

# Steepleviews

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES 2020

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|----|---|
| 01 | Joel & Saskia Buzzell                                   |
| 02 | Randy Gilbert<br>Cassie Henry<br>Matt & Nancy Reed      |
| 03 | Betsy & Dave Goodman                                    |
| 04 | Sonia Duffy<br>Jared Kelly                              |
| 05 | Cara Chicky<br>Ella Whiting<br>Peggy & Phil Deloria     |
| 06 | Brandon Nostrandt                                       |
| 07 | Bill & Julie Hirschfeld                                 |
| 08 | Debi Kennedy  |
| 09 | Andrew Dougherty<br>Cary & Eric Buzzell                 |
| 11 | Dale & Polly Herscher                                   |
| 13 | Polly Herscher<br>Don Setterbo                          |
| 14 | Caitlin & Matt Anderson                                 |
| 17 | Jeryl Colby<br>David & Linda Schweyer                   |
| 18 | Lynn Buzzell<br>Becky & Joe Hubbard                     |
| 19 | Katie Condon  |
| 20 | Jordin Gilbert Kelly<br>Phil Wade                       |
| 21 | Cherie Hunt   |
| 22 | Beverly Augustine                                       |
| 24 | Kathy Walthorn  |
| 25 | Asher King<br>Casey Ottinger<br>Ryan & Tricia Strom     |
| 26 | Lauren Church   |
| 27 | Jen & Robert Kennedy                                    |
| 28 | Ann & Paul Osborn                                       |
| 29 | Alden Smith   |
| 30 | Robin MacKenzie<br>Alex McNamara<br>Carolyn & Jim Lalas |
| 31 | Dru Milliron<br>Jackie & Tom Richmond                   |

## EVENTS

- Aug 1 Frankfort Farmer's Market  
(and following Saturdays)
- Aug 1 Beulah's Sidewalk Sale  
& Mini Art Fair
- Aug 4 Honor Farmer's & Flea  
Market  
(and following Tuesdays)
- Aug 6 Elberta Farmer's Market  
(and following Thursdays)
- Aug 7 Pastor Dinah returning from  
vacation
- Aug 15 Hazardous Waste/Electronics  
Collections 9 am - 1 pm at  
Road Commission in Honor
- Aug 21 Thru Aug 23  
Benzie Fishing Frenzy -  
Mineral Springs Park
- Aug 28 Dan Straubel Memorial  
Golf Outing at Crystal  
Lake Golf Club in Beulah
- Aug 28 Thru Aug 30 National  
Coho Salmon Festival in  
Honor



Yay!!!!  
Dinah is  
back from  
vacation real  
soon!!!

# Pastor's Page

One just never knows when God will knock on your door, and you're on an errand to the grocery store!

One day last month, sometime after the Fourth of July, I came back to my office and discovered a note under the door, a rather puffy note. I opened it up, and inside was \$45 and this note.

"Thank you for providing us with a wonderful lunch for so many years after the 4th of July parade. Even though we cooked our own this year, you were in our thoughts—so we collected our dollars for you. The Halliday, Cheladyn families.

How sweet was that? There was no need for them to do it, but the smile that it produced has lasted days and days! And I'm guessing that you're smiling right now, too.

That is so like God's grace—unexpected, nothing done to deserve such joy, but delivered personally to each of us.

I'm sure everyone is tired of this Modern Life 2.0, so I won't mention any of the words like social distancing and safety protocols and masks. But I will mention that God's gifting of grace is never far away, if we are open to the recognition of them.

Construction snaggles may be exasperating, unless you can turn them into moments of solitude or really listening to the music on the radio station. Lines may be long at a store, but they are really disguised opportunities for looking around—at the people, the magazines, the things on the counter that you might have

overlooked before. The heat and humidity may be stifling, but how about the gig that your heart can dance when you put the ice water in front of the fan and let it blow on you?

We get tired, for sure. Company doesn't realize that real toll that their time takes on the hosts' souls. And we would never begrudge them the delight of being in their happy places. So working on those silk purses from sows' ears is not always easy or pleasant. But they can surely change a moment, which can lead to a time, which can lend itself to a day, and before you know it, it's time to put your head on the pillow and offer thanks for the ability to be a part of it all.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass  
and whatever lies before me;  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul.  
Oh my soul, worship God's holy name.  
Sing like never before, Oh my soul.  
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
Matt Redman

Sing on, friends, as you open your heart to the nudges, the hints, the sounds and surprises of God's most Holy Spirit. See you in church!

Pastor Dinah

# Thank You

All who helped to make a little of the delight (fun) back in Andy Mollema's Celebration of Life (funeral.) It certainly isn't all that it might have been under regular circumstances, but it was a good send-off for a good man—thanks to all who helped to make it so.

Phil Gates for the donation of an electronic keyboard. There are a number of instances when such an instrument would be perfect, but it wasn't something that could really be justified cost-wise. And now we have one. Thanks you so much!

All who covered the bases while I was on vacation. It's always good to know that the ministry of this particular church family will continue while I get away every so often. It's great to be a part of this church family! Dinah

Kelly Ottinger for serving this church family as our official delegate at the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches Annual Meeting last month. It was so different, being together online, but it made it possible for people to attend more easily in the long run.

Everyone for being patient with the safety protocols by which we are abiding. It's certainly not what most anyone would like, but for those who are feeling good to be together in person, it's big. And for those not in that place, it's even bigger. So keep it up, folks, and good job!

Don't forget! Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch our worship services—either on Facebook or on the church website—[fccfrankfort.org](http://fccfrankfort.org).



## Dan Straubel Memorial Golf Outing

Benefit for  **Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
of Benzie County

**JOIN US ON**

**Friday, August 28, 2020**

**4 Person Scramble**

**Men's, Women's, Co-ed Teams**

**18 Holes of Golf with Cart**

**Registration & Lunch at 12:00 p.m.**

**Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.**

**Dinner after Golf**



**Crystal Lake Golf Club**  
8493 Fairway Dr. Beulah, MI

Questions? CLGC 231-882-4061





## FCCF Council Minutes July 8, 2020

The Minutes from the June 10 meeting were reviewed and with no corrections noted, were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Burch

Offerings for June totaled:	\$ 8,764.34
Budgeted expenses April totaled:	11,387.68
Carryover YTD:	-539.37

All things considered, our budget/spending is not in too bad a shape. Council members were asked to think about the possibility of a gap as we go through the year and offerings don't increase. There were a couple of questions regarding account expenditures and profit/loss. A double check with Chris, our bookkeeper, may be needed to verify. Following discussion and explanation, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

**Memorials:** Judy Welch – a total of \$300.00 was received in June in memory of Lyle Jackson and Andy Mollema.

**Finance:** see Treasurer's Report

**Investment:** Andrea Frost – As of July 8, Stocks: \$376,710.56; Bonds: \$263,895.66; Pohlman Estate Account: \$150,000.00; the total in the Baird Investment Fund: \$790,607.06. There has been a loss of two members from the Investment Committee; therefore, replacements are needed.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Jim MacKenzie – no report

**Missions:** Paul Osborn – this account remains fully funded.

**Nominating:** Myra Elias for Larry Neuhardt – the motion was made by Bill Hirschfeld that Myra Elias replace Larry Neuhardt as Council Chair, with Larry taking Myra's place as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the year; Judy Welch seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

**Outreach:** Kelly Ottinger – 1) The committee reviewed online services and how all has been proceeding; more and more people are joining the online services with 751 people at the June 28 service; 2) the Constant Contact email forum is on target with other churches; 3) Pastor

Dinah has several upcoming weddings and memorial services this summer; and 4) the Committee is now searching for a Chair.

**Personnel:** Myra Elias – since there has been no choir since mid-March and no choir for the foreseeable future, Pastor Dinah has asked to relinquish her salary as choir director. Following discussion, ideas, and questions, the motion was made by Bill Hirschfeld that Council approve suspending the choir director's salary until further notice; Mary Reed seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

**Property:** Andrea Frost – no report with a meeting scheduled next week.

**Religious Education:** Bill Hirschfeld – Julie Hirschfeld is continuing to send our children Bible verses, prayers, and Sunday School lessons.

**Women's Fellowship:** Mary Reed - the donation monies for the Frankfort High School Graduation Party was used, in lieu of the party being canceled this year, for tote bags, towels, ice cream gift certificates, etc. for the graduates.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn – 1) a reminder that there is a possibility of having to close down in-person Worship; 2) Pastor Dinah's vacation is from July 23 – August 7, with Jack Harnish covering the pulpit both Sundays; and 3) upcoming events include: memorial services for Andy Mollema on July 11 and for Bob Carter on July 17, and the next Communion Sunday on August 9.

**Pastor's Report:** Dinah Haag – report submitted

**Unfinished Business:** the decision was made for the following: that the letter and ballot to be mailed to our church families calling for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 15, for the purpose of approving the \$50,000.00 from the Pohlman Estate for the upcoming church improvements, is correct and satisfactory to the Council.

**New Business:** none

Myra Elias, Vice-Chair, called for the adjournment of the meeting at 4:55 pm.

**No Reports:** Constitution & By-Laws, Property & New Business.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

## BACN Accepting Donations Again!

Things are a little different this year. BACN will be accepting clothing donations on **Saturday's only** this summer season. Clothing, footwear, accessories, and towels and bedding are needed to help our Neighbors in need.

### BACN DONATION HOURS:

**Saturdays 9 a.m. – noon**

June 13, 20 and 27

July 11, 18 and 25

August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

September 5

**WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO ACCEPT CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, ACCESSORIES ( purses, jewelry, scarfs), TOWELS AND BEDDING AT THIS TIME**

Safe handling guidelines: Bring clean items packed in plastic grocery or trash bags.

We are not able to accept items in boxes or totes.



We appreciate your generosity! Your donations helped Neighbors visit the clothing center over 6,000 times in 2019.



Have you been attending here for a while and are now wondering how to get more connected?

Have you been serving on a particular committee for a while and would like a new direction? Did you know that we need some folks to help us do the more day-to-day activities in regard to investments, missions, outreach, religious education and worship? If you can say yes to any of these questions - or no - please let Pastor Dinah or the church office know. Most often the time commitments are too long and at the same time, can be rewarding. Thanks for thinking about it!

## Please Remember in Prayer

### Prayer Concerns

Ed Baldwin  
Nora Bungard  
Dave Cage  
Lucas Crosby  
Hugh Hessler  
Pat Hessler  
Mike Horten  
Scott Johnson  
Sue King  
\*Tom MacKenzie  
Victoria Mekas  
Larry Neuhardt  
Molly & Sang  
Nguyen  
Nicole Nostrandt  
Ron Phillips  
Elizabeth Harness-  
Richardson  
Julie & Paul  
Robinson  
Dawn Schulz  
Jane Tarnecki  
Ronny Teatro  
Gladys Wilson

### Military

Mike Kinney  
Tyler Kinney  
Clark Robinson  
Ryan Ruddy

### The Families of

Chris Boehm  
John Bonderenko  
Greg Grieco  
Helen Haag  
Shal's husband  
Barb Van Duzen  
Kay Van Order

### Senior Living Orchard House

Pat Hessler  
Shirley Kerr  
Susie Vigland

### The Homesteader

Moore Peregrine  
Bea Stone

### The Maples

Myra Elias for the flowers in the front of the church! So fun! And for changing some sanctuary lightbulbs!

Jim Buzzell for replacing the hose on a dehumidifier and helping with gutter clean-up.

Cooper Rath for cleaning a gutter on the parsonage.





## Famous Singers with One Name

Y	E	M	P	I	T	B	U	L	L	N	I	A	D
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N	I	B	I	Y	A	Z	Z	L	O	L	G	D	F
A	N	Y	U	U	I	B	S	L	I	I	I	K	F
F	E	D	I	U	O	L	G	Y	A	D	E	N	Y
F	M	N	N	N	I	E	A	E	O	Y	C	D	Y
I	Y	A	O	M	H	H	M	I	K	A	N	A	L
T	E	S	M	N	O	K	A	L	L	A	O	D	U
F	Y	H	A	S	T	I	N	G	L	U	Y	E	D
L	S	A	D	A	Z	A	O	A	Z	S	E	L	A
N	K	G	O	F	S	U	B	D	M	H	B	E	C
T	G	G	N	D	A	M	G	O	U	E	U	B	R
I	N	Y	N	F	I	R	A	L	B	R	E	A	I
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- MADONNA
- USHER
- AALIYAH
- MOBY
- TIMBALAND
- DUFFY
- STING
- TIFFANY
- YAZZ
- SEAL
- SHAGGY
- MIKA
- EMINEM
- LUDACRIS
- DIDO
- BEYONCE
- BONO
- PITBULL
- AKON
- ADELE

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/31/>

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## August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Joel Buzzell & Saskia Van Wolfren
2 10:30 a.m. Worship  <b>Friendship Day</b>  Randy Gilbert Cassie Henry Matt & Nancy Reed	3  Betsy & Dave Goodman	4  Sonia Duffy Jared Kelly	5  Cara Chicky Ella Whiting Peggy Burns & Phil Deloria	6  Brandon Nostrandt	7  <b>National Lighthouse Day</b>  <b>Purple Heart Day</b>  Bill & Julie Hirschfeld	8  <b>International Cat Day</b>  Debi Kennedy
<b>Pastor Dinah on vacation thru August 7</b>						
9 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion  <b>International Day of the World's Indigenous People</b>  Andrew Dougherty Cary & Eric Buzzell	10	11  Dale & Polly Herscher	12  <b>World Elephant Day</b>  4:00 p.m. Finance Meeting?	13  Polly Herscher Don Setterbo	14  Caitlin & Matthew Anderson	15  
16 10:30 a.m. Worship  11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting	17  <b>Black Cat Day</b>  Jeryl Colby David & Linda Schweyer	18  Lynn Buzzell Becky & Joe Hubbard	19  <b>World Humanitarian Day</b>  Katie Condon	20  Phil Wade Jordin Kelly	21  Maverick Holmgren Cherie Hunt Cole Schindler	22 3:30 p.m. Brown- Sierra Wedding, FCCF  Beverly Augustine
23 10:30 a.m. orship  <b>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade &amp; Its Abolition in 1791</b> W Gigious	24  <b>Ukraine Independence Day in 1991</b>  Kathy Walthorn	25  Asher King Casey Ottinger Ryan & Tricia Strom	26 9:00 a.m. Benzie HSC  <b>National Dog Day</b>  Lauren Church	27  Jen & Robert Kennedy	28  Ann & Paul Osborn	29  <b>International Day against Nuclear Tests</b>  Alden Smith
30 10:30 a.m. Worship  Robin MacKenzie Alex McNamara Carolyn & Jim Lalas	31  <b>Overdose Awareness Day</b>  Dru Milliron Jackie & Tom Richmond					

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