

Steepleviews

First Congregational Church of Frankfort
431 Forest Ave.

Website: www.fccfrankfort.org
Rev. Dinah Haag: pas-

October 2020

- 01 Faith Dulaney
Bradford Nostrandt
- 03 Tucker Hubbard
- 04 Bailey Grant
Nancy Marshall
- 6 Dori Gigous
- 09 John Bateman
- 10 Sandy Gill
Jennie & Rick Schmitt
- 11 Andrew Addis
Randall Kelly
- 12 Abby Gilbert
Jean Neuhardt
Pearce Pomerleau
- 13 Joyce Dennison
- 14 Liz Ryckman
Nancy Setterbo
- 16 Abby Jo Judson
Ann Osborn
- 17 Mary Ann Harness
Bentley Wright
- 18 Caitlin & Matt Anderson
Kerry & Lynn Buzzell
- 19 Devin Gokey
- 20 Doris Clark
Bennett Schmitt
- 21 Valerie Morgan
- 22 Paul Robinson
Will & Marijke Church
- 23 Owen Nuske
Josh Schulz
- 25 Matt Addis
Sue King
- 26 Madeline MacKenzie
- 29 Becca Smith
- 30 Jackie Richmond
- 31 Rick Porter
Joe Wade

Coming
Events

- Oct 4 World Communion Day**
- Oct 18 Cherry Hut Closing**
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat**
- Nov 1 All Saints Sunday**
- Nov 16- National Shoebox Collection Week**
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World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2020



November 1, 2020



We will Celebrate the Circle of Life in reading **The Necrology** (those who have passed on to eternal life this past year) & **The Cradle Roll** (those born into our earthly life this past year)

Pastor's Page



Futures for Frontliners is a state scholarship program for Michiganders without college degrees who worked in essential industries during the state COVID-19 shutdown in spring 2020 (April 1-June 30). This scholarship provides these frontline workers with tuition-free access to a local community college to pursue an associate degree or a skills certificate, either full-time or part-time while you work.

To be eligible, you must:

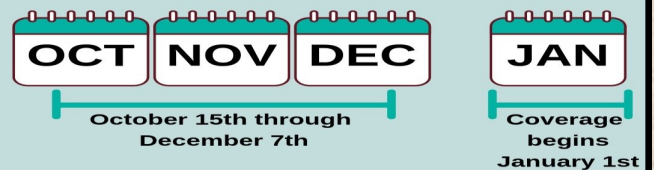
- Be a Michigan resident
- Have worked in an essential industry at least part-time for 11 of the 13 weeks between April 1—June 30, 2020
- Have been required by their job to work outside the home at least some of the time between April 1—June 30, 2020
- Not have previously earned an associate or bachelor's degree
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan
- Complete a Futures for Frontliners scholarship application by 11:59 p.m., December 31, 2020

Go to Michigan.gov/Frontliners to apply.

Open Enrollment



MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD



Now more than ever, children need hope! As the world struggles with the coronavirus pandemic, we are praying for even greater opportunities to reach boys and girls with the Gospel. We want to let them know that God loves them and has not forgotten them! The best way to get involved is to pack a shoebox yourself. As you specially select each item, packing a shoebox becomes a blessing for you as well as the child who receives it. Be sure to include a note and a photo! National Collection Week is November 16th thru 23rd. To learn more go to:

samaritanaspurse.org





- Phil Deloria & Jeanne Hafer for special music
- Jim Buzzell for changing out the clock batteries that have been dead for several weeks
- Bill Frostic for painting around the memory bench
- Randy Johnson for hanging some sunshine on the parsonage porch
- Will Church for rehangng a piece of trim on the parsonage porch



- Amy & Aaron, daughter and son-in-law to Molly & Scott Harrison, on the birth of their son, Caleb Jack Kline, born on September 1st.
- The Harrison's also welcomed Grayson Scott Kearns, born on February 25th. We missed it earlier, but congratulations are still in order.
- Polly Herscher on the birth of her newest granddaughter, Amanda Johnson!



Welcome to the family,
Catherine St. Onge!
Catherine was born in and grew up in

Midland, MI. Her teaching career spanned 32 years, covering English and French. She has no children of her own, but her Yorkshire babies of fur are Winston and Clementine (Churchill). She has two brothers, one is deceased and her other brother, Frank, lives in Saginaw. She likes knitting, quilting, embroidery, and other crafts, along with being an avid reader. She's also done a lot of traveling – 1/2 the states and nine times to Europe and 10 European countries. One of her greatest claims to fame is being a neighbor to Rosemary Abbett!



Tunnel of Trees Scenic Drive
Harbor Springs to
Cross Village, Michigan



Northern Michigan's Tunnel of Trees on M-119 is one of the state's most iconic attractions, never more so than on a fall color tour. The scenic road winds from Harbor Springs, north of Petoskey to Cross Village. The feel is slow, soft, curvy and intimate, a two-lane keepsake, a byway from a long-gone era, a road that is itself a destination. Along the way, you'll find fun shops, must-try local restaurants, spectacular scenery and fascinating historical pit spots.



MEETING



FCCF
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
POHLMAN ESTATE GIFT VOTE
AUGUST 16, 2020

A meeting was called for the members of the First Congregational Church of Frankfort on Sunday, August 16, following services. The purpose of the meeting was to address the business of voting, upon recommendation of the Church Council and the Bequest AdHoc Committee, to invest monies gifted to our church from the Patty Pohlman Estate of \$150,000.00. \$100,000.00 would be invested into an unmanaged account with RW Baird and \$50,000.00 would be used as needed for upcoming property projects and other expenses under the Council's direction.

The meeting was called to order by Myra Elias, Council Chair, at 11:25 am, with twelve members present in person and nine members present on Zoom. Four paper ballots had previously been turned in prior to the meeting.

Following discussion and questions, Scott Harrison made the motion that those present vote for the Pohlman Estate gift to be invested and used as recommended by the Council and the Bequest AdHoc Committee; Bill Hirschfeld seconded the motion. Motion passed with 24 yes (including previously turned in ballots) and one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
 Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

FCCF Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2020

The Minutes from the August 16 Congregational Meeting regarding the Pohlman Estate Gift were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

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| Offerings for August : | \$ 8,209.00 |
| Expenses for August: | \$10,410.59 |
| YTD Carryover: | \$-2,155.45 |

Memorials: Judy Welch – for July, \$2,230.00 was received and for August, \$590.00 received for a total of \$2,820.00, in memory of Andy Mollema, Kay Van Order, and Lyle Jackson.

Finance: Judy Welch – see Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost – As of September 9, Stocks : \$387,434.66; Bonds: \$268,779.39; Pohlman Estate Fund: \$150,000.00; the total in the Baird Investment Fund: \$806,217.56

Constitution & By-Laws: Jim MacKenzie – a meeting was held with Pastor Dinah, and the Committee is working toward an update by January, 2021.

Missions: Paul Osborn – this account remains fully funded; there was discussion on how to improve Missions giving from our Congregation during the Covid time; perhaps online giving could improve this. The Baird Account supplies all our Mission obligations at this time.

Outreach: Kelly Ottinger – 1) Our online outreach services continue to be successful, with the possibility of purchasing an iPad or Tablet for people to use who have no access to Facebook or Internet; 2) Pastor Dinah will print out cards to give to people which will give information on how to reach her via phone, email or Zoom in order to chat and keep the lines of communication open; and 3) A Prayer Team has been formed from Committee members with a list of 4 to 8 names each to call and check on those who are not connected at this time.

Personnel: Myra Elias – 1) Our housekeeper resigned the end of August; the decision was made to reassign some of her duties to Chris, Etc., our cleaning service. 2) Our Nursery attendant's salary will continue as a "love gift" - see Pastor's Report . 3) there was discussion of revisiting the Choir Director's salary and how to continue payment even though there may be no choir until possibly 2022. The Council will reconsider compensation for Pastor Dinah, taking into consideration her many additional tasks during the Coronavirus Pandemic. 4) the Committee will consider increasing our Organist's weeks off from two to three per year.

Property: Myra Elias – 1) The air conditioning units were cleaned in July; 2) the replacement parts for the boiler have been ordered; 3) the storm window people have been contacted so that the process of new storms can proceed; 4) there is a leak in the Parsonage chimney that needs attention; 5) Bill Frostic will paint posts near the side entrance of the church; 6) the church needs power washing; 7) the dehumidifiers have been put away; and 8) the Committee is hoping to use Andy Mollema's Memorial Fund monies to purchase new

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Council Minutes August 16, Continued:

video equipment to enhance our online services.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld – 1) a Bible Study is being considered for the month of October; and 2) Sunday School by Zoom and in person begins on September 13 before church service at 9:30.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed – 1) \$1,000.00 will need to be withdrawn from our CD for Christmas gifts to our college students; and 2) a decision will need to be made as to what Women's Fellowship could do to replace the annual Silver Tea.

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) the need to continue our online presence has been solidified in the numbers of those checking in on various services; 2) a review of July and August indicates that all went relatively well; 3) upcoming "events" include: the Fox-Haywood wedding at Platte River on September 12, Blessing of the Backpacks and Zoom Sunday School on September 13, Ruth Nugent's graveside Celebration of Life on September 19, & World Communion Day on October 4.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted, with one item of note. A motion was made by Judy Welch that we continue compensation for Mary Reed, our Nursery Attendant during the Coronavirus Pandemic; Rob Burch seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business: None, except a question for the Personnel Committee to consider help for Pastor Dinah with preparation for meetings, etc.

New Business: 1) An additional member is needed for the Investment Committee, as designated by the Council, to be revisited at the October meeting; and 2) the Ministerial Association has been in discussion on how best to reach out to schools and families for help and mentoring during the Pandemic.

No Reports: Nominating,

The meeting was called for adjournment by Myra Elias, Council Chair, at 5:25 pm

Respectfully submitted, Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Cherry Jerry says, "Before the Cherry Hut closes for the season, let's do lunch on Sunday, October 18th at noon o'clock. "

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Christian Baron
*Alex Bonderenko
Portia Butler
Jimmy Davis
*Michelle Healy
Hugh Hessler
Pat Hessler
Mike Horten
Jan Kneisel
Jay Lamerson
Linda McHugh
Larry Neuhardt
Nicole Nostrandt
Ron Phillips
Nancy Reed
Cheryl Reichel
Julie & Paul Robinson
Dawn Schulz
Bob Smale
Mark Stoltz
Tammy Tomaszewski

Continued Prayers:

Carolyn Hershey
Janice Heusted
Trevor Keopke
Sue King
Freddie Kolehmainin

Young Adults:

Jake Reed
Luke Reed
Kyah Robinson
Bennett Schmitt
Cecelia Schmitt
Kelsey Trovato

Youth:

James Porter
Samson Porter
Sterling Porter Cooper
Rath
Judson Rath
Laurel Rath
Mason Rath



For the families of

Butch Beyer
Barb Shankland
Al Spaeth
Scott Johnson
Wayne Bovee
Elizabeth Case
Moore Peregrine
Lindsey Pierce

My Haunted House Adventure



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| Attic | Dark | Mansion |
| Bat | Decay | Midnight |
| Chilly | Eerie | Mist |
| Cobwebs | Flashlight | Moan |
| Coffin | Gate | Moon |
| Creak | Ghost | Owl |
| Curse | Hallway | Raven |
| Damp | Lightening | Scream |

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October Happenings

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting Adopt a Shelter Dog Month Faith Dulaney Brad Nostrandt | 2 | 3 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Moore Peregrine Tucker Hubbard |
| 4 10:30 a.m. Worship  Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall | 5 Clergy Appreciation Month | 6 Dori Gigous | 7 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting 7:00 p.m. Al Bryant Zoom Meeting "Titanic" | 8 National Diabetes Month | 9 John Bateman | 10 Mental Health Day Sandy Gill Jennie & Rick Schmitt |
| 11 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. POLAR 2:45 The Maples Worship Andrew Addis Randall Kelly | 12 3:30 p.m. MOBBI Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day Abby Gilbert Jean Neuhardt Pearce Pomerleau | 13 11:00 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Joyce Dennison | 14 10:00 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting  Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo | 15 | 16 Abby Judson Ann Osborn | 17 10:00 a.m. MCCCC Annual Meeting, Virtual 12:00 p.m. LaFond Wedding Mary Ann Harness Bentley Wright |
| 18 10:30 a.m. Worship Kerry & Lynn Buzzell Caitlin & Matt Anderson | 19 3:30 p.m. MOBBI Devin Gokey | 20 11:00 a.m. MOBBI Doris Clark Bennett Schmitt | 21 10:00 a.m. MOBBI Valerie Morgan | 22 Paul D. Robinson Marijke & Will Church | 23 Swallows Depart from San Juan Capistrano Day Owen Nuske Josh Schulz | 24 Make a Difference Day Dalton Somero |
| 25 10:30 a.m. Worship Matt Addis Sue King | 26 3:30 p.m. MOBBI Madeline MacKenzie | 27 11:00 a.m. MOBBI  Black Cat Day | 28 10:00 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Missions Meeting | 29 Becca Smith | 30 Jackie Richmond | 31  Rick Porter Joe Wade |

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 Frankfort, MI 49635



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