

Steepleviews

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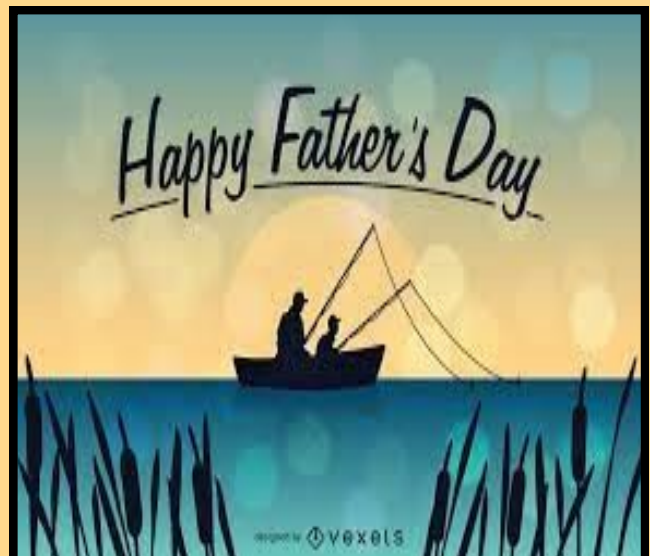
Anniversaries & Birthdays

June 2021

- 2 Hugh & Pat Hessler
Alex & Kelsey McNamara
- 03 Liz Acklin
Kendra Nuske
- 06 Kim & Stuart Scripps
- 8 Pete Reed
Julie & Paul Robinson
- 10 Luke Reed
Crystal & Steve Rath
- 11 Bob Condon
- 12 Chris & Dave Anthony
- 15 Elizabeth Steigerwald
Paula Steigerwald
- 16 Vivienne Forrest
- 17 Donna & Ron Phillips
- 18 Jane Tarnecki
- 19 John & Mary Bateman
- 20 Casey & Chuck Henry
- 21 Jeanne & Tom Hafer
- 24 Noreen Henry
Lillian Osborn
- 25 John Ruckrich
Jeff & Michelle Frostic k
- 26 Carolyn Lalas
Jennie Schmitt
Eva Strom
Liz & Tony Ponce de Leon
- 27 Rachel & Ryan St. John
- 28 Connie Bennehoff
Robin Somero
- 29 Marilyn Switzer
- 30 Emory Duffy
Michael Grajcar

Catch These Coming Events !

- June 6 World War II D-Day
- June 13 POTLUCK REUNION
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 17 Community Meal
- June 19 Waste/Electronic Collection
- June 20 Happy Father's Day



Pastor's Page

Whooo-eeee! This past year-and-a-half has been a trip none of us could have anticipated in any way, shape or form. And some of us have had to learn things we never ever wanted. A fair bit was due to that covid thing, but that was along side regular life stuff.

There were moments that maybe made us a little proud—like when we didn't mention all the grey in so-and-so's hair, or the weight that what's-their-name gained. And maybe there were some moments of which we were less proud—like staying up way too late watching that next episode of whatever has captivated our attention at the moment. (Okay, not horrendous, but you get my drift. And not like I'd really know anything about that.)

The other day I was in the church kitchen, cleaning up the dehumidifiers with Katherine, and at the end of it, I went to wash my hands. It never dawned on me that the soap had been unused in the dispenser for the last year-and-a-half, and that which was in the tube may have had a chemical reaction to one thing or another, and what should have been white coming out of the dispenser was a nasty black color!

The first thing that came to mind was that I was glad that no one else came across it before I did. I mean, that could have been super

embarrassing under the right circumstance.

The next thing that came to mind was that even when goofy stuff happens, despite the end or beginning or middle of a pandemic, no matter when things happen or don't happen, no matter how much they may change or not change, no matter how shifting the sand feels under our feet, there is One who doesn't change.

In Isaiah 43, that One tells us, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

This passage has endured, all 2,300 years—or so—since it was first written. It has survived pandemics, wars, deaths, nature's events of all kinds. As we re-enter into the world that was sort of like it was before Covid-19, we can determine what we will bring with us in our backpacks of faith. I hope you take this one with you! Looking forward to seeing all of you again soon, Pastor Dinah



He's Back!!!

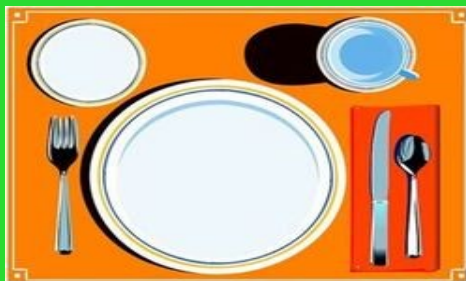
Yay!!!

1.5 years after a couple of falls, rehabs and COVID, Al Bryant is answering phones

on Tuesdays & Thursdays



In the first of three, our congregation is participating in a series of community meals this summer in partnership with churches all over Benzie county with the goal of building community, praying together, feeding the hungry (both physically and spiritually) and finding common ground. The first meal will take place Thursday, June 17th, at 6 p.m. at the Memorial Park in Benzonia and we hope you will join us. Please contact Pastor Dinah with any questions. There's no fee, although we'd like an idea of the numbers, so let us know if you're thinking about it.



Household Hazardous Waste/

Electronics Collections

Appointments REQUIRED

Saturday, June 19, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Frankfort High School 534 11th St

231-882-0554



The Benzie County Community Chorus Sings Again!



We're Doing It!

The 2021 Sounds Of Summer Concerts

June 19, 20 & 21 7:30 p.m.

Frankfort United Methodist Church, 537 Crystal Ave, South parking area
Outdoors, so please bring a chair or blanket.
A freewill offering will be taken.



First Congregational Church of Frankfort Council Minutes

FCCF COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2021

The Minutes of the April 14 Meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

Offerings for April totaled: \$8,506.00
Expenses for April totaled: 8,589.87
YTD Carryover: 13,134.34

Committee Reports

Finance: Judy Welch – See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Chris Porter – The total in all Baird Accounts is: \$876,682.58

Missions: Paul Osborn – This account remains fully funded.

Outreach: : Dinah Haag for Kelly Ottinger – 1) Graphs for virtual attendance at worship services were reviewed, which included how many and from where people visited our social media sites. 2) We are still on hold for any participation in the Frankfort 4th of July parade which has not been canceled as yet.

Property: Myra Elias – 1) The Church's upstairs bathroom cabinet was painted. 2) The sanctuary replacement storm windows are still on hold until late May or early June. 3) The power washing of the Church and the Parsonage's back deck will be done by the Nostrandt's soon. 4) The video/sound system parts are on backorder. 5) there is a remaining boiler issue. The installer is aware. 6) The lower exterior of the church needs

painting and volunteers are being sought. 7) Consumers Power will do an energy audit before we continue the solar panel possibility.

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) Graphs for virtual attendance at worship services were reviewed. 2) Donations have been made, in conjunction with the Outreach Committee, to the Baby Pantry in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day. 3) Pentecost Sunday will be celebrated on May 23. 4) The next Communion Sunday will be June 6.

Re-opening Committee: Pastor Dinah met with the committee to get an idea on when the congregation can be unmasked for worship services. There are distinct ideas on the topic so the committee will meet in another two weeks after no solution came about. *(Two days after this meeting, the mandate came in from our governor and the CDC that masks are no longer required for Covid vaccinated persons inside.)

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – Report submitted

New Business: None

No Reports: Memorials, Constitution & By Laws, Nominating, Personnel, Religious Education, Women's Fellowship, Unfinished Business & New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

A Minnesota Mother's Day Surprise



Augie Anderson & Barb & Del Wagner (Pastor Dinah's family) provided smiles and laughter for our Mother's Day Service. What a wonderful end to a wonderful Mother's Day Service!



That was after we met Maudie, the newest member of the Robinson family.

From Consumers Energy



The Summer Peak Rate allows us to take advantage of lower-cost electricity available at certain times of day to help lower your bill. Beginning June 1, 2021, peak pricing will go into effect through the end of September. That means from Monday through Friday, during the summer, electricity will cost 1.5 times more, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. By paying attention to when you use energy and taking advantage of energy efficiency opportunities, you can save on energy bills.

Tips To Lower Your Energy Use

- Adjust your AC—Increase your thermostat by 5° for at least 8 hours per day. Aim for the time period of 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Postpone your chores—Save the dishes and laundry for after 7:00 pm or on the weekend.
- Plug into a smart strip—Plug electronic devices into a smart power strip to prevent them from consuming energy even when they're off or in standby mode.
- Install a Smart Thermostat—Install a programmable or smart thermostat to control your air conditioner.
- Refresh your AC Filters—Clean or replace AC filters once a month to allow your air conditioner to run more efficiently.
- Swap out your Lights—Replace old incandescent bulbs with LEDs for longer-lasting bulbs that can help lower your energy bill. Start with your home's five most frequently used bulbs.

Congratulations

- It was the Mushroom Festival 5k race and guess who is first in the 18 and under bracket? Mason Rath– 24 minutes 5 seconds! The kid’s got legs!
- Tucker Hubbard’s efforts have been second to none, continuing to improve every meet, ranked 2nd in the Region in Discus and 5th in Shot Put. Then he finished as the school team’s lone state qualifier after finishing second with a new personal record in the discus (117-09).
- Walker Schindler, part of the 4 x 100 meter relay, which finished fifth in regionals. Division 4 state finals will take place on June 5 at Hudsonville.
- Prince Cooper Rath crowned so at this Junior Prom!
- Ryan Jarosz, Phy-Ed teacher at Frankfort Elementary School, on receiving an “Outstanding Person in Education” Award. Over the last 12 months he had to re-calibrate his teaching for remote learning and then created an all-year outdoor program. In addition to all that, he is Sarah Dougherty’s husband!
- Ed Schindler and the Frankfort Girl’s Track team for almost winning the regional meet. They came in just 2 points after Glen Lake. With only 14 girls on the team, that’s right impressive!
- Lake MacKenzie who graduated from Calvin College on May 22nd with a degree in bio-chemistry
- Sara Robinson on her graduation from Missouri Science & Technology with a degree in Chemical Engineering and carrying a 4.0.
- John Baldwin (Rosemary’s grandson) for graduating with honors—top academic graduate (4.0) and the sole recipient of the highest scholarship offered by Valencia for students who are transferring to a University to finish their 4-year degree: Hites Scholarship.
- Rosemary’s other grandson, Dawson Baldwin, and his graduation from high school.
- Reagan Clevenger on her graduation from High School in Arizona.

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Aaron
 Shelby Anderson
 Alex Bonderenko
 John Chiotti
 Sue Curtis
 Bill Frostic
 Bonnie Heaney
 Pat Hessler
 Dale Holmgren
 Becky Kelly
 Nathan Kolehmainen
 Jerry Johnson
 Pastor Steven
 Colin MacNeal
 Michelle Morris
 Lisa Parriott
 Ron Phillips
 Wendy Pratley
 Tim Quist
 Steve Rath
 Pete Reed
 Tina Reed
 Todd Reed
 Dawn Schulz
 Serenity Schulz

Don Smith
 Jane Tarneki
 John Young

Families of
 Mary Roeters
 Bruce Schleuter

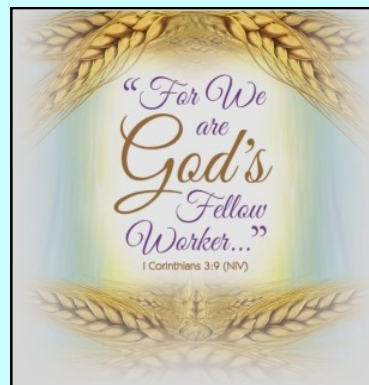
The Military
 Mike Kinney
 Tyler Kinney
 Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living

The Homesteader
 Bea Stone

The Maples
 Karen Collins
 Gladys Wilson

Orchard House
 Pat Hessler
 Joan Miller
 Susie Vigland



**June is
 First
 Congregational
 Church's
 Usher
 Appreciation
 Month**

Thank you all for seeing to the needs of our family congregation during worship! Your friendly smiles make everyone feel so welcome!!!



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June
2021

Strawberry Full Moon in June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting	2 3:15 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting Alex & Kelsey McNamara Hugh & Pat Hessler	3 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Liz Acklin Kendra Nuske	4 12:30 p.m. MOBBI	5	
6 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Kim & Stuart Scripps	7	8 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI Pete Reed Julie & Paul Robinson	9 3:15 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting Vivienne Forrest	10 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Luke Reed Crystal & Steve Rath	11 12:30 p.m. MOBBI 3:30 p.m. Brown/Sierra Wedding Rehearsal Bob Condon Chris & Dave Anthony	12 3:30 p.m. Brown/Sierra Wedding	
13 10:30 a.m. Worship & Potluck 	14	15 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI Elizabeth Steigerwald Paula Steigerwald	16 3:15 p.m. MOBBI Vivienne Forrest	17 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px;"> 6:00 p.m. Community Meal </div> Donna & Ron Phillips	18 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Jane Tarnecki	19 Hazardous Waste Collection Day John & Mary Bateman	
20 10:30 a.m. Worship Happy Father's Day! Cassie & Chuck Henry	21 Jeanne & Tom Hafer	22 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI 	23 3:15 p.m. MOBBI	24 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI Noreen Henry Lillian Osborn	25 12:30 p.m. MOBBI 5:30 p.m. Weckle-Trombley Wedding John Ruckrich Jeff & Michelle Frostic	26 Carolyn Lalas Jennie Schmitt Eva Marie Strom Liz & Tony Ponce de Leon	
27 10:30 a.m. Worship Rachel & Ryan St. John	28 Connie Bennehoff Robin Somero	29 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI Marilyn Switzer	30 3:15 p.m. MOBBI Emory Duffy Michael Grajcar 7				

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Greeters/Ushers

Head Usher:

6	Judy Grant, Mary Reed Jim & Robin MacKenzie
13	Head Usher for Today Only – Mary Reed Paul & Julie Robinson Alma House, Marti Mollema
20	Leslie McElduff, Donna Phillips Linda & David Schweyer
27	Beth & Mike McNamara Bob & Sue King