

Steepleviews

APRIL 2024

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRANKFORT, MI

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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6	Bill Hirschfeld Candace and Dan Nostrandt
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9	Maile Church
10	Logan Judson
13	Phillip McKinnon Paul Osborn
15	Addison Jarosz
19	Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky
21	Peggy Burns Jill Smeltzer
22	Wesley Henry
23	Robbie Kolehmainen Olivia (Addis) & Nick Lubinski
24	Olivia (Addis) Lubinski
26	Nancy Reed
27	Jean Ann Wolfe
28	Sally Lavender Susan Lavender Pat Luadders Steve Rath Kim Scripps Nick Somero
29	Bill Frostic
30	Myra Elias Doug Somero

COMING EVENTS

April	National Month of Hope Wear Your Nametag Month Holy Joy Month
1	Easter Monday April Fool's Day
7	Communion and Holy Joy Sunday
8	Dine Out for BACN at St. Ambrose
8	Total Solar Eclipse
15	Tax Day

BY PASTORAL DECREE
April is Wear Your
Name Tag Month!

HELLO
my name is

ABRAHAM
KNEWALOT



Pastor's Note

I admit that I like goofy things. I think I inherited it from my dad. I recently came across the goofiest website (visdeurbel.nl). It's a fish doorbell in the Netherlands. Yep, just about as goofy as it sounds, but so cool, too. At any given time, 950 people have the ability to alert a lock keeper to open the locks and let the fish through so they may continue upstream to lay their eggs and reproduce. People from all over the world help perch, pike, eels, zanders and several other sorts of fish do what fish do. Prayer doesn't have an actual doorbell, but it works a little like the fish doorbell. We have the ability to change the trajectory of life in a world far away from our homes. There's not only great strength in our prayers, but joy, too. Even prayers of petition and sorrow are based on the love of God for all of God's creation. We are much more powerful than we may realize. May we all keep breathing prayers that will bring peace, comfort and joy to more people than we will ever know. Shalom, Pastor Dinah



Welcome to the Family, Emma June Nuske!

Emma was baptised on Sunday, March 10. Her big brother is Owen, her parents are Johnny and Kendra Nuske, and her grandparents are Missi and Randy Gilbert.

Mark your calendars!

All Church Potluck

April 14, after the Worship Service
Bring a dish to share just because...



Picking with the Champ:

Morel Hunting with Anthony Williams

April 18, 2024 | 1:30-2:30 p.m.
at the Benzie Shores District Library



The Williams Family has been picking morels in Northern Michigan since the 1890s and Anthony's pickin' advice has been proven to be enlightening for everyone from novice to the seasoned pro. After winning the National Morel Hunting Championship five years in a row, Anthony Williams retired from competitive picking to become the "Expert in Residence" for the National Morel Festival. Over the past twenty years he has continued to share his "Picking with the Champ" seminar at the festival and Michigan libraries. This seminar is filled with stories from his 70 years of picking, tips on where and how to pick including the finer points on finding the elusive morel. Fun will be had by all and hopefully you will walk away filled with hope and promise in your future morel hunting capabilities.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS... BUT MARCH BROUGHT MULCH!



Our mulchers (Scott Harrison, The Schweyers, The Hughes, Jeanne Hafer, and Nancy Riecker) braved incredibly cold and windy weather to spread fresh woodchips from the tree taken down on 5th Street.
THANK YOU VERY MULCH!

(...and special guest Winifred Riecker also brought joy and sunshine to a gloomy day!)



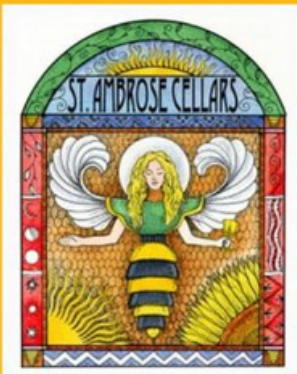
Dine Out for **BACON**

Monday, April 8
12pm to 8pm

10% of proceeds will be donated to BACN

841 S. Pioneer Rd.
Beulah, MI

***Kitchen service ends at 7:30pm



Please support this generous community partner during the off-season. We are grateful to St. Ambrose for all they do for BACN & our Neighbors!



The history of the work of women in the church is long, and the ladies of our Church family here at First Congregational are a great part of that heritage. Without our ladies, this place would not feel so much like a church home. So we thank you, one and all, from the bottom of our hearts!

Congrats!

Addison (Chownyk) Jarosz and the Frankfort Panthers basketball made it to the quarter-finals at the Breslin Center. They lost to Kingston, but it was a great season, with Coach Tim Reznich saying Addie may be the best athlete he's ever coached. And we have two more years of watching her mature as a player!



Johnny Henry got second place at his wrestling meet in March! Woot! Woot!

Tate MacKenzie (grandson of Jim and Robin) and his Macomb team are the Michigan conference champs and then they WON the whole she-bang! Michigan Community College State Champs!

Going on to Nationals!



Evelyn Osborn

and her team won 1st place at the Grand Valley Soccer Tournament and 2nd place at the Michigan STEM DI Tournament!! Grandma Ann and Grandpa Paul are so proud!!



Carsen MacKenzie

pitched the second straight shutout for the MetroJets hockey team in Buffalo at his match in March. Carsen is also a grandson of Jim and Robin MacKenzie!



COUNCIL MINUTES

FCCF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2024

Members present: Sonia Duffy, Myra Elias, Tom Hafer, Scott Harrison, Leo Hughes, Julie Morris, Ann Osborn, Jennifer Osborn, Kris Richards, Linda Schweyer, Betty Webb, and Pastor Dinah Haag

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Linda Schweyer, at 4:05 pm followed by the opening prayer.

The minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Harrison

1. Offerings for the month of February: \$12,042.00
2. Total income (incl. Offerings) for February: \$15,803.40
3. Budgeted expenses for February: \$11,502.06

For the end of February our net income is \$4,301.34. Scott mentioned that we are in line with our budgeted expenses. Our YTD total is a negative \$2,200.00 which will be paid from the Reserve Fund.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

No Report

Investment, Constitution & By-Laws, Nominating, Personnel, Religious Education, Women's Fellowship

Finance: refer to Treas. Report

Outreach: Kelly Ottinger – The committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow (3/14/24). Information from that meeting will be presented to the Council at its April meeting.

Property: Tom Hafer – On Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 am there will be a "Mulch Party" where mulch will be spread around the church before plants sprout up. When the tree was cut down on Fifth Street, Myra asked if the mulch could be left for us to use, so the mulch being used around the Church is from those trees. New LED lights are being purchased for the sanctuary and installed when a contractor is available. There was a discussion of purchasing and installing a dishwasher for the Church kitchen. Committee members will research this for the best price/design/brand. There was a discussion on how to refresh the interior walls of the Forest Ave Church entrance. The wallpaper is showing its age and the walls behind the paper are not in good shape. Committee members will research this. Many projects are being worked on; check in with any Property Committee member if you are interested in things that have been completed, or things that are ongoing projects.

Worship Committee: Ann Osborn—The sermon series Jerusalem at Passover has received great reviews. A big thanks to everyone who has participated. The candlesticks, candle lighters, and collection plates were polished. The bulletin covers for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were chosen. The Easter banner was chosen, and Easter flowers will be delivered on the Thursday or Friday before Easter. The next communion Sunday is April 7, which is also Holy Joy Sunday.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – Report submitted

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: With Mary Reed's passing, a two-year Council position is open. The Nominating Committee will meet to move this forward.

Linda Schweyer, Council Chair, called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Richards, FCCF Church Council Clerk

BENZONIA ACADEMY LECTURE
THURSDAY APR. 11 | 4 P.M.
AT THE MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE
 891 Michigan Ave. | Benzonia, MI 49616
ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES Or watch virtually via Zoom!

JOIN US FOR ROSIE THE RIVETER
AND THE WWII WILLOW RUN B-24 BOMBER PLANT
 PRESENTED BY **CLAIRE KITCHIN DAHL**
YANKEE AIR MUSEUM'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

BENZIE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 OPEN WED • FRI • SAT
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 -
 6941 Traverse Ave.
 Benzonia, Michigan
 VISIT US ONLINE AT
 /BenzieAreaHistoricalSociety
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 www.benziehistorical.org

Benzie Conservation District
Neighbor Network
Landowner + volunteer meetup event

Need help planting your tree seedlings? Want to give back as a volunteer? Then this program is for you!

April 2, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Register online: www.benziecd.org/events

At the event (in the Upper Level at Mills Community House), you'll learn the best tree-planting techniques, then arrange planting dates with fellow participants.

THANK YOU!

- Tom Hafer for replacing a fire alarm batteries and some lightbulbs.
- Jim MacKenzie for fixing a chair lift control box. It may not be his last “fix it” around the church, but he has decided to step down from the Property Committee. We are all grateful for your insites and time caring for the gifts God has given us to care for.
- All who took part in the Lenten Reader’s Theater dramas. So many people have commented on how it allowed them to hear the well-known story in a different and meaningful manner. You were all terrific!
- Our “Souper” lenten lunch providers: your tasty soups and extras were so appreciated after each service!

Prayer Concerns

Jerry Acklin
 Reese Clifford
 Doug Erdman
 Sarah Fought
 Jim Gallogly
 Cookie Godsey
 Mary Gunderson
 Marshel Holmgren
 Ray Jarocki
 John Keillor
 Harold Kennedy
 Daniel Kinney
 Roger Klabunde
 Marilyn Koenig
 Brady Lewis
 Robin MacKenzie
 Victoria Mekas
 Dan Nostrandt
 Ron Phillips
 Katie Robinson
 Tim Rolfling
 Dawn Schulz
 Scrib Sheafor
 Jim Stevens
 Jason Swein
 Charlie Welch
 Tim Welch
 Ann Wheeler
 Mark Wood
 Chris Young
 Peter Young

The Families of
 Sabra Boyle
 Margaret Forman
 Sandy Gill
 Nina Merton
 Dillon Miller
 Sally Nasser

Assisted Living
 Charlie Seipelt
 John Young

Senior Living At Home
 Marilyn Reed

Cadillac
 Don Bondarenko

The Maples
 Dave Siuda
 Lee Streeter
 Dori Turner

The Homesteader
 Mary & Roy Pearce
 Bea Stone

The Pines
 Nora Bungard

Military
 Tyler Kinney
 Ryan Ruddy

Hospice
 Don Limer
 Doreen Miller

How Does Benzie Senior Resources Stack Up Against Area Counties?

Comparison Services Provided by Region 10 COA County Departments or Non-Profit Agencies

COA Agencies	HDM Meals	Congregate Meals	Personal Care	Respite Care	Home Making	Med Management	Foot Care	Senior Center(s)	Senior Project Fresh	Transportation Program	Medical Loan Closet
Benzie	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Antrim	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Charlevoix	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Emmet	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Grand Traverse			X	X	X	X	X			X	
Kalkaska	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Leelanau*											X
Manistee**	X	X					X	X	X		
Missaukee			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Wexford			X	X	X	X	X		X		X













COA Agencies	Adult Day Care	Emergency Needs Funds	Medicare Medicaid Assistance	Estate Planning/Legal	Telephone Reassurance	Hearing Clinic	Snow Removal	Dental Financial Assistance	PERS Units	Project Lifesaver	Income Tax Prep
Benzie		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Antrim			X				X			X	X
Charlevoix			X							X	
Emmet		X	X			X			X		
Grand Traverse		X							X		
Kalkaska			X		X						X
Leelanau*			X					X			
Manistee**			X	X		X					X
Missaukee			X				X				X
Wexford	X		X				X				

*Leelanau Senior Services contracts out Home Delivered Meals, Personal Care, Respite Care, Homemaking

**Manistee County Council on Aging offers a Senior Services Reimbursement Program which reimburses Manistee County senior citizens (those 60 and older) up to \$40 monthly in TOTAL for any homemaker, chore, transportation, help with shopping and other services that seniors obtain on their own from their own sources.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MONTH OF <i>Hope</i></p> 	<p>1 6:00 p.m. MOBBI</p>  <p>APRIL FOOLS DAY</p>	<p>2 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Crystal Rath Haru Addis Jim MacKenzie Molly Nguyen</p> <p>NATIONAL AUTISM DAY</p> 	<p>3 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. MOBBI & 5:30 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Trevor Chicky Bill and Norma Bruinsma</p>	<p>4 8:00 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>Vitamin C Day</p> 	<p>5 National Dandelion Day</p> 	<p>6 Bill Hirschfeld Candace and Dan Nostrandt</p> <p>NATIONAL diy DAY</p> 
<p>7 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> 	<p>8 6:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Catherine St. Onge Margaret Bilsky</p> <p>TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE</p> 	<p>9 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. <u>Property Meeting</u></p> <p>Maile Church</p> <p>Winston Churchill Day "War does not determine who is right, only who is left."</p>	<p>10 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. MOBBI & 5:30 10:30 a.m. <u>Worship Meeting</u> 4:00 p.m. <u>Council Meeting</u> 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Logan Judson</p>	<p>11 8:00 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 4:00 p.m. <u>Outreach Meeting</u></p> <p>National Pet Day</p> 	<p>12 NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE</p> 	<p>13 Paul Osborn Phillip McKinnon</p> <p>SCRABBLE DAY</p> 
<p>14 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship All Church Potluck</p> 	<p>15 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Federal Tax Filing Day Deadline Addison Jarosz</p>	<p>16 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>ORCHID DAY</p> 	<p>17 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. MOBBI & 5:30 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 8:00 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>HIGH FIVE DAY</p> 	<p>19 Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky</p> <p>GARLIC DAY</p> 	<p>20 Lima Bean Respect Day</p> 
<p>21 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Jill Smeltzer Peggy Burns</p>	<p>22 6:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Wesley Henry</p> <p>EARTH DAY</p> 	<p>23 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Robbie Kolehmainen Olivia & Nick Lubinski</p>	<p>24 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. MOBBI & 5:30 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Olivia Lubinski</p>	<p>25 8:00 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>HUG A PLUMBER DAY</p> 	<p>26 Nancy Reed</p> <p>Arbor Day</p> 	<p>27 Jean Ann Wolfe</p> <p>Tell a Story Day</p> 
<p>28 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Blueberry Pie Day</p> 	<p>29</p> <p>Kim Scripps Nick Somero Pat Luedders Sally Lavender Susan Lavender Steve Rath</p>	<p>30 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. MOBBI</p> <p>Doug Somero Myra Elias Bill Frostic</p>	<p>APRIL SHOWERS Bring MAY FLOWERS</p> <p>7</p>			

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 431 Forest Avenue
 Frankfort, MI 49635



"If April showers should come your way,
 they bring the flowers that bloom in May."
 [BUDDY DE SYLVA]



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