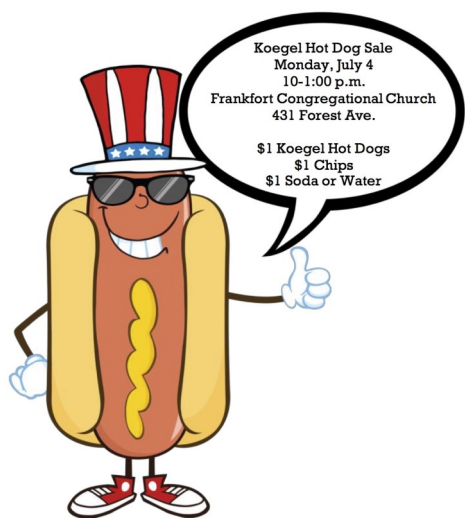


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Catch These Coming Events!



Our Big Month is Here!

4th of July Parade

We will have an entry in the parade, so make sure you give us a big cheer!

4th of July Koegel Hot Dog Sale

We can use donations of soda pop or water, and they can be dropped by the church anytime before the 4th. Don't forget to stop by and grab a quick lunch!

July 19:

Our 5th Annual Block Party

We'll have free sandwiches, chips popcorn, non-alcoholic beverages, and entertainment. You can't beat the price!

COMMUNITY

BLOCK

PARTY

So come and bring a chair or blanket, your family, friends and neighbors. The street will be closed off between 5th and 4th Street so kids can be safe to ride bikes & scooters.

The rain date will be the next day.

It's going to be an awesome month!

Pastor's Page

As I write, there are motorized sounds coming from the lower level of the church, which means that work is nearing completion on the restroom renovations. Hopefully we will be able to utilize our new, handicapped accessible, unisex restrooms. Both rooms are to be exactly the same, except reversed. When the idea of "redoing" the ladies' room first came up, at least ten years ago – in my mind, it was always with the idea that it would be new wall paper, a fix to the water damaged wall, and maybe new flooring. But once minds started thinking outside my small idea, much greater ideas emerged and are taking shape.

That's so like God, too. Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Sometimes we get so focused on how this plan will work out, and how that set of ideas will work out, and we forget that God really has things in hand. When we do our job of preparation and showing up for duty, God can do so much more through us.

Then life isn't so much of "right and wrong," but going with God's flow – with God's current, rather than fighting against it. Most of us know how much better the ride is when we float with the current, rather than thinking we can float against it. Instead of working up a sweat and a case of frustration, we can look at the scenery and appreciate all the nuances that make this life so full.

So sit back, take a deep breath, and know that God is God and has each of us in God's own hand. Godspeed on all your "plans!"
Pastor Dinah

Suzanne Reising's granddaughter, Morgan Papineau, who lives in Frankfort just graduated from Benzie Central High School. Besides being on the Honor Roll for scholastics, she won her conference ski races all four years, won the regionals in slalom and went to the State meet where she placed 5th in the State for giant slalom and 8th in the State for slalom this year. She will be attending Central Michigan this fall.



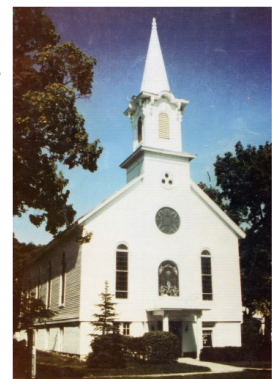
First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial

4th Publication

The following are the first two of seven Articles from the original FCCF covenant in 1867 which you might find interesting:

Article 1: We believe that there is one living and true God who is revealed in the scriptures as the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

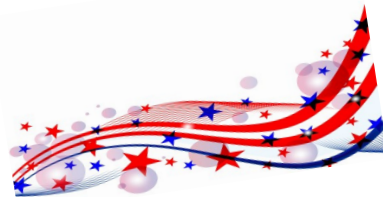
Article 2: We believe that the religious institutions and instructions of the Old Testament were by divine authority and introductory to the Gospel dispensation, and that the Christian scriptures are the only perfect rule of doctrine and duty.





July 2016 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 John & Rosemary Abbett
- 04 Pam & Steve Jackson
- 06 Eliza Frary
- 07 Becky Addis
David Grant
Lois Martindale
Andrea Robinson
- 08 Chia & Sua Yang
- 09 Ralph Jackson
- 12 Joan Miller
John & Leslie McElduff
- 13 Mason Rath
- 17 Ruth Forest
Laurel Rath
- 24 Tristan Chicky
Carol Penfold-Patterson
- 26 Peyton Clevenger
David J. Grant
Polo Mendoza
Trish Strom
- 27 Kristine (Jackson) & Michael Bingham
- 28 Judy Welch
Jean & Larry Neuhardt
- 29 Dick Brown
- 30 Fred Milliron
- 31 Rick Schmitt



Congratulations To

- ◆ Serenity Schulz who ran a 5k May 28th and won third place!
- ◆ Addison Chownyk who ran her first 3 mile race in 29 minutes on May 28th!
- ◆ Cameron McCool on his graduation from Suttons Bay High School!
- ◆ Susie Hughes on her retirement from Novi School District!
- ◆ Luke Reed on his 3200 relay team who came in 4th in the State. Their time 8:09 is their best this year!
- ◆ Tamara Stokes on receiving her massage license from Baker College toward her degree in Massage Therapy!
- ◆ Sonia Duffy for being inducted into the International Nursing Hall of Fame in July in Cape Town, South Africa! There are only 10 inductees, so it is, indeed, a great honor!

Thank You To

- Matt Addis for turning on the watering system and fixing the broken pieces. The lawn was thirsty!
- Paul Robinson, Kyah Robinson, and Peyton Clevenger for grilling burgers for our homecoming picnic! Without your help, it wouldn't have been a picnic!
- Denis Crosby for painting the parsonage porch. It's gorgeous!
- Bill Hirschfeld for teaching the last segment of the Old Testament study! It's easy to see how you received an award for teaching!

Council Notes

FCCF Council Meeting Minutes There were 10 members present at the June 8, 2016 Council Meeting

Treasurer's Report: John McElduff

1. Offerings for May totaled \$8,757.57
2. Expenses for May totaled \$6,904.42
3. Carry over from May \$1,853.15
4. Total current balance \$45,084.09

Committee Reports

Outreach: Judy Grant 1) Fliers have been distributed for the July 4 Hot Dog Sale and the work sign-up sheets are filling up; supplies/food for the hot dog sale are being ordered at this time. 2) For the parade, a neighbor of Judy Grant's has volunteered to drive his Roadster behind our banner. 3) The Committee is still in the process of picking out a T-shirt contest winner. 4) A \$200.00 donation was given toward the Hot Dog Sale by Women's Fellowship.

Sesquicentennial: Andy Mollema 1) Beginning in January, 2017, each month will have some sort of tribute for our Sesquicentennial year. 2) We have ordered a commemorative plaque, a Champion tree will be planted on Church property in honor of our special year, a photo has been found proving that our Church was constructed by 1872, and we will be having a 2017 Calendar printed.

Property: Andrea Frost – the restrooms remodel work still continues. A wood beam in one of the bathrooms needed more support. Old linoleum has been lifted with new vinyl tiles being installed the second or last week of June. The plumber has relocated new plumbing for the toilets. New lighting is being installed. The water supply lines are being run. Wainscoting and drywall will

come next, so it will be a marathon the next two weeks. The bathrooms will be completed to use by July 4th.

Religious Education: Pastor Dinah reported that Sunday School is completed for this school year, and we are sending eight kids to camp this summer.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed 1) A gift in the amount of \$50.00 was given to the Women's Fellowship by John and Rosemary Abbett. 2) \$200.00 was donated to the July 4th Hot Dog Sale. 3) The bank account balance now totals \$1,325.75. 4) The CD value, as of June 9, 2016, is \$3,099.21. (This information was given to Ann Osborn, Clerk, the day after Council meeting.) 4) The idea came up that perhaps Women's Fellowship could help with the Coffee Hour cleanups, prep and snacks when there is no one signed up – for further discussion.

Worship: Ann Osborn – No meeting this month, but Pastor Dinah noted that her vacation will be the last two weeks in July; therefore, she will be finding persons for pulpit fill. One idea is to have speakers from a couple of our Mission supports come speak to the congregation during this time. The Salt City Jazz Band will play on Sunday, August 7, and Three Husbands On The Loose will play on a Sunday in late August.

No Reports: Memorials, Finance and Stewardship, Investment, Constitution and By-Laws, Missions, Nominating, Personnel, Historian, Unfinished Business and New Business.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dinah Haag Report submitted.

Respectfully, Ann Osborn, Council Clerk

Want to be the greatest parent or grandparent ever? Want to be where the cool folks will be on Thursday, July 14? Then haul the kids – regardless of age – to the Beulah Music in the Park concert for the 7:00 p.m. concert by the new and upcoming group:

The Accidentals.

They are Traverse City high school kids making a big presence on today's music scene. And from what can be determined, it looks like a free concert! Groovy!



Reminder: There are only a few



more weeks to get your car washed by the professional Robinson/Clevenger

girls: Kyah Robinson, Peyton Clevenger and Reagan Clevenger. Call 480-639-7007 and take advantage of the incredibly low price of \$10!!!

THE BENZIE COUNTY COMMUNITY CHORUS

PRESENTS

SOUND OF SUMMER

CONCERT SERIES 2016

Please join us on one of the following dates!

JULY 1, 2 & 3

MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE THEATRE BENZONIA, MI

SHOWS AT 7:30 P.M.

TICKETS: \$15 - GENERAL ADMISSION, \$10 - STUDENTS 16 & UNDER

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 231-399-0308 OR VISIT WWW.BENZIECHORUS.COM



Pastor Dinah will be on vacation starting July 22nd and will be returning August 5th. Although

we will miss you, we wish you safe travels, lots of sun, still waters and tons of biting fish.



To The Families of

Michael Bennett
Val Kolman
Jeff Mendendorp

A Big Thank You To Everyone!

For stepping in for me while I was ill. Your care and concern was greatly appreciated, and I'm certain,



contributed to me feeling better knowing you were all taking care of business.



We Received Mail

We received a grateful thank you for a donation made by our church toward the 2016 "Project Graduation".



- 7/1 **Crane Wives Concert/Summer Sounds** at Michigan Legacy Park in Thompsonville 7-9 pm.
- 7/2 **22nd Lake Ann Homecoming** 9-3pm with opening ceremony, bands, tractor & vintage care parade, luncheon, children's events, food & drinks in the park, bake sale, silent auction, rifle & quilt raffle tickets, vintage car rides, LA Jail & more.
- 7/2 **Guided Tour of Michigan Legacy Art Park** on Crystal Mtn. Dr. in Thompsonville. Enjoy the beauty of art and nature. 10 – 11:45 am. Other times and dates available-call 231-378-4963.
- 7/1 **Events beginning in downtown Frankfort 7/1 thru 7/4 –** Medallion Hunt/Carnival/Parade/ Art in the Park/Sand Castle Contest & Fireworks. Clues to the Medallion Hunt can be obtained from the Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce. Go to www.frankfort-elberta.com for all event info.

Please Remember in Prayer

Roy Acklin
 Serenity Acklin
 Chuck Anderson
 Jennifer Ayers
 Brian
 Lynn Buzzell
 David Chapman
 Bob Condon
 Bob Conrad
 Kathy Crosby
 Carole Dipzinski
 Nathan Eckerman
 Kate Edwards
 Doug Ehle
 Nancy Eipperle
 Dennis Fitzgiven
 Melissa Grant
 Susie Middleton

Jim Murray
 Dan Nostrandt
 Dorothy Ottinger
 Paul Patterson
 Ronny Pearce
 Christopher Peregrine
 Ron Phillips
 Helen Postema
 Alan Raunerd
 Don Rummelhart
 Josh Schulz
 Charley Siepert
 Betty St. Denis
 Cathie Stall
 Tamara Stokes
 Doc Wagner





July is

First Congregational Church's Greeter Appreciation Month

To all of the Greeters who help us by being the first point of contact – with your bright smiles and warm handshakes, you make everyone feel happy and welcomed – thank you for all you do! You are greatly appreciated!

First Congregational Church of Frankfort

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <p>Happy BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES Everyone</p>			01 John & Rosemary Abbett	02 11:30 a.m. Earl Fiene Memorial at Home
03 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship	04 Fourth of July Join us at the 4th of July Parade & then at our Koegel Hot Dog Sale from 10 to 1 pm	05 11:00 a.m. Larry Miller Committal <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Pam & Steve Jackson </div>	06 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Eliza Frary	07 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg.	08 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Becky Addis David Grant Loid Martindale Andrea Robinson </div> Chia & Sua Yang	09 Ralph Jackson
10 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship	11	12 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Joan Miller John & Leslie McElduff	13 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Mason Rath	14 9:30 a.m. Yoga	15	16
17 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship Laurel Rath Ruth Forest	18	19 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 5th Annual Block Party 5 to 7 pm </div>	20 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group	21 9:30 a.m. Yoga	22	23
Pastor Dinah on Vacation						
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