

Steepleviews

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July 2018

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 06 Eliza Frary
- 07 Becky Addis
David J. Grant
Lois Martindale
Andrea Robinson
- 08 Chia & Sua Yang
- 09 Ralph Jackson
- 12 Joan Miller
- 13 Mason Rath
- 17 Laurel Rath
Ruth Forrest
- 20 Albe Elias
Ryan McNamara
- 24 Tristan Chicky
Carol Penfold-Patterson
- 26 Peyton Clevenger
David J. Grant
Polo Mendoza
Trish Strom
- 28 Judy Welch
Jean & Larry Neuhardt
- 29 Dick Brown
- 30 Fred Milliron
- 31 Rick Schmitt

4th of July Parade

We need riders and walkers to carry the sign and hand out goodies. Not all of us can say that they have been in an old-fashioned parade.

So here's your chance!

Catch These Coming Events

- July 4** Parade & Koegel Hot Dog Sale
- July 8 & 9th** Benzie Community Chorus "A Day At The Beach" at Benzie Central High School
- July 19- Aug 3rd** Pastor Dinah on vacation



**It's fun AND
A service
to the community!**

Koegel Hot Dog Sale Sign-up Lists
are on the
Church Dining Room Counter

Pastor's Page

Each day I get a new poem from a really insightful guy, Steven Garnaas-Holmes. The one that he posted a few days back so struck me, I stashed it away to share with all of you. May God use it to bless your heart, and if you are married, your relationship, too.

Recently Beth and I celebrated our 38th anniversary. Faith is a lot like a long marriage. It takes time. It takes commitment. It gives more than it takes. There are good, easy times, and some hard ones. You learn to trust that. You learn to trust the Beloved. You learn to trust yourself. You learn to think of the Beloved more than you think of yourself. You learn. It's not a thing you have, it's a way you live, a way you be yourself, a way you grow, entwined with another, evoked, reflected. You come to see yourself more clearly, more blessed, more gifted, more beloved. You learn the long road of forgiveness. You discover the walled garden of vulnerability, the power of letting go, the sweet fruit of gentleness. You learn the thousand shapes of love. You share in something eternal. You experience the grace and gratitude of making something grand together neither of you could have done alone. Every day, you say thanks.

Deep Blessings,
Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Unfolding Light www.unfoldinglight.net

"The People Who Stayed"

We recently received a letter from Libby Little-Saxton which we wanted to share with the congregation.

The letter was as follows:

Dear Ministry Partners at
First Congregational

Thank you over the years for your good support, prayers & interest in our work in Afghanistan. That chapter of my life is coming to a close this month. I'll be joining the ranks of "volunteer" and spending a little more time with family.

Thank you and God bless you!

Libby and her husband, Tom, spent many years in Afghanistan. Tom was an Ophthalmologist and provided care to the local Afghan people who otherwise would have gone without. Their three daughters were born there.

Unfortunately, Tom was shot by the Taliban and Libby then returned home

to the US. She spent her time still working and touring the United States to promote InterServe. After returning to the US, Libby met and married a

long-time friend. Tom & Libby attended our church periodically and were embraced and loved by our congregation. Because of the long period of time volunteering in Afghanistan, Tom & Libby were known there as

"The People Who Stayed"

Thanks

- Bill Frostic for all the handyman projects he so willingly completed
- Thank you to: Randy Johnson for repairing and re-staining a little side table at the church that was so sad and decrepit. It is much happier and will be useful in so many ways.
- All who helped with the hosting of the St. Croix Falls High School Music students on their loop tour. They fell in love with you and the area and want to come back. Life-long impacts are sometimes as easy as making something for a potluck or opening your home to a young person. Special thanks to Luann Elwell for going extra yards in housing and accommodating!

July is First Congregational Church's Greeter's Appreciation Month

To all of the Greeters who help us by being the first point of contact – with your bright smiles and happy handshakes, you make everyone feel warm and welcomed – thank you for all you do! **You** are greatly appreciated!!!



Congratulations!

- On your graduation from high school:
 - ◇ Skylar Brodbent, daughter of Tamara Stokes
 - ◇ Maile Church, daughter of Marijke & Will Church, with honors
 - ◇ Madison Keller, granddaughter of Kathy & Denis Crosby
 - ◇ Polo Mendozo, son of PaYai Yang
 - ◇ Brandon Nostrandt, grandson of Candace and Dan
 - ◇ Zach Osborn, grandson of Ann & Paul Osborn
 - ◇ Jake Reed - son of Matt & Nancy Reed, with honors and a personal record in the shot put, beating his previous PR by almost 2 feet, placing him in 10th place all-time shotput at Benzie!
 - ◇ Peyton Schindler, son of Amy & Ed Schindler, with honors
- Luke Reed has been named to the Alma College Winter 2018 Dean's List
- Devan Lalas, grandson of Carolyn and Jim, on singing the National Anthem at the Detroit/Boston Red Sox game on Friday June 8. What an honor!
- Serenity Schulz for receiving the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence for getting all A's for the whole year. Serenity was 1 of 9 out of the 40 members of the 2024 class!

Correction: Jacob Grant ran at a National Track meet in Gulf Shores, AL

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There were 11 Council Members at the June 13, 2018 Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

1. Offerings for May	\$ 6,584.00
2. Expenses for May	\$ 8,548.85
3. Carryover for May	\$ 5,493.87

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch – no report.

Investment: Andrea Frost – see Treasurer's Report/Baird Account Detail Sheet

Missions: Andy Mollema - This account remains fully funded

Outreach: Myra Elias 1) Judy Grant will obtain the food license for our hot dog sale. 2) The hot dog sale work signup sheets are in the process.

Property: Dinah Haag for Mary Reed 1) Milarch will landscape the front of the church next week; 2) New electrical and timer switches are to be installed; 3) C&N Properties will be power washing the north end of the church and the parsonage and shampooing the roof and spraying for spiders; 4) New storm windows for the sanctuary stained glass windows is still a work in progress with the hope that the church's front and side doors can be restored as well; 5) The sanctuary air conditioning survey taken two months ago proved inconclusive, so this project is still up for further review this summer; and 6) All church carpets will be cleaned this Saturday, June 16.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - Sunday School Sunday with a thank you to our teachers

was held on June 10. 2) Bill's Bible Study has been rescheduled for sometime in the fall.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed – checking account balance: \$884.47; CD balance: \$3,114.77 with interest to date of \$3.22; donation to the 4th of July Hot Dog Sale: \$200.00

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted

Unfinished Business: 1) Operation Care, a proposed outreach program for those persons who are ill or unable to attend our services, will be revisited and hopefully revamped a bit. 2) Discussion on food banks and summer lunches for kids in Benzie County – Frankfort has a summer food program, and Judy Welch will check as to what Benzie Central is doing. Our church will also be participating in the "Food for Fuel" program with the Methodist Church in the fall.

New Business: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

Ideas/Suggestions for our Steepleviews are Welcome!



We are always open to informational articles that you may want to share with our congregation.

Service & Donation Hours Mon - Thu
10:00am to 2:00 pm
Office Hours Mon -
Thu 8:00am to
4:00pm



A Message from

BACN

We love donations!

Due to current space constraints, we are now only able to accept donations of quality clothing, linens (sheets, towels, blankets) and basic kitchen items such as dishes, cutlery, pots and pans. When donations are brought to us, we check that they meet the certain criteria: Is the clothing appropriate for the current season?

Is the fabric in good condition?
(not stained, faded, pilled or ripped)

Is the garment in good repair?
(not torn, missing buttons, etc.)

Have garments been washed and ready to hang on racks?
(We can't wash or iron items.)

Please be patient with us as we narrow our focus. BACN's hallmark of service is dignity and respect. So for now, we only have the ability to accept basic kitchen needs and clothing that our Neighbors will be able to wear with the same sense of pride as we do our own clothing.

The Benzie County Community Chorus will present their SOUND OF SUMMER concerts for 2018 in June and July. Working since February on music representing "A Day At The Beach," the Chorus can't wait to share with you the songs reminiscent of tabletop jukeboxes, T-birds, sunshine, and good old-fashioned fun. From the Beach Boys to The Eagles, Broadway to anthems, the chorus members have been delighted with the music and are eager to share the show with you.

Join us for
A Day at the Beach
June 23, 24, 25, July 8 & 9
7:30 p.m.

The Benzie County Community Chorus Presents
Our 2018 Summer Concert Series
Benzie Central High School Auditorium
Benzonia, MI

Tickets
\$15 General Admission
\$10 Students 16 and under

For reservations, call 231-399-0292
or visit benziechorus.org

PUB THEOLOGY AT STORMCLOUD

The Sunday afternoon conversations at the Stormcloud Brewery in Frankfort continue from 4 to 5 p.m. A variety of topics are chosen for discussion, as people are invited to think seriously about theological issues. 10 to 12 folks have attended, with pastors Christian and Jodi Barons (St. Phillip's) and Rick Stieve (Trinity Lutheran) helping to lead the thoughtful discussions with people from a variety of religious backgrounds .

Pub Theology





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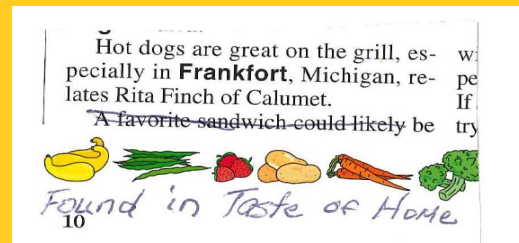
We are planning a bulletin board of military photos whether they be of fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, grams or gramps or near relatives. We plan to display them on a July 4th bulletin board for a short period of time. We will handle them carefully before turning them back to you. So, if you would like to be part of this project, please have the photos to us by the last week of June. This will be a combined effort to honor those who have served our country so well.

Please Remember in Prayer

Roy Acklin
 Pat Blackmer
 Dawn Bonderenko
 Kerry Buzzell
 Teri Carlson
 Susie Carter
 Lowell Corbin
 *Denis Crosby
 Doug Ehle
 Harry Gardner
 Tyler Grant
 Marsha Hagen
 Pat Hessler
 Paul Holland
 Michelle Master
 George McHugh
 Susie Neuhardt
 Amy Nugent
 Dawn O'Connell Sidney
 Olsen
 Marilyn Payne
 Ron Phillips
 Kate Polermo
 Marjorie Porter
 *Arlene Prepjechal
 Ed/Sandy Scarbrough
 Matt Schulz

Shelley Scripps
 Annie Tift
 Jenny Webb
 Jordy Yarwood
Continued Prayers:
 Roy Acklin
 Ed Baldwin
 Julie Barrera
 Dick Brown
 Joanne Brown
 Catherine Cline
Young Adults:
 Courtney Battle
 Liv Buzzell
 Jacob Grant
 Jaxon Grant
 Jessie Grant
 Alison Harris
Youth:
 Evin Elias
 Michael Ellul
 Sophia Ellul
 Annalisia Frieholtz
 Trever Frieholtz
 Bailey Grant
 John Henry
 Jetta Kelly

This little article was found by
 Mary Reed in the
 Taste of Home magazine!
 Yeah Frankfort!!!



(Hot dogs are great on the grill, especially in Frankfort, Michigan, relates Rita Finch of Calumet).
 Found in Taste of Home

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship	2 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Class	3 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Class	4 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 10:00 a.m. Koegel Hot Dog Sale & Parade Happy Independence Day!	5 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class (& 9:30, 12:30, 6:00) 9:30 a.m. Yoga 2:00 p.m. Worship Comm. 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg.	6 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 10:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Eliza Frary	7 Becky Addis David Grant Lois Martindale Andrea Robinson
8 10:30 a.m. Worship Frederick Porter Celebration of Life 1:00 p.m. Chia & Sua Yang	9 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Ralph Jackson	10 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	11 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. No Choir	12 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class (& 9:30, 12:30, 6:00) 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group Joan Miller	13 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 10:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Don Nugent Celebration of Life 1 p.m.	14 Suzanne Reising Celebration of Life 11 a.m.
15 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. POLAR Worship 2:45 p.m. Maples Worship	16 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Class	17 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Ruth Forest Laurel Rath	18 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 7:30 p.m. No Choir	19 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class (& 9:30, 12:30, 6:00) 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	20 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 10:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Albe Elias Ryan McNamara	21 Pastor Dinah on Vacation
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