

Steepleviews

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May 2017

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Kerry Buzzell
Jackson Deloria
Tyler Grant
Kristin Jackson
Dylan Prance-Jewell
- 02 Michael Grant
Julie Hirschfeld
- 03 Mary Bateman
Mariah Manning
Candace Nostrandt
- 05 Betty Webb
- 06 Mary Dykstra
Serenity Schulz
- 07 Liam Condon
Bob King
- 08 Jacob Grant
Gail Nugent
- 09 Alma House
Chia Yang
- 10 Bill McMillan
Michael Mendoza
- 13 Marijke Church
- 19 Tommy Mendoza
Dawn Schulz
Jill Smeltzer
Molly & Scott Harrison
- 20 Jared & Jordin Kelly
- 21 Becky & Matt Addis
- 22 Michael Elwell
- 24 Emily Lepke
Randy & Katherine Johnson
- 26 Rob Wolowiec
- 27 Donna Phillips
Faith & Jack Dulaney
- 28 Mike Boyd
Andy & Marti Mollema
- 29 Randy Johnson
Julie Morris
Sean Morris
- 30 Kathy Conrad
- 31 Bill & Jeanne McMillan

Catch These Coming Events!

May 2: Eat Out For BACN

May 14: Mother's Day

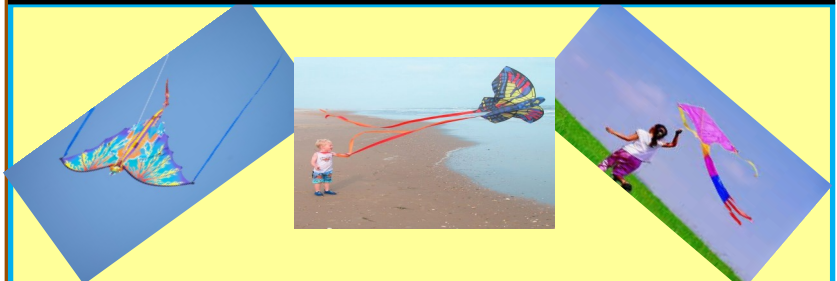
May 21: Baccalaureate

May 23: Milarch Tree Farm Trip

May 24: Bill's Bible Class Pt. 2

May 26: The Gathering

May 28: Education Sunday



Doesn't Spring make you think of flying Kites?

Kites were invented in China where materials ideal for kite building were readily available: silk fabric for sail material; fine, high-tensile-strength silk for flying line; and resilient bamboo for a strong, lightweight framework. By 549 AD, paper kites were certainly being flown, as it was recorded that in that year a paper kite was used as a message for a rescue mission. Ancient and medieval Chinese sources describe kites being used for measuring distances, testing the wind, lifting men, signaling, and communication for military operations.

Kites can be a source of community building and for breaking down barriers that typically prevent us from interacting.

NO WORDS ARE NEEDED TO FLY A KITE!

Pastor's Page

A moment for breathing a blessing....

Bless this new day whatever it may bring.

Bless my body and my mind
and all in me that is unknown.

Bless these woods I walk in.

Bless the trees and all
who seek shade and shelter there.

Bless these little mushrooms,
bless this dear little yellow one.

Bless the birds that tarry here,
and all the places they travel.

May the ducks on the brook carry
blessing to their farthest journeys
and bless those ponds as well.

Bless this path and all who walk on it.

Bless this road and all who drive by.

Bless the commuter train as it passes,
and everyone inside, and their days,

and their workplaces and all who meet them,
so the blessing spreads throughout the city.

Bless these people I pass on the road.

Bless whoever is beyond the ringing phone.

Bless my co-workers, and the strangers who
walk in.

May everyone who touches whatever I do,
even enemies, know blessing.

Bless you, giver of all this blessing.

Bless me, that I may be a fountain of
blessing,

a light of grace, all this day.

And at its end may I bless this day,
whatever it has brought,
and let you bless me to sleep.

-Steve Garnaas-Holmes

www.unfoldinglight.net

May God so bless all of us to be blessings
that ripple grace and peace and – blessing.

Benzie Area Remote Control Club Fun Fly & Swap Meet

BARC's Fun Fly & Swap Meet will be
Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the
Thompsonville Airport
starting at 10:00 a.m. and officially ending at
3:00 p.m., but you are welcome to fly until you
wear yourself out.



We are encouraging all pilots
and builders to bring a table,
back of vehicle, or a booth so
they can sell and or trade
remote control planes, parts,
tools, and building supplies.
Last year the swap meet was a
great success; a lot of pilots
were walking around with
new and used plane parts and
smiles on their faces. There
will not be a food vendor at
the fun fly. Bring your own
beverages and food in a cooler
or you can go to restaurants
nearby in Thompsonville or at
Crystal Mountain.

It's Time for A Gathering Of the Peeps!



Friday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Dick and Joann Brown's
& Signe Ruddy's home.

Bring your own beverage and a food thing
to share, and we can catch up on all the
winter news.

Bill's Bible Study

May 24, 2017

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m.

How We Got Here, Pt. 2
From the Pilgrims to Frankfort

Bill Hirschfeld's two-part topics
fall under the celebration of our
150th anniversary.

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.

May is First Congregational Church's Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Month

Join us in thanking our amazing
Sunday School Teachers for all their
loving time with our youth.

Becky Addis
Rob Burch
Lauren & Will Church
Naomi Kolehmainen
Jim & Robin
MacKenzie
&
Nursery Attendant
Mary Reed



First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

14th Publication

In Benzie County before 1870, one of
our charter members, Victory Satterlee
and his father, Salmon, were early
investors in the area. They built the
area's first hotel, a two-story frame
structure on the corner of 3rd and
Main St. at Crystal Lake. This building
was later known as the National
Hotel, and is now known as the Old
Court House in Beulah.

An illustration featuring the words "Thank You" in a cursive, gold-colored font. Below the text is a green picket fence with purple flowers and green foliage in the background.

Thank You

- **Robin MacKenzie** for her beautiful “covering” of the parlor piano. It looks so professional.
- **Marti Mollema** for helping to search for appropriately sized photos for this, that and the other. It takes time and she never grumbles about it at all. Thanks, too, for the work on the new brochure.
- **Larry & Jean Neuhardt** for helping to hang sanctuary banners.
- **To all who donated flowers** to adorn our Easter Resurrection service. Your generosity made for beautiful worship.
- **Ann Osborn & Mary Ann Harness** for the new wreaths on the church doors (even if the robins want to make a nest in them!)
- **Serenity Schulz** for the “tomb planters” she made for the church. They are a delightful gift to all of us.
- **To all who helped** with the Holy Week and Easter details. From flowers to banners and treats to your attendance, it was a really good Lent and Easter!
- **Pat Kinske & Marti Mollema** for the whimsical altar decorating for Holy Humor Sunday. It was truly something to crow about.

The word "Congratulations" is written in a large, purple, cursive font. The text is surrounded by several purple stars of varying sizes and some purple streamers, all set against a light pink background.

Congratulations

- **Kathy Baldwin Bingham!** Lady’s Island Middle School’s Support Staff Person of the Year!
- Great-Grandpa **Jim Buzzell** on the birth of Ezra Patrick Buzzell – 9 lbs. 10 oz. and 22 inches long, born on April 12. He’s the new son of Sarah and Peter Buzzell and little brother to Benjamin, Oliver and Henry.
- Ypsilanti, MI – Lincoln High School senior **Lake MacKenzie** was recently recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution for good citizenship. Lake is the granddaughter of Jim & Robin MacKenzie.
- **Clark Robinson**, son of Paul & Julie, who has been promoted to Staff Sargent in the National Guard. Clark’s new assignment will take him and his family to Jefferson City, Missouri. Good luck to all of them on their new chapter in life!!!
- John & Rosemary Abbett whose grandson, **Elijah Bingham**, will be graduating from boot camp on June 9th at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Go Elijah!!!

The word "Congratulations!" is written in a purple, cursive font. Above the text are several yellow stars of varying sizes, and a small yellow star is positioned to the right of the word.

Congratulations!

Council Notes

There were 11 Council Members at the April 12, 2017 Council Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Council Chair, Larry Neuhardt followed by the Opening Prayer.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

Offerings for March: **\$9,085.35**

Expenses for March: **\$9,786.07**

Carry over for March: **- \$1,935.46**

Committee Reports

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

Finance: Judy Welch - No report.

Investment: Dinah Haag for Andrea Frost - No report, but the Committee will be meeting with RW Baird in May.

Constitution & By-Laws: Mary Ann Harness - No report.

Missions: Myra Elias - No report; the balance in the account is \$1,591.71.

Nominating: Larry Neuhardt - No report.

Outreach: Judy Grant/Myra Elias - No report.

Sesquicentennial: Andy Mollema/Myra Elias - 1) The polo shirt order has been processed with 77 shirts ordered for a total cost of \$1,084.00; and 2) There is a slight concern over having enough servers for the July 23 catered luncheon.

Personnel: Myra Elias - No report.

Property: Dinah Haag for Andrea Frost - 1) Will Church has been in touch regarding the construction of the altar railing and a redo of the lowest step in the balcony ; 2) The Committee will be obtaining two more bids for sanctuary air conditioning; and 3) Loose shingles were noticed on or near the front of the church and Will Church will check on this.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - No report.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - Bill's Bible Study, "From the New Testament to the Pilgrims" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 pm with dinner preceding at 5:30 pm.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) Our commissioned anthem piece will be delivered on June 25 and premiered on July 23. 2) A Maundy Thursday Service will be at 5:30 on April 13. 3) The "Alleluia" banner is to be hung prior to Easter Sunday's service. 4) Nursing Home Worship Services will be held on Easter Sunday afternoon. 5) Holy Humor Sunday Hoedown will be April 23. 6) The Committee is hoping our kids can draw bulletin covers for Mother's Day and Father's Day worship services. 7) The two major Sesquicentennial Worship Events will be the Revival Service on June 11 and the 150th Celebration on July 23.

Historian: Al Bryant - No report.

Pastor's Report - Dinah Haag - Report submitted. Under Miscellaneous, there was discussion on continued support for the NACCC, the MCCCC, and the WMCCC. The contributions have never been properly put into the Budget, and Dinah feels our Church needs to support these organizations. Andy Mollema made the motion that we give the recommended yearly amounts of \$150.00 to the NACCC, \$100.00 to the MCCCC, and \$50.00 to the WMCCC; Myra Elias seconded the motion. Motion carried. Andy will make the decision on where these contributions will be placed within the Budget.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Respectfully submitted,

Ann





Grief Support

loving support for those who are hurting

The Grief Support Group will meet for conversation and lunch on Monday, May 1, 11:30 AM at the home of Doug and Carol Luther at 104 George ST, Frankfort. Please let them know if you plan to attend.

If you know someone grieving a loss we would be happy to contact them and invite them to one of our meetings. If you would like more information about the group or have questions, call Carol or Doug Luther (Group Leaders) at 399-0141.

Empire Asparagus Festival May 19-20, 2017

Live Music & Pig Roast
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Pig Roast is \$11 per person

Kick Yer Ass-paragus 5K Fun Run
starts at 10:00 a.m.

Asparagus Cook-Off Recipe Contest 12 pm

Due to the popularity of this event, the audience will be limited to the first 80 people in line.

Asparagus Parade 1:30 pm

Please Remember in Prayer

Acklin family member

Ed Baldwin

Anita & Rusty

Bateman

Nora Bungard

Sharon Campbell

Owen Canavan

Brenda Case

Will Colby

June Coolman

Marnie Curtis

Grace Dulaney

Danielle Gardner

Melissa Grant

Karen Hartman

Travis Holland

Teresa Kelly

Daniel Kinney

Lori Lalas

Lawrence family

Robin Lundy

Michelle Masters

Sophie McLaren-Cobb

Bill Middleton

Jim Murray

Brian Neuhardt

Jean Neuhardt

June Roen

John Ruckrich

Steve Salveter

Kristin Schauger

Wayne Smith

Students BCHS

The Families of:

Pooge & Jean Adams

Cynthia Cartwright

Ron Donnenberg

Jeremiah Kochis

Tom Metes

Senior Living:

Orchard House:

Pat Hessler

Susie Vigland

POLAR:

John Abbett

Charlie Holtrey

Sue Koekel

The Homesteader:

Moore Peregrine

The Maples:

Jan Condon

Beverly Matthews

The Pines:

Bea Gray



Dine Out For Benzie Area

Christian Neighbors

On Tuesday, May 2, 2017, eat dinner at one of the partner restaurants, **Geno's Sports Bar & Grill in Thompsonville** or

Stormcloud Brewing Co. in Frankfort and 10% of your bill will be donated to **BACN**.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>Kerry Buzzell Jackson Deloria Tyler Grant Kristin Jackson Dylan Prance- Jewel</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Michael Grant Julie Hirschfeld</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Class 4:00 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. No Choir</p> <p>Mary Bateman Mariah Manning Candace Nostrandt</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 pm Outreach</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Betty Webb</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Mary Dykstra Serenity Schulz</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Liam Condon Bob King</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga Class</p> <p>Jacob Grant Gail Nugent</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</p> <p>Alma House Chia Yang</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga</p> <p>Bill McMillan Michael Mendoza</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Marijke Church</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga Class</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. 150th Fine Arts Series: They Wrote of Michigan</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8-2:00 p.m. Invasive Species Luncheon Tommy Mendoza Dawn Schulz Jill Smeltzer Molly & Scott Harrison</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Jared & Jordin Kelly</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 1:00 p.m. Baccalaureate</p> <p>Matt & Becky Addis</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Yoga Class</p> <p>Michael Elwell</p>	<p>23</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Milarch Archangel Field Trip</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Class Pt 2 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association Mtg.</p> <p>Emily Lepke Randall & Katherine Johnson</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5-7:00 p.m. The Gathering At the Browns</p> <p>Rob Wolowiec</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Donna Phillips Faith & Jack Dulaney</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Education Sunday</p> <p>Mike Boyd Andy & Marti Mollema</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Yoga Class</p> <p>Randall Johnson Julie Morris Sean Morris</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Kathy Conrad</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Bill & Jeanne McMillan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">New Address for Bob Conrad Brookdale Medina North 49-A Leisure Lane Medina, OH 44256</p>		

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Anniversaries	1, 7				
Announcements	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8,	7	Naomi Kolehmainen	Sue King, Signe Ruddy Paul & Julie Robinson	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, 7	14	Rob Burch	Billie Beyette & Ron Wardwell Cooper Rath, Serenity Schulz	
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Ushers	8	28	Robin MacKenzie	Michael & Sharon Grajcar Jim & Robin MacKenzie	
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