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- 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
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- 30 Iackie Richmond
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Pastor's Page



One of the Missions we support is one that many people don't know about. That's in large part because we support it through the National Association of Christian Churches. Each month we send \$50 to the NACCC for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which is a disaster relief mission.

Our NACCC works with OGHS to host missions and ministries targeting hunger, homelessness, wild fires, earthquakes, flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes and typhoons providing water, food and responding to disasters all over the world. OGHS funds were most recently sent to Congregational Church Myanmar to purchase oxygen concentrators, and to the Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation for famine relief in Uganda. They also continue to work alongside the Love Worth Sharing mission to provide relief for Haiti. They are also determining how to effectively respond to the wildfires, Ida, and the many storms and flooding.

Founded in 1946 by Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, a goal was set to raise one million dollars in one hour for World Relief. Major networks broadcasted a show, called "One Great Hour", on Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 p.m. EST. The broadcast, featuring President Truman and popular musicians and actors of the time, closed with the request to make a sacrificial contribution at their own place of worship the next morning. While there is no record of funds raised that day, it is estimated

that over 75,000 churches participated.

Since then, hundreds of thousands of churches of all denominations and associations have given support, working in conjunction with the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, World Vision, Samaritan's Purse, and Church World Services to individuals and places with emergency needs.

If you wish to contribute to the OGHS Fund you may do so online at www.nacc.org or by sending a check to the following address with a note indicating "2021 Natural Disasters."

NACCC-OGHS PO Box 388 Oak Creek, WI 53154

A Note From Beverly Augustine

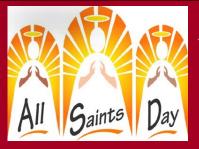
Dear Friends

My Mom - Goldie Nelson (deceased) will have a



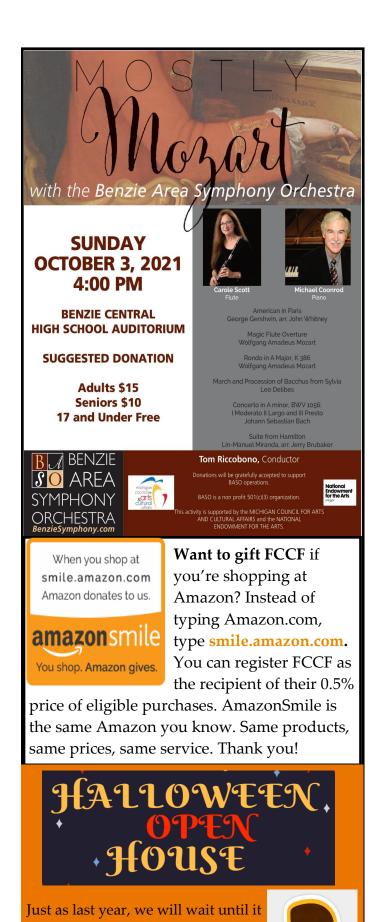
birthday October 22nd. She was a lifetime member of this little church. It would please us girls if we could have a few flowers on the altar sometime around that date. Our thanks,

Beverly



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) as part of our Worship Service on November 7th. Please submit all names to the church office before Worship that day.



gets closer to the 31st before

determining what we'll do this year.

BUT IT WILL involve candy!



The 13th Annual Frankfort Film Festival Presented by the Friends of The Garden Theater is scheduled for October 21st through October 24th at The Garden Theater



What Event featuring repurposed and salvaged items made into one-of-a-kind works of art

WHEN Saturday, October 9, 10-4

Where Grow Benzie, 5885 Frankfort Hwy Online benziehabitat.org

Proceeds from the sale of each item during the silent auction will be used by Benzie Habitat to build affordable housing for local families.



REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE. REBUIL D.

October is First Congregational Church's **Community Appreciation Month**

We are so blessed with a close knit, caring, supportive and truly amazing community. When you have the opportunity, thank the snowplow people, the fire department folks and all the other service-type people



who make this place such a delight.



 Mason Rath's first race of JH Cross Country!He ran a great time and even medaled in his first race! He is dual sporting this fall and is playing soccer too!

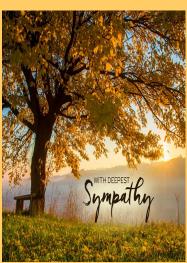


 Bella Gigous on being named to the summer Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University. SNHU is one of the fastest-growing universities in the nation. Good for you, Bella!



- Bill Frostic for changing out a dead light at the side door of the church.
- Molly Harrison (and so many other times, Jim MacKenzie) for taking items to BACN brought into the church.
- Jim Buzzell and Kris Richards for finishing the painting of the lower part of the church.

Families of



Rev. Dave
Cartlidge, Nick's
Grandpa, Ron
Nugent, John
Paro, Katie
Peltier, John
Snodgrass, Dick
& Norma
Godsey's
Neighborhood.

FCCF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Members present: Rob Burch, Myra Elias, Hugh Hessler, Bill Hirschfeld, Jim MacKenzie, Larry Neuhardt, Ann Osborn, Chris Porter, Kris Richards, Linda Schweyer, Judy Welch and Pastor Dinah Haag. Myra Elias, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm followed by the Opening Prayer. The Minutes from the July 14 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch

Offerings for August: \$7,819.58
 Budgeted expenses August: 8,179.41
 YTD Carryover: \$18,993.25

Committee Reports

<u>Memorials</u>: Judy Welch – no report

<u>Finance</u>: Judy Welch – see Treasurer's Report <u>Investment</u>: Chris Porter – the total of all Baird

Accounts as of August 31 is: \$889,287.70. Pursuant to a Council resolution, \$2,000.00 was transferred from the Unmanaged Account to the State Savings Bank account in July. The Committee met with Ed Schindler of Baird; there will be future adjustments and downturns, but the Investment Fund is in good shape and will continue to provide for the mission of our Church.

<u>Constitution & By-Laws</u>: Jim MacKenzie – no report <u>Missions</u>: Judy Welch reported that a \$2,000.00 donation was given to our Missions Fund from one of our members. She will follow up on whether this donation was to go to a specific one of our missions.

Nominating: Myra Elias – see New Business **Outreach**: Myra Elias – 1) there was a review of the online visits; 2) a reminder that church service will be held on Saturday, August 11 at 6:30 because of the Ironman event on Sunday, the 12th; and 3), there will be a Gathering on Friday, September 17 at 6 pm to be held at the Parsonage.

Personnel: Myra Elias – regarding the Choir Director's Salary: there has been no choir during 2021 but \$6,000.00 remains in the Budget for the director's salary. Because the choir, in some form, will begin during the last quarter of 2021, it is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that Council approve paying the salary. Chris Porter made the motion that Council approve said payment of \$6,000.00 to our Choir Director; Linda Schweyer seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved. Along with this motion approval, it was suggested that the Choir Director's title be changed to Music Director, as there is much more than choir that encompasses this job. Upon Council's. Continued on Page 6



Craft Fair & Cake Walk
The Frankfort
Fall Festival

will be Saturday, October 9th & once

again we get to host the famous Cake Walk from 1:00-1:30 p.m. at the Open Space

Sign-up sheets are in the Dining Room for helpers to work that day.

Regardless of the weather,

it's always a great day,

so join us and watch the smiles!

We have cake containers for you at church.



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

On Wednesday, October 6th, eat dinner at Platte River Inn, 10921 Main St in Honor, MI and 10% of your bill will be donated to BACN



BRIXSTONE FARMS

11240 Milarch Rd Bear Lake MI 49614

BrixStone Farms, formerly known as Apple Valley Orchards, is now owned by Keaton Foster.

Brixstone's mission is to provide quality goods and produce fresh from the farm to benefit both the environment and the community.

The farmstead is open to the public and features freshly picked fruit and maple syrup throughout the duration of the fall harvest. Visitors can choose from over 15 varieties of apples, Redhaven peaches and more. Spring 2021 was the first season that the forest on this farm has ever been tapped for their BrixStone Pure Maple Syrup. For additional info—google BrixStone Farms to learn more about this awesome farmstead.



As the days get shorter, Cherry Jerry hopes you can enjoy... Open Daily 11 AM - 4 PM

AUGUST 23 PD - OCTOBER 17TH



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Council Minutes Cont'd from Page 4—support, this title change will come before the congregation at the annual meeting in January.

Property: Myra Elias – 1) the furnace/boiler system is finished and awaiting state inspection; 2) the computer in the Finance Office has been upgraded; 3) the circuit breaker in the Parsonage has been repaired; 4) the leak near the side entrance of the church has been repaired with added rocks to create a slope away from the building; 5) the Sanctuary storms are finally ready and waiting to be shipped; 6) the power washing and painting is finished; 7) there should be a check of our present hearing devices before we install a loop hearing system for the Sanctuary; and 8) there is some interior work needed at the Parsonage.

<u>Religious Education</u>: Bill Hirschfeld – no report <u>Women's Fellowship</u>: Mary Reed – no report

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) there was a review of events from July and August and the online visits graph; 2) the Committee will fund a new fall banner for the Sanctuary; 3) there will be a poll of choir members for the possible start of choir again this fall; and 4) upcoming events include: the change in day and time of the church service the weekend of September 11/12, Jan Condon's Celebration of Life and the Kraft/Neal wedding on September 18; Blessing of the Backpacks on September 19, and the next Communion (World Communion) Sunday on Oct 3. **Pastor's Report**: Dinah Haag – report submitted

<u>Unfinished Business</u>: Judy Welch notified Council that our sixmonth trial is up the end of September with VANCO, our electronic giving system. The question is: do we continue financing this system or not? Approximately 8 members have given using VANCO; the Finance Committee will need to make a decision on whether continuing is worth it or not.

New Business:

- 1) Paul Osborn resigned from Council so his seat needs to be filled. The Nominating Committee will discuss onwhether to nominate someone for the remainder of Paul's term (which ends February, 2022) or leave the seat vacant for the remainder of his term.
- 2) Gift Giving: Pastor Dinah received a request from one of our members that our church be a "pass through", that is a non-profit, to facilitate a gift to this member's grandson who is in medical school and has medical issues himself. This donation/gift, in the amount of \$50,000.00, is being given by a family company.

Our church would receive 10% as the designated non-profit. Following discussion and a question-and-answer session, the Council decided that more information was needed regarding the legality of the request. A vote was taken: 10 members agreed to do the follow-up; two members voted to not pursue the request.

Myra Elias, Council Chair, called for the meeting adjournment at 5:07 pm. Respectfully submitted, Ann Osborn, Clerk

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Cherie Acklin Don Bonderenko Gail Brown *Greg Cobb Will Colby **Bob Dennis** *Deb Derr *Jonathan Derr Theresa Duffy Myra Elias Michael Grajcar Melissa Grant **Bonnie Heaney** David Hendrick Hugh Hessler Pat Hessler Jerry Johnson Erica Lociero Joan Miller Ron Phillips Becky Reed Kelly Mary Reed Pete Reed Tina Reed John Ruckrich Dawn Schulz Linda Schweyer Marsha Shelton Don Smith

Catherine St. Onge

*Dori Turner
Barb Wagner
Kevin & Nancy Welch
Lucas Welch
John & Peter Young

Families of

Dick & Norma Godsey's Neighborhood

Youth

Serenity Schulz Emma Simmons Oliver Simmons Eva Strom Ella Whiting Brendan Wiegand Brianna Wiegand

Young Adults

Lauren Church Maile Church Peyton Clevenger Reagan Clevenger Bella Gigous Dori Gigous Bailey Grant



MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

OCTOBER 15th
DECEMBER 7TH

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Colo 6-ex First Congregational Church of Frankfort

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		5	Adopt a Shelter Dog Month		1 12:30 p.m. MOBBI International Day for the Elderly Faith Dulaney Bradford Nostrandt	2
3 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:30 p.m. The Maples, Birchwood World Communion	4 4:30 p.m. MOBBI National Golf Day	5 9:00 a.m –12:30 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting	6 10:00 —11:30 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m	7 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m.	8	9 1:00 p.m. Cake Walk Fall Festival 1:30 p.m.
Sunday Tucker Hubbard	Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall	Ü	Worship Meeting Dori Gigous	Property Meeting		Historical Marker Self Tour John Bateman
10 10:30 a.m. Worship	11 4:30 p.m. MOBBI	12 9:00 a.m –12:30 p.m. MOBBI	13 10:00 —11:30 a.m. MOBBI	14 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. MOBBI	15 Whitaker-Mullett Wedding	16
Sandy Gill Jennie & Rick Schmitt	Indigenous Peoples' Day Andrew Addis Randall Kelly	Abby Gilbert Jean Neuhardt Pearce Pomerleau	4:00 p.m. Council Meeting Joyce Dennison	Whitaker-Mullett Rehearsal Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo	Annual Michigan Conference of Con- regational Christian Churches Via Zoom 10/15 & 10/16	Abby Jo Judson Ann Osborn
17 10:30 a.m. Worship	18 4:30 p.m. MOBBI	19 9:00 a.m –12:30 p.m. MOBBI	20 10:00 —11:30 a.m. MOBBI	21 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m. MOBBI	22 12:30 p.m. MOBBI	23 Make a Difference Day
Mary Ann Harness Bentley Wright	Caitlin & Matt Anderson Kerry & Lynn Buzzell	Devin Gokey	Doris Clark Bennett Schmitt	Valerie Morgan	Paul D. Robinson Will & Marijke Church	Owen Nuske Josh Schulz
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			10:00 —11:30 a.m. MOBBI			
Dalton Somero	Matt Addis Sue King	Madeline MacKenzie	4:00 p.m. Missions Mtg.		Becca Smith	Jackie Richmond
31 10:30 a.m. Worship Happy Halloween				Frank	fort Fall Fes	tival
Rick Porter Joe Wade			7	(Sponsored by:	

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	Sunday School Teachers	Greeters/Ushers Linda Schweyer	
3	Linda Schweyer	Judy Grant, Alma House Marti Mollema, Ann Osborn	
10	Julie Hirschfeld	Mary Reed, Leslie McElduff Beth & Mike McNamara	
17	Naomi Kolehmainen	Linda & David Schweyer Dawn & Serenity Schulz	
24	Robin MacKenzie	Chris Porter, Jim Buzzell Mary Reed, Donna Phillips	
31	Becky Addis	Molly & Scott Harrison Marti Mollema & Tom Hafer	