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July 2017

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 John & Rosemary Abbett
- 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 Laurel Rath
Ruth Forrest
- 20 Albe Elias
- 20 Jim & Mary Jane Murray
- 24 Tristan Chicky
Carol Penfold-Patterson
- 26 Peyton Clevenger
David J. Grant
Polo Mendoza
Trish Strom
- 28 Judy Welch
Jean & Larry Neuhardt
- 29 Dick Brown
- 30 Fred Milliron
- 31 Rick Schmitt

Catch These Coming Events!

- July 4: Parade & Koegel Hot Dog Sale
- July 18: 150th Anniversary Concert & Community Party
- July 23: 150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday & Catered Lunch

Our Big Month is Here!

4th of July Parade

We need riders in the pickup truck and walkers to carry the sign and hand out pencils. Not all of us can say that they have been in an old-fashioned parade, so join us!

Koegel Hot Dog Sale

We need helpers for all aspects of the sale: donations of soda pop, bottled water, and most necessary – your time. Shifts are early in the day or later morning, and sign-up sheets for all the activities are on the counter in the church dining room. Thank you in advance for considering your service. And don't forget to spread the word about a quick lunch that day!

Pastor's Page

It is a big month in the life of First Congregational of Frankfort! The three "big" events are the Koegel Hot Dog Sale and parade on the 4th, our Community Party and 150th Fine Arts Concert on the 18th, and our Celebration Sunday on the 23rd.

There is information about the first two events on page 3, but there are more details about the Celebration Service than what meets the eye on page 3.

The parade will start at 10:00 a.m., as usual, on July 4th. If you can help out by walking or riding in the parade, there is a sign-up list in the Church Dining Room.

The Hot Dog Sale technically begins at the same time the parade starts, but we'll need lots of helpers in the setting up beginning at 8:30. There's a sign-up list for that, too.

The Community Party and 150th Fine Arts Series Concert is bound to be a good time with a mix of jazz-influenced pop, singer-songwriter tunes, and contemporary gospel. Half of the duo, Christy, is the daughter of Becky and Bruce Ogilvie. The other half is Christy's husband, Kraig. We will serve chicken salad sandwiches this year. We'll need helpers and servers that day, too. Sign-up lists....

The really big deal is July 23. We will have a regular service at 10:30, with a catered picnic from the Mayfair after that. Then at 1:00, we'll have a big to-do, complete with great music, words from our NACCC Executive Director Michael Chittum and other speakers.

It's going to be a great month!

Last month was a great month, too! Six people became official members. Welcome to all of you!

Bill (William) & Shar (Sharon) Hammond have been married 39 years, have three children and four grandchildren. They have a home on Figg Road, where their children have spent every summer. Bill has recently retired after forty years as an engineer in the auto industry. Shar worked at General Motors and various other jobs over the years. They've been attending First Congregational for about five years now.

Cassandra (Cassie) Ann Jarocki-Henry is originally from the metro Detroit area. Growing up in Harrison Township, fondly known as Boat Town, she spent many days on Lake St. Clair with her family. Cassie attended Oakland University and holds a masters degree in special education with a focus in autism. Before moving to Benzie County with Chuck, she taught kindergarten for two years. She is now a special education teacher for Traverse City Area Public Schools. In her free time, she enjoys canning, and spending time with their newest addition, John.

Charles Elliott Henry is a third-generation apple and cherry farmer in Benzonia, where he was born and raised. Following family tradition, he attended and graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in kinesiology and a specialization in coaching. Chuck and his wife, Cassie, have been married for two years and have a rescue beagle named Sophie. They also have two children, Sadie, who passed away shortly after delivery and is in heaven now watching over them, and John, who was born in May and is growing so fast! When Chuck is not busy working on the farm or spending time with his growing family, he enjoys gardening and coaching youth sports for Benzie County Central Schools.

Kim and Stuart Scripps have a family of eight: - two married daughters, Lindy (Joel), Ricki (Aaron) and a son, Nick. They also have their first grandchild. Little Luke is 4 months old. They work at Meyer Music and look forward to slowing down a bit to enjoy life in the North. They both love to fish! (Meyer Music is a store that provides music and instruments for band and orchestra in Grand Rapids, Holland, Kalamazoo and Muskegon.

150th Anniversary Concert
Celebration & Community Party

Akimbo

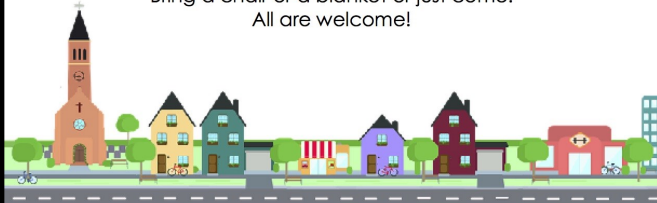
Christy Ogilvie & Kraig McCreary

A porch concert next door to the
First Congregational Church of Frankfort, MI

The food and music are on us!

Tuesday, July 18, 2017
5:00 p.m.

425 Forest Ave. 231-352-7909 www.fccfrankfort.org
Bring a chair or a blanket or just come.
All are welcome!



IN GOD
WE TRUST

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 happy
handshakes, you make everyone
feel warm and welcomed – thank
you for all you do!

You are greatly appreciated!!!



150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday

July 23, 2017

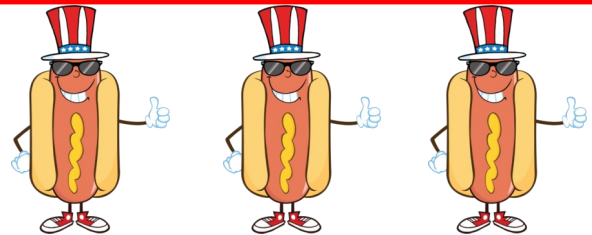
10:30 a.m. Worship & Choir Anthem Premiere

11:45 a.m. Picnic Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Celebration Service & Marker Dedication

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All are welcome to join us!



Welcome!



Henry's



Scripps

With Thanks

- To Doug Rath and Ryan Strom for removing the old cedar tree outside the parsonage garage.
- To Randy Johnson (and Katherine) for fixing the pew bench in the nursery. Commence sitting.
- To Bill Hirschfeld for the Bible studies in May and June. Until we meet again....
- To Marti Mollema for creating our newest church brochure, soon to be available at a pew near you.
- To Matt Addis for fixing a leaking water valve at the parsonage and reconfiguring the watering system on the east side of the church gardens. It was a big job, but will be appreciated for years.
- To Robin MacKenzie for planting impatiens in the front church garden. They are just the right finisher.
- Andrea Frost for polishing the church brass. It looks so lovely!
- To the Sesquicentennial Committee for all the planning and work you've done to make this a true celebration!

The Sesquicentennial polo shirts are in. Adult sizes are \$15. Kids sizes are free. Stop in the church office to get yours!

Congratulations!

- Goalkeeper Maile Church! She made the 2017 All-District Soccer Team and All State Honorable Mention from MHSSCA
- Molly Morris Nguyen in graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Savannah College of Art and Design, and starting an internship in the summer and a career in the fall.
- Private Elijah Bingham on his graduation from Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Rosemary and John Abbett are his grandparents.
- Betty and Les Webb on the graduation of granddaughter Annie from Kalamazoo College; summa cum laude with honors in both her majors and Phi Beta Kappa.
- Tamara Stokes for passing her Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination. It has been a long haul, but now on to your full degree.
- Lauren Church and Cecelia Schmitt on being co-valedictorians at their respective schools. Oh the places you'll both go....We're all proud of you!
- Jason Johnson, son of Randy and Katherine Johnson, was featured in a northern Michigan weekly, the Northern Express. Jason recently qualified 1st in his age group and 7th overall in the M22 Challenge.
- (Thank you to the elves that changed out the dining room for the 4th of July season. Very festive!)

Council Notes

There were 9 Council Members at the June 14, 2017 Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Vice Chair, Myra Elias followed by the Opening Prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema
Offerings for May: \$6381.00
Expenses for May: \$8775.86
Carry over for previous month: -\$4675.69
The report shows that we were on target having spent 41.6% to date, but were not on target as to revenue. The difference between 2016 & 2017 evidenced the aforementioned. There will be future discussion on this topic as the need arises.

Committee Reports

Memorials:

Andy Mollema - See Financial Report

Finance & Stewardship:

Judy Welch - No report

Investment: Andrea Frost - No report

Constitution & By-Laws:

Mary Ann Harness - No Report

Missions: Myra Elias- No report

Nominating: Larry Neuhardt - No report

Outreach: Judy Grant /Myra Elias
No one was present at the last meeting; however, the details for the hot dog sale are coming together. Doug Rath is lending his truck to drive in the parade.

Outreach/Sesquicentennial:

Andy Mollema/Myra Elias
The State Historical Commission has passed our wording and soon the plaque will be created. We also received a Grant from the National Association of \$500 for the Barbershop Worship Service.

Personnel: Myra Elias - No report

Property: Andrea Frost/Mary Reed
1) A cracked toilet at the church will be installed ASAP. 2) The committee is getting estimates to power wash the outside of the church as well as changing out the storm windows for the screens. They are also obtaining bids for carpet cleaning within the church. 3) Both the solution for the stair issue in the balcony and the hand rail in the Sanctuary are still moving along, but the process is slow. 4) Air conditioning for both the offices of the Pastor and the Secretary, as well as the Sanctuary are under serious discussion. Myra Elias has received two bids and will be getting more. At this writing, it is not certain if all three locations will be in the final decision.

Religious Education:

Bill Hirschfeld- No report

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed
Contributions to the following: BACN - \$50.00; Benzie Senior Resources- \$50.00; June Hot Dog Sale - \$200.00. Balance in the account is \$1048.25 as of 6/12/17.

Worship: Ann Osborn
No meeting on Wednesday June 8, 2017; Pastor Dinah mentioned that the musical worship by the Barbershop Quartet was warmly received by the congregation.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Dinah Haag - report submitted

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Harness

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Come Fly with Us!



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The Benzie County
Community Chorus

Sounds of Summer
2017 Concert Series
7:30 p.m.

The Mills Community
House Theatre
Benzonia, MI

June 24, 25 & 26
July 8, 9 & 10

Tickets
\$15 General Admission
\$10 Students 16 & Under

For reservations,
call 231.399-.0242
or visit
www.benziechorus.org

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns:

*=Added last week
*Teresa Acklin
*Shelby Anderson
Ed Baldwin
Anita & Rusty Bateman
Courtney Battle
Gayle Brown
Portia Young Butler
*Jacqueline Campbell
Sharon Campbell
Owen Canavan
Brenda Case
Marnie Curtis
Danielle Gardner
Michael Grajcar
Melissa Grant
Karen Hagan
Karen Hartman
Pat Hessler
Travis Holland
Keith Hudson
Daniel & David Kinney
Freddie Kohelmainen
Lori Lalas
Robin Lundy
*Amy MacCaskill
Michelle Masters
Kim McClaren
Sophie McClaren-Cobb
Jim Murray
Brian Neuhardt
Don Nugent
*Paul Patterson
Betty Pavlak
Marjorie Porter
Judy Rummelhart
*Phil Ryder
Kristin Schauger

Grandson Schultz
Jason & Josh Schulz
Wayne Smith
Students BCHS
Ward Van Houten
*Gladys Wilson
Payton Wollen

The Families of:

*Sharon Fuller
MaryAnn Lepczyk
*Sally Merrill
*Bill Olsen
*Titus Price

Young Adults:

Courtney Battle
Liv Buzzell
Lacey Deloria
Jacob Grant
Jessie Grant
Alison Harris
Gabe Kindl
Gillian Kindl
Nathan MacKenzie
Josie Mendoza
Claire Murray
Hannah Nostrandt

Youth:

Felix Phillips
James Porter
Samson Porter
Sterling Porter
Cooper Rath
Judson Rath
Laurel Rath
Mason Rath

Mail from
Frankfort High School:

Dear First Congregational
Church:



Thank you for your
generous donation to our Senior Class 2017!
We are so blessed to have a community that
supports us the way you do. We hope to
make you proud.

Sincerely, Lorynn Bankston

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 John & Rosemary Abbett
2 10:30 a.m. Worship	3 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class	4 10:00 a.m. Frankfort Parade & Koegel Hot Dog Sale 	5 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Eliza Frary	7 Becky Addis David Grant Lois Martindale Andrea Robinson	8 Chia & Sua Yang
9 10:30 a.m. Worship Ralph Jackson	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class	11 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	12 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Joan Miller John & Leslie McElduff	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga Mason Rath	14	15
16 10:30 a.m. Worship	17 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class Laurel Rath Ruth Forrest	18 5:00 p.m. 150th Anniversary Concert Community Block Party	19 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal	20 9:30 a.m. Yoga Albie Elias	21	22 7:30 p.m. Congregational Summer Assembly Night on Broadway
23 10:30 a.m. Worship Catered Picnic 1:00 p.m. 150th Celebration Service	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class Tristan Chicky Carol Penfold- Patterson	25	26 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Peyton Clevenger David J. Grant Polo Mendoza	27 9:30 a.m. Yoga	28 Judy Welch Jean & Larry Neuhardt	29 Dick Brown
30 10:30 a.m. Worship Fred Milliron	31 Rick Schmitt					Aug. 5 7:00 p.m. 150th Fine Arts Series: The Hubbards

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