tax deduction on their 2020 taxes even if they are not itemizing.

As much as we've experienced inconveniences, the virus and its effects has caused some timely and good things to happen. In that vein, our National Association of Congregational Christian Churches' Annual Meeting is going online. It is usually a 3-4 day

event where Congregationalists gather from all over the world. We've not had a presence at the meeting for many years, because it was a rather large cost (room, board, travel, registration fees, etc.). This year, being online, there is no fee to attend, so any of us can attend!

We are in need of an official delegate and an official alternate delegate to this conference on Saturday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in serving this church family in this way, just let me know so we can get the proper certification for you. I'm guessing that it will be on Zoom, but if you don't have a computer or internet, don't let that intimidate you. Those are small hills to overcome.

While our Financial Secretary wanted to let you know that your gifts are truly appreciated, because we don't have that little Missions basket in front of us, the gifts in that area are a little lower than the general giving. So if you are able to help out in that area, just let us know that, too.

Our gardening person retired last year, so if anyone has 15 minutes to lend at a church garden, it would be so appreciated. Just leave the weeds in a pile and we can pick them up later.

One of the hard decisions that have had to be made here is the cancelation of our July 4th Hot Dog Sale. It has been a part of the holiday's tradition for so many for a long while. But for this year, it would be impossible to figure out any sort of ordering, not to mention the numbers of folks that might be around.

On a personal note, I continue to be amazed and humbled by the ongoing gifts people continue to send in. With all that is going on, your generosity is not only inspiring but remarkable. Thank you all for all that you are able to do for this church family.

Hang in there folks. I've been praying for you and will continue to do so. It will get better and we WILL get to sing together in worship again! Pastor Dinah

Thank You Thank You  
**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who sent birthday cards (150+), and to all my friends who gathered in front of my house, decorated with over 90 balloons, beautiful flowers and gifts, who sang happy birthday waving and cheering with a trumpet playing, followed with a parade of cars and city firetrucks and EMT vehicles!

A special thank you to those who took part in decorating and planning this special surprise.

Who would have thought during this pandemic that I could have the best 90th birthday ever!

All my love,  
 Alma - 90 years young!



Impromptu Sidewalk  
 Chalk  
 Party May  
 2020



## Congratulations

- Grace Henry for making the Honor Roll at Fresh Wind's Christian Academy.
- Cooper Rath shared the honor with another boy for the top in their Computers Class 2 for the school!
- College Graduates—
  - ◆ Coleman King Schindler, Albion College
  - ◆ Cecelia Schmitt, U of M
  - ◆ Cameron McCool, grandson of Alma House, from Elon University in North Carolina
  - ◆ Luke Reed, Alma College, for making the Dean's List
- High School Graduates—
  - ◆ Bella Gigous from Lighthouse Connections Academy
  - ◆ Tate MacKenzie (Ypsilanti), grandson of Jim and Robin.
  - ◆ Grace McCool, Alma House's granddaughter, from Suttons Bay High School
  - ◆ Penelope Penfold-Patterson, granddaughter of Alma House, who will be attending New York University this fall for musical theater
  - ◆ Jane Turner, graduating from FEAS, cousin to Cecelia Schmitt, niece of Jennie Schmitt and granddaughter of Dori Turner

Thank you to Marti and her brother, Tom, for the lovely display of daffodils, crocuses and hyacinths they planted last fall. It's wonderful to see such uplifting colors at this time.



# Council Meeting Minutes

## FCCF Council Minutes – Via Zoom April 8, 2020

The Minutes from the April 8 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

### Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

Offerings for April totaled: \$ 7,965.00  
Budgeted expenses April totaled: 10,467.67  
Carryover YTD: 2,345.39

Our Budget is in good shape. There were several questions noted in the Report and those will be double checked. A gift has been given to the church from the Patty Pohlman Estate – see New Business #2. Following discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

### Committee Reports

Finance: Judy Welch – See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost: As of May 13, Stocks: \$339,260.00; Bonds: \$270,195.00; total Baird Investment Fund: \$609,455.00.

Missions: Paul Osborn – This account remains fully funded, with a meeting scheduled for May 27.

Outreach: Kelly Ottinger - 1) While we are sad to not be meeting together, the online Sunday service viewing stats have greatly expanded our outreach capability; 2) Pastor Dinah is learning the ropes with the email platform Constant Contact to present a more polished communication forum as needed; 3) People have enjoyed leaving positive messages and pictures in front of the church with the provided sidewalk chalk; and 4) A grant was given to BACN from the 2018 Hot Dog Sale proceeds, and a thank you goes to Dawn Schulz, through her coupons at area dollar stores, which has provided BACN with replenished goods and children's clothing.

Personnel: Myra Elias – Pastor Dinah's yearly evaluation was held on May 12 with high marks given. It was decided that her evaluations can be held every other year unless a need arises.

Property: Myra Elias – 1) The church's furnace has been acting up with adjustments being made by Tom Whiting. A new furnace may be needed as our present one is very old; Tom will check the pricing for this. 2) The storm replacements for the Sanctuary windows is still a work in progress, but the Committee will now obtain a firm quote as this project needs to be completed.

Women's Fellowship: - See Unfinished Business

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) Pastor Dinah will continue to print out Sunday bulletins despite our Facebook Live services. 2) Pastor Dinah hopes the Council will approve a Reopening Ad Hoc Committee (See New Business #3). 3) A donation of \$100.00 is being given to the Baby Pantry in honor of Mother's Day; and 4) Worship services at the long term care facilities have been temporarily canceled.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - Report submitted

Unfinished Business: Vacant Council Seat: A motion was made by Myra Elias that the Council accept Mary Reed's offer to fill Kim Scripps' vacated seat. Judy Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed

### New Business:

See Pastor's Report: NACCC Annual Meeting

**No Report:** Memorials, Constitution & By-Laws, Nominating, Religious Education.

Larry Neuhardt, Council Chair,  
called for the meeting adjournment at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



- Jim MacKenzie for fixing a dead light fixture ballast.
- Donna Phillips for washing all the pillows in the sanctuary (there's a first time for everything).
- Katherine Johnson for fixing one of the more loved pillows.
- Robin MacKenzie for allowing us to use two of her banners during Lent.
- Jim Buzzell for fertilizing the church grounds. That's so awesome!
- Marti Mollema for the fresh flowers at the May 3rd Worship Service.
- Dawn Schulz for doing some very savvy shopping for BACN essentials— soap, toothpaste, children's clothing, shoes, laundry soap.
- Jeanne Hafer, Molly Harrison, Julie Hirschfeld, Marjorie Porter and Cecelia Schmitt for serving us on the ReOpening Ad Hoc Committee. Their thoughts and input are a big part of how we are going to move forward—for the time being.
- Rob Burch, Myra Elias, Andrea Frost, Bill Frostic, Larry Neuhardt, Mary Reed and Judy Welch for serving on the 2020 Bequest Ad Hoc Committee. Their time and attention has been of great help in the receiving of a gift from Patty Polhman's estate.
- Jeanne Hafer for doing some odd jobs around the church to get ready for May 31st— including some weeding out front!
- Andrea Frost for making daily checks on the church boiler while it's been in hospice. Now that we don't need heat, it's been turned off for the last time.
- Chris Porter for making a stand for the PPE barrier on the pulpit and also for helping to determine total capacity in the church per Covid-19 regulations.
- Bill Frostic for caulking the North Fire Exit & for mending some issues in the front foyer.

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Prayer Concerns

Aaron Anderson  
 Peggy Andrews  
 Ed Baldwin  
 Al Bryant  
 Nora Bungard  
 Jim Buzzell  
 John Chiotti  
 Denis Crosby  
 Lucas Crosby  
 Marnie Curtis  
 Johnny Frostic  
 Sherrie Gigous  
 Mary Alice Hafer  
 Alan Hasko  
 Hugh Hessler  
 Pat Hessler  
 Peggy Jackson  
 Scott Johnson  
 Eleyne Levitt  
 Molly & Sang Nguyen  
 Kelly & John Ottinger  
 Luc Parriott  
 Ron Phillips  
 Porter family  
 Elizabeth Harness-  
 Richardson  
 Julie & Paul Robinson  
 Linda & David Schweyer  
 Matt Tuller  
 Amy Walker  
 Eric & Karen Williams  
 Gladys Wilson

### Military

Mike Kinney  
 Tyler Kinney  
 Clark Robinson  
 Ryan Ruddy

### The Families of

Lloyd Arnold  
 Carol Bright  
 Karen Coussens  
 John Eipperle  
 Naomi Fillingham  
 Bob Fuksa  
 Mary Alice Hafer  
 Esther Harrison  
 Kathy Hughes  
 Kurt Luedtke  
 Tom Zatkovic

### Senior Living

#### *Orchard House*

Pat Hessler  
 Shirley Kerr  
 Susie Vigland

#### *The Homesteader*

Moore Peregrine  
 Bea Stone

#### *The Maples*

Karen Collins  
 Jan Condon  
 Gladys Wilson

Safe journey to Lauren Church as she returns to the East coast for a while. Her family (and church family) is very proud of her as she continues to embrace a vision of hope and solving problems. Lauren is joining other Harvard student volunteers to collaborate with MIT students to design a contact tracing app for COVID.



# Safari Animals

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- HIPPO
- GIRAFFE
- CROCODILE
- ZEBRA
- BABOON
- HYENA
- SPRINGBOK
- GAZELLE
- KUDU
- WARTHOG
- CIVET
- ELAND



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 World Milk Day	2 National Rocky Road Day  Hugh & Pat Hessler	3 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting National Egg Day  Elizabeth Acklin Kendra Nuske	4 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting  Hug Your Cat Day	5 World Environment Day	6 D-Day, WW11  Kim & Stuart Scripps
7 10:30 a.m. Worship: Digitally and In Person Communion Sunday	8 Best Friends Day  Julie & Paul Robinson	9 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting  Donald Duck Day	10 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting Via Zoom  Luke Reed Crystal & Steve Rath	11   Bob Condon	12   Anti-Child Labor Day	13
14 10:30 a.m. Worship: Digitally and In Person 	15   Elizabeth Steigerwald Paula Steigerwald	16	17 11:30 a.m. Min. Assoc. Mtg.  Donna & Ron Phillips	18   Go Fishing Day  Jane Tarnecki	19   John & Mary Bateman	20   Summer Begins  Cassie & Chuck Henry
21 10:30 a.m. Worship: Digitally and In Person <b>Happy Father's Day</b>  Jeanne & Tom Hafer	22 World Rainforest Day	23 International Widows Day	24 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative Mtg.  Noreen Henry Lillian Osborn	25   John Ruckrich Jeff & Michelle Frostic	26   Carolyn Lalas Jennie Schmitt Eva Strom Liz & Tony Ponce de Leon	27 3:00 p.m. NACCC Annual Meeting  Helen Keller Day
28 10:30 a.m. Worship: Digitally and In Person  Connie Bennehoff Robin Somero	29   Marilyn Switzer	30   Meteor Day  Emory Duffy Michael Grajcar				

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