

Steepleviews

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April 2017

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Jim MacKenzie
Molly Morris
Crystal Rath
- 03 Trevor Chicky
Steve Elrick
Don Nugent
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
Jill Smeltzer
- 23 Robbie Kolehmainen
- 24 Olivia Addis
- 26 Nancy Reed
- 27 Jean Ann Wolfe
- 28 Susan Lavender
Sally Lavender-Hasseldahl
Pat Luedders
Steve Rath
Kim Scripps
- 29 Bill Frostic
- 30 Myra Elias
Doug Somero

Catch These Coming Events!

April 9: Palm Sunday



April 13: Maundy Thursday



April 16: Easter Sunday

Easter Bonnets Welcome!

April 19: Bill's Bible Study, p. 7

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Communion Worship

5:30 p.m. April 13

All are welcome.



Cheryl Acklin is most famously the daughter of Liz & Roy Acklin, the youngest of their five children. She was born in Ohio, grew up in Benzie County and moved back after over twenty years

to be closer to her parents. She and her husband, James Daniel, have been married for 16 years this month. She has worked in microbiology at Munson for several years, managed apartments for the last 17 years, and is currently the apartment manger at Patterson Crossing. In her previous life, she attended different schools to become a professional chef, at one time holding a position as Chuck Norris' sous-chef and working at the Fort Worth Hotel in Texas. In earlier days, she enjoyed refereeing basketball games, off-road driving and other kinds of vehicles. She now enjoys reading, summer activities and is an aquarist.



Luann Elwell was born in Owosso and raised in Durand, Michigan, the second of six children. She lived most of her adult life in the Detroit suburbs and attended the University of Michigan for a Master of Social Work degree,

and eventually worked with walking well and adults with developmental disabilities. Luann has a beautiful adult, foodie daughter from her previous marriage, Michelle, who resides in California and has no

grandchildren. She married Michael in 2004 on Elberta Beach, Rev. Dinah presiding. She and Michael purchased the Marshall Motel (currently Bay Port Lodging) in 2005 from Albie and Myra Elias and moved to Frankfort. Michael started the Port City Smokehouse in 2006. She is a breast cancer survivor, lost her younger sister to breast cancer in 2009; and her daughter is currently battling the disease. Luann's passions include love, laughter, humor, peace, people and swimming.

Pat Kinske was born in Michigan and moved to California at age 8, learning to drive in Los Angeles. She moved to Sacramento to finish high school and attended Sacramento State College. After she moved



back to Michigan, she met her husband, Dan, in Beulah. Life then moved them to Washington, DC where Pat worked as a cardiovascular technician at Georgetown University Hospital and had two children. After moving back to Michigan in 1978, they both worked at Sara Lee. She loves Crystal Lake and also loves to travel (especially to Disneyland). Pat is a certified scuba diver and likes challenges, solving puzzles etc., and helping with the adult and children's operetta at the Congregational Summer Assembly.



John Ruckrich was born in Chicago in 1937. He is the second of two sons born to George and Catherine Ruckrich. His K-12 education and his college education were also in

Chicago. After graduating from DePaul University, he entered the US Navy Reserve and received training in computers and their systems. After serving two years of active duty, he returned to Chicago and took a job with IBM designing and implementing systems. He married in 1964, had two children (Evie and Phillip), and moved to the suburbs. John retired from the Chicago Stock Exchange and had a second career which involved working for PricewaterhouseCoopers. This late life career lasted eleven years and took John around the world doing work for the US State Dept., the World Bank, and the Asian Development Bank. John retired again to stay home and see his wife Elizabeth through her hospice journey. He and his wife moved to Frankfort in 1996, and Elizabeth died in 2002.



Dawn Schulz was born in El Paso, Texas, while her father was in the Army. She has been a certified chef for 30 years at various restaurants, a licensed accountant and head auditor

for Marriott Corp., owned her own cleaning business for 20 years at The Commons in Traverse City, in Benzie County, Wind Sun Pines and Mi Land Use. She was married to Tom for 16 years before he passed on to eternal life, has thirteen grandchildren ranging from 8-14 years and now takes care of her granddaughter, Serenity.

Please join us on a trip to Traverse City to explore and enjoy a lunch at



World Class Café

On Friday, April 21, 2017 at 11:15 a.m.

World Class Cafe' is a full-service restaurant managed by the Career-Tech Center's (high school) Culinary Arts program.

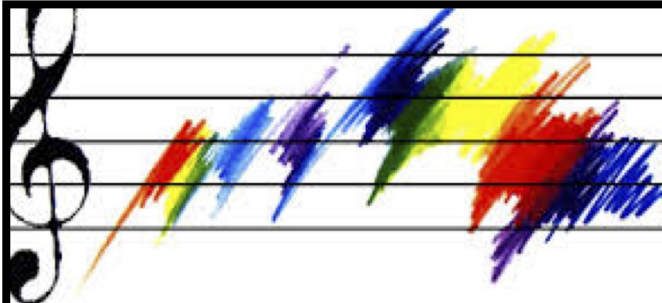
Please note: World Class Cafe' is closed when school is not in Session. If Chef Daryl has time, he has agreed to give us a short tour of his program. Help us help them by signing up on the list in the Church Dining Room.

TBAISD Career-Tech Center • 880 Parsons Road
Traverse City



Milarch Archangel Field Trip

Many of those who attended the February edition of Al's Academy expressed interest in going to the Milarch farm and tour their facility. So how about carpooling or arriving in Copemish at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25 (16884 Front St., Copemish)? There is a sign-up sheet in the Church Dining Room so we can let them know how many to expect.



150th Anniversary Concert Series

Children's Songs for Grown-ups

A concert In Collaboration with
Benzie County Museum
Featuring Karen Remington
with Donna Brunσμα, Accompanist.
Readings by Jeryl Colby, Jeanne Hafer
and Andy Mollema

Sunday, April 30, 2017
3:00 p.m.

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425 Forest Ave., 231-352-7909 www.fccfrankfort.org
All are welcome to join us!



Thank You

- Jim MacKenzie for installing a water sensor system at the church
- Mary Ann Harness, Marti Mollema & Ann Osborn for redecorating the dining room
- Jim MacKenzie for fixing a sanctuary pew
- Will Church, Austin Soto, Bob King, Randy Johnson and Dale Herscher for helping to move the pew
- Katherine Johnson for shoveling
- Doug Rath for plowing
- Al Bryant for leading the Nursing Care Worship Services last month

Bill's Bible Study
Wednesday, April 19
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. How We Got Here, Pt. 1

Bill Hirschfeld's two-part topics fall under the progression of our faith.

April: From the New Testament to the Pilgrims
May: From the Pilgrims to Frankfort

As yet another aspect of our Sesquicentennial celebration, all are welcome to join us for dinner (free as usual) and Bill's teaching and insights.



You have a new baby
GRANDSON
Congratulations

Kim & Stuart Scripps on becoming grandparents to grandson, Luke, born on 2/17/17.



Granddaughters are Special

Dick & Joanne Brown on their newest great-granddaughter, Kennedy, born on 3/14/17. Her grandfather is Chris, parents Jody & Ross & great aunt, Signe Ruddy.



CONGRATS
On becoming an **ANT**

Congratulations Great-Aunt Susan Lavender on the birth of your niece, Stevie Lynn Keidel.



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

First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

13th Publication

Our church is the only church in Benzie County to have a balcony, and it is the oldest building in the city having continuous use for the same purpose.



MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL SUMMER CAMP

Camp July 9 – 14

MCSC is moving to a new camp this summer...Camp Ohiyesa in Holly. We will have some of the same activities along with some fun new ones! There will be zip lines, a giant swing and gaga ball along with a giant water slide, a voyageur canoe, and the option of horseback riding. MCSC is open to any child who will have completed Grade 3 through 8 by the summer 2017. The cost is \$315 for early registration (by June 1). For more info go to www.michigancongregationalsummercamp.org

Council Notes

There were 11 Council members at the March 8, 2017 Council meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Vice-Chair, Myra Elias, followed by the Opening Prayer and a warm welcome to Bill Hirschfeld to our 2017 Council.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

Offerings for February:	\$6,834.10
Expenses for February:	\$8,482.77
Carry Over for February	-\$1,232.74

Committee Reports

Memorials: Andy Mollema - no report, the balance in this account is \$7,750.32

Finance & Stewardship: Judy Welch - no report; continue to be aware of the increase/decrease in our Offerings each month.

Investment: Dinah Haag for Andrea Frost – the Investment Committee will be meeting with RW Baird in May.

Constitution & By-Laws: No report

Missions: Myra Elias - no report, the balance in this account is \$737.21.

Nominating: Larry Neuhardt – no report

Outreach:/ Sesquicentennial: Myra Elias/ Andy Mollema/ Dinah Haag – 1) The Josh White Jr. Concert has been confirmed for the last Friday evening in October; 2) The polo shirts will be ordered next week after everyone has had a chance to put their name (s) on the order sheet; 3) The City permit has been okayed for our Annual Block Party in July, and we tentatively have the group “Akimbo” (Christy Ogilivie and Kraig McCreary) lined up for our music; and 4) The design for the Fine Art Series posters is

almost completed.

Personnel: Mrya Elias – no report

Property: Dinah Haag for Andrea Frost – Church Mutual, our insurance company, is offering to send us, free of charge, a water sensor kit that will monitor the temperature of our water and air in the kitchen, as well as alert us to any water on the floor in the pantry or any frozen water pipes.

Religious Education: 1) Thank you to Bill Hirschfeld for becoming the “reporter” for this Committee; and 2) Bill will be leading a Bible Study on March 15 at 5:30.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - As our “reminder call person”, Mary is asking for a list of names on all Committees.

Worship: Ann Osborn - no report

Historian: Al Bryant - no report

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

Unfinished Business: Polo Shirts – almost set to go; see Outreach/Sesquicentennial Report.

New Business: Kelly Ottinger will be doing further research on a possible grant for solar panels for our church.

No Reports: Memorials, Finance, Constitution & By-Laws, Missions, Nominating, Personnel, Worship, & Historian..

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Yoga for Health and Longevity

Mondays 9:30 - 11am

Beginning April 24 here at the Church

\$12 per class or a love offering.

Please join us 10 minutes before the class is to begin. Bring a mat or blanket for comfort.

Some blankets, pillows and mats will also be available.

Jane Schultz is a certified and registered yoga teacher.

Any questions, you may call her at 231-649-3449.

Mosey on over and enjoy
God's Last Laugh
over eternal death and sin on
April 23 as we celebrate.

Holy Humor Hoedown Sunday

Yes, Holy Humor is a real deal, and this year we're going to do it with a Hoedown theme. So bring your bandana and cowperson hat, and we'll celebrate life!

Toxic.Free.Home.



2017 Hazardous Waste and Electronic Collections will be:

Saturday, June 17th

Frankfort Recycling

8 am – 12 pm

Appointments Required

231-882-0554

This is the final year for free electronic recycling!



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Of Benzonia
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Please drop off Donations at our Benzonia office:
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (M-F)

2904 Benzie Hwy. ~ Benzonia, MI 49616
231-882-9952

Make a donation and receive \$5.00 off a 20LB cylinder fill at regular price
Collection Dates February 22, 2017 thru April 28, 2017



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
April 15th, 2017 Begins at 10 am SHARP

Come join us at Mineral Springs Park in downtown Frankfort. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:30 a.m. and will be available for pictures. The eggs are found quickly, so please be on time for this fun event.



Grief Group

Hope · Support · Comfort

Springtime is associated with renewal and new beginnings. For grieving people the promise of spring may seem empty and lonely. **How Do We Fill the Emptiness?** Let's talk about this question.

Please join us for our Grief Support meeting on Sunday, April 2, 3 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 955 James St, Frankfort. If you know someone grieving a loss we would be happy to contact them and invite them to this monthly meeting.

If you would like more information about the group, have questions, or need directions, call us at 231-399-0141. Please join us for conversation, coffee, cookies, and comfort. It just might help...

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!

Women's Fellowship



Please Remember in Prayer

The Families of:

Jennifer Classens Benoit
Ted Furber
Pat Mead
Karen Nostrandt
Sarah Nostrandt

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:
Moore Peregrine

The Maples:

Jan Condon
Beverly Matthews
The Pines:
Bea Gray

Ed Baldwin
Joanne Brown
Cindy Cartwright
Brenda Case
Sophie McLaren-Cobb
Bob Conrad
June Coolman
Pauline Grigg
Karen Hartman
Polly Herscher
Travis Holland
Teresa Kelly
Jane Logston
Robin Lundy
Melissa Masters
Brian Neuhardt
Jean Neuhardt
Jennifer Rinehart
John Ruckrich
Steve Salveter
Kristin Schauger
Wayne Smith
Students BCHS
Stuti & Rakesh
Art Weringa



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

On Tuesday, April 4, 2017 eat dinner at one of the partner restaurants, **The Fusion in Frankfort** or **Platte River Inn** in honor and 10% of your bill will be donated to **BACN**.



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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy April Fool Day!!!
2 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion & Sunday School Jim MacKenzie Molly Morris Crystal Rath	3 Trevor Chicky Steve Elrick Don Nugent Bill & Norma Bruinsma	4	5 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Class 4:00 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. No Choir Soua Yang	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 pm Outreach Bill Hirschfeld Candace & Dan Nostrandt	7	8 Margaret Bilsky Mary Jane Franklin
9 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Palm Sunday Maile Church Bev Kidder	10 Logan Judson	11 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting	12 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Phillip McKinnon Paul Osborn	14 Good Friday Daymian Tabbert	15 Addison Chownyk
16 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 & 2:45 pm Nursing Care Worship	17	18 Kylee Manning	19 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Shelby Anderson Tegan Chicky Rob Conrad	20 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Class	21 12:00 p.m. World Café Lunch Peggy Burns Jill Smeltzer	22 Earth Day
23 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Holy Humor Sunday Robbie Kolehmainen	24 9:00 a.m. Yoga Class Olivia Addis	25 4:30 p.m. Milarch Archangel Field Trip	26 9:30 a.m. HSC Meeting 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Nancy Reed	27 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association Mtg. Jean Ann Wolfe	28 Susan Lavender Sally Lavender- Hasseldahl Pat Luedders Steve Rath Kim Scripps	29 Bill Frostic
30 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Myra Elias Doug Somero	 3:00 p.m. 150th Series: Songs for Grownups					

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Announcements	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9	2	Jim MacKenzie	Mary Reed, Denis Crosby Ann & Paul Osborn	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.
Birthdays	1, 9	9	Robin MacKenzie	Jim & Robin MacKenzie Mary Ann Harness, Bill Hirschfeld	
Calendar	9				
Greeters	10	16	Becky Addis	Michael & Sharon Grajcar John & Kathy Walthorn	
Prayer List	8	23	Lauren Church	Alma House, Judy Grant Mary Reed, Marti Mollema	
Thank You's	4				
Ushers	10	30	Will Church	Jill Smeltzer, Donna Phillips Cooper Rath, Serenity Schulz	
Council Minutes	6				