

Steepleviews

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Anniversaries & Birthdays



- 01 Jane & Roger Schultz
- 06 Eliza Frary
- 07 Andrea Robinson
Becky Addis
David Grant
- 08 Dennis Richards
- 09 Ralph Jackson
- 12 Joan Miller
- 13 Mason Rath
- 17 Laurel Caroline Rath
Ruth Forest
- 18 Dick Godsey
- 20 John Ottinger
Ruth McNamara
- 24 Carol Penfold-Patterson
Tristin Chicky
- 26 Bella Gigous
David J. Grant
Peyton Clevenger
Trish (Patricia) Strom
- 28 Jean & Larry Neuhardt
Judy Welch
- 29 Roger Schultz
- 30 Fred Milliron
- 31 Rick Schmitt

July 2022

Upcoming Events

- July 4 Parade & Koegel Hot Dog Sale
- July 8 Celebration of Life for
Norma Robinson
- July 10 & 11 Benzie County Community
Chorus Concerts
- July 17 Coffee Fellowship @ Deloria's
- July 31 Jim Hocking, Water for Good
Mission Update
- August 6 Benzie Senior Resources
Walkathon



Pastor's Page

It's nearing mid summer, and the big day for Frankforters - the Fourth of July. It is a time of joy and light and goodness because people gather from all over, to this one county among so many. Being practical people, it is often a time when Celebrations of Life happen.

It may seem odd, this subject, for this time of year, but I've been waiting for the right time to share this. Regardless of the time of year, there's a little thing we can do for the grieving—especially at celebrations of life—that can go a long way in tending to their grief.

I happened across a little piece that was/is good enough that I pass it along to all of you, to know how to help, just a little, but ultimately in a big way.

"Make sure to introduce yourself to the family and other guests, even if you think they would know you. Their brain is tired, their souls are exhausted, and they really want to know your name, but it just doesn't come to them as easily as it might otherwise. Offering your name is a way to help them, in a way that is easy and kind and can make a hard time just a little easier."



From the hand of Stephen Garnaas Holmes, for pondering upon, mull over and deliberate about when you have a moment:

Sometimes you wake up and you're alive
and it's such a wonder
it practically knocks you out again.

Sometimes you get up and go,
and by the bottom of the stairs
you're overwhelmed by the miracle of knees.

Every once in a while
you're hit with a bombast of beauty
or forgiveness, the way breath is given,
the way this shadow
holds the stone in its hands,
the way someone sees a light they had
resolved to miss.

You step outside
and you want to cry to the birds,
"Hey you guys!"
and they're in the trees nodding
"Yeah, we know, we know."

Sometimes it seems the world and its miracles
needs a flock of exclamation points.

And the thing is, the most amazing thing
hasn't even happened yet.

(Yea, I thought you'd like it...Pastor Dinah)

First Congregational Church of Frankfort Council Minutes

FCCF COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 8, 2022

Members present: Sonia Duffy, Bill Hirschfeld, Bob King, Jim MacKenzie, Beth McNamara, Ann Osborn, Mary Reed, Kris Richards, Linda Schweyer, Judy Welch and Pastor Dinah Haag.

Council Chair, Linda Schweyer, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. followed by the Opening Prayer.

The Minutes from the May 11 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections noted, were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

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| Offerings for the month of May totaled: | \$12,040.40 |
| Budgeted expenses for May: | 10,402.18 |
| YTD Carryover: | 3,970.03 |

All in all, the budget is in very good shape with Council to begin thinking about budgeting for 2023.

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch – a total of \$1,025.00 has been received in memory of Pat Hessler (Missions designation) and Dick Brown.

Investment: Chris Porter – the total in both Restricted and Unrestricted Baird Accounts is: \$684,929.11

Outreach: Dinah Haag for Kelly Ottinger – 1) 4th of July Hot Dog Sale is on with a few changes this year including the placement and order of food and condiments, the additions of flags/banners to direct the flow, and the request for donations rather than charging \$1.00 per item as in the past. 2) Someone is needed to be the “Hot Dog” in the parade. 3) Coffee Fellowship will be moved to the Parlor for the time being as there aren't as many people staying and it may have a cozier feel.

Persomel: Linda Schweyer – a replacement for Katherine, our church secretary, has been hired. We welcome Mary Ann Short who will be working from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., three days a week.

No Report: By-Laws, Finance, Missions, Nominating, Religious Education, and Women's Fellowship

Property: Kris Richards – 1) Discussion about minor repair from Gil Franz regarding a kinked hose with the dehumidifier and the upstairs bathroom sink stopper at the parsonage. 2) Continued discussion on replacement of the double doors in the hallway leading to the church dining room. 3) The church mouse problem continues. 4) Crystal Water Works will install drip lines to the front and side planters at the Church. 5) Asphalt Solutions has been contacted for a bid and opinion on repair of the Parsonage driveway sinkhole. 6) The Committee is looking for someone to power wash and paint the Parsonage north porch. 7) Steve Crouch is to repair windows in Parsonage main level and winterizing the front door. 8) Discussion on repairs/replacement of the Sanctuary front and side doors. 9) The final Parsonage project, except for the expenses of projects stated above, totaled \$32,295.11.

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) The new Easter banner for the Sanctuary received good reviews. 2) The carnation corsages, courtesy of Linda and David Schweyer, made by our Sunday School children, was a lovely addition to Mother's Day service. 3) Upcoming events include: Celebration of Life for Beverly Augustine at Crystal Lake Cemetery on June 10; Father's Day and Maples Worship on June 19th; and Pastor Dinah's vacation from July 21 – August 5 (pulpit fill is scheduled for July 31 but someone is still needed for July 24).

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – Report submitted, with several issues of note: 1) The Operation Christmas Child/Samaritan's Purse issue has been resolved. 2) The 2021 Missions monies have also been resolved. 3) The Finance Committee decided to stop using Vanco, the electronic giving company, and may look into Square. 4) Motion made by Bill Hirschfeld that Council allow Pastor Dinah to receive the \$3,350.00 that was left in the Sabbatical Funds. Kris Richards seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business: see Pastor's Report #1 and #2

New Business: see Pastor's Report #3 and #4

Linda Schweyer, Council Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn
Church Council Clerk

The Personnel Committee is seeking input in their Pastor's Review.

Your contribution will be confidential and is due by July 6th. Kris Richards' email is dkrichards94@gmail.com, David Schweyer's is daveschweyer@yahoo.com and Linda Schweyer's is lwschweyer@charter.net. Thank you!

Benzie Faith in Action Public Housing Forum



Sunday, July 31st, 2PM
First Congregational Church of Benzonia (UCC)

WHO should decide what is done to address our community's housing crisis? Benzie Faith in Action believes YOU, the members of our community should LEAD the discussion!

Join dozens of churches to make YOUR VOICE HEARD and ensure every person in our county has a decent place to live. Invited guests included elected officials, business leaders, and Governor Whitmer.

Our forum will be led by people directly affected by the housing crisis, and include feedback from YOU the citizens of Benzie county.

Questions?

Contact Luke Allen: Lead Organizer, Michigan Faith in Action:
Mobile: 313-870-7654
email: luke@michfa.org

Your Prayers Are Appreciated for

John Baldwin
Harold Byers
Isaac Dings
Linda Eckerman
Andrea Frost
Mercedes Furman & fam.
Russ Gesme
Judy Grant
Becky Hirschfeld
Maverick Holmgren
Amelia Holmgren-Rath
Mike Jones
Sandy LaBelle
Diana Monovich
Dakota Parriott
Ron Phillips
Wendy Pratley
Nancy Reed
Vern Reed
Cheryl Reichel
Dawn Schulz
Delbert Towersey
Matt Tuller
Felicia Whiting

Military:

Jacob Bingham
CJ Kinney
Tyler Kinney
Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living:

Cadillac
Don Bonderenko

Maple Valley
Merry Elrick

Orchard House
Joan Miller
Susie Vigland

The Homesteader
Mary & Roy Pierce
Bea Stone
John Young

The Maples
Dave Siuda
Dori Turner

The Pines
Nora Bungard

Families of:

Greg Cobb
Cindy Goulet
Roy Nerg
Althea Petritz
Norma Robinson
Justin Zielinski

CHERRY PIE SALE

Large, delicious, ready-to-bake
(or freeze) cherry pies
\$15.00 each

Pie pickup: July 21 or July 22
between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**The number of pies available will be limited.
PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW!**

Frankfort United Methodist Church
537 Crystal Avenue (M-22), Frankfort

Call 231-352-7914 to reserve your pie(s). If
you get an answering machine, please
leave your name and a contact number.

Proceeds will support local, national,
and global missions.

 "Connecting people with the love and life of Jesus Christ"

July is First Congregational Church's Greeter Appreciation Month

As one of the first people visitors associate with this church family, your job is important and well appreciated. Thank you all!

GREETERS FIRST IMPRESSIONS MINISTRY

thank you!

- Dawn and Serenity for huge hot dog sale help before the event. From unboxing deliveries to bringing stuff out of the attic, to sign creation and acquisition, your help is greater than you know!
- Jeff Walton for fixing the stuck drawer on the dining room buffet. It is an old piece of furniture, but she likes it here, so we do well to keep her happy. Thank you, Rob Jones for arranging the drawer-lift.
- Chime cleaners. Your very quiet efforts are so appreciated!

Have a Taste for Historical Happenings?

The Benzie Area Historical Museum can Help!
Time Warp Thursday's Benzie Shores District Library
July 14 & 28 3:00p.m. **Grades 2-6**
Benzonia Academy Lectures
Trap Farm—Ned Edwards—July 14, 7:00p.m.
Drake School Museum open
Saturdays & Sundays 1:00—4:00p.m.
How To Clean Tombstones July 17th
Check BENZIEMUSEUM.ORG for details



Benzie Senior Resources offers Essential Estate Planning

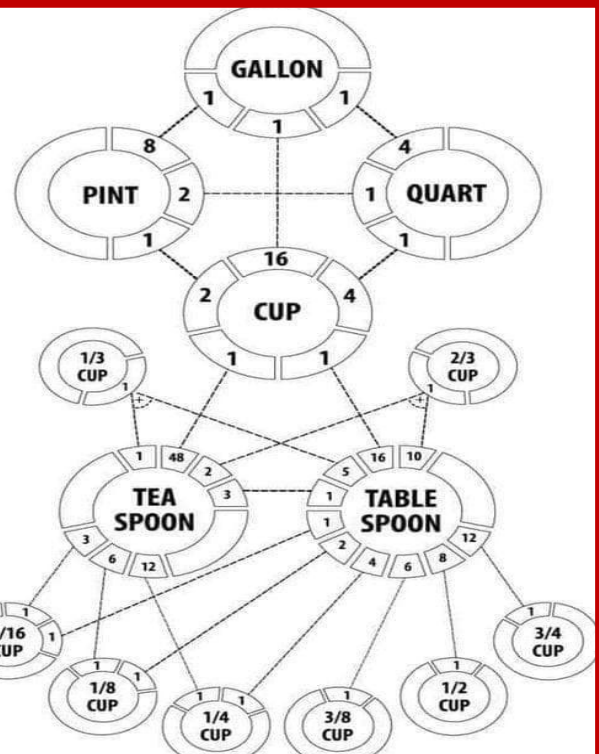
Planning every 4th Thursday of the month (subject to change), by appointment only. Meet with an experienced estate planning attorney for free to review, update and/or create an estate plan. Call 231-525-0600

The Benzie Senior Resources Loan Closet

needs transport chairs, bath chairs & stools. NO rust or spiders. Drop off anytime at our office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Inquiring minds love to know....

WANTED: Buttons, books, egg cartons, prizes for Bingo & Bunco, tin snips, teapots, cribbage boards and items for our next Benzie Bucks Auction. Drop off at The Gathering Place. Please, no other items than those listed here.



Independence Day

Freedom has its life in the hearts,
the actions, the spirit of men and so
it must be daily earned and refreshed -
else like a flower cut from its life-giving
roots, it will wither and die.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

July 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|----------------------------|
| | | | | | 1 Jane & Roger Schultz | 2 |
| 3 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Hot Dog Prep Bee | 4 10:00 a.m. Frankfort Parade & Koegel Hot Dog Sale | 5 | 6 9:00 a.m. (& 1 p.m.) MOBBI 10:30am Worship Meeting Eliza Frary | 7 9:30 a.m. (& 3 p.m.) MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Becky Addis David Grant Andrea Robinson | 8 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life for Norma Robinson Dennis Richards | 9 Ralph Jackson |
| 10 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship | 11 | 12 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Joan Miller | 13 9:00 a.m. (& 1 p.m.) MOBBI 4:00pm Council Meeting Mason Rath | 14 9:30 a.m. (& 3 p.m.) MOBBI 12:30 Yoga | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship Coffee Fellowship at Deloria's Ruth Forrest Laurel Rath | 18 Dick Godsey | 19 8:30 a.m. MOBBI | 20 9:00 a.m. (& 1 p.m.) MOBBI Ryan McNamara Jon Ottinger | 21 9:30 a.m. (& 3 p.m.) MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga | 22 Pastor Dinah on Vacation | 23 Pacey Kelly |
| 24 10:30 a.m. Worship Tristan Chicky Carol Penfold-Patterson | 25 | 26 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Peyton Clevenger Bella Gigous David Grant Trish Strom | 27 9:00 a.m. (& 1 p.m.) MOBBI | 28 9:30 a.m. (& 3 p.m.) MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga Jeanne & Larry Neuhardt Judy Welch | 29 Roger Schultz | 30 Fred Milliron |
| Pastor Dinah on Vacation | | | | | | |
| 31 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Housing Forum, BUCC Rick Schmitt | August 1 | August 2 | August 3 7 | August 4 | August 5 | August 6 |
| Pastor Dinah on Vacation | | | | | | |

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July Greeters/Ushers

Head Usher: Sonia Duffy

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|----|---|
| 3 | Robinson Clan |
| 10 | Gretchen & Ryan Classens Beth & Mike McNamara |
| 17 | Bob & Sue King Rob Jones, Judy Welch |
| 24 | Jeanne & Tom Hafer Alma House, Betty Webb |
| 31 | Michael & Sharon Grajcar Bill & Julie Hirschfeld |