

Steepleviews

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February 2017

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1 Oliver Simmons
- 3 David Koenig
- 4 Ryan Strom
- 6 Evin Elias
Peggy & Ralph Jackson
- 7 Norma Bruinsma
Marty Davis
- 8 Mark Conrad
Asher Roy Locicero
- 9 Kendra Lewis
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 Freddie Kolehmainen
Cooper Rath
- 27 Phil Deloria
Kris Dykstra
Josie Mendoza
Bill & Molly Frostic
Michael & Sharon
Grajcar

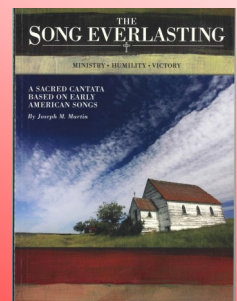
Catch These Coming Events!

- February 2 Ground Hog Day
- February 5 Communion Sunday
- February 12 150th Fine Arts Series
"Michigan in Music"
- February 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- February 15 Classic Comedy Cinema:
Young Frankenstein
- February 22 Al's Academy

First Congregational Church of Frankfort Sesquicentennial Fine Arts Series

This month will feature
"Michigan in Music Lunch & Program"
February 12, 2017 at 11:30 p.m.
The event is a look at the odd and interesting
aspects of
how music represents our state.
As always, it's free and all are welcome!

The **March Sesquicentennial Fine Arts Series** will be the presentation of a cantata by our own church folks and anyone else that would like to join us. To prepare for the **concert on March 19th**, we will begin **rehearsals after worship beginning Feb 5**. If you or anyone else you know would like to join us, please let Pastor Dinah know as soon as you can, so there is enough music for everyone. Even if you don't normally sing with the choir, we'd love to have you.



Pastor's Page

I'm so excited! Fifteen years ago, 2017 seemed like a really long time away. A year and a half ago, it still seemed like it was somewhere down the road. We are finally at our Sesquicentennial Year Celebration! And are we going to celebrate!

The biggest thing we will be doing is special dedication service on Sunday, July 23, following our regular worship in the morning and a catered picnic lunch. During that service we will dedicate a new historical marker in the front of the church, complete with special speakers and the premiere of our commissioned choir anthem.

There will be another special service on Sunday, June 11 in which we will dedicate a time-capsule during an Old-Time Revival Service, featuring the Four Man Fishing Tackle Choir Quartet and a potluck lunch. We will soon begin to collect articles for the time capsule that will show who we were and our ministry to Frankfort.

We will also celebrate some of the interesting artifacts about this church, many of which will be displayed on the dining room walls.

One of the big things around our church is the singing, so we will lift up that love with a monthly Fine Arts Series. Some of the highlights of the series is a cantata that will be performed by church members and friends, a concert by former organist, Christian Matjias, Associate Professor of Dance and Music at the University of Michigan. Our favorite professional musician twins, Cristin and Matt Hubbard will be doing a shared concert in August, and it will be a hot time in the old church that night. Fine Art Series Events for other months are

in progress, but rest assured, we will announce them well ahead-of-time.

Of course, we will continue with the winter-time series we call Al's Academy. Andy Mollema did the January Academy on the history of our church. February will focus on the churches in Benzie County, and the March Academy is still being arranged.

To help with the winter blues, we're doing something called Classic Comedy Cinema – comedy genre movies that are historic classics. Featured actors are easily recognized for their humor: The Marx Brothers and other zany, funny folks. And as usual, there is no charge for these events.

If you didn't get a commemorative calendar – of either sort – fear not! We still have some available. The large wall calendar calendars are still \$10 each. (But wait, there's more! If you purchase one calendar, we'll include another calendar – for free!) Okay, so they're \$5.00 each. And the commemorative Christmas ornaments are still available for \$5 and \$6 dollars.

Such a celebration is a once-in-a-lifetime event, so invite everyone you can think of to be a part of this historic year. It is an honor to continue the ministry of those original 23 members, and our presence at each and any worship service builds on the foundation they started. It's an exciting time to be a part of such a church family and a privilege to serve our God through the blessings with which we have been gifted. May God bless our next 150 years!



In Christ, Pastor Dinah



- Doug Rath and Jim MacKenzie for snow plowing. And Katherine Johnson and any others who tried the snow shovel on for size around the church. Your efforts are so appreciated!
- Larry & Marti Braithwaite for helping Andy & Marti Mollema put together the delightful bulletin board in the hallway at church. All of the photos are so interesting, and many not "known" before.
- Robin MacKenzie for the white chili she made for the 150th Fine Arts Series kick-off. Feeding souls and stomachs and funny bones - all in one day. We are all blessed!
- All who helped to put the Christmas decorations to bed until next time. It really was a beautiful season.

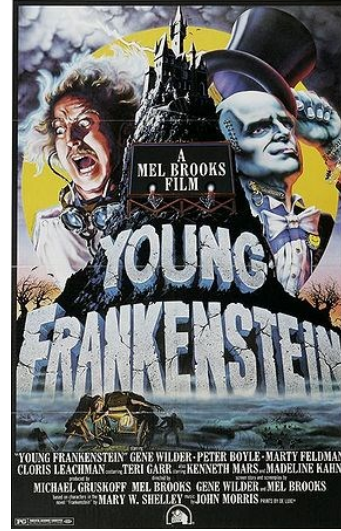


First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

11th Publication

In 1868, one of the charter members of our church, J.B. Delbridge, was elected prosecuting attorney of Benzie County, only to resign when it was discovered he was not eligible to practice law in the state of Michigan.

Classic Comedy Cinema: Young Frankenstein



Wednesday, February 15, 5:30 p.m.

Come for a bite to eat, stay for the movie.

It's silly, it's a classic, and you will undoubtedly laugh. Feel free to bring a friend and spread the world!



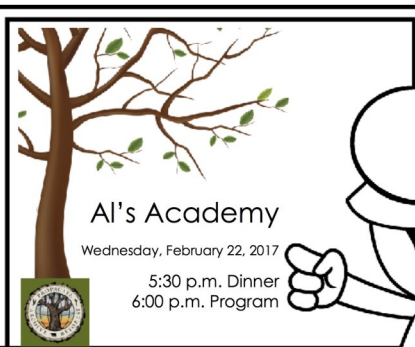
7th Annual Betsie Bay Frozen 5k

Presented by Stormcloud Brewing Company & Betsie Bay Furniture, Saturday, February 18, 2017

Registration from 8:30-9:30 am at the Frankfort American Legion

Pre-registration race fee is only \$20; race-day registration is \$25. You can pre-register online at

<https://events.bytepro.net/betsie-bay>.



Milarch Ancient Tree Archive
Check out Mr. Milarch's Ted Talks on Youtube



Council Notes

There were 11 Council members at the January 11, 2017 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: John McElduff

Offerings for December:	\$22,406.25
Expenses for December:	\$9,408.01
Carry Over for December:	\$12,998.24
The total current balance of Church accounts is:	\$61,364.77

Following review, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Memorials: John McElduff

The balance in this account is \$7,415.75

Investment: Denis Crosby

Denis presented the idea of possibly withdrawing monies to place in a fund earmarked for families in need or for scholarships. This will be presented to the Investment Committee for further discussion. Denis also thanked the Council for its cooperation with the Investment Committee; the Council in turn thanked Denis for his service as the Committee's representative.

Missions: Myra Elias

The balance in this fund is \$663.71. Also, Pastor Dinah reported that \$800.00 plus a large number of items were collected from our church for the families in need prior to Christmas.

Nominating: Larry Neuhardt

Bill Hirschfeld will be taking Andy Mollema's place as Council member for a three-year term.

Outreach: Myra Elias—See Sesquicentennial Report.

Sesquicentennial Committee: Andy Mollema

The Committee met to discuss and finalize what monies will be needed for 2017 to cover expenses for our 150th celebration; see Pastor's Report.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag

Report submitted with the Council approving Christmas bonuses for our staff.

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Tee Shirts — still in progress.
- 2) Area rugs for the Parlor — still in progress.
- 3) Personnel wage proposals were discussed and final figures were compiled for the 2017 Budget.

No reports: Finance & Stewardship, Constitution & By-Laws, Outreach, Personnel, Property, Religious Education, Women's Fellowship, Worship & Historian.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag— Report submitted, with the following motion being made regarding Sesquicentennial funds. Andy Mollema made the motion that Council approve the withdrawal of \$7,500.00 from the Investment Fund for proposed expenses in 2017 for our church's 150th celebration; Judy Welch seconded the motion. Motion approved. The proposed expenses were outlined in the Pastor's Report. A vote for the withdrawal of these monies will also be brought before the Congregation at the annual meeting on January 22.

Unfinished Business:

1. Tee (now Polo) Shirts: Andy Mollema showed Council a sample of the polo shirts from Fieldcraft that the Sesquicentennial Committee would like to offer for sale. The price would be \$13.00 each for adults depending on the number of orders; Myra Elias will be checking with another vendor for pricing as well.
2. Area rugs for the Parlor; has been tabled for the time being.
3. 2017 Budget; no changes, so the motion to approve, as stated in the December, 2016 meeting minutes, stands.

New Business: None

John McElduff called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:52 pm; Mary Reed seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.



The Grief Support Group will meet on **Sunday, February 5 at 3:00 p.m.** in the church library at Trinity Lutheran Church, 955 James St, Frankfort. Anyone who is suffering through the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. At this meeting, we can discuss the following questions; *Is there an end to grief? How do we know when we're done grieving?* Please join us. There is comfort in being with others who are on their own journey through grief. If you know someone who is grieving a loss, Carol and Doug Luther (group leaders) would be happy to contact them and invite them to this meeting. Just call Carol or Doug (231-399-0141).



Easter Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils Order Form

Once again, we are offering you the opportunity to order Easter Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips to enhance our Easter Sunday Worship Service. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person, or "just because". After Worship on Easter

Sunday, you are encouraged to take your flowers home or you may leave it at church. (Leftover plants find their way into the church gardens.) Please send or phone in your order to the church by **Sunday, April 2nd.**

_____ Easter Lilies @ \$8.00 ea. _____ Tulips @ \$6.50 ea. _____ Daffodils @ \$6.50 ea.

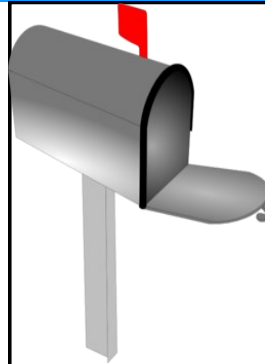
In loving memory/honor of _____

Given by _____

February is our First Congregational Church's Council Appreciation Month

Thank you Al Bryant, Denis Crosby,
Myra Elias, Andrea Frost,
Judy Grant, Mary Ann Harness,
John McElduff, Leslie McElduff,
Andy Mollema, Larry Neuhardt,
Ann Osborn, Mary Reed,
and Judy Welch
for your willingness to serve
this church family
on the Council last year.

Thank You



Thank You from the Staff and Board of Directors of Benzie County Resources!

In their thank you letter to our church, Douglas Durand, Executive Director of Benzie Senior Resources sent thanks for all our generous donations of ornaments and Kleenex tissue that went toward their Christmas Gift Bag Program. Their goal was 200 Christmas Gift Bags and met that with a total of 207. The gift bags were received with warm smiles and hugs!!!



- Molly and Scott Harrison on the birth of their new twin granddaughters, Molly Kate and Sloane Elizabeth on New Year's Day. They came early and weighed in at 4 lb. 6 oz. and 3 lbs.10 oz. Grandma and Grandpa were able to be at the hospital when the girls were born, and everyone is doing well.
- Paul Adam Robinson: After two years of coming in second place in the spelling bee overall, he finally won!!
- Cecelia Schmitt on her 1,000 point in basketball. What a wonderful achievement! And that's on top of being a top academician, too!
- Luke Reed earned his Varsity letter and won the Rookie Award from Alma College. Not bad for his first Cross Country season ever.
- Abigail Krizmanich on her graduation from nursing school. She is the granddaughter of Dick and Joanne Brown and Signe Ruddy's niece.

**Don't miss 2017 Winterfest!
Coming Soon! February 11th!!!**



Families will enjoy a day packed with fun, food, and other unique winter activities such as a chili cook-off, a snowmobile poker run, an annual fish toss competition, horse drawn wagon rides, frozen turkey bowling, outhouse sprint race, the Winterfest Parade, a bonfire on the beach and majestic winter fireworks in the evening over Crystal Lake.

**Please Remember
in Prayer**

Ed Baldwin
Grant Brown
Al Bryant
Sophie McLaren-Cobb
Bob Conrad
Carole Dipzinski
Karen Hartman
Polly Herscher
Travis Holland
Alma House
Theresa Johnson
Jarred Kelly
Erica Locicero
Robin Lundy
Nathan MacKenzie
Nancy Mead
Kelly Ottinger
Josie Rath
Julie Robinson
John Ruckrich
Tom Ryan
Steve Salveter
Kristin Schauger
Signe's nephew & family
Dave & Daphne Smith
Cathy Stall
Stuti & Rakesh
Meghan & Tom Wagner
The Wagners
John Walthorn
Art Weringa

Jim Wrede
Peter Young

The Families of:

Janet Albano
Jean Bryant
John Cira
Michael Goldberg
Marlyn Haag

Senior Living:

Orchard House:
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland

POLAR:

John Abbett
Charlie Holtrey
Sue Koekel

The Homesteader:

Sarah Nostrandt
Moore Peregrine

The Maples:

Jan Condon
Beverly Matthews

The Pines:

Bea Gray



**Dine Out For
Benzie Area
Christian
Neighbors**

**On Tuesday, February 7, 2017 eat
dinner at one of the partner
restaurants, Mayfair**

**Tavern in Elberta or The
Villa Marine in Frankfort
and 10% of your bill will
be donated to BACN.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Groundhog Day!!! 			1 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Oliver Simmons	2 9:30 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. BalA VisX 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Comm. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Comm. Mtg.. Groundhog Day	3 David Koenig	4 Ryan Strom
5 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & Communion Sunday 12:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal Owen Chownyk	6 Evin Elias Peggy & Ralph Jackson	7 4:00 p.m. Property Comm. Mtg. Norma Bruinsma Marti Davis	8 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Mark Conrad Asher Locicero	9 9:30 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. BalA VisX Kelly Ottinger Kendra Lewis	10 Lori Dougherty Leslie McElduff	11 10:00 a.m. Nostrandt Shower: Lower Level
12 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 11:30 a.m. 150th Fine Arts Series </div> 1:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal Owen Chownyk	13 Colton Prance-Jewell Paul A. Robinson Bob & Jan Condon	14 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Meeting Valentine's Day Molly Frostic	15 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class <div style="border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Classic Comedy Cinema: Young Frankenstein </div> 7:30 p.m. Choir	16 9:30 a.m. Yoga 1:00 p.m. BalA VisX Lacey Deloria	17 Cheryl Acklin Sharon Grajcar	18 Judy Grant
19 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal 2:00 p.m. POLAR Worship 2:45 p.m. Maples Worship	20 Presidents Day Molly Harrison Isabelle Osborn Kati Prance Mary Yang	21 Freddie Kolehmainen Cooper Rath	22 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 5:30 p.m. Al's Academy Milarch Trees </div> 7:30 p.m. Choir	23 9:30 a.m. Yoga	24 Freddie Kolehmainen Cooper Rath	25 Freddie Kolehmainen Cooper Rath
26 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal	27 Phil Deloria Kris Dykstra Josie Mendoza Bill & Molly Frostic Michael & Sharon Grajcar	28 7	 Patriots vs. Falcons Feb 5, 2017			

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Date	Sunday School Teachers	Greeters/Ushers <i>Head Usher:</i> <i>Leslie McElduff</i>	
5	Rob Burch	Bill Hirschfeld, Denis Crosby Larry Neuhardt, Jim MacKenzie	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts toward welcoming them.
12	Lauren Church	Mary Reed, Mary Ann Harness Sue King, Robin MacKenzie	
19	Will Church	Marti Mollema, Alma House Betty & Fred Milliron	
26	Naomi Kolehmainen 8	Lori Dougherty, Sara Dougherty Jill Smeltzer, Ann Osborn	