

Steepleviews

First Congregational Church of Frankfort
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2021

Anniversaries & Birthdays

AUGUST

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

EVENTS

- Mar 28 Thru Oct 2
Benzie Senior Resources Sweater & Blanket Drive
- Aug 5 Benzie Historical Society Tour of the City Milwaukee
- Aug 7 2021 "Walk-A-Thon"
- Aug 10 Manistee Community Band Concert
- Aug 17 Birds Fly In Event
- Aug 19 Faith in Action Community Meal



Please join us for

CELEBRATE SANCTUARY

A *BIRDS FLY IN* Book Signing Benefit for ABBA House

Featuring Soundtrack Music, A Short Film, Local Poets, Plus a Special Reading from Catalogue Essay "The Language of Birds" by Phil Deloria.



August 17 7:00 p.m.
First Congregational Church of Frankfort
431 Forest Avenue, Frankfort



The Catalogue will be available for purchase (\$75); sale proceeds benefit ABBA House, Celaya, MX. Ellie will joyfully personalize your copy.

FREE! Reception to follow! GRATIS!

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 2



August 19 2021 At 6 PM

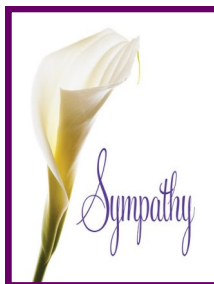
The Pavilion at Benzonia Park
Benzonia, MI 49616

Enter off South Street Just west of US-31

Benzie County Faith in Action Community Meal

*Let's Pray Together.
Break Bread Together.
Listen to Each Other.
All Are Welcome!*

With deepest sympathy to Tamara Sokolowski on the death of her mother, Myrene, July 1, 2021. Tamara was able to care for her mother during her time in hospice at Tamara's house. Such a beautiful gift for those able to give and receive it.



Before we know it, September will be here, and we are looking forward to Sunday School starting up again. If you would like to be a part of the team that shares the love of Christ with our young people, please let the church office know. And thank you!



First Congregational Church of Frankfort Council Minutes

FCCF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JULY 14, 2021

Members present: Rob Burch, Myra Elias, Bill Hirschfeld, Jim MacKenzie, Larry Neuhardt, Ann Osborn, Paul Osborn, Chris Porter, Mary Reed, Kris Richards, Linda Schweyer and Pastor Dinah Haag.

Myra Elias, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm followed by the Opening Prayer.

The Minutes of the June 9 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

Offerings for June:	\$ 7,131.27
Expenses for June:	8,455.68
YTD Carryover:	11,035.15

The Budget is in good shape with a couple of timing issues in expenses. Discussion and explanation followed: 1) Could the Personnel Committee meet to discuss the Choir Director position since nothing has been spent thus far in 2021; 2) Baird checking account service charge and how to avoid this charge in the future – so that we do not have this charge again, a motion was made by Rob Burch and seconded by Chris Porter that \$2,000.00 be moved from the unmanaged portion of our Baird Investment Account to the Baird checking account; the motion unanimously passed; and 3) the Outreach Committee's budget is almost out so Pastor Dinah will do a double check and monitor this account for any future expenditures. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch – no report

Finance: Judy Welch – see Treasurer's Report

Investment: Chris Porter – the total of all Baird Accounts is: \$884,771.38. Chris also requested that items be simplified in the Baird Investment portion of the Treasurer's Report.

Constitution & By-Laws: Jim MacKenzie – no report

Missions: Paul Osborn – this account remains fully funded.

Nominating: Myra Elias – no report

Outreach: Kelly Ottinger/Dinah Haag – see New Business

Personnel: Myra Elias – no report

Property: Myra Elias – 1) the power washing is finished on the church and the Parsonage deck; now painting needs to be done at the Parsonage and the lower portion of the church. Jim Buzzell will take the lead on this project with the help of a student who is doing Community Service and more helpers are needed so asking for volunteers; and 2) our projector needs an upgrade or needs to be replaced, as well as a video camera to attach to a computer for programs held in the Parlor/Dining Room area. Chris Porter was asked to check prices.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld – no report

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed – no report

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) upcoming events include: Maples Worship Service on July 18, Faith in Action's Gathering and Community Dinner at Benzonia Veterans Park on July 22 at 6 pm; the next Communion Sunday on August 8; and the Birds Fly In event with Ellie Harold on August 17 at 7 pm in our Sanctuary; 2) Pastor Dinah will be on vacation from July 22 – August 6 with Phil Deloria and Ellie Harold filling in at the pulpit; 3) Pastor Dinah will be officiating at two weddings in August; and 4) the Committee will be thinking of ideas for the return to regular church life in the fall.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Following discussion and explanation from Pastor Dinah concerning the Ironman Competition the weekend of September 11/12, it was the Council's unanimous decision to change our Church Service to Saturday evening, September 11, at 6:30 pm. There would be too much congestion and traffic on Forest Ave. on Sunday, the 12th for our members to get to the church on that day.

Myra Elias, Council Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

Congratulations

- Diane and Glen Tray are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first grandchild, Ryan Drew, born at 10:01 a.m., July 1. He weighed in at 9 lbs., 10 oz! Everyone is well.
- To the Lautenbach family for receiving First Place in the Frankfort Sand Castle contest. It was an amazing sea serpent!



- Robin MacKenzie for altering the new front banner so it doesn't sag anymore. She's an inspiration with a sewing machine!
- Brian and Kevin Welch for spending a few hours setting up the new basketball hoop! Already it has found new "love" and will continue to do so in the future. It's a real, long-lived gift
- Those covering the bases while the Pastor's away: Michael Webb for stepping in to cover the audiovisual department, Al Bryant for worship leading, Phil Deloria and Ellie Harold for preaching, Molly Harrison for children's time, Katherine Johnson for fielding calls and questions and Myra Elias for being willing to direct traffic as needed.



BENZIE
SENIOR RESOURCES

Be connected. Be supported. Be home.

WALK-A-THON

WALK • RUN • BIKE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

**FRANKFORT'S BELLOWS PARK
ON CRYSTAL LAKE**

(Corner of Bellows Avenue and South Shore Drive)

Register and Begin Your Walk
Between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

REWARD YOURSELF WITH OUR DELICIOUS BRUNCH BOX SERVED FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.



All proceeds to benefit Benzie Senior Resources, a non-profit organization serving the seniors of Benzie County.

Please contact us for an information packet:
231-525-0600 or INFO@BENZIESENIORRESOURCES.ORG

BACN Builds Campaign

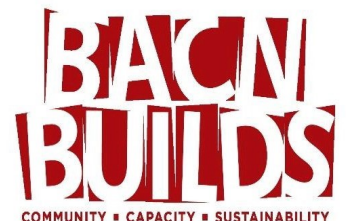
Too many of our Benzie area Neighbors suffer because they're falling through the gaps: the gaps between one paycheck and the next; between seasonal employment; between where they are and where they long to be.

Worse yet, even though Benzie Area Christian Neighbors knows the needs of our community and are well-positioned to help, the current BACN facility constraints keep us from doing all that we could be doing-leaving us helplessly watching as Neighbors needlessly struggle.

This is why we're launching the BACN Builds campaign, which will allow us to build a new and larger facility to meet the growing needs of our region. With BACN Builds we hope to help bridge the gaps in our community, because all of our Neighbors deserve the chance to reach their goals and improve their quality of life.

Join us in bridging the gaps and bless your Neighbors by giving generously to the BACN Builds campaign. For more info go to

www.benziebacn.org.





- Thank you from Friends of the Darcy Library of Beulah for our participation in the tsunami of cookies that was donated for their cookie sale which brought in \$606.00. A special thank you to Marti Mollema for her involvement.
- National Association of Congregational Christian Churches sent a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of our Church's contribution to the Shared Ministries Fund for the preservation of the Congregational Way.
- Thank you from St. Philip's Episcopal Church for our Church's continued support with a generous donation of \$200.00 for their Baby Pantry.
- We are working on the second \$150,000 Direct Your Dollars Program. The Family Fare receipts are coming in very quickly—a tally will be announced in the bulletin soon.
- Just an FYI—the IRONMAN 70.3 Triathlon will be happening in Frankfort on September 12, 2021. For more information on the competition go to www.ironman.com/im703-michigan.



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

To all who take care of the gardens and to those who donate arrangements on the Altar, thank you very much!!

**Please Remember
in Prayer**

Prayer Concerns:

Gail Brown
Gretchen & Val Classens
Will Colby
Bill Cotsworth
Theresa Duffy
Randy Gilbert
Charles Gonyon
Michael Grajcar
Bonnie Heaney
Joanne Herban
Hugh Hessler
Pat Hessler
Jerry Johnson
Ryan Kazanowski
Becky Kelly
Nathan Kolehmainen
Steve Mertz
Michelle Morris
Ron Phillips
Tim Quist
Steve Rath
Becky Reed
Pete Reed
Tina Reed
John Ruckrich
Gail Schnurstein
Dawn Schulz

The Families of

Fred Boylan
Sandra's son

The Military

Mike Kinney
Tyler Kinney
Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living

Cadillac Nursing Care

Don Bonderenko

The Homesteader

Bea Stone

The Maples

Karen Collins
Gladys Wilson

Orchard House

Pat Hessler
Joan Miller
Susie Vigland



The Frankfort Art Fair is scheduled for August 20 thru August 21 at Market Square Park, 420 Corning Avenue. The daily times are Friday 1:00—7:00 pm. and Saturday 10:00 - 4:00 pm. For contact information call Joanne Bartley at 231-352-7251



The Benzie Area Historical Society has partnered with friends at the SS City of Milwaukee to offer an opportunity to tour two retired seagoing vessels— the Steamship City of Milwaukee and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Acacia. The SS City of Milwaukee is celebrating its' 90th anniversary and is the last of six sister ships designed in the 1940s and built by the Manitowac Shipbuilding Company out of Wisconsin. The Steamship Historical Society of America recently recognized the SS City of Milwaukee as

Museum Ship of the Year

The tour is scheduled for Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. The fee is \$30 per person which includes lunch and a souvenir guide to the historic boat and is located at 99 Arthur St in Manistee.



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are collecting sweaters, fleece blankets, fabric and notions. They are looking for sweaters in all sizes

(preferably with some wool content), sweater vests, wool coats, wool fabric, fleece fabric, buttons, thread wool & fleece blankets. These supplies will be collected to make mittens.

Items can be dropped off in the bin outside

The Gathering Place.

Call Susan for more info

231-525-0601.



Crystal Lake Community Business Association

(CLCBA) will be hosting their Annual Sidewalk Sale Day in downtown Beulah on Saturday, August 7th. Hours will be 10-5 with two blocks closed to traffic/parking, however, side streets will be open for waterfront and parking access. In addition to the downtown businesses, a variety of the Beulah Art Fair vendors will be participating. Current Covid-19 guidelines will be in place. For more info or questions call 231-383-1120 and leave a message.



THE MANISTEE COMMUNITY BAND PRESENTS SWEET SOUNDS OF SUMMER

Featuring Jacob Bissonnette on Saxophone and John Taranko, Larry Babcock, and Nancy Banks Reed on Trumpets

Two Concert Dates:

July 23, 2021
at Mineral Springs Park in Frankfort, Michigan at 7:00 PM

August 10, 2021
at First Street Beach in Manistee, Michigan at 7 PM

Featured Numbers:
Moon River, arr. Michael Brown
Bugler's Holiday, Leroy Anderson

Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Free Will Donation





Ryan Biller, Conductor





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 10:30 a.m. Worship Rev. Ellie Harold, preaching</p> <p>International Forgiveness Day</p> <p>Joel & Saskia Buzzell</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Randy Gilbert Cassie Henry Matt & Nancy Reed</p>	<p>3 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. No Outreach Mtg.</p> <p>Betsy & Dave Goodman</p>	<p>4 3:15 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. No Worship Mtg.</p> <p>Sonia Duffy Jared Kelly</p>	<p>5 9:00, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p. .m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. No Property Mtg.</p> <p>Cara Chicky Ella Whiting Peggy & Phil Deloria</p>	<p>6 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Brandon Nostrandt</p>	<p>7</p> <p>National Lighthouse Day</p> <p>Bill & Julie Hirschfeld</p>
<p>8 10:30 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday Intinction</p>  <p>Debi Kennedy</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Book Lover's Day</p> <p>Andrew Dougherty Cary & Eric Buzzell</p>	<p>10 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI 7:00 p.m. Manistee Community Band at 1st Street Beach</p>	<p>11 3:15 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. No Council Mtg.</p> <p>Dale & Polly Herschler</p>	<p>12 9:00, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p. .m. MOBBI</p>	<p>13 12:30 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Stoltz-Reed Rehearsal</p> <p>Polly Herscher Don Setterbo</p>	<p>14 4:00 p.m. Stoltz-Reed Wedding</p> <p>Caitlin & Matt Anderson</p>
<p>15 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:30 p.m. The Maples Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>National Tell a Joke Day</p>	<p>17 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI</p> <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>7:00 p.m. Birds Fly In</p> </div> <p>Jeryl Colby David & Linda Schweyer</p>	<p>18 3:15 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Lynn Buzzell Dick & Norma Godsey Becky & Joe Hubbard</p>	<p>19 9:00, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p. .m. MOBBI 6:00 p.m. FIA Community Meal</p> <p>Katie Condon</p>	<p>20 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Jordin Kelly Phil Wade</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Senior Citizen's Day</p> <p>Maverick Holmgren Cherie Hunt Cole Schindler</p>
<p>22 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Beverly Augustine</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Wylie Gigous</p>	<p>24 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Kathy Walthorn</p>	<p>25 3:15 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Asher King Casey Ottinger Ryan & Tricia Strom</p>	<p>26 9:00, 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p. .m. MOBBI</p> <p>Lauren Church</p>	<p>27 12:30 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Jen & Robert Kennedy</p>	<p>28 Lopez Wedding Pt. Betsie</p> <p>Ann & Paul Osborn</p>
<p>29 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Alden Smith</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Robin MacKenzie Alex McNamara Carolyn & Jim Lalas</p>	<p>31 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Dru Milliron Jackie & Tom Richmond</p>				

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