

# Steepleviews

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## August 2016

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Joel & Saskia Buzzell
02	Randy Gilbert
	Matt & Nancy Reed
05	Cara Chicky
	Ella Whiting
	Peggy & Phil Deloria
06	Brandon Nostrandt
07	Bill & Julie Hirschfeld
08	Debi Kennedy
09	Andrew Doughtery
	Cary & Eric Buzzell
11	Dale & Polly Herscher
13	Polly Herscher
	Don Setterbo
14	Caitlin & Matt Anderson
15	Ella Bright
17	Jeryl Colby
	Andy Mollema
18	Lynn Buzzell
	Becky & Joe Hubbard
19	Jeanne McMillan
	Katie (Condon) Boyd
20	Jordin (Gilbert) Kelly
21	Cherie Hunt
22	Beverly Augustine
25	Brad Chicky
	Asher King
	Ryan & Tricia Strom
26	Lauren Church
28	Ann & Paul Osborn
30	Robin MacKenzie
	Carolyn & Jim Lalas
31	Dru Milliron
	Jackie & Tom Richmond

## Catch These Coming Events!

August 5	Pastor Dinah back from vacation
August 7	Salt City Dixie Jazz Band & Communion
August 8	Benzie Home Health Care "Local Motion"
August 28	Three Husbands on the Loose

### First Congregational Church is pleased to have the **Salt City Dixie Jazz Band Of Manistee**

Lead our worship service on  
**Sunday, August 7, 2016**  
at **10:30 a.m.**

Join us at 431 Forest Ave in Frankfort and stay for a cold beverage and a little something to eat. Worshipping God need not be stuffy or boring!



# Pastor's Page



## Celebrating New Members To Our Church

Standing from left to right:  
Sonja Duffy in white, Joan Miller, Kelly Ottinger and  
Beth & Mike McNamara  
Member Andy Mollema far left & Pastor Dinah, right

It is a joy to have you as official members  
of this Church Body



While **Sonia Duffy** (Ph.D.) spent most of her career at the University of Michigan, 2 years ago she became a Buckeye and is now the Mildred E. Newton Endowed Professor of Nursing at Ohio State University. In addition, she has been a Research Scientist at the

Department of Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System for 18 years. She flies this week to be inducted into the International Nursing Hall of Fame in Cape Town, South Africa. She has a daughter, Allison, a son, Sean, a grandson, Emory and a condo at Harbor Lights.



**Beth and Mike McNamara** are residents of St. Louis, MO when they aren't here. Mike has a background in Sales & Marketing and is a Business Executive for Equifax, as well as doing

Pro Bono Career Coaching for Business and Media Executives. Mike attended MSU and Northwestern for his MBA and is an avid runner, fitness enthusiast, wine collector and cook. Beth attended MSU for a career in Hotel & Restaurant Management. She enjoys gardening, walking, reading, cooking and is on the St. Louis Team as a year round volunteer for Operation Christmas Child. Mike and Beth have 2 sons, Alex, 24, who lives in Kansas City and works for UPS as an Acct. Executive and Ryan, 21, who will be a Senior at Baylor University. (con't. p. 6)

Before you read the following, I'd just like to say how glad I am that the By-Laws Committee dealt with some of the archaic verbiage when we updated the document!  
Pastor Dinah

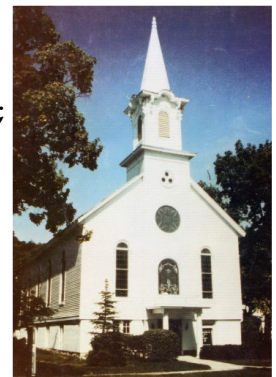
## *First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial*

5th Publication

The following are the third & fourth of seven Articles from the original FCCF covenant in 1867 which you might find interesting:

**Article 3:** We believe that all men have by their own choice disobeyed God, and are therefore involved in the consequences of sin which are depravity, misery and punishment.

**Article 4:** We believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ revealed the character both of the true God and the true man in the world; that he suffered for us on the cross the just for the unjust being lifted up so that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life.





## “Local Motion”

On Saturday, August 6, 2016, Benzie Home Health Care will host “Local Motion”, a Walk-Run-Bike Fundraiser to support seniors in the Benzie Area.

“Local Motion” begins at Frankfort’s Bellows Beach & Park Pavilion.

Registration is from 7:30-9:00 am.

“Local Motion” is six miles long and includes checkpoints with refreshments at each mile marker. A delicious brunch is provided for registered participants.

Friends, neighbors and teams are invited to sign up for “Local Motion” and to obtain their pledge packets by contacting Benzie Home Health Care at 231-715-3234 or email [info@benziehomehealthcare.org](mailto:info@benziehomehealthcare.org).

“Local Motion” is a major source of funding for Benzie Home Health Care, a nonprofit organization serving Benzie seniors since 1975.



### Three Husband’s on the Loose

returns to lead our service on August 28 at 10:30 a.m. So tell your friends, and bring your Amens, because it will be a great time of singing and worship. Then join us for the fellowship !

## A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- All the helpers and donors for the Koegel Hot Dog Sale on July 4. It took an army of 35 workers and a lot more donors, but we sold over 900 hot dogs in about 4 hours! It was awesome!
- All the helpers and donors for the Community Block Party. It was a delightful gathering of friends and neighbors. Thank you for sharing even more of yourselves after such a great July 4th!
- Denis Crosby for painting the north entry and furnace doors.
- Ezra Church for spider clean-up around the church
- Andrea Frost for doing some spider spraying around the church, and doing a thorough cleaning of the Parlor and Kitchen!
- Leslie McElduff for moving a bunch of supplies
- Jean Neuhardt and Judy Welch for putting bulletins together
- Will Church and Andrea Frost (Phil Wade, and all the other folks that helped) for the beautiful job on the Parlor, the new restrooms and the parsonage porch. You have done us all proud!



# Council Notes

## FCCF Council Meeting Minutes There were 14 members present at the July 13, 2016 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Larry Neuhardt, at 3:59 pm followed by the Opening Prayer.

The minutes from the June 8 meeting were reviewed. Two minor errors were noted in the Sesquicentennial Report; a corrected copy will be sent to Katherine, the Church Secretary, for the record. With no other corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

### Treasurer's Report: John McElduff

1. Offerings for the month of June totaled \$7,038.00
2. Expenses for the month of June totaled \$ 7,417.83
3. Carry over for the month of June -\$379.38
4. Total current balance of Church funds is: \$54,202.23

Following review, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

### Committee Reports

Memorials: John McElduff – Balance for the Memorial Fund is \$7,412.01.

Investment: Denis Crosby – Balance in the Investment Fund, as of July 13, totals \$634,302.00. After six months of drastic market conditions, we are a little ahead of where we were in December of 2015 so things look encouraging.

Missions: Myra Elias – The current balance in the Missions Fund is \$1,953.89.

Outreach: Judy Grant 1) The hot dog sale was a huge success with the total amount brought in approximately \$2,299.00. The estimated expenses still to be paid should be \$600.00 leaving us with an approximate \$1,690.00 profit to use for the ongoing ministry of the Church; 2) The 5th Annual Block Party will be held from 5-7 pm on July 19; We need to spread the word so that more may join us!

Sesquicentennial: Andy Mollema 1) Plans are steadily moving along with the dates decided for our two big celebrations: June 11, 2017 for our time capsule and music revival and July 23, 2017 for our worship service, luncheon and dedication service of the historical marker; 2) Dr. Michael Chittum, Executive Director of the NACCC, will be invited to speak at our dedication; 3) Two designs have been chosen for a Christmas ornament – the committee will pick one and they will be for purchase once they have been ordered; and 4) The Committee will be asking the Council for funding, as needed, by September or October.

Personnel: Andy Mollema – A meeting will be scheduled before September's Council Meeting to report on progress of updating the pastor's job description.

Property: Andrea Frost – 1) Discussion about janitorial, carpet cleaning and garbage pickup services; 2) The bathrooms are finished except for mirrors and a storage cabinet door; 3) The church needs a new water heater (a 220 VAC Timer will be installed on the heater) which will be picked up and installed hopefully next week; 4) The Sanctuary balcony and handrail work is still to come; and 5) Denis Crosby has been painting doors to the back entrance and furnace room.

Worship: Ann Osborn -1) We are in need of head ushers-see New Business; 2) Pastor Dinah will be on vacation from July 21 to August 5; 3) Upcoming "events" include: July 24 Service – Kelly Ottinger from BACN is the speaker; July 30 – Eric Woods from Eagle Village is the speaker; August 7 – Salt City Dixie Band playing for service (Communion that day as well); August 28 – Three Husbands on the Loose playing for service; 4) Choir rehearsal begins on August 31; and 5) Pastor Dinah has three weddings to perform during August.

Historian: Al Bryant – Al will be working and filling in on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will continue his work compiling information for the history of our Church.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted.

New Business: 1) Mary Reed, who is in charge of the head ushers, is in need of 3 or 4 head ushers for 2017. Names have been suggested, and Pastor Dinah plus Worship Committee members will be contacting these people; 2) Discussion still continues on the possibility of Women's Fellowship taking over the Coffee Hour following service as needed.

No Reports: Finance and Stewardship, Constitution and By-Laws, Nominating, Religious Education, Women's Fellowship, and Unfinished Business.

Al Bryant made the motion to adjourn meeting; Judy Grant seconded the motion. Adjourned at 4:38 pm. No meeting scheduled until September 14.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Council Clerk



**It's not just serving coffee...  
It's ministry!**

A few cookies and a little lemonade and coffee are ways to welcome

those who are new to the church family. Yes, it's a way to catch up with friends, but it is much more about welcoming and hosting the stranger. Sign up sheets are in the Dining Room for anyone interested in hosting our weekly Coffee Fellowship. Sign up with a friend or another couple. We enjoy all the variety - donuts to cookies to crackers and cheese, store bought and homemade. Beverages will be provided along with paper products.

## *Congratulations to:*

- Congrats to Ella Elias on her team's second place finish in the Hoopfest tournament in her town!
- Our bookkeeper, Brooke Trentham, who got married on July 9! Yeah!
- Ezra Church and his baseball team, winning the championship game of the Benzie Minors.
- Lauren, Maile and Ezra Church, Morgan Papineau, Luke and Jake Reed, Carly Wade, Trevor Chicky, Tucker Hubbard and Ella Whiting – for making the last Honor Roll of the year.
- Ralph Jackson and Jim Buzzell for their induction into the Frankfort High School Hall of Fame.!

## We Received



An email from Rev. Joseph Gophane in India thanking our Church for contributions made to Operation Christmas Child via Christmas Shoe Boxes sent last year. Anyone can take an ordinary shoe box, fill it with toys or other presents – and through the power of a simple gift you can bless a child's life. The boxes can be sent to Samaritan's Purse/ Operation Christmas Child, 801 Bamboo Road, P. O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607. If you would like suggestions as to what you can include in the boxes or have any questions, you can contact Robin MacKenzie at 231-352-9855.



**The Congregational Summer Assembly's Adult Musical** will be held on Friday and

Saturday, August 12 and 13, both evenings at 7:30 p.m. This year's production will be "Oliver," and our own Andy Mollema will play Mr. Bumble!

***New Members,  
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**Joan Miller** was born and raised in Ann Arbor, MI. She attended Michigan State University and her summer job during college was as the only female dune buggy driver for Mac's Dune rides. She moved to Frankfort in 1972 when her late husband, Larry, bought Miller Petroleum. They have three daughters, Cathy, Beth & Sarah and four grandchildren. Joan is a member of PEO, the Periwinkle Garden Club, is a founding member of the Art Center, and served on Frankfort School Board for 11 years. She enjoys hiking, tennis, kayaking and is a lifelong artist and has painted under instructors all over the world.



**Kelly Ottinger** is the Fundraising Coordinator for Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN). She hails from northern Indiana, and fulfilled a many-years' dream of moving to Benzie County by beginning work for BACN in October, 2015. Before coming to BACN, Kelly worked as the grant writer/administrator for Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County for several years. Kelly has three grown children, one granddaughter (Logan Annalise), and 3 border collies. In her spare time, she drives back and forth from Indiana to visit Logan, makes soap and writes things other than grants.



# Please Remember in Prayer

Serenity Acklin  
Jennifer Ayers  
Brian  
Brison Bricker  
Lynn Buzzell  
Bob Conrad  
Kathy Crosby  
Carole Dipzinski  
Nathan Eckerman  
Doug Ehle  
Dennis Fitzgiven  
Melissa Grant  
Lori Lalas  
Nathan MacKenzie  
Susie Middleton  
Jim Murray  
Dorothy Ottinger  
Dennis Pace  
Paul Patterson  
Christopher Peregrine

Ron Phillips  
Helen Postema  
Alan Rauner  
Dana Robins  
Don Rummelhart  
Bridget Ryan  
Dana Schuller  
Josh Schulz  
Charley Siepelt  
Nick Somero  
Doc Wagner  
Betsie Woodward  
Jeremiah Young

***The Families of:***

Eugene Bischoff  
Charlie Cira  
Kyle Fahner  
Samantha Grajcar  
John Joslin



**August is**

**First Congregational Church's  
Flower People Appreciation Month**

Thank you to all who take care of the gardens and to those who donate beautiful flowers for our altar. A special thank you to Marti Mollema who does a lion's share of altar flowers – so beautifully, too!





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