

# Steepleviews

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June 2017

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 John & Rosemary Abbett
- 02 Hugh & Pat Hessler
- 03 Liz Acklin  
Kendra Nuske
- 06 Patty Pohlman  
Kim & Stuart Scripps
- 08 MaiKou Yang  
Julie & Paul Robinson
- 09 John & Mary Bateman
- 10 Luke Reed  
Crystal & Steve Rath
- 11 Bob Condon
- 14 Liz & Roy Acklin
- 15 Carla Mendoza  
Elizabeth Steigerwald  
Paula Steigerwald  
Don & Gail Nugent
- 16 Cristian Cortes
- 17 Donna & Ron Phillips
- 18 Jane Tarnecki
- 19 John & Mary Bateman
- 20 Cassie & Chuck Henry
- 21 PaYia Yang
- 25 John Ruckrich  
Jeff & Michelle Frostic
- 26 Carolyn Lalas  
Jennie Schmitt  
Eva Strom  
Liz & Tony Ponce de Leon
- 27 Julian Cortes  
Rachel & Ryan St. John
- 28 Connie Bennehoff  
Robin Somero
- 29 Marilyn Switzer
- 30 Michael Grajcar

## Catch These Coming Events!

- June 06: Dine Out for BACN
- June 10: Don Jones Jam Session
- June 11: Barbershop Worship, Time Capsule Dedication & Potluck
- June 14: Flag Day
- June 17: Frankfort Art Fair & Car Show
- June 18: Father's Day

Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir

150th Anniversary  
Barbershop  
Worship Service  
featuring

And Potluck!

## The Four Man Fishing Tackle Choir



Sunday  
June 11, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

First Congregational Church of Frankfort, MI  
425 Forest Ave., 231-352-7909 [www.fccfrankfort.org](http://www.fccfrankfort.org)  
All are welcome to join us!

150 years and counting: the lighted spire, the enlightened Word,  
a welcome haven.

# Pastor's Page

Sunday, June 11, 2017 will be a day I hope few of us will easily forget! For lack of a better title, I came up with a Barbershop Worship Service, because, well, we'll have a Barbershop Quartet leading our worship that day. The specific group is the Four Man Fishin' Tackle Choir, and their reputation as professional musicians and delightful entertainers precedeth them. Despite the fact that their Lead singer now lives in Brainard, MN, Tenor Mark Wilson, Baritone Tracy Ulrich and Bass Neil Nugent decided to brush up their gospel tunes and bring us God's message in ways we don't usually hear. But that's only part of the reason it will be a great day.

The second reason I think it will be a great day is because that during the service, we will dedicate a time capsule, but not just any time capsule. A good many capsules, made of indestructible materials, are built into a corner stone of a church. Our capsule is being crafted of wood, in the shape of a 3-4 foot by 12-16 inch square cabinet that will serve as a piece of furniture in the sanctuary. It will be available for weddings (as a unity candle or memory candle stand), for funerals (as a flower stand) or any other job we can assign it. But that's only part of the reason it will be a great day.

That's because, as a part of the service, we are asking you to bring something to add to the time capsule. What could someone, 100-150 years from now, possibly want to know about me? I'm glad you asked.

Here are some ideas: a family tree, a copy of your favorite cd or dvd, your business card (if you have one), a picture of your and/or

your family, an old cell phone (with charger, of course), a movie or concert stub, stamps, a handwritten note, a kid's Happy Meal box, some money, a watch, whatever you think would be cool to add to our collection. (Just remember that liquids or food items are probably not going to make it that long.)

If you have kids, ask them for something that they'd like to contribute, because we want the folks "down the road" to know that our kids are an important part of our church family, too. But that's only part of the reason it will be a great day.

The big reason I think June 11 will be a great day is not just that we will be looking at our past (faith), but we will be making a real, personal investment into our future (faith).

We may save money for the future, we may make a will or a living trust for "that time." But we may not think too much beyond children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces or nephews. On June 11, we will be giving thought to generations beyond us, people we will never know, and bestowing them with an insight into how we were involved in continuing the ministry of this church family.

The greatness of that day will continue after the service at a potluck in the church dining room. Like the earliest Christians, we will "break bread" as we deepen our relationships with each other as members of God's family. If you and yours can possibly be a part of June 11, that would be awesome. If you and yours can be a part of any other day, that would be just as wonderful.

What a blessed bunch of people! Shalom.

- Pastor Dinah



## Congratulations High School Seniors!

- Lauren Church (Benzie Central)  
*Parents: Marijke & Will Church*
- Carlisle Clevenger (Arizona)  
*Parents: Jeff Clevenger & Andrea Robinson*
- Jaxon Grant (Florida)  
*Parents: Dave & Melissa Grant*
- Cecelia Schmitt (Frankfort)  
*Parents: Jennie & Rick Schmitt*
- Devin Bruinsma (Holland, MI)  
*Grandparents: Bill & Norma Bruinsma*
- Alexis VanDeWeg (Holland, MI)  
*Grandparents: Bill & Norma Bruinsma*
- Let us know if you have someone to add!*

## Our Deepest Sympathies To The Families Of

Pooge & Jean Adams,  
 Cynthia Cartwright, Ron Fleminger,  
 Tom Metes, CG Schindler,  
 Doc (Bill) Wagner

### June is First Congregational Church's Usher Appreciation Month

Thank you to all those folks who donate their time to welcome visitors and hand out bulletins, gather the collection, and share a few smiles. When folks are new, you help them find a spot quickly so they don't feel so conspicuous. When the service has already started, you keep your eye open for those who may have missed receiving a bulletin. You keep an eye out for those who may need to find a quick drink of water.



Yours is a vastly underappreciated job, but so very important in helping people want to come again. You are all appreciated

## First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

15th Publication

In 1937, our church received some much needed improvements:

- A new large kitchen sink
- New cupboards
- A tank and tank heater
- New paper on the dining room ceiling



Thank You

- Those who helped with the reception after the April 150th Fine Arts Series reception. It was a really nice time of fellowship. Congratulations to the performers for such a delightful afternoon!
- John Walthorn & Warren Wells for fixing the parsonage porch skirting.
- Matt Addis for turning on the watering system and repairing the dings that have happened since their last repairs.
- Randy Johnson for fixing the old pew in the nursery. Now people can sit on it and feel safe!
- Pat Kinske for putting together the display for the Christmas ornaments. Now, if people will purchase them....
- Bill Hirschfeld for another great Bible Study on Congregationalism. And thank you, too, to all who brought cookies, salads and all the other goodies.
- Andrea Frost and John Walthorn for moving a wet carpet piece out of the parsonage basement after a watering system valved leaked.

**Bob Conrad's New Address:**

30 Leisure Lane  
Medina, OH 44256



Congratulations

- Cassie and Chuck Henry on the birth of John Arthur on Tue. May 9. He came in at 7 lbs., 9 oz, and 20 inches long. He's definitely a sweetie!
- Devon Lalas on the position of Assistant Director of Student Success for CASE (Center for Academic Success and Enrichment) at MCPHS University in Boston, and graduating with his Master's degree from Western Carolina University.
- Evan Kneisel on his graduation from Albion College. Evan is Marvelee's grandson and Andy and Kim's son.
- Lauren Church for being voted Prom Queen at Benzie Central High School this spring! You are a real queen of the heart!
- Jane and Roger Schultz and family on family member Mellisa Schultz's doctoral graduation. She's the first in their family with such a degree.
- Dr. Daniel Lautenbach on his doctoral graduation. Proud parents are Dan and Helen.
- Ryan McNamara (son of Beth and Mike and grandson of Joan Miller) on his graduation with honors from Baylor University.

# Council Notes

## **There were 11 Council Members at the May 10, 2017 Council Meeting.**

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

First in the order of business was a presentation by Ed Schindler of RW Baird on the status of our investment portfolio. Ed distributed charts to Council members for review and explanation; the Church's funds are in good shape. The balance is \$672,000.00, with 60% of our funds invested in stocks and 40% invested in bonds. We have withdrawn approximately \$132,000.00 since we first invested in March of 2011. Thank you to Ed for attending our meeting and giving us his report.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

Offerings for April:	\$7,816.00
Expenses for April	\$8,163.37
Carry over for April:	-\$2,280.83

### **Committee Reports**

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

Finance: Judy Welch - see Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost - see RW Baird/Ed Schindler Report

Constitution and By-Laws: Mary Ann Harness - no report

Missions: Myra Elias - no report; the balance in this account is \$1,082.87.

Nominating: Larry Neuhardt - no report

Outreach: Judy Grant/Myra Elias - discussion has begun on getting people involved in the July 4 Hot Dog Sale.

Sesquicentennial: Andy Mollema - shirts are in from Fieldcraft; Andy brought both a Children's and an Adult's shirt for Council to see. They now have to be processed for distribution and payment.

Personnel: Myra Elias - no report

Property: Andrea Frost/Mary Reed - 1) The Committee will be getting estimates for carpet cleaning; 2) Still investigating air conditioning for the Sanctuary; 3) Measuring has been done for the altar railing; 4) The Parsonage and Church need to be power washed; and 5) Discussion on finding a person or persons who could do small maintenance jobs for the Church. A motion was made by Al Bryant that the Property Committee investigate and obtain a list of names of those people we could hire for maintenance/repair jobs as needed; Judy Grant seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Religious Education: Dinah Haag for Bill Hirschfeld - 1) Bill's Bible Study and Dinner is scheduled for May 24 at 5:30; and 2) Education Sunday is May 28 with recognition given to graduating seniors and our Sunday School teachers and kids.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - no report

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) The banners are still in the process of being photographed plus we will investigate a better storage system for them; 2) The month of May will focus on a sermon series entitled "The Abundance of God"; 3) Gifts in honor of Mother's Day and Father's Day will be given to the Baby Pantry as in past years; and 4) Upcoming events include: Baccalaureate service on May 21 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Education Sunday on May 28, and Pentecost and Communion Sunday on June 4.

Historian: Al Bryant - no report, but Al is working on a couple of projects.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted, noting that prior to the June 11 Revival Service, people may bring in items they wish to put in our Time Capsule for its dedication.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



## Grief Support

loving support for those who are hurting

Our Grief Support Group will meet at the home of Carol and Doug Luther (104 George Street, Frankfort) on Sunday, June 4, at 3:00 PM.

When you experience a loss you experience stress and it can affect many aspects of your life. Let's talk about "Coping With Loss, Grief, and Stress." Please join us for coffee, cookies, conversation, and comfort. If you would like more information or would like us to contact a friend or family member dealing with a loss, please call Carol or Doug Luther at 231-399-0141.



# Come Fly with Us!

**Come Fly with Us**

The Benzie County  
Community Chorus

Sounds of Summer  
2017 Concert Series  
7:30 p.m.

The Mills Community  
House Theatre  
Benzonia, MI

**June 24, 25 & 26  
July 8, 9 & 10**

Tickets

\$15 General Admission  
\$10 Students 16 & Under

For reservations,  
call 231.399-.0242  
or visit

[www.benziechorus.org](http://www.benziechorus.org)

## Please Remember in Prayer

Acklin family member

Ralph Annis

Ed Baldwin

Anita & Rusty

Bateman

Courtney Battle

Gayle Brown

Portia Young Butler

Sharon Campbell

Owen Canavan

Brenda Case

Will Colby

Marnie Curtis

Grace Dulaney

Ashlynn Faber

Danielle Gardner

Michael Grajcar

Melissa Grant

Karen Hartman

Travis Holland

Teresa Kelly

Daniel Kinney

Freddie Kolehmainen

Lori Lalas

Robin Lundy

Michelle Masters

Kim McClaren

Sophie McLaren-Cobb

Jim Murray

Brian Neuhardt

Paul Osborn

Marjorie Porter

Luke Reed

St. Andrew's Church

Kristin Schauger

Wayne Smith

Students BCHS

Lisa Walthorn

### 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

#### **The Homesteader:**

Moore Peregrine

#### **The Maples:**

Jan Condon

Beverly Matthews

#### **The Pines:**

Bea Gray



**Dine Out For  
Benzie Area  
Christian Neighbors**

On Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Eat dinner  
at one of the partner restaurants,

**Watervale Inn in Arcadia  
& Coho Café in Frankfort**  
and 10% of your bill will  
be donated to BACN.



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## June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 pm Outreach John &	2 4:00 p.m. Ollerich-Thomas Rehearsal  Hugh & Pat Hessler	3 4:00 p.m. Ollerich-Thomas Wedding, Watervale  Liz Acklin Kendra Nuske
4 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Worship, Communion & Sunday School Go ahead, wear red!	5 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class  Patty Pohlman Kim & Stuart Scripps	6 <div style="border: 2px solid yellow; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Eat Out for BACN Watervale Inn &amp; Coho Cafe</div>	7 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. No	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga  Julie & Paul Robinson MaiKou Yang	9 5:00 p.m. Valenti-How Rehearsal  John & Mary Bateman	10 5:00 p.m. Valenti-How Wedding, FCCF  Luke Reed Crystal & Steve Rath
11 <div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">10:30 a.m. Barbershop Worship &amp; Time Capsule Dedication</div> Bob Condon	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class	13 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	14 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga  Carla Mendoza Elizabeth Steigerwald Paula Steigerwald Don & Gail Nugent	16   Christian Cortes	17  Frankfort Art Fair  Donna & Ron Phillips
18 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  Happy Father's Day 2:00 & 2:45 p.m. Nursing Care Worship Jane Tarnecki	19 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class  John & Mary Bateman	20  First Day of Summer  Cassie & Chuck Henry	21 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class  7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  PaYia Yang	22 9:30 a.m. Yoga	23	24
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Happy Father's Day

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Birthdays	1, 7	<b>11</b>		Bill Hirschfeld, Donna Phillips Betty & Fred Milliron	
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