

Steepleviews

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March 2017

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Jocelyn Lepke
Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell
Dan Nostrandt
Jake Reed
- 03 Jim Murray
- 04 Rob Burch
Bob Conrad
- 05 Carmyn Brodbent
- 06 Jimmy Kolehmainen
- 07 Julie Grant
- 09 Katherine Johnson
- 13 Scott Harrison
- 16 Ginny Bowman
Mary Reed
- 18 Susie Hughes
- 19 Sandy Campbell
- 20 Andrea Robinson &
Branden Valentine
- 23 Dale Herscher
- 24 Reagan
Clevenger
- 25 Peyton Koenig
- 27 Trevor Chicky
Steve Elrick
Don Nugent
- 28 Helen
Lautenbach
- 31 Billee Beyette
Marvelee Kneisel

Catch These Coming Events!

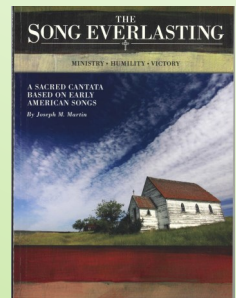
- Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday Worship
- Mar. 5 New Member Sunday
- Mar. 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar. 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 19 150th Series: The Song Everlasting
Cantata Worship
- Mar. 22 Dinner & Al's Academy
- Mar. 29 Hot Sardines Concert



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 12
Time to set your clocks ahead one hour before
going to bed on Saturday, March 11th.

The March Sesquicentennial Fine Arts Series Sunday, March 19, 2017

Our Church Choir and Friends will present a cantata on American Hymns. It will be a great time to invite new people to share not only the beauty of our sanctuary and our church family, but some of our family's many talents.



Pastor's Page

Every-so-often, I try to take a mental snapshot of something I see that will serve a purpose at a later time, either as a lesson in my own life or something for all of us. I captured the following "shot" Sunday, November 20, 2016, at roughly 3:20 p.m. Here is my note from that day.

For me, the best "message" from the Community Thanksgiving service was not one that was spoken, but one that was acted out; mostly silently, without a plan and seemed to take an eon in the blink of an eye.

It came from the choir of Saint Ann's Church, when they were assembling to sing their anthem and again when they were finished with their song. It was the little lady with the walker who was determined to stand on the platform with the other singers in her row.

The step was a little higher than usual, and she was trying to negotiate it and maneuver the walker at the same time, when a little flock of her choir's ladies next to her came together to help her up the steps, get the walker in front of her, and reminded her to lock the brakes on her walker.

It was the woman standing next to her holding the music down to her level, so she could see the music; the same woman pulling the walker a little closer to herself so the lady would follow suit. It was when they were done and time to get off of the platform, the same little flock of ladies coming around their friend, and helping her down to the main floor where she returned to her seat.

They weren't going to leave her behind, they weren't going to leave her out. She was part of the group, and the fact that she required a

little more attention was not an inconvenience or hindrance, just a part of what they did. It was the picture of what the church is called to do each and every day, how members of the flock are to treat other members of the flock.

In Matthew 25, Jesus was sharing a prophecy/parable – teaching the Pharisees. When the "righteous" ask 'when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Bill's Bible Study

*Coming back
for a one-shot event*

*Wednesday, March 15 at
6:00 p.m. at the church.*

*But come on over at 5:30 for
supper; free as always.*

The topic for the evening:

*Moses, Jesus,
Paul and You*



On Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Please join us for our Worship Service
With Ashes at 7:00 p.m.

AI's Academy

March 22, 2017

Presents

**"Churches in
Benzie County"**

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

with Presentation
at 6 p.m.



The Hot Sardines

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

7:30 p.m.

Traverse City Opera House

We've got 20 great tickets that we can
give out, so sign-up quick!

With their contagious brand of joy, grit,
glamour and passion, they invoke the
sounds of nearly a century ago, yet stay
right in step with the current age. The
Hot Sardines know how to rock a
house!

Sign up for your tickets in the
Church Dining Room



First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

12th Publication

In 1967, the two lots west of
the church were purchased with
the idea of creating a parking lot
for church use. Instead, those lots
are now the site of the parsonage.

More routes to Traverse City

- 10 are Express Routes through Interlochen or Lake Ann (about 25 minutes to downtown TC)
- TC stopes include Copper Ridge, Grand
- Traverse Commons and Munson Medical Center
- Fares as low as \$2.50 each way
- New Crystal Mountain routes too!

For info call 231-227-1030,
dispatch@benziebus.com
or BenzieBus.com



BENZIE BUS

Council Notes

There were 9 Council members at the February 8, 2017 Council meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Neuhardt, Council Chair, at 4:05 pm, followed by the Opening Prayer and a warm welcome to Kelly Ottinger, a new addition to our 2017 Council.

The first order of business was to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2017 Council. Larry Neuhardt was asked if he would be willing to continue; he consented. Myra Elias offered to be the Council's Vice Chair. The motion was made by Andy Mollema that Larry and Myra fill these two positions; Mary Ann Harness seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

Offerings for January:	\$12,996.00
Expenses for January:	12,580.07
Carry Over for January	415.93
The total current balance of Church accounts is:	\$57,545.87

Committee Reports

Memorials: Andy Mollema - the balance in this account is \$7,415.75.

Finance & Stewardship: Judy Welch - to keep on Budget in 2017, perhaps another reminder of any increases members could give weekly or monthly could go out again; Council to keep this in mind and it will be re-visited in three months.

Missions: Myra Elias - the balance in this account is \$1,197.21.

Outreach: Judy Grant/Myra Elias - the presentation on the ancient trees archive is still planned for February 22; Myra has not been in touch with Mr. Milarch recently so hoping all falls in place for the presentation.

Sesquicentennial: Andy Mollema/Myra Elias - 1) Plans for the time capsule, which will have its permanent place near the altar, have been finalized with Pete Wright who will do the construction; and 2) After pricing outdoor tents for our Celebration Luncheon on July 23, it was decided that prices ran a bit higher than expected so we will have our catered luncheon in the Parlor and the Dining Room.

Personnel: Myra Elias - Mary Reed is our new Sunday Nursery Attendant.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - 1) Women's Fellowship made a \$100.00 donation to Frankfort HS's annual graduation party; and 2) Several thank you notes have been received for the \$50.00 gifts given to the college students by the Fellowship.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) The Committee chose Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday bulletin covers; 2) Adult and children's Lenten devotionals were chosen; 3) Easter banners to be hung by March 28; and 4) upcoming "events" include: Nursing Home Facility Worship services on February 19, Ash Wednesday service on March 1, New Member Sunday on March 5, and Maundy Thursday service on April 13.

Historian: Al Bryant - no report

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

Unfinished Business: The sale of polo shirts for our Sesquicentennial year is an ongoing project with more information to come.

No Reports: Investment, Constitution & By-Laws, Nominating, Property, Religious Education, & New Business.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Women of the Evangelical Church in America (WELCA)

Are presenting a talk about
Human Trafficking

Sunday, April 30, 2017

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Speaker will be Barbara Hazlett, a
WELCA State Officer

Michigan is rated second in the country
for Human Trafficking



Advocates for Benzie County (ABC)

Is made up of a group of local Benzie County people who have joined together to work toward a better quality of life for all Benzie County citizens.

ABC's goals and plans include:

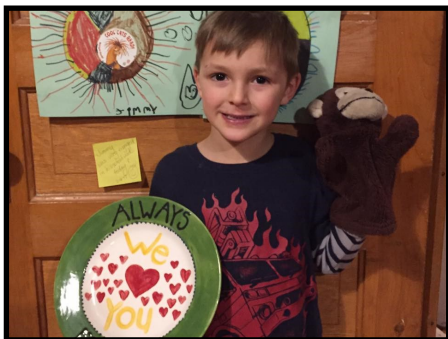
- Strategies to provide adequate, affordable workforce housing.
- An improved infrastructure designed for future growth.
- An educational system which serves the needs of all from pre-school children through programs for senior citizens.
- Improved year-round employment
- Opportunities for all who want and need them to assure growing and sustained county-wide prosperity.

Contact ABC if interested in volunteering to help the needs for charity...

Advocates for Benzie County,
P O Box 1012, Frankfort, MI 49635

Thank You

- Doug Rath for snow plowing and Katherine Johnson, Al Bryant, Cheryl Acklin, et al, for snow shoveling.
- Randy Johnson & sidekick, Katherine, for repainting the kids' chairs in the church dining room.
- In case you were wondering, for those who use AmazonSmile when you order, your effort earned our church \$22.79 between Oct 1 & Dec 31, 2016. That's \$22.79 we didn't have before, and "made" from something you were already going to do. If you are interested in using AmazonSmile, it's a one-time registration at <https://smile.amazon.com>. After that, even if you forget to sign in under your AmazonSmile account, you can switch over to it in the middle of an order and nothing will be lost. So take a few moments today, and "up your giving" to the church family. Thanks so much!!! You'll be glad you did!
- Al Bryant for covering the Nursing Care Facility Worship services in February. It's a good thing when we can do our part in ministry.
- Myra Elias and Leslie McElduff for the dinner with Al's Academy. Very high yum factors!



Congratulations

- Tegan Chicky was elected for the Character Café award for the month of January – celebrating the character trait "Adaptable."
- Jimmy Kolehmainen made "super student" for the first time, received a special note from his teacher praising his efforts, got to eat off of the special dinner plate, and even brought home the class monkey, Bob. It would be hard to top that day!
- Peyton Clevenger for receiving her driver's license. Awesome!
- Maile Church for receiving the Principal's Honor Award at the Traverse Bay Area Career-Tech Center. Way to go!
- Congratulations Luke Reed, for making the Dean's list this fall at Alma College!
- Congratulations to Janet Pomerleau and the Strom family - including little Eva and dog Emma - in running the Frozen 5K! Good for you!
- Congratulations to Serenity Schulz, who finished the Bestie Bay Frozen 5k in 41 minutes! (How could they tell it was her, when she ran that fast?)



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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 them 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 _____

Problems with Daycare? Please come to a

Community Forum

"Identifying the Challenges of Day Care"

Wednesday, March 15th

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Benzie County Government Center

448 Court Place, Beulah, MI 49617

For more information,
contact Bob McNabb 231-590-1987



New Member Sunday

March 5, 2017

If you are interested in joining our church family, or have questions about **official church membership**, please see Al Bryant, Myra Elias, Andy Mollema, or Pastor Dinah any time Before March 2.

Benzie Senior Resources

BRINGING TOGETHER BENZIE HOME HEALTH CARE
AND THE BENZIE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Benzie Senior Resources (BSR), the new combination of Benzie Home Health Care and the Commission on Aging is looking for a volunteer from each church to serve as a go-between the Church and BSR, i.e. sharing information.

Volunteers are vital to the growing number of senior citizens in the county. Many services depend upon volunteers who give a few hours a month.

Volunteers might deliver meals to homebound seniors a few times a month, provide audio books for seniors with limited vision, be a "friendly visitor" to a senior who has few visitors, assist with special projects at "The Gathering Place" and other possibilities.

Call BSR if interested 231-525-0600 or go online at BenzieSeniorResources.org

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: Constitution & By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Investment, Memorials, Missions, Outreach, Personnel, Property, Religious Education, Women's Fellowship, Worship, Historian, Nominating & Sesquicentennial Committees. We appreciate you and all your care and work.

We thank you for your ongoing commitment to our church family.

Please Remember in Prayer

Ed Baldwin
Madeline Bowers
Joanne Brown
Cindy Cartwright
Brenda Case
Sophie McLaren-Cobb
Peyton Crosby
Carole Dipzinski
Barb Fought
Dana Ginter
Alice Hafer
Karen Hartman
Polly Herscher
Travis Holland
Robin Lundy
Arletta Newberry
Bob Newberry
Kelly Ottinger
Connie Phillips
Ron Phillips
Julie Robinson
Paul Robinson
Robbie Robinson
John Ruckrich
Steve Salveter
Kristin Schauger
Signe's nephew & family
Stuti & Rakesh
Branden Valentine
Art Weringa
Peter Young

The Families of:

Kathy Deloach
Alice Hollenbeck
Uledene Merrill

Those In the Military:

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

Senior Living:

Orchard House:
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland

POLAR:

John Abbett
Bob Conrad
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, March 7, 2017 eat dinner at one of the partner restaurants, **Dinghy's in Frankfort or The Roadhouse in Benzonia** and 10% of your bill will be donated to BACN.



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March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ash Wednesday 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:00 p.m. Worship with Ashes 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland	2 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Comm. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Comm. Mtg.. Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt	3	4
5 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School Lent 1 New Member Sunday 12:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal Carmyn Brodbent	6 Jimmy Kolehmainen	7 Julie Grant	8 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 a.m. Yoga Katherine Johnson	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Begins 10:30 a.m. Worship & Lent 2	13 Scott Harrison	14 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting	15 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Choir	16 9:30 a.m. Yoga Ginny Bowman Mary Reed	17 	18 Susie Hughes
19 10:30 a.m. Cantata Worship & Sunday School Sandy Campbell	20 Andrea Robinson & Branden Valentine	21	22 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Al's Academy Churches in Benzie County 7:30 p.m. Choir	23 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association Meeting Dale Herscher	24 Reagan Clevenger	25 Peyton Koenig
26 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	27 Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Don Nugent	28 Helen Lautenbach	29 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. (No Choir) Hot Sardines Concert	30	31 Billee Beyette Marvelee Kneisel	

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Anniversaries	1, 9	5	Jim MacKenzie	Mary Reed, Denis Crosby Marjorie & Chris Porter	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.
Announcements	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9				
Birthdays	1, 9	12	Robin MacKenzie	John & Kathy Walthorn John & Leslie McElduff	
Calendar	9	19	Becky Addis	Bill Hirschfeld, Donna Phillips Signe Ruddy, Mary Reed	
Greeters	10				
Prayer List	8				
Thank You's	5	26	Rob Burch	Jill Smeltzer, Alma House Fred & Betty Milliron	
Ushers	10				
Council Minutes	4				