

# Steepleviews

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## March 2016 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Jocelyn Lepke  
Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell  
Dan Nostrandt  
Jake Reed
- 03 Jim Murray
- 04 Bob Conrad
- 05 Carmyn Brodbent
- 06 Jimmy Kolehmainen
- 07 Julie Grant
- 09 Katherine Johnson
- 16 Ginny Bowman  
Mary Reed
- 19 Sandy Campbell
- 20 Andrea Robinson &  
Branden Valentine
- 23 Dale Herscher
- 24 Reagan Clevenger
- 26 Dan Gill
- 28 Helen Lautenbach



## Catch These Coming Events!

- March 13 Daylight Savings Begins
- March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 23 AI's Academy
- March 24 Maundy Thursday
- March 25 Good Friday
- March 27 Easter Sunday
- March 29 Palm Sunday



**Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
Time to set your clocks ahead one hour before  
going to bed on Saturday, March 12th.

# Pastor's Page

When I was in college, I had the fortune to spend a year living in Denmark attending school and traveling. One of my very favorite days ever was the day I spent on a Swiss Alp walking the snow blown trails, six feet of snow on the right side of the path and 5 feet on the left. The sky was never bluer, the trees were ginomous tall, and every so often, a skier would zoom past me. I spread out my rain poncho so I could sit on it, played a little recorder I carried with me and took a nap right there. I could spend hours sharing the green of the trees and white of the snow. But unless you were there with me, a little is lost to you.

It's the same thing with Holy Week. We are generally good with Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, but Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – not so much. But unless we go through those two days, paying attention to them, a little of Easter is lost to us.

Since there is not going to be a community Good Friday service this year, it would be even more of an opportunity to spend a couple of important evenings with the church family. Both Thursday and Friday will have a respectably brief 7:30 p.m. worship service.

Not everyone can make all the services, and that's understandable. But if the choice is between going to church and watching Jeopardy, well, I guess you will know what I would suggest. And hey, if there is anyone left in your neighborhood, bring them along! (And yes, the Sundays between now and March 20 will be "Amazing!" (There's a little pun there, if you are willing to try to figure it out.) Until I see you again, remember that this whole Jesus thing was about a lot of people, but also about you! Pastor Dinah

Palm Sunday March 20  
10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday March 24  
7:30 p.m.

Good Friday March 25  
7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday March 27  
10:30 a.m.

Remember the promotion we've done for [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)? Wondered if signing up and using this program has made any difference? Between October 1 and December 31, 2015, we earned \$7.09! It may not seem like a lot, but it's \$7.09 we didn't have before. So go ahead, use Smile



Org Central

Amazon, and give "more" to the church!

Did you know that the Benzie Bus offers a **Buddy Program**? A Bus Buddy is a travel companion matched with a new rider to help them become comfortable and familiar with the bus system. You can ride around Benzie County or to Traverse City on the TC X (Express) and Medicaid riders can even go to Manistee. Call [231-227-1020](tel:231-227-1020) for more information on requesting a Bus Buddy or becoming one.



**BENZIE BUS**



## 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 **Monday, March 7th.**

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

In loving memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

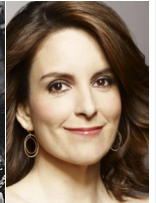
Given by \_\_\_\_\_

## It's A Competition For A Room Name

It was obvious: the Red Room walls were red. But now that that **room is being renovated**, we should give it a new name. So add your ideas to the coffee can on the kitchen/ dining room counter



by March 15.  
If you are away, call or email and we can add your ideas for you. Then we'll have a good ol' vote.



Al's Academy for March will feature **Comediennes**

on Wednesday, March 23rd. Al Bryant will delight and inform us of those dear and talented icons of humor and delight. (Free) Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. and the program will be at 6:00 pm. Bring your laugh!

# Council Notes

## FCCF Church Council Minutes There were 12 Council Members present at the January 13, 2016 Council Meeting

There were twelve members present.

The Minutes from the January 13 Council Meeting, the Annual Meeting and the Special Meeting to elect a Council Chair and Vice-Chair were reviewed.

### Treasurer's Report: John McElduff

1. Offerings for the month of January totaled **\$11,422.16**.
2. Expenses for the month of January totaled **\$9,868.04**.
3. Carry Over: **\$1,554.12**
4. Total current balance of Church funds is: **\$75,684.92**.

### Committee Reports

Constitution and By-Laws, Finance, Nominating, Property, Religious Ed., and Historian: no reports

Investment: Denis Crosby - RW Baird will be meeting with the Council in April.

Memorials: John McElduff - \$25.00 was donated in the month of January.

Missions: Myra Elias - all of our Mission supports continue to be funded 100%.

Outreach: Andy Mollema for Judy Grant: 1) The Church will be serving hot chocolate at "Shiver By The River" on February 20; and 2) The Church was asked to possibly put together a "Tug of War" team for the festival as well.

Personnel: Andy Mollema - Because the Church has a surplus of monies available and because Pastor Dinah has not received a raise in two years, it was decided to give her a well-deserved bonus. The motion was made by Leslie McElduff that the Council approve a \$2,500.00 bonus for Pastor Dinah; Denis Crosby seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - Women's Fellowship is giving \$50.00 toward Lauren Church's mission trip to Guatemala plus a \$50.00 donation toward the fundraiser for Lynn Buzzell.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) Upcoming events include: Ash Wednesday service, supper and Bible Study on February 10, Bill Hirschfeld's Bible Studies continue on Wednesday evenings during Lent, Nursing Care services on February 21; 2) The Lenten Sermon messages will be based on Amazing Grace; and 3) The Lenten banners have been put up and look wonderful. Lenten Devotionals have come in and are available in the Narthex.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: The changes to the Investment Policy, as approved by the Council and the Congregation on January 24, 2016, have been updated in the **Investment Policy Handbook - Amended January 24, 2016**.

The call for adjournment was made by Larry Neuhardt at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

### Over (+)/Under (-): The Bottom Line

	Received	Over/Under
January	\$11,422.16	+\$1,554.12

**First Congregational Church 2016 Council & Committees**  
**Church Council Members**

Al Bryant (Asst. Financial Secretary, Historian)	231-871-1119
Denis Crosby (Investment)	616-666-2216
Myra Elias (Outreach & Missions)	231-590-0373
Andrea Frost (Property)	231-920-4500
Judy Grant (Outreach)	231-557-4784
Mary Ann Harness (Constitution & By-Laws)	231-640-0860
John McElduff (Interim Treasurer & Memorials)	231-651-0016
Leslie McElduff (Council Member)	231-651-0015
Andy Mollema (Vice-Chair & Personnel)	231-383-3410
Larry Neuhardt (Chair, Interim Treasurer & Nominating)	231-399-0382
Candace Nostrandt (Religious Education)	231-651-9781
Ann Osborn (Clerk & Worship)	248-561-1015
Mary Reed (Women's Fellowship)	231-352-9726
Judy Welch (Financial Secretary)	231-651-0893

<p align="center"><b>Constitution &amp; By-Laws</b> Mary Ann Harness *</p>	<p align="center"><b>Nominating</b> Larry Neuhardt # * Dinah Haag</p>	<p align="center"><b>Personnel Chair &amp; Representative:</b> Larry Neuhardt # * <b>Vice Chair:</b> Andy Mollema <b>Member at Large:</b> Myra Elias</p>
<p align="center"><b>Religious Education</b> Becky Addis #, Leslie McElduff * All Sunday School Teachers</p>	<p align="center"><b>Memorial</b> Bill Frostic # Molly Frostic John McElduff *</p>	
<p align="center"><b>Investment</b> John McElduff (Interim Treas.) Larry Neuhardt (Interim Treas.) Jim Buzzell Bob Conrad Denis Crosby # * Andrea Frost</p>	<p align="center"><b>Missions</b> Joanne Brown Hugh Hessler # Paul Osborn Robin MacKenzie Signe Ruddy, Myra Elias *</p>	<p align="center"><b>Property</b> Jim Buzzell Myra Elias Andrea Frost #* Bill Frostic Hugh Hessler Ron Phillips Mary Reed</p>
<p align="center"><b>Finance</b> <b>Financial Secretary:</b> Judy Welch # <b>Member at Large:</b> Myra Elias <b>Memorial Committee:</b> Bill Frostic <b>Interim Treasurer:</b> John McElduff <b>Women's Fellowship:</b> Mary Reed</p>	<p align="center"><b>Outreach</b> Mary Bateman Al Bryant Myra Elias Judy Grant * Andy Mollema # Donna Phillips Mac Whisner</p>	<p align="center"><b>Worship</b> Nora Bungard Mary Ann Harness Jean Neuhardt # Ann Osborn * Julie Robinson Kathy Walthorn Judy Welch Al Bryant</p>

# Committee Chair      \* Council Representative

# 2016 Council Members of First Congregational

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*2/13 for 1 year to finish N. Bungard 2/14 for 2 years to finish J. Welch (Vice-Chair for 2014)*

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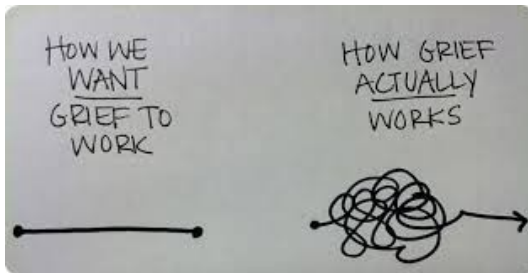
**Feb. 1, 2013-Jan. 31, 2019**

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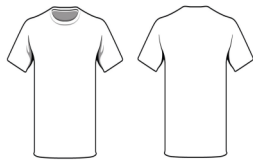
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*2/10 for 2 yr. to finish J. McElduff*

The monthly **Grief Support Group** will meet on Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 955 James Street, Frankfort, MI. After a significant loss (death of a loved one, divorce, etc.) one of the biggest challenges you may face is learning to cope with devastating loneliness. Please joins us for our discussion on "Grief, Loss, and Loneliness." It really does help to be with others who understand. Call or email Doug and Carol Luther if you need more info or have questions (231-399-0141 or carol.doug@gmail.com).



## Sesquicentennial T-Shirt Design

**It's a Competition**  
for a T-Shirt design!



With our church **150th Anniversary** coming soon, and with the hot dog sales and such, it would be fun to have a t-shirt or shirt that we could wear to those events that would represent us. So make your suggestions or draw your ideas and leave them in the church office.



**Shovelers**  
Jim Buzzell  
Sarah Dougherty  
Katherine Johnson  
& everyone else who has helped in that area.

John McElduff for snow plowing.

Myra Elias, Leslie McElduff and Jean Neuhardt for Al's Academy dinner in January.

Myra Elias and Jean Neuhardt for Bill's Bible Study dinner.

Jean & Larry Neuhardt for hanging the Lenten banner. It looks great!

All those who helped with the hot chocolate give-away at the Shiver by the River event. There were so many grateful people. The children were especially delighted to warm up their insides! Way to serve Christ in the community!



**Dine Out For  
Benzie Area  
Christian Neighbors**  
At

The Roadhouse Mexican Bar & Grill in Benzonia & and Platte River Inn in Honor on Tuesday, March 1st and 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN





*You donate, we deliver, they sleep soundly.*

**Did You Know!**

That if you buy a new bed from Betsie Bay Furniture, they will donate a **free bed** - frame and all - to a child in need in Benzie County? Yes, they will! If you'd like more information

contact **Betsie Bay Furniture.**

**Donations for bedding are welcome.**

**Did You Know!**

That there is **free preschool** for children ages 3 and 4 for the 2016-17 school year? Maybe you don't need to know the information, but someone you know might need it. The number for more information is 231-346-2116.



**Did You Know!**

That there is a new clinic in Benzie County? (I know - another one?)

**Northwest Michigan Health Services**

is a federally funded center with a sliding fee scale and no one can be denied services, even if you don't have insurance. They are even getting ready to complete a dental office - right there in the Community Mental Health Building - where the new clinic is. Call 231-392-5509 for more information.

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN Health Services Inc



**Please Remember in Prayer**

- Roy Acklin
- Gordon Banks
- Joanne Brown
- Bill Bruinsma
- Bud Carpenter
- Kathy Crosby
- Rita Gilbert
- Carolyn Hershey
- Nancy Knop
- Jim Lalas
- Lori Lalas
- Carolyn Levis
- Alyssa Lone
- Susie Middleton
- Cheryl Noll
- Sarah Nostrandt
- Don Nugent
- Lena Olsen
- Moore Peregrine
- Vern Reed
- Alicia Rejman
- Doc Wagner

**Seniors of the Week:**

- Beverly Matthews  
*(The Maples)*
- Susie Vigland  
*(Orchard House)*
- Charlie Holtrey  
*(Long Term Care)*
- Bea Gray
- Moore Peregrine  
*(The Pines)*
- John Abbett  
*(Paul Oliver Living and Rehab)*

**Young Adults**

- Olivia Buzzell
- Lacey Deloria
- Jacob Grant
- Gabe Kindl
- Gillian Kindl
- Nathan MacKenzie
- Bennett Schmitt
- Kelsey Trovato

March is First Congregational Church's **Committee Appreciation Month.**

After the Congregation, the Council. After the Council, it's the Committees. After the Committees, it's the individuals. Committees do a lot of the real work in Congregational churches. So thank you to: the By-Laws Committee, the Finance Committee, Investment, Memorials, Missions, Outreach, Personnel, Property, Religious Education and Worship Committees. We appreciate you and all your care and work.





# First Congregational Church of Frankfort

## March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01  Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland	02 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Class 7:30 p.m. Choir  Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt Jake Reed	03 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Meeting 5:15 p.m. Outreach Meeting  Jim Murray	04  Bob Conrad	05  Carmyn Brodbent  
06 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion & Sunday School  3:00 p.m. Grief Group at Trinity Lutheran Church  Jimmy Kolehmainen	07 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class  Julie Grant	08 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	09 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Class 7:30 p.m. Choir  Katherine Johnson	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga  	11  	12
13 10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing & Worship & Sunday School   <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	14 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	15	16 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Class 7:30 p.m. Choir  Ginny Bowman Mary Reed	17 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association   <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19  Sandy Campbell
20 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School   <i>Palm Sunday</i>  Andrea Robinson & Brandon Valentine	21 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	22	23 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class  5:30 p.m. Supper & AI's Academy: The Comediennes 7:30 p.m. Choir  Dale Herscher	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga  7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship   <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Reagan Clevenger	25 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship   <i>Good Friday</i>	26  Dan Gill
27 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship & Sunday School   <i>HE IS RISEN</i>	28 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	29	30 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class  9	31		

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Anniversaries	1,9	6	Marti Mollema, Donna Phillips Ann & Paul Osborn	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:00 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. (Greeters and Ushers are the front line people in welcoming visitors and new church family members!)
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