

Steepleviews

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February 2023

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 03 David Koenig
- 04 Ryan Storm
- 06 Evin Elias
- Jenna Schweyer
- 07 Norma Bruinsma
- 08 Asher Locicero
- 09 Jeffrey Frostic
- Kelly Ottinger
- 10 Leslie McElduff
- Lori Dougherty
- 12 Owen Chownyk
- 13 Paul A. Robinson
- 14 Molly Frostic
- 15 Amy King
- 16 Lacey Deloria
- 17 Cheryl Acklin
- Sharon Grajcar
- 18 Judy Grant
- 20 Isabelle Osborn
- Kati Prance
- Molly Harrison
- 25 Grayson Kearns
- Freddie Kolehmainen
- Cooper Rath
- 27 Kris Dykstra
- Phil Deloria
- 27 Bill & Molly Frostic
- Michael & Sharon Grajcar
- 28 Marilee Strom (29th)

Upcoming Events

National Black History Month
National Cancer Prevention Month
American Heart Month

- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 5 Communion Sunday
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16 Free Dinner
- Feb. 16 AI's Academy
- Feb. 17 Random Act of Kindness Day
- Feb. 20 President's Day
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 26 **Free Lenten Lunches Begin**

- Choir Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:15 a.m. before worship
- Bible Study is Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
- Coffee's on Dinah are Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m. online, and 2:00 p.m. at Petals & Perks

Random Acts of Kindness Report-Out!

The actual day is February 17, but any day of the month will do! What can we do? Visit someone who is home-bound? Give a cashier a bouquet of flowers? Slip a \$5 bill into someone's book? Offer to walk a neighbor's dog? Write a note to let someone know how much you enjoyed their Christmas lights? Email secretary431@gmail.com to report acts of kindness performed or witnessed....

We'll share in the March Steepleviews!

Do you remember cutting labels off products to raise money for our schools? We no longer



have to do that because the Box Tops program has moved to a phone app!

For more information, visit [https://](https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/)

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A brief worship service will be held on **Ash Wednesday, February 22 at 10:00** and then posted online. Ashes-to-Go will be available outside beginning at noon.

Beginning Sunday, February 26, a free Lenten Lunch will be offered following Worship. All are welcome.



Ash Wednesday

Scrabble Saturday

If your favorite television viewing isn't happening, stop over at the church for a pick-up game of Scrabble on Saturday, February 18 at 1:00 p.m. We'll play for an hour or so, and everyone will still have plenty of time to get home before dinner. Come on! You know you wanna....



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Financial assistance is available for clients of **Benzie Senior Resources**. Call 231-525-0600 to see if you qualify.

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HOW TO RIDE

Call 231-325-3000, Ext. 1 to schedule your ride.

Be ready at the beginning of the time window you are given.

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride!



Come on in to Petals & Perks or get the zoom link from Pastor Dinah on Tuesdays **"Coffee's On Dinah"**. She'll buy whatever you'd like to



wet your whistle and



New Times!
1:15 On-line
2:00 In-Person



course, it's free!

If you are considering making housewares donations, the ladies in the sorting area at Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) have let us know we are really low on towels,

blankets, and sheets (that aren't twin-size). These linen items can help people set up a new living situation, and are greatly appreciated!





BAKER'S & MAKER'S SALE
UKRAINE BENEFIT*
SAT, FEBRUARY 11 @ 11AM -1PM

Grow Benzie
 5885 Frankfort Hwy/M115, Benzonia, MI 49616

**funds will be sent to World Central Kitchens effort
 on the ground for Ukraine (wck.org)
 Questions? Call 231-352-7669*

Save the date for the next
Al's Academy, February 16



The Real Story of MacBeth:
 Cursed by witches
 or his own ambition?

Free meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by
 the presentation at 6:00

All are welcome!

BENZIE COUNTY PLAYERS PRESENTS

love
Letters

A PLAY BY A.R. GURNEY

Valentine's Day
FEBRUARY | 14 | 7pm

MILL'S COMMUNITY HOUSE
 891 MICHIGAN AVE A, BENZONIA, MI

\$10 Admission

RESERVE TICKETS/QUESTIONS | 231.409.6686
 FACEBOOK.COM/BENZIECOUNTYPLAYERS

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF FRANKFORT
 Men's Group

UP PASTY Luncheon

**FEBRUARY 11TH
 11:30 TO 1:30PM**

*Featuring Pasties from the UP,
 Green Beans, Coleslaw, Drink and Dessert*

\$15.00 - TAKE OUT ALSO AVAILABLE

*Trinity Lutheran Church - Johnson Hall
 955 James St. in Frankfort*

**PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED WITH
 BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES, BACN
 AND TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Church Council Minutes

January 11, 2023

FCCF COUNCIL MINUTES

January 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Linda Schweyer at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Opening Prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Burch, for December

Offerings: \$18,301.00
Budgeted expenses: \$11,312.38
YTD Carryover: -\$12,039.92

December minutes were approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch - an undesignated donation in memory of Ralph Jackson was received.

Finance: Judy Welch – see Treasurer's Report

Investment: Chris Porter, as of December 31

Restricted Accounts Total: \$605,679.94
Unrestricted Accounts: \$54,632.23
Total: \$660,312.17

Nominating: Linda Schweyer—new Council members have been asked and agreed to serve on the 2023 Council. The Treasurer and Clerk positions will begin new terms as well. All names are listed in the Annual Report, and will be voted on during the January 22 Annual Meeting.

Outreach: Dinah Haag for Kelly Ottinger—
1) Discussion on upcoming events for January including a game hour and AI's Academy.
2) Coffee's on Dinah were a bit hectic trying to accommodate both Zoom and in-person participants. Moving forward, the event will be Zoom at 1:00 p.m., and in-person at Petals and Perks at 2:00 p.m.

Personnel: Linda Schweyer/Dinah Haag—Kelly Ottinger will be concluding her employment at BACN at the end of April, and at that time will set regular hours at the church.

Worship: No meeting, but the Christmas sanctuary décor was taken down during which a brief discussion was held regarding upcoming Lenten events.

No Reports: Constitution & By-Laws, Missions, Religious Ed., and Women's Fellowship

Old Business: None

New Business: 1) A change of Council meeting time (possibly to 5 p.m.) was requested. The decision will be made during February's Council Meeting. 2) A request was made that the 2022 Annual Reports be sent to those members who cannot attend services in person.

Linda Schweyer, Council Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

How Is the Budget?

A snapshot of the two most current months.

	November	December	Year-to-Date
Offering Income	\$8,245.00	\$18,301.00	\$109,417
Budgeted Expenses	\$9,084.20	\$11,312.38	\$122,185

Offering Income vs. Budgeted Expenses

Introducing our 2023 Council Members

Holy Spirit, Giver of Wisdom and discernment, inspire the thoughts and decisions of this council that they may be enabled to serve your world. Give them vision, patience, courage and understanding to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ. Open them to sharing laughter, empathy, healing and truth. Inspire them to deeper faith, love and joy as with one heart and one mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Treasurer	Clerk	Finance Secretary
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Feb. 1, 2021-Jan. 31, 2024		
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Feb. 1, 2022-Jan. 31, 2025		
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Feb. 1, 2023-Jan. 31, 2026		
Myra Elias** 2/23 110 George Street Frankfort, MI 49635 231 590-0373 myrajelias@gmail.com	Mary Reed 2/23 556 Bellows Frankfort, MI 49635 (231) 352-9726 rmary8283@gmail.com	Ann Osborn 2/23 1070 Lipp Farm Rd. Benzonia, MI 49616 248-561-1015 osborn42@charter.net
* Council Chair Rev. Dinah Haag	** Vice Chair 231-651-0311	2/1/2023



Church Committee Members

(In case you want to tell them how wonderful they are for serving all of us)

2023 Committees and Members		<u><i>Nominating Committee</i></u>
* Council Representative	<u><i>Investment Committee</i></u>	Council Chair: Linda Schweyer
# Committee Chair	Treasurer: Scott Harrison	Pastor: Dinah Haag
<u><i>Council Reporters</i></u>	Rob Burch	Member at Large: ____
Constitution & By-Laws: Betty Webb	Bill Frostic	
Finance & Stewardship: Jeanne Hafer	Sharon Grajcar	<u><i>Personnel Committee</i></u>
Investment: Chris Porter, Chair	Chris Porter *#	Council Chair: Linda Schweyer
Memorials: Jeanne Hafer		Vice Chair: Myra Elias
Missions: Myra Elias	<u><i>Memorial Committee</i></u>	Member at Large: David Schweyer
Nominating: Linda Schweyer, Council Chair	Bill Frostic #	
Outreach: Kelly Ottinger, Chair	Molly Frostic	<u><i>Property Committee</i></u>
Personnel: Linda Schweyer, Council Chair	Judy Welch *	Jim Buzzell
Property: Myra Elias		Myra Elias
Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld	<u><i>Missions Committee</i></u>	Bill Frostic #
Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed	Myra Elias	Tom Hafer
Worship: Ann Osborn, Chair	Hugh Hessler*	Jim MacKenzie
	Robin MacKenzie	Mary Reed
<u><i>Constitution & By-Laws Committee</i></u>	Beth McNamara	Dennis Richards
Betty Webb*	Dawn Schulz	
		<u><i>Religious Education Committee</i></u>
<u><i>Finance Committee</i></u>	<u><i>Outreach Committee</i></u>	Becky Addis #
Fin. Sec.: Jeanne Hafer *#	Mary Bateman	Sunday School Teachers
Asst. Fin. Sec.: Susie Hughes	Al Bryant	Bill Hirschfeld *
Investment: Chris Porter	Myra Elias	
Member at Large: Myra Elias	Judy Grant	<u><i>Worship Committee</i></u>
Memorials: Bill Frostic	Molly Harrison	Rosemary Abbett
Treasurer: Scott Harrison	Rob Jones	Al Bryant
Asst. Treas.: Kelly Ottinger	Julie Hirschfeld	Ann Osborn *#
Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed	Kelly Ottinger #	Mary Osborn
	Donna Phillips	Julie Robinson
		Judy Welch



Snippets of our Stories

In a recent sermon Pastor Dinah reminded us that we all have an extraordinary story, whether or not we realize that is the case. We will be using this space in our Steepleviews to share stories of our church family members.

The first story features Dr. Rob Jones. Did you know we have a brand new Italian citizen in our midst? In early January, Rob Jones earned dual citizenship through months of preparation, and a grueling exam at the Consulate of Italy in Detroit. Rob's wife Mica is Italian and became an American citizen at age 36.

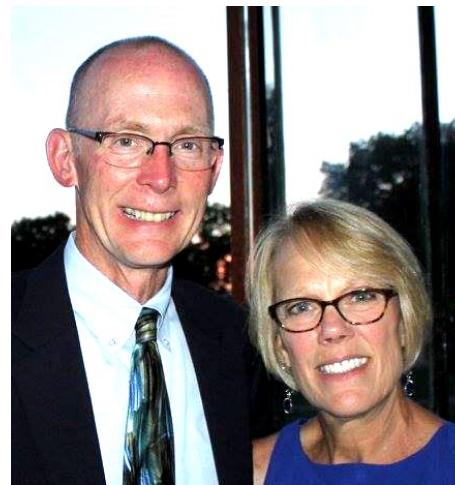
Their children held naturalized dual citizenship until age 18, and then had to go through the same process as Rob to maintain



their Italian citizenship. Now the entire family holds dual citizenship. Rob is shown in the photo with Paola Baistrocchi, the Italian Consul General of Detroit, who helped facilitate his process.

WELCOME

To our newest members, Leo and Susie (Call) Hughes! Leo grew up in Three Rivers, MI, and met Susie while attending Western Michigan University. Married in Benzonia in 1979, they now live locally on the back portion of the Call family farm. Dinah officiated at both of their daughters' weddings. Caitlin and family live in Norton Shores, MI., and Becca and family live in Renton, WA. Leo is retired from the Ford Motor Company, where he worked primarily in Southeastern Michigan with stops in Georgia and New Jersey. He is currently the secretary of Benzie Senior Resources. Susie is retired from Novi Community Schools and is Jeanne Hafer's sister. They are blessed with five grandchildren.



We are thrilled they have chosen to be part of our church family!



- Dawn Schulz for updating our hymnal ribbon bookmarks and doing so many other volunteer things around the church.
- Dennis Richards for putting up the rain divertor at the alley door of the church. It's quite cute!
- Julie Hirschfeld for office sitting so the copy machine could be repaired.
- Bill Frostic for adding the new memorial plates to the board. Wondering where the board is? It is at the back of the sanctuary.
- Judy Welch for 20 some years of serving as the Financial Secretary or Assistant positions.....
- Julie Hirschfeld for her time in the Financial Secretary's office as a money counter.
- Council members who are coming off the Church Council: Rob Burch, Hugh Hessler, Bob King, and Jim MacKenzie. Whether it was a single or several years, we are grateful for your service to this church family.



Your Donations Make a Difference!

- **Benzie Senior Resources:** Extends their thanks to our church for our help in filling over 250 holiday gift bags for area seniors. Do you know of some of their other services? They mowed lawns of over 125 clients, and provided nearly 1,500 registered nurse visits — a record — in 2022.
- **Benzie Food Partners** continues to tackle our area's food insecurity and in 2022 served an average of 68 families each month, and provided an average of 45 pounds of food per visit.
- **Benzie Area Christian Neighbors** registered nearly 150 new households during 2022, and as fuel prices continued to soar, had a record number of requests for transportation and utility assistance.

*Did you know that in February
our church celebrates
Church Council Member Appreciation?
Thank you to all who serve!*



Your Prayers Are Appreciated for

Jeannine Chapman
 Steve Chapman
 John Chiotti
 Betty Cramer
 Pat Delonnay
 Sonia Duffy
 Doug Durand
 Joe Fitzsimmons
 Luca Forrest
 Jerry Godsey
 Betsy Goodman
 Melissa Grant
 Bonnie Reed Heaney
 Kenneth Hirschfeld
 Marshel Holmgren
 Amanda & Phil Johnson
 & Baby
 Becky Reed Kelly
 Theresa Kelley
 Michaela McGirr
 Lake MacKenzie
 Robin MacKenzie
 Pat McNamara
 Jean Neuhardt
 Kelly Ottinger
 Ron Phillips
 Pete Reed
 Abe Robinson
 Robin Rommel
 Charlie Siepelt
 Chris Young
 Peter Young

The Families of
 Dixie Beuhrer (Oct.)
 Patricia Brown
 Marnie Curtis
 Bev Kidder (Dec.)
 Pat Layfield
 Vern Reed
 Rosemary Tanner
 Ward Van Houten
 Claire Watkins
 Tom Wenn
 Dena Whiting

Military:
 Jacob Bingham
 Tyler Kinney
 Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living:
At Home
 Russ Brandt
 Joanne Brown
 Diane Brutzer
 Norma Elias

Cadillac
 Don Bonderenko

Maple Valley
 Steve Elrick

Orchard House
 Joanne Brown

The Homesteader
 Mary & Roy Pearce
 Bea Stone
 John Young

"The most powerful prayer
 is the prayer that does not
 leave off."
 ~ Elbert Hubbard

February 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 10:30 a.m. Worship Meeting Oliver Simmons	2  Happy Groundhog Day! 8:00 a.m. MOBBI & 12:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting	3 David Koenig	4 Ryan Storm
5 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Communion Sunday Owen Chownyk	6 12:30 p.m. MOBBI 1:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Evin Elias Jenna Schweyer	7 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Coffee's on Dinah 1:15 p.m. Online 2:00 p.m. In-Person at Petals & Perks 4:00 p.m. Outreach Norma Bruinsma	8 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting Asher Roy Locicero	9 8:00 a.m. MOBBI & 12:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. PEO Dining Room	10 Jeffrey Frostic Kelly Ottinger Leslie McElduff Lori Dougherty	11 2:00 p.m. Relocation Meeting in Dining Room (outside group)
12 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Owen Chownyk	13 12:30 p.m. MOBBI 1:30 p.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Paul A. Robinson	14  Happy Valentine's Day! 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Coffee's on Dinah 1:15 p.m. Online 2:00 p.m. In-Person at Petals & Perks	15 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 4:30 p.m. Benzie Senior Resources Board Meeting Molly Frostic Amy King	16 (MOBBI & Yoga: same as the 23rd) 5:30 p.m. Free Dinner 6:00 p.m. Al's Academy 	17 Lacey Deloria Cheryl Acklin Sharon Grajcar	18 1:00 p.m. Scrabble Saturday Judy Grant
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