

Steepleviews

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

July 2021

- 1 Jane & Roger Schultz
- 6 Eliza Frary
- 07 Becky Addis
David Grant
Andrea Robinson
- 08 Dennis Richards
- 09 Ralph Jackson
- 12 Joan Miller
- 13 Mason Rath
- 17 Ruth Forrest
Laurel Rath
- 18 Dick Godsey
- 20 Ryan McNamara
- 23 Steven Kelly
- 24 Tristan Chicky
Carol Penfold-Patterson
- 26 Peyton Clevenger
Bella Gigous
David J. Grant
Trish Strom
- 28 Judy Welch
Jean & Larry Neuhardt
- 29 Dick Brown
Roger Schultz
- 29 Fred Milliron
- 30 Rick Schmitt



Catch These
Coming Events!

- July 1 Canada Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 22 Faith In Action
Community Dinner
- July 23 Summer Olympics



Pastor's Page

By now, I'm guessing that some of you have figured out some things about this pastor: that I find things and store them away for later use and that I have a thing for the writing of Stephen Garnaas Holmes; hence the following piece on vacation.

"Dearly Beloved, Grace and Peace to you. Today I am leaving for a three week vacation. Amazingly, the world will carry on without me. You will be fine without me. The sun will burn, the tides will rise and fall, children will grow, the nations will rage, without me. I will not lift a finger.

But here's the mystery. Though I will not be there, the fate of my friends, the blessing of my community, the ministry of the church I serve, the well-being of the trees where I have walked every morning and even the orbit of the moon will all depend on me. They would all be changed if I were not to be. It's not that by my effort I sustain them, but that I am created as a part of their whole. It is not my doing but my being that blesses all creation. Even while I'm on vacation.

And the same is true of you. Your very being is a blessing for this world, though the world will not know it. Your particular presence—not your skill or effort, but your soul—is essential to the world as God desires it. The flower in the field, the mountain on the horizon give you a gift simply by being there. God looks at you, and is delighted. Even when, like the beautiful child you are, you are asleep. Enter that sabbath place where your being, and everything's, is all there is."

Sometime back, I discovered that one does not always have to re-invent the wheel. Sometimes "stuff" is just good and the best way to honor it is to 'serve it up' every once-in-awhile. So run with the above thoughts and allow them to come into full bloom as you bask or swelter in the dogs days of summer. See you soon!

Pastor Dinah



Interlochen Arts Festival is thrilled to announce the return of world-class performing artists coming to Interlochen stages. The highly anticipated 2021 annual tradition will take place in August and will follow all state gathering and health guidelines. Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Go to tickets.interlochen.org.

JUST A REMINDER



June 1, 2021, Consumers Energy's 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.



There will be another Michigan Faith in Action Community Meal on Thursday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Benzonia. It is a free meal, although any donation would be welcome. It's an exciting event that brings together neighbors and interested parties to lift up those the concerns that we can/might be able to solve together. The menu will include burger and hot dogs, so it's very casual. But it's also heart-lifting in seeing so many different churches come together in continuing Christ's mission of helping those around us. Hope you can go!



First Congregational Church of Frankfort
Council Minutes

FCCF COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2021

The Minutes of the May 12 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

Offerings for May totaled:	\$6,395.32
Expenses for May totaled:	7,443.38
YTD Carryover:	12,109.56

Committee Reports

Finance: Judy Welch – See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Chris Porter – The total of all Baird accounts is \$881,239.61 as of May 31. The unmanaged amount is considered fluid and can be used for storm windows and other building items.

Missions: Dinah Haag for Paul Osborn: The Committee is hoping to have a person from the "Water For Good" mission speak to the congregation toward the end of September. Myra Elias will donate lodging for his stay.

Outreach: Kelly Ottinger/Dinah Haag – 1) Continued discussion on the "reach" of people through streaming of services via Facebook. 2) A new welcome banner for the outside of the church is on order (and is now in place). 3) The Benzie Faith in Action dinner, open to all, will be held on June 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion in Memorial Park, Benzonia. The dinner is free, but any cash donations will be kindly accepted. 4) Potlucks after church service will resume, with the first one being held on Sunday, June 13. 5) Dinah spoke about the work going on with the Michigan Faith in Action group and the opportunity to tune in to some of their meetings. Those interested in learning more or attending the next meeting may contact Dinah.

Property: Myra Elias - 1) The storm window installment is weather dependent so waiting for the appropriate time. 2) Those we have hired to power wash the church are behind schedule and shorthanded so this job as been delayed. 3) The new audio/visual system is scheduled to be installed on June 16. 4) Upcoming projects/jobs include: carpets to be cleaned in main traffic areas, parsonage windows to be washed, and a state inspection of our boiler to be completed.

Worship: Dinah Haag for Ann Osborn – Our church seems to be one of the first in the community to lessen the Covid restrictions.

Re-Opening Ad Hoc: A motion was made by Bill Hirschfeld to decommission this committee with many thanks for doing a wonderful job; Mary Reed seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – Report submitted

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Congratulations

- Panther JH girls just smashed the 4x800 relay record



- with the team of Willa Roth, Savina Anhalt, Addison Chownyk and Isabella Crompton. Varsity coach, Ed Schindler is really excited!!!
- Walker Schindler on his graduation from high school. Onward to college in California!
- Serenity Schulz was named the 2020/2021 winner of The Michigan Band and Orchestra Association Scholar Instrumentalist.
- Jared & Jordin Kelly on the birth of Steven Pacey Kelly born July 23, 2020 during the pandemic! They Call him "Pacey".
- Dr. Dan Lautenbach on his graduation from medical school.
- Owen Chownyk on being part of the All A's Honor Roll!



Rosemary Abbett, for so thoughtfully and diligently preparing uplifting and enlightening music each and every week, even though she's paid, and most especially through the pandemic days. Music: It does a body good.

Jim Buzzell and Myra Elias for sucking up water that came into the lower hallway of the church this last week. Yes, we need to get after the issue to fix the ability for water to come in. But it's a big deal when people volunteer to fix things for which there is no pay except eternal glory!

Glen Tracy for leading the charge in getting the new audio/visual abilities for Sunday worship and other events in the sanctuary. The project has been funded with memorials for Andy Mollema. This project allows for more flexibility—as well as some new learning curves. But with the new camera, modems and computers, we are able to continue reaching out to countries and people across oceans and to those who can't be with us in person.

Jeanne Hafer, Molly Harrison, Julie Hirschfeld, Marjorie Porter and Cecelia Schmitt for serving this church family these past months on an ad hoc Re-Opening Committee—the go-to group that decided when we could open up, when we had to shut down and all that accompanied that tango. Not only were they very efficient, but their efforts—in true congregational fashion—took the load off a single person's neck. Thank you, thank you!



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July is First Congregational Church's Greeter Appreciation Month

Thank you to all our greeters who help us by being the first point of contact on a



Sunday morning. You make people feel welcomed with your bright smiles and warm handshakes. You are so appreciated!!!

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Aaron
 Will Colby
 Bill Cotsworth
 Theresa Duffy
 Bob French
 Bonnie Heaney
 Joanne Herban
 Pat Hessler
 Dale Holmgren
 Jerry Johnson
 Becky Kelly
 Nathan Kolehmainen
 Colin MacNeal
 Steve Mertz
 Michelle Morris
 Ron Phillips
 Wendy Pratley
 Tim Quist
 Steve Rath
 Pete Reed
 Tina Reed
 John Ruckrich
 Dawn Schulz
 Serenity Schulz
 Don Smith
 Jane Tarneki
 John Young

The Families of

Betty Ballard
 Maxine Hunter
 Betty Kelly
 Jeff Land
 Sue Luedtke
 Gordon Morris
 Marilyn Nye
 Pat Salogovich
 Eileen Stehouwer

The Military

Mike Kinney
 Tyler Kinney
 Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living

The Homesteader

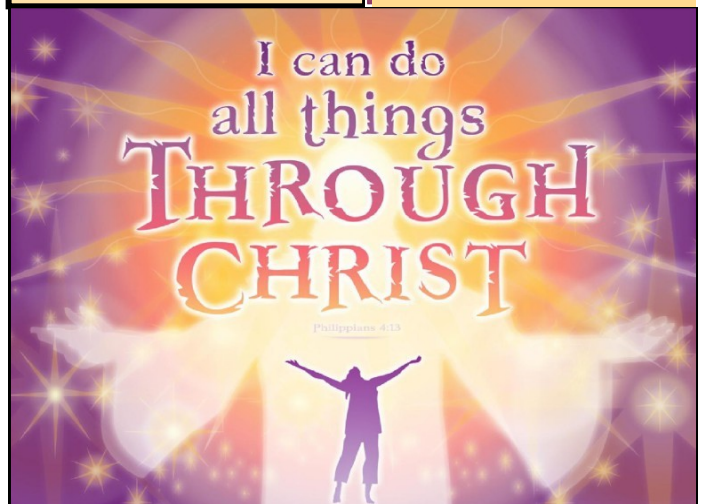
Bea Stone

The Maples

Karen Collins
 Gladys Wilson

Orchard House

Pat Hessler
 Joan Miller
 Susie Vigland



Happy 4th Of July

Pledge of Allegiance



DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the underlined words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards & diagonally.

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J	Z	E	H	F	H	M	N	P	T	W	N	A	A	U	S	A
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"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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Independence Day Sudoku

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Independence Day Sudoku

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6 8 1 3				4			4



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Meeting</p> <p>Jane & Roger Schultz</p> <p>Happy Canada Day, eh?</p>	<p>2 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p>	<p>3 11:00 a.m. Theo Chandler, Celebration of Life, Veteran's Memorial Park</p> <p>International Cherry Pit Spitting Day</p>
<p>4 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Happy Independence Day</p>	<p>5 Independence Day Observed</p>	<p>6 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting</p> <p>Eliza Frary</p>	<p>7 3:15 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting</p> <p>Becky Addis David Grant Andrea Robinson</p>	<p>8 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Dennis Richards</p>	<p>9 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Ralph Jackson</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 10:30 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>12 Joan Miller</p>	<p>13 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Mason Rath</p>	<p>14 3:15 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Council Meeting</p>	<p>15 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI</p>	<p>16 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p>	<p>17 Ruth Forest Laurel Rath</p>
<p>18 10:30 a.m. Worship Luca Hammond Baptism</p> <p>Dick Godsey</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Ryan McNamara</p>	<p>21 3:15 p.m. MOBBI</p>	<p>22 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>6:00 p.m. FIA Community Meal Pavilions at Benzonia Park</p>	<p>23 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Summer Olympics Begin</p> <p>Steven Pacey Kelly</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Amelia Earhart Day</p> <p>Tristan Chicky Carol Penfold-Patterson</p>
<p>25 10:30 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>26 Peyton Clevenger Bella Gigous David J Grant Trish Strom</p>	<p>27 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI</p>	<p>28 3:15 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Judy Welch Jean & Larry Neuhardt</p>	<p>29 9:45, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Dick Brown Roger Schultz</p>	<p>30 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Fred Milliron</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Mutt's Day</p> <p>Rick Schmitt</p>

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Greeters/Ushers

Mary Reed

4	Chris Porter, Judy Welch Bob & Sue King
11	Jim Buzzell, Myra Elias Beth & Mike McNamara
18	Alma House, Betty Webb Betsy & Dave Goodman
25	Sharon & Michael Grajcar Jim & Robin MacKenzie