

Steepleviews

MARCH 2024

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FRANKFORT, MI

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	Jocelyn Lepke
2	Sky Buzzell Dan Nostrandt Jake Reed
3	Charlotte Henry Chuck Henry
4	Rob Burch
5	Dennis and Kris Richards
6	Jimmy Kolehmainen
7	Julie Grant
9	Amy Schindler Katherine Johnson
12	Gavin MacKenzie Kris Richards
13	Marcia Hagen Scott Harrison David Schweyer
14	Alicia Welch
16	Amelia Holmgren-Rath
18	Susie Hughes
19	Sandy Campbell
21	Cheryl Acklin & James Daniel
23	Dale Herscher
24	Raegan Clevenger
25	Peyton Koenig Jane & Roger Schultz
28	Helen Lautenbach Linda Schweyer
31	Billee Beyette

Coming Events

March	Women's History Month
3	Sunday Lenten Lunch
10	Daylight Saving Begins Sunday Lenten Lunch
17	Sunday Lenten Lunch Keeping Each Other Safe Following Lunch St. Patrick's Day
19	First Day of Spring
21	Dinner and AI's Academy with Mike Morris
24	Palm Sunday Sunday Lenten Lunch
31	Easter Sunday

Dine Out for



Wednesday, March 6
11am to 9pm

10% of proceeds will be donated to BACN



7803 Crystal Dr., Beulah
OR
Order online
EatMorePizza.com

Dine Out for



Wednesday, March 13
4pm to 9pm

10% of proceeds will be donated to BACN



1058 Michigan Ave.,
Benzonia

A RARE OPPORTUNITY

Join us, following Worship and Lunch on Sunday, March 17 in the Parlor to hear how we can Keep Each Other Safe. The Outreach Committee has invited Linda Solem, Prevention Specialist for Up North Prevention, a Catholic Human Services Initiative, to learn about human trafficking as it pertains to this little slice of God's Benzie. She is planning on a 20 minute presentation on this modern form of slavery, exploitation and forced labor that lies below the radar that can affect anyone of us.



REMINDER! If you don't receive your weekly emails from the church, it's due to a system upgrade from our mailing service, Constant Contact. Please make sure you can receive email from pastor431@fccfrankfort.ccsend.com, and contact Molly if you have any issues!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

- Nancy embodies our value of continuous learning*

→ "Believe in yourself. Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

Nancy Reed
● Secondary Teacher

- www.benzieschools.net
- 231-882-9653



CONGRATULATIONS!

A 1 rating at Solo & Ensemble for the trio of Samantha Tester and Mary-Katherine McRAE, both on trumpet and Serenity Schulz on clarinet. Serenity also got a 1 on her clarinet solo.

EVIN ELIAS

23-24
PCL 2ND
TEAM

BONNEY LAKE HS
CLASS OF 2024

Bonney Lake Girl's Basketball
2 days ago · 🌐

CONGRATULATIONS to senior Evin Elias on her 2nd team all-league honors. Evin has been instrumental in so many close wins this season. Her ability to knock down shots from the perimeter or force a turnover with her relentless defense have been key to our success. Way to go, Evin!

Evin is Myra Elias' granddaughter!

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER INSTALLMENT OF

Al's Academy

with Mike Morris

"Earth Stewardship & Golf Courses"

Thursday, March 21

5:30 Free Dinner

6:00 Program



MARCH IS

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH'S COMMITTEE APPRECIATION MONTH!

Committees play a huge role in being able to accomplish the many tasks that allow our church family to do big and small work for God's Kingdom. For each one who serves on a committee, we extend our deepest gratitude.



FOR JOIN US MARCH 21, 5-7 P.M.
THE GATHERING PLACE
SOUP BOWL SUPPER 2024

- SOUP, BREAD, BEVERAGE & DESSERT
- CELEBRITY SERVERS
- SILENT AUCTION

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GATHERING PLACE
SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 PER MEAL
GENEROUS DONATIONS ENCOURAGED!



Let Pastor Dinah pick up the tab to wet your whistle!

COFFEE'S ON DINAH!



Tuesdays
1:15 Online (Zoom) &
2:00 p.m. In person

Petals and Perks
429 Main St, Frankfort

Women and The Arts

(300 BC-AD1750)

By Maureen Esther, HistoryTeller

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

4:00-5:30 pm

Benzonia Public Library

Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia

A fabulous discussion of art through the women who not only lived it, but produced some of the world's most beautiful and powerful pieces of art.

Women artists are discussed, and wonderful portraits of some of the most interesting women in history are shown.



Maureen, a HistoryTeller for 30 years, enjoys bringing her love of Art and History to the Benzonia Public Library.

No charge for event,
just come and enjoy.

Benzonia Public Library

891 Michigan Ave (US-31), Benzonia, MI
231-882-4111 * www.benzonialibrary.org





Frankfort Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2024
10:00 a.m. at the Open Space
on Main Street in Frankfort

Bring your children and join local business sponsors and The Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce for an Easter Egg Hunt for Children!



CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE GARDEN

With Irish folk band
Kennedy's Kitchen



SUNDAY, MARCH 17 @1:00PM

Jig on down to The Garden and enjoy an afternoon of toe-tapping Irish folk music!

\$15 ADULTS, \$5 KIDS
BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE
TICKETS GO ON SALE 2/17

Lenten Lunch

All are welcome to join together for a simple lunch following Worship each week through the end of March. Instead of any monetary exchange, get to know some of the folks with whom you worship.

(If anyone would like to help prepare one of these lunches, please let Pastor Dinah know.)



Peggy Burns and daughter Lacey Deloria are embarking on a mission trip to Kamuli, Uganda to help empower, educate, teach life skills, give medical treatment and spiritual discipleship in a sustainable and ethical manner.

If you are interested in helping this community center that supports the most vulnerable babies, children and women, you can contact Peggy (pegburns1@gmail.com) or go to thevineuganda.org.

COUNCIL MINUTES

FCCF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES February 14, 2024

Council Chair Linda Schweyer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., followed by the Opening Prayer.

Election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair: Linda Schweyer is Council Chair, and Myra Elias is Vice-Chair.

The minutes from the January 10, 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 January totaled: \$4,244.41
2. Total income (incl. Offerings) for January totaled: \$6,772.57
3. Budgeted expenses for the month of January totaled: \$13,310.43

For the end of January our net income is negative \$6,537.86. At the 2024 Annual Meeting the budget was approved as presented which included a \$33,000.00/year (\$2,750.00/month) draw from Baird. The January 2024 draw was \$2,250.00, this will be caught up next month. There is an error on the 2024 budget of approximately \$10,000.00. The figures were entered into Excel correctly but the addition formula was not correct, causing an incorrect total. Adding that to our 2024 budget, it now is a total of \$128,053.72. In order to simplify our bookkeeping, Scott discussed changing the way our Baird account is labeled on our financial sheets. He suggested we eliminate the "restricted" and take all monies in as revenue for the Church. We would use the money where it is committed per the budget, and also where it is needed during the month. Items will still be listed separately on the Monthly Baird Fund Expenditures sheet and check detail for the Baird checking acct. This is something that the congregation will need to vote on and will be done at the appropriate time. Scott also talked about the possibility of taking the Mission basket out of the offering plate to simplify things. There are envelopes in the pews that can be used for people that would like to designate cash for missions, or "missions" can be written on the memo line of a check. Myra will bring this up at the next Mission Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance: refer to the Treasurer's Report

No Report:

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



Outreach: Kelly Ottinger – Coffee on Dinah has resumed on Tuesdays, 1:15pm for Zoom link, and 2:00pm in person at Perks. Al Bryant presented his final Academy with the topic being the Masons. Our thanks to Al for all the education and fellowship over the years! The Grease Singalong sponsored by the Church at the Garden Theater on February 10th went well with approx. 35 people in attendance. Lenten lunches have begun. Molly Morris-Nguyen would like to offer a terra cotta clay class. Details will be available when day/time has been finalized. We are having more visitors attending worship services, Dinah would like everyone to wear their nametags. A copy of the Outreach Committee job description, as lined out in the church By-laws, were attached to the Committee meeting agenda and it was a good reminder of the purpose of the committee and the things the members need to be doing.

Property: Tom Hafer – The steeple louvers arrived, but one of the four was broken. Three were installed and the fourth will be installed when a new one arrives. Loon Construction will also look at a light that is not working on the east upper side of the steeple to see how it needs to be fixed. Many misc. jobs around the church building have been worked on by committee members, and MANY items will be worked on in the near future.... check in with any Property member if you are interested in what they are working on.

Worship Committee: Ann Osborn – The February 4th communion went well. There will be no Lenten Devotionals this year. Molly Morris will be looking for the bulletin covers for Palm Sunday and Easter. Easter flowers will be ordered from Pleasanton Greenhouse and order forms will be put in the bulletin. Upcoming sermon series will be "Jerusalem at Passover". The next communion will be held on April 7th.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – Report submitted

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Bank signatures for 2024 as listed below:
acct #1401 Baird Investment

Scott Harrison, Kelly Ottinger, *Leo Hughes
acct #3601 General Fund – Scott Harrison, Kelly Ottinger
acct #5401 Pastor's Discretionary – Myra Elias, Dinah Haag,

*Scott Harrison
acct #5801 Mission Fund – Scott Harrison, Kelly Ottinger
acct #9801 Women's Fellowship – Myra Elias, Scott Harrison,
*Dawn Schultz

*designates new signer to be added.
*Mary Reed to be removed as signer from Women's Fellowship
acct

Linda Schweyer, Council Chair, called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Richards, FCCF Church Council Clerk

THANK YOU!

- Dennis Richards for fixing a broken pew and putting up a couple of fire alarms in the lower level of the church. (That feels much better!)
- Tom Hafer for replacing an air cylinder on an office chair in the Finance Office. It's so nice to have chairs to meet us where we are at!
- Tom and Dennis for doing a bunch of maintenance/repair items. They may not be super complicated or intricate things, but they are so very appreciated: burned-out light ballast, replacing a blind on the church front door (heating purposes), and investigating the condition of the church front entrance. It's so good to have "go-to" guys!
- Jim Buzzell for taking down the Christmas garland on the lamp posts outside
- All who have cooked and contributed to Lenten Lunches so far -- delicious!
- Molly Morris for the new bulletin board on the lower level. It's so delightful!
- Rosemary Abbett, Jeanne Hafer, Bill Hirschfeld, Susie Hughes, and Chris Porter for your time and service on our Church Council. Long-term or short-term, your time is important, and we are grateful for the time you've been able to give to this church family.

Prayer Concerns

Susie Anderson
Maddie Bodji
Mason Childs
Reese Clifford
Doug Erdman
Margaret Forman
Jim Gallogly
Cookie Godsey
Marshel Holmgren
Alma House
Ray Jarocki
John Keillor
Daniel Kinney
Roger Klabunde
Gussie Lamerson
Brady Lewis
Victoria Mekas
Dan Nostrandt
Ron Phillips
Terry Pickett
Paul Robinson
Roger Schultz
Jason Swein
Mark Wood
Peter Young

The Families of

Lynn Buzzell
Norma Elias
Dick Haan
Jim Longwell
Dee Norton
Mary Reed
Belva Whaley

Assisted Living

Charlie Seipelt
John Young

Senior Living At Home

Marilyn Reed

Cadillac

Don Bondarenko

The Maples

Sandy Gill
Dave Siuda
Lee Streeter
Dori Turner

Military

Tyler Kinney
Ryan Ruddy

Hospice

Sandy Gill
Don Limer
Doreen Miller

The Homesteader

Mary & Roy Pearce
Bea Stone

The Pines

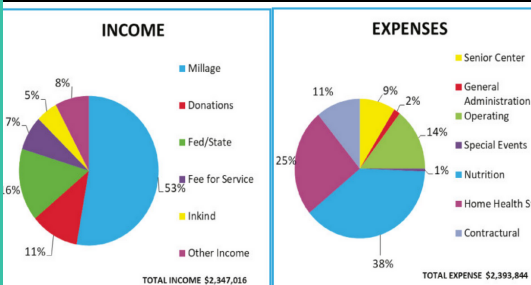
Nora Bungard

Missions Corner

Interesting Facts About
Benzie Area Christian



2023 Income and Expenses



Conveying what we've heard!

As the Benzie population ages, BSR is experiencing a growing demand for its resources and services. To continue the momentum of its recently conducted studies and surveys, BSR is evaluating how the organization can use its current resources to meet these capacity and service needs and to create a vision for the future. The BSR team eagerly seeks the community's participation to continue this process. Our final meeting is scheduled for March 5th, 2024.

Join us in person or virtually for a **third session** that outlines our discoveries and seeks public participation in continuing to create a vision for the BSR and its facilities. Previous attendance is not required and all are welcome!

COMMUNITY
MEETING A

12/5/2023

COMMUNITY
MEETING B

02/06/2024

COMMUNITY
MEETING C

03/05/2024

WHERE: Benzie County Government Center
448 Court Place
Beulah, MI 49617

WHEN: March 5th, 2024 | 1:00 - 4:00 pm

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85013786332>

INFO: Doug Durand, Executive Director
Benzie Senior Resources
durandd@benzieseniorresources.org



benzieseniorresources.org

Join the
conversation









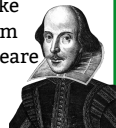


We value



MARCH



2024

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3 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Charlotte Henry Chuck Henry	4 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Rob Burch	5 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. MOBBI *1:15 p.m. Online 2:00 p.m. In-Person Coffee's on Dinah Petals & Perks 4:00 p.m. MOBBI Dennis & Kris Richards	6 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. MOBBI & 5:30 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Jimmy Kolehmainen	7 8:00 a.m. MOBBI 9:00 a.m. Dining Room In Use 4:00 p.m. <u>Outreach Meeting</u> Julie Grant	8	9  Amy Schindler Katherine Johnson
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431 Forest Avenue
Frankfort, MI 49635



March is an example of how beautiful new beginnings can be.
[ANAMIKA MISHRA]

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