

Steepleviews

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February 2018



Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1 Oliver Simmons
- 3 David Koenig
- 4 Ryan Strom
- 6 Evin Elias
Peggy & Ralph Jackson
- 7 Norma Bruinsma
Marty Davis
- 8 Asher Roy Locicero
Mark Conrad
- 9 Jeff Frostic
Kelly Ottinger
- 10 Lori Dougherty
Leslie McElduff
- 12 Owen Chownyk
- 13 Colton Prance-Jewell
Paul A Robinson
Bob & Jan Condon
- 14 Molly Frostic
- 15 Amy King
- 16 Lacey Deloria
- 17 Cheryl Acklin
Sharon Grajcar
- 18 Judy Grant
- 20 Molly Harrison
Isabelle Osborn
Kati Prance
Mary Yang
- 25 Cooper Rath
Freddie Kolehmainen
- 27 Kris Dykstra
Phil Deloria
Josie Mendoza
Bill & Molly Frostic
Michael & Sharon Grajcar

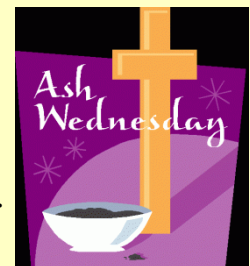


Catch These Coming Events!

- Feb. 2 The Gathering
- Feb. 4 Communion Sunday &
John Abbett Life Celebration
- Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Services
Al's Academy: The Saints
Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb. 21 Bill's Bible Study, Pt. 1
- Feb. 28 Bill's Bible Study, Pt. 2

Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2018
Please join us for our
Worship Services with
Ashes at 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.



Pastor's Page

Sometimes, when we're tired or too far removed or too close, we can become constricted in our interactions with other people, especially with kids. So when I came across the following list of questions, I tucked it away for a newsletter. Asking questions, genuinely wanting to know the answers, is a way to show our love to our beloveds. So question away!

- What made you smile today?
- Does everyone have a friend at recess?
- Is there a word of the week?
- Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
- Did anyone cry?
- What made your teacher smile?
- What is the most popular game at recess?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- What was your least favorite part of the day?
- Was anyone in your class gone today?
- What is something you heard that surprised you?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- What did you have for lunch? Did you like it?
- Did anyone get in trouble today?
- How were you brave today?
- What questions did you ask today?
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?
- What are you reading?
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- Teach me something I don't know.
- If you could switch seats with anyone in class, who would it be? And why?
- If you switched places with your teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?

<https://herviewfromhome.com/50-questions-to-ask-your-kids-instead-of-asking-how-was-your-day/>

Foot-Stompin' Sunday

Bring your Amen and a neighbor or friend to a service that may stick in your memory for a while. Carolyn Lalas and Rosemary Abbett will join hands and hearts for a morning of great music and good ol' singing on February 11.

The Gathering!

Will meet at Leslie McElduff's home (1578 Elm St., Frankfort) on Friday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own beverage and an appetizer or something to share. There's sure to be a fire and lots of warm fellowship!

Our Sympathies to the families of

John Abbett

A Celebration of Life will be held in June

Bea Gray

Celebration of Life was held on January 28

Chuck Holtrey

A Celebration of Life will be held in warmer weather

Suzanne Reising

A Celebration of Life will be held in June



Will Church for fixing a kitchen sink at the church. It looked very sad.

The ladies who decorated and de-decorated after Christmas. It's lovely when they go up, and you do a lovely job in making it not boring and sad when the decorations have to go away.

Andrea Frost for figuring out why the lights weren't lighting along the side of the church: circuit breaker popped. She's pretty smart!

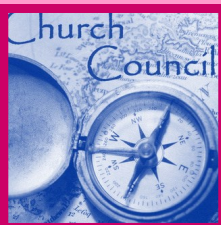
A huge thank you to the congregation for the awesome offering totals in December. As a result, we were able to finish the calendar year in the black.

Bill's Bible Study:

Wednesday 21 & 28.

Join us for a free dinner at 5:30 and for two-part study at 6:00 on some of the difficult and strange parables of Jesus. If you can't come to either study, not to worry.

All are always welcome.



February is First Congregational Church's Council Appreciation Month

There are twelve members that serve this Church Family by meeting at least eight times a year to guide, direct and take care of church business. When you see a Council Member this month, make sure you give them extra thanks for all the work they do on our behalf!



- Bill Bruinsma on his retirement. For those who didn't know, Bill was a barber.
- Bill Frostic on his retirement from Gwen Frostic Prints. Now on to becoming a fulltime retiree.
- A team of Ann Arbor Christian School fifth graders won the Michigan State Championship First Lego League competition in December 2017 and will advance to the world championship in April. Dan & Helen Lautenbach's granddaughter, Johanna, is a member of this team.
- After graduating from the MacKenzie School for Boys, Freddie started pre-school. He said he had a GREAT first day!
- Congratulations to Benzie Student - Athlete of the Week-Jake Reed. Jake placed third in a highly competitive Heavyweight Class at the Escanaba Wrestling Invitational on January 6, going 3-1 that day, and wrestling several boys much larger than himself all day long. He persevered and represented Benzie Central very well as a senior leader on the Varsity Wrestling Team. Jake also carries a cumulative GPA of 3.84 and is a member of the Academic 1st Team All-State Football Team. Congratulations Jake!
- Maile Church as Student-Athlete of the Week: Maile is a senior on the Varsity Basketball Team, carries a 3.8 GPA and just came off a great Volleyball Season where she represented Benzie Central on the Northwest Conference 1st Team. Maile is one of the returning starters on the basketball team and is the leading rebounder.

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There were 10 Council Members at the January 10, 2018 Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

Offerings for December:	\$ 30,791.75
Expenses for December:	\$ 13,823.71
Carry Over as of Dec 31/17	\$ 5,000.24

Committee Reports

Memorials: Andy Mollema – The balance in this account is \$5,519.43.

Finance: Judy Welch - See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andy Mollema - The Investment Committee, with concurrence of the Council, has recommended a 10% draw from the Baird Funds for 2018. This action is subject to approval by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Missions: Myra Elias - 1) The balance in this account is \$984.51; 2) The Missions Committee is planning a meeting with the date still to be determined.

Nominating: Larry Neuhardt - 1) Council members received the new Slate of Officers list; 2) one addition since December's meeting is Rob Burch for a three-year term.

Outreach: Andy Mollema - 1) The Committee reviewed December's "events"; 2) There will be a Gathering 2.0 for younger adults and children to be held on January 20 at the Kolehmainen's home; and 3) Leslie McElduff will be hosting the next regular Gathering on February 2.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - 1) Al's Academy on the subject of the House of David will be held on January 17; and 2) Bill's Bible Studies on the Parables will be held on February 21 and 28.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - 1) Balances in the accounts, as of the end of 2017, are: \$588.85 in checking and \$3,110.91 in the CD; and 2) \$50.00 cash gifts were given to nine college students for Christmas.

Historian: Al Bryant - 1) Al is hoping to spend more time on the history of the members of our church; and 2) Volunteers are still needed for digitalizing old Council and Women's Fellowship Minutes.

No Report: Constitution & By-Laws, Worship, Personnel & Property

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Treasurer Andy Mollema would like to open a new checking account for the Baird Funds at State Savings Bank and gave an explanation of setting up said account. Following the explanation, Myra Elias made the motion that Council approve opening this new account; Mary Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved. With no further business, Larry Neuhardt called for adjournment of the meeting at 4:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

In the know: **Becky & Matt Addis** had to say farewell to exchange student Amanda Zabeu, but turned around and said hello to Livia Paulucci. Both young ladies are from Brazil.

Al's Academy: The Saints

Wednesday, February 14,
at 5:30 p.m. for a no-cost
dinner and stay for the
program at 6:00, followed
by a brief Ash Wednesday
worship service. Please
come and join us!



For those who desire an
earlier time for the
worship with ashes, feel
free to stop by the church
sanctuary at 12:00 p.m.



Coffee's (Still) On Me!

It was such a success, we'll continue Dinah's
crazy idea of going to Petals and Perks on
Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. If you don't like coffee,
they have other things to drink and she'll pop
for those, too. What a great excuse to stop and
chat a bit with the fam! Dinah

Congratulations!

Bradford Nostrandt & Janelle Jensen
on the birth of your daughter, Abrianna
Quinn Nostrandt. She was born on January 9
weighing in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. and 21" long.
Grandma Candace & Grandpa Dan are
pretty proud too!

Mary Reed on her 9th great
granddaughter: Charleigh Grace, born to
Ainsley and Paul Kelly in Newnan, GA. He
was born on Jan. 5th, at 8 lb. and 2 oz.

And Congratulations to

David James Grant will take the stage in
Manchester, NH in Rock Of Ages!

Please Remember in Prayer

The Families of:

John Abbett
Dorothy Ballard
Elaine Campbell
Bea Gray
Karen Hartman
Chuck Holtrey
Leonard Merrill, Sr.
Bill Milliron
Rosemary Miller
Julie Mountz
Suzanne Reising
Richard View
Elsie Walton

Senior Living:

The Maples
Jan Condon

Orchard House

Gordon Banks
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland

The Homesteader
Moore Peregrine

Liz Acklin
Ed Baldwin
Bob Buzzell
Jim Buzzell
Flip Daly
Karen Hagan
Tom Halberg
Pat Hessler
Sue King
David Kinney
Daniel Kinney
Rich Long
Kim McKenzie
Julie Ottinger
Donna Phillips
Serenity Schulz
Jody Welch

Military:

Matthew Conrad
Cheyenne Dubois
Mike Kinney
Mike Porter
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

at Dinghy's Restaurant in Frankfort &
Platte River Inn in Honor

on Tuesday, February
6th and 10% of your
dinner bill will be
donated to BACN.




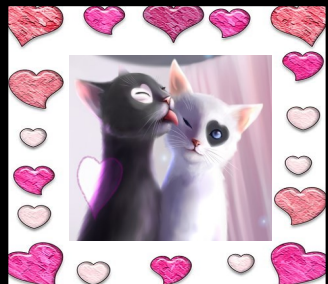


Celebrating 150 years is a reminder that things can and sometimes change over time. The iconic pine tree was getting too big and needles were dying on the inner parts of branches. Looking over old photos, there have been a number of different trees and bushes in that spot over the years. Part of the newly revealed area has already been designated for our new historic marker, with great thanks to Andy Mollema and the Sesquicentennial Committee. On to the next phase of the church front yard....



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Februrary 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting Oliver Simmons	2 9:30 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class 6:00 p.m. The Gathering	3 David Koenig
4 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion & Sunday School 1:00 p.m. John Abbett Cel. of Life	5 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class <div style="border: 1px solid pink; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Ryan Strom</div>	9 2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Me at Petals and Perks 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 4:30 p.m. MOBBI Peggy & Ralph Jackson Evin Elias	7 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Norma Bruinsma Marty Davis	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group Asher Locicero Mark Conrad	9 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Jeff Frostic Kelly Ottinger	10 Lori Dougherty Leslie McElduff
11 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Foot- Stomping Sunday Worship & Sunday School 1:00 p.m. Baby Shower hosted by Kolehmainens	12 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Owen Chownyk	13 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Me at Petals and Perks 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Colton Prance- Jewell Paul A. Robinson Bob & Jan Condon	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Molly Frostic	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group <div style="border: 1px solid pink; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Al's Academy: Saints 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship </div> Amy King	16 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Lacey Deloria	17 Cheryl Acklin Sharon Grajcar
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25 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal Worship & Sunday School & Lenten Soup Day Cooper Rath Freddie Kolehmainen	<div style="border: 1px solid pink; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 26 Kris Dykstra Phil Deloria Josie Mendoza Bill & Molly Frostic Michael & Sharon Grajcar </div>	27 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Me at Petals and Perks Molly Harrison	28 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Molly Harrison 7	<div style="border: 1px solid pink; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study: Parables Pt. 2 </div>		

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Calendar	7	11	Robin MacKenzie	Bill Hirschfeld, Mary Ann Harness Mary Reed, Leslie McElduff	
Greeters	8				
Prayer List	5	18	Linda Schweyer	Denis Crosby, Larry Neuhardt Ann Osborn, Mary Reed	Liz Acklin
Congratulations & Thank You's	3, 5				
Ushers	8	25	Becky Addis	Jill Smeltzer, Alma House Jim & Robin MacKenzie	Mollemas