

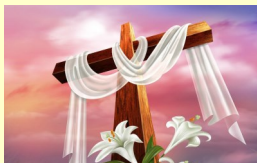
Steepleviews

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April 2018 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Jim MacKenzie
Molly Morris Nguyen
Crystal Rath
- 03 Trevor Chicky
Steve Elrick
Bill & Norma Bruinsma
- 05 Soua Yang
- 06 Bill Hirschfeld
Candace & Dan Nostrandt
- 08 Margaret Bilsky
Mary Jane Franklin
- 09 Maile Church
Bev Kidder
- 10 Logan Judson
- 13 Phillip McKinnon
Paul Osborn
- 14 Daymian Tabbert
- 15 Addison Chownyk
- 18 Kylee Manning
- 19 Shelby Anderson
Tegan Chicky
Rob Conrad
- 21 Peggy Burns
- 23 Robbie Kolehmainen
- 24 Olivia Addis
- 26 Nancy Reed
- 27 Jean Ann Wolfe
- 28 Sally Lavender
Susan Lavender
Pat Luedders
Steve Rath
Kim Scripps
- 29 Bill Frostic
- 30 Myra Elias
Doug Somero



Catch These Coming Events!

- Apr 1 Easter & Communion
Sunday
- Apr 3 Dine out for BACN
- Apr 20 The Gathering at the
Parsonage
- Apr 22 Earth Day



Pastor's Page

Simone's Story

When her name is announced, Simone is greeted by a Benzie Area Christian Neighbor Coordinator and escorted into a private office. The Coordinator verifies Simone's data and asks about her situation and the assistance she is seeking. Simone shares information about her earnings from full-time seasonal employment which ended in October. It is now December and she has been unable to find a job. She is a single parent with two children in elementary school. Her cupboards are bare and her children are in need of winter clothing. Her next-door neighbor suggested she go to BACN for help. Tears come to her eyes as she shares that she never thought she would be in this situation.

The Coordinator asks a few questions about her job search before referring her to MI Works, a BACN partner who provides employment support services at BACN every Tuesday and Thursday. He gives her \$50 in BACN bucks to use in the Food Pantry and provides her with a Clothing Center Pass. After some encouraging words, he reminds Simone that BACN is open to Neighbors Mondays - Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She can visit BACN twice a month for food and once a week for clothing. As the Coordinator adds Simone's service information into the computer, she returns to the waiting room.

Fifteen minutes later Simone's name is called, and she joins a group of other Neighbors for a visit to the Food Pantry. Volunteers in the Food Pantry are able to access her information on their computer. Simone shops at her leisure selecting healthy items her family enjoys and will consume. Nothing will go to waste. She cashes out her BACN Bucks and sincerely thanks the volunteers for bagging her groceries and helping bring them to her car.

Simone goes back inside to visit BACN's Clothing Center. Her family's most pressing need is warm winter clothing. Thanks to the generosity of the Webber Family Foundation, her children

were given new coats, boots, and mittens this fall. However, they need warm clothes for school. As she searches the racks of clothing, she is assisted by helpful volunteers. They all celebrate when she locates a matching outfit for each child as well as a warm coat for herself. Thirty minutes later she leaves BACN with a smile on her face and a bag full of the items her family so desperately needs including blankets and sheets.

For every Simone, there are hundreds of other Neighbors in need. There are both similarities and differences in their stories. Many Neighbors fall into the category of the "working poor". Some are single wage earners like Simone. Others are young families, senior citizens, adults with disabilities, and multi-generational households. Some families are thrown into crisis by the loss of employment or a medical emergency. Others are limited by low wages, seasonal employment, and lack of education. Most do not want to be in their situation.

Simone's story has a happy ending. She received the assistance needed to tide her over until she found employment and stabilized her situation. Simone returned to BACN several months later, this time as a Volunteer giving back to her community. Simone's story is a wonderful example of how BACN is a "caring community of Neighbors helping Neighbors."

I sometimes hear about the unemployed that are too lazy to find work and are bilking the system. There are some of those folks. But I think there are far more people like Simone, people that have received a judgment by people that don't know her or even care to know her. May all of us guard our own characters in being slower to judge, to think about walking in others' shoes and the general kindness that Jesus poured out to the sick and poor, widowed and outcast. Then we can judge our own hearts. Learning to live into the Resurrection, Pastor Dinah



The Gathering – Tacos at the Parsonage

If you'd like to bring something to share, there is a sign-up in the church dining room. Otherwise, bring your own beverage on Friday, April 20 to the parsonage about 6:00 and build a taco or two. Bring friends if you'd like!

For Your Information:

- There are a number of metal folding chairs in the parsonage basement that could use new homes. There is no charge for re-location, and if you are interested in any or all of them, please see Pastor Dinah.
- There is an old refrigerator in the parsonage garage looking for a new home. The fridge part works, but not the freezer that's on the bottom.
- fyi: lower level hallway and restroom lights are now motion-detected.

April is First Congregational Church's Women's Fellowship Appreciation Month

The history of the work of women in the church is long, and the ladies of our Church family here at First Congregational are a great part of that heritage. Without our ladies, this place would not feel so much like a church home. So we thank you, one and all, from the bottom of our hearts!

Womens Fellowship



Congratulations!

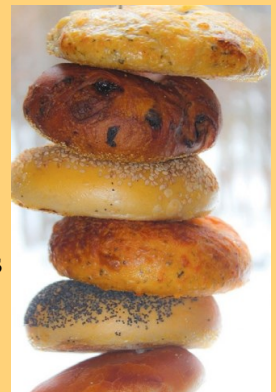
- Carrie Hessler-Radelet on being Named President & CEO of Project Concern International - PCI (Project Concern International).



PCI works with families and communities in 16 countries to enhance health, end hunger, and overcome hardship.

- Jake Reed for receiving the Service Above Self Award from the Benzie Sunrise Rotary. He was recognized with breakfast and a certificate and was able to sit in on one of their meetings. Service Above Self is a very high honor recognizing those individuals who volunteer their time and talents to help others.

- Maile Church! She earned an award for her work submitted to Edible Grand Traverse Farm to Page Photography contest. The photo, "Bagels on a String," is a project for her TBA Career-Tech Center Graphic Design and Promotion Media Program using bagels from L'Chayim Delicatessen.



- Amy and Ed Schindler for being part of the Stormcloud Family Feud Event last week.

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There were 8 Council Members at the February 14, 2018 Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

1. Offerings for February **\$4,569.47**
2. Expenses for February **\$7,540.82**
3. **Carry over for February \$4,293.29**

Committee Reports

Memorials: Andy Mollema - no report with one Memorial gift pending; the balance in this account totals \$7,519.43.

Missions: no report; the balance in this account totals \$446.01.

Personnel: Myra Elias - a pastor job review is still needed.

Property: Mary Reed - 1) Sanctuary air conditioning topic will be revisited in the summer; 2) A new TV cart for the Parlor will be ordered, and the decision was made that the 2 year old TV was still in good condition; 3) New refrigerators are needed for the kitchen, the dining room, and the Parsonage; and 4) Pastor Dinah is collecting information for landscaping in the front of the Church as well as the back of the Parsonage property.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - Bill's Bible Studies were well attended; it would be helpful if a lectern would be available for those people presiding/speaking at such presentations.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - the balance in the checking account is \$1,334.47; the balance of the CD is \$3,112.87.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) Palm Sunday and Easter bulletins have arrived; 2) Easter flower orders are in process; 3) A Hymn Fest will happen on the fifth Sunday of the months of April, July, September and December; and 4) Upcoming "events" include: Nursing Care Worship services on March 18, Palm Sunday service with two anthems on March 25, Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service at 7 pm on March 29, Easter Sunday Service and Communion on April 1, and the Historical Marker will be dedicated.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

No Reports: Finance, Investment, By-Laws, Nominating, Outreach, Historian

Unfinished Business - Andy Mollema reported that the new Lenovo IdeaPad computer purchased for the Treasurer's Office is programmed, keeping the old computer still connected for the time being.

New Business - None

Larry Neuhardt called for adjournment of the meeting at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Church Membership

*Establishing Roots in
a faith community!*

family, please see anyone on the Outreach Committee or Pastor Dinah. Our next New Member Sunday will be April 8.

If you are interested in becoming an official member of this church

Our Sympathies to the families of

Fran Larson
Don Nugent
Lorraine Smeltzer

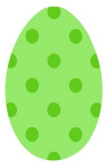
May God heal your hearts,
souls and minds well
and in the right time.



Easter Word Search



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F B U N N Y A D E Z M C D T R P P C
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BUNNY
DUCKLINGS
BONNET
BASKET
CHICKS



DAFFODILS
EASTEREgg
HYACINTH
SPRING
EGGS



LAMBS
IRIS
JELLYBEANS
RABBIT
CHOCOLATE





- Julie Grant for offering free grief counseling to anyone affected by the shootings at her alma mater, Central Michigan University in the days immediately following the tragedy. Such a beautiful gesture!
- Bill Frostic for fixing a loose bannister and a dilapidating shelf in the nursery.
- All who made soup and such on Lenten Sundays and Al's Academys. It's such a treat to spend time with the folks who call this place home.

Signe Ruddy has been studying intuitive color and spirituality, and is now in need of people to mentor, under her coach Dougal Fraser (<https://www.dougalfraser.com/>) She has two weeks to find a couple of participants who would be interested in doing 3-4 life coaching sessions with her for free. The sessions can be done in person or over the phone.

Each session about 30 to 45 minutes.
Please contact her ASAP at 231-882-5689.



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

at the Roadhouse in Benzonia and
The Fusion in Frankfort
on Tuesday, April 3rd
and 10% of your dinner
bill will be donated to
BACN.



Please Remember in Prayer

Liz Acklin
Julie Barrera
George Basta
Alex Bonderenko
Rob Burch
Teri Carlson
Susie Carter
Ruddy Chapman
Will Colby
Peggy Crosby
FEAS
*Mia Gilbert
Helen Haag
Pat Hessler
Larry Lung
Dave Lyon
Gavin MacKenzie
Kim McKenzie
Sidney Olsen
Marilyn Payne
Jan Petteys
Jim Petteys
Ron Phillips

Serenity Schulz
Sarah Stoltz
Penny Szczechowski
Annie Tift
Annie Webb
Gladys Wilson

Military:

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

Senior Living:

The Maples

Jan Condon

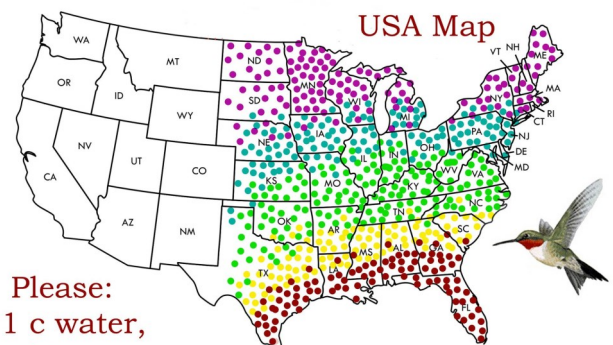
Orchard House

Gordon Banks
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland

The Homesteader

Moore Peregrine

Ruby Throated Hummingbird Migration



Please:
1 c water,
1/4c pure sugar,
Nectar is best!
Fresh nectar everyother day

■ March 1-15
■ March 15-30
■ April 1-15
■ April 15-30
■ May 1-15



HummingbirdPots.com

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April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 10:30 a.m. Easter Resurrection & Communion Sunday </div>	2 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Jim MacKenzie Molly Nguyen Crystal Rath	3 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Dine out for BACN: Fusion & The Roadhouse Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Bill & Norma	4 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 4:00 p.m. Worship No Choir	5 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting Sua Yang	6 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Bill Hirschfeld Candace & Dan Nostrandt	7
8 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & New Member Sunday Margaret Bilsky Mary Jane Franklin	9 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Maile Church Bev Kidder	10 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting Logan Judson	11 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	13 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Phillip McKinnon Paul Osborn	14 Daymien Tabbert
15 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship & Sunday School Addison Chownyk	16 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class	17 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class	18 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Kylee Manning	19 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky Rob Conrad	20 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 6:00 p.m. The Gathering Tacos at the Parsonage </div>	21 Peggy Burns
22 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Happy Earth Day	23 5:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Robbie Kolehmainen	24 11:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Olivia Addis	25 9:30 a.m. Human Services Coll. 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group Nancy Reed	27 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Jean Ann Wolfe	28 Sally Lavender Susan Lavender Pat Luedders Steve Rath Kim Scripps
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Birthdays	1, 7	8	Robin MacKenzie	Andrea Frost, Michael & Sharon Grajcar, Jill Smeltzer	
Calendar	7				
Greeters	8	15	Linda Schweyer	Mary Ann Harness, Ann & Paul Osborn, Mary Reed	
Prayer List	6	22	Becky Addis	Denis Crosby, Bill Hirschfeld, Larry Neuhardt, Chris Porter	
Congratulations & Thank You's	3, 6				
Ushers	8	29	Rob Burch	Leslie McElduff, Donna Phillips, Billee Beyette & Ron Wardwell	