Steepleviews

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September 2016



- Dan Lautenbach
 Albie & Myra Elias
- 3 Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero
- 4 Carlisle Clevenger
- 5 Will Church Michelle Frostic Julie & Mike Morris
- 6 Nora Bungard Kyah Robinson
- 7 Eric Buzzell Frank Ikens
- 10 Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby
- 11 Mary & Tom Osborn
- 12 Bob & Sue King
- 14 Betty & Fred Milliron
- 16 Carol Ehle
- 17 Missi Gilbert
- 18 Hannah Frary Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath
- 19 Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald
- 20 Saskia Von Wolferen Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter
- 22 Devin Gokey
- 25 Bea Gray
- 26 Sarah Chownyk
- 27 Tom Osborn Jason & Naomi Kolehmainen
- 28 Nancy Simmons Johnny & Kendra Nuske
- 29 Mary Osborn Cecelia Schmitt

Catch These Coming Events!

September 3 Jackson-Sole

Wedding

September 5 Happy Labor Day

September 8 Ladies Lunch at

the Cherry Hut

September 11 Blessing of the Backpacks &

First Day of Sunday School

September 11 Dan Straubel Memorial

Golf Outing

September 11 Grandparents Day

September 15 Bill's Bible Study: Acts



September 11th will be our annual

Blessing of the Backpacks & First Day of Sunday School.

Please join us as we bless our youth and wish them well as they head back to school. If you know kids that don't have a church home, feel free to invite them to join us!



Pastor's Page



They aren't like the Prodigal Son who was lost and then found, but they were surely "found!" Julie Hirschfeld heard the story about Myra Elias' great-grandmother drowning while walking across Crystal Lake. Julie recollected a similar story from a friend she knew who lives in California. Yes, Myra and Bud Oliver (wife's name is Ann) share the same grandmother, so they are long lost cousins, brought together for the first time, via our church. When God sends us to find the lost, God's not kidding!



Speaking of our 150th, we have opportunities for you to

commemorate this great event!

The first item is a **Christmas ornament!** (We know it's early, but this event happens just once!) Check out the bulletin board on the lower level at the church and order yours by the end of the month. We believe they will be \$5.00 each, which really just covers our cost.

The second item is a **commemorative calendar**, something like those that were made for earlier milestone celebrations. The former calendars

First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial

6th Publication

The following are the final three Articles from the original FCCF covenant in 1867 which you might find interesting:

Article 5: We believe that those who reject the offer of salvation and continue impenitent and unbelieving shall die in sin and lose their souls, while all those who, under the influence of the truth and the Holy Spirit, turn from sin into holiness by faith in Christ shall never perish, but shall inherit everlasting life.

Article 6: We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and that we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give an account of the deeds done in the body, whether they were good or whether they were evil.

Article 7: We believe that the Sabbath and the Church of Christ are by divine appointment and that Christians shall train their children in the nurture and admonitions of the Lord and observe the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper according to the scriptures.



will be available on the bulletin board, along with the one we propose to create for our celebration. We will confirm the cost of the calendars very soon, but you can reserve one now on the bulletin board.

The tee-shirts are on hold for the moment. But we will get them!



Benzie Area Christian Neighbors is well known in this area for two things —

1. a great place to donate funds

2. a community service

assistance program for Benzie and northern Manistee county residents. But, BACN is also a fulfilling and fun place to volunteer.

BACN has a very small paid staff; everyone from the receptionist to coordinator to pantry and clothing helpers are volunteers. Most volunteers come in one day a week from about 10 am to 2 pm, but we are flexible and can accommodate many schedules. Since many of our volunteers are retired and travel, we are happy to have them come into BACN for the summer months and leave for the sunny south in the winter.

We also have a need for the substitute or occasional help. So, you see, we are happy to accommodate almost anyone who would like to be a part of BACN.

I started coming to BACN to help out in the community. Of course, I stayed for that reason, but also because of the many friendships that can be forged with the other volunteers. That is what keeps BACN going; we have many volunteers who have been helping out for more than five or ten years!

Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) is in need of volunteers. No experience necessary, just a desire to give back to the community and willingness to make friends with a great group of people. There are various opportunities—everything from an occasional project to a few hours one day a week. This is an ideal volunteer opportunity for a retired person or someone who travels. We need people with office and computer skills and people to help out in our food pantry and clothing center.

Please call Sally at BACN at 231-882-9544 to arrange a tour or check our website and fill out an application (www.benziebacn.org.) We look forward to making YOU part of the BACN family.

Sally Bobek sbobek@benziebacn.org

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Denis Crosby for painting the boiler room door and the parsonage deck chairs. They all look SO much better!
- All who covered the bases while Pastor Dinah was on vacation. (Boy, did she need it!)
- Dawn and Serenity Schulz for keeping the parsonage plants watered while Pastor Dinah was on vacation.
- Myra Elias for replacing the sad, dead flowers on the side of the church. Such a delightful surprise!
- Andrea Frost for hanging the mirrors in the new restrooms!
- Randy Johnson for assembling a new fan for the church Dining Room. You're so "cool!"
- All who contributed food and time/ work for Tim Hunt's Service. The family really appreciated the time together.
- Kris and Stuart Scripps for hosting The Gathering last month. The beauty of your home is surpassed by the graciousness of hospitality – even to the very last tenths of seconds!



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

On Tuesday, September 13, 2016 eat dinner at one of the partner restaurants, **Platte River Inn, Honor** or **The Villa Marine, Frankfort** and 10% of your bill will be donated to **BACN**.

































Dan Straubel Memorial Golf Outing



Sunday, September 11, 2016,
Registration from noon to 12:45 with
Shotgun Start at 1 pm at Crystal Lake
Golf Club in Beulah, MI
4 Person Scramble
Men's, Women's and Co-ed Teams
Cost is \$70 per player.

18 holes of golf with shared cart + 50%
off coupon for future round of golf
Includes pizza & pop before golf &

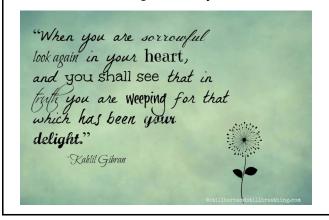
burgers'n'brats for dinner.



For more information call CLGC at 231-882-4061 or visit clgolfclub.com

The Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 4:00 pm at the home of Carol and Doug Luther, 104 George St., Frankfort. Please join us for our discussion on "Normal" grief followed by light supper. If you know someone grieving a loss, we would be happy to contact them and invite them to the meeting. If you would like more information about the group, have questions, or need directions, call Carol or Doug Luther (Group Leaders) at 399-0141.

We hope to see you!





Concerts on the Hill

Presents "Old Friends," a Simon & Garfunkel Tribute on Saturday September 10, 2016 at

7:30 pm. Old Friends is a stunning recreation of Simon & Garfunkel's 1981 Concert in Central Park, one of the largest and most beloved concerts of all time.

Nick Foresman and Jason Elsenheimer

recreate this awe inspiring show with attention to every detail. Complete with a full 9 piece back up band, Nick and Jason's warm blending harmonies and crisp guitar work recreate the sound, look and feel of this legendary duo in their most famous performance ever.

Peter Bergin, Ragtime Piano Sunday, September 18, 4:00 pm. Peter Bergin is a pianist and

vocalist whose



refined singing and energetic ragtime has entertained audiences for over 25 years. Peter enjoys playing for audiences of all ages, "celebrating life" through music and stories. More than just entertainment, Peter uses a broad range of music from ragtime piano to patriotic heart-warming stories to enrich and uplift.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 8190 Lincoln Rd. Beulah, MI

Proceeds from the free will offering will go to Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN), Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing, Benzie Habitat for Humanity, Benzie Council on Aging & Benzie Home Health Care.

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Trinity Lutheran Church of Frankfort will be presenting a style show and luncheon on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 12 noon. P.E.O. Chapter FF will be hosting the show with fashions courtesy of Hull's of Frankfort. The cost is \$20 – Fundraiser for P.E.O. Scholarships for Women. You can make reservations by leaving a message at PEOChapterFFMI@charter.net or 231-352-7914 or 231-651-5775.



The
Crystal
Lake
Alpaca
Farm is
hosting
National
Alpaca Farm
Day

Saturday,

September 17, from 10 am - 5 pm! Come meet and learn about the enchanting alpaca and browse the boutique! • Meet the Alpacas • Browse the Alpaca Boutique • Alpaca 101 Seminar (4 – 5 pm) for those interested in learning about The Alpaca Lifestyle • Spinners • Free to the public • Fun for all ages!

4907 River Rd, Frankfort, MI.

For more info contact
Chris Nelson at 231-920-7085.

Please Remember in Prayer

Serenity Acklin Jennifer Ayers Judy Binegar Bryson Bricker Daniel Broder Lynn Buzzell Nathan Eckerman Doug Ehle Dennis Fitzgiven Katherine Gilbert Melissa Grant Fr. William Jacobs Lori Lalas Nathan MacKenzie Robin MacKenzie Susie Middleton Jim Murray Dan Nostrandt Cindy Olmstead Barb Olsen Paul Patterson

Helen Postema John Rebone Dana Robins Don Rummelhart Josh Schulz Betty St. Denis Andy Wagner Doc Wagner Scott Wardwell Jeremiah Young

To Keep In Mind:

Students Teachers School Staff College Students

Those affected by:

Fires Floods Violence



September is
First Congregational Church's
Children & Youth
Appreciation Month
Let's All Celebrate Our Youth!

September brings the start of school and new challenges for our young people. Pray for them as they grow in knowledge and in the love of God. We have the honor of holding them up and embracing their presence and their lives.

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First Congregational Church of Frankfort September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Birthdays & Anniversaries Everyone			August 31 Choir rehearsals begin again today. If you've been thinking about joining us, we'd love to have you! 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Dan Lautenbach Albie & Myra Elias	02 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	03 5:00 p.m. Jackson/Sole Wedding Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero
04 10:30 a.m. Worship Carlisle Clevenger	Will Church Michelle Frostic Julie & Mike Morris	School Begins Nora Bungard Kyah Robinson	07 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal Eric Buzzell Frank Ikens	9:30 a.m. Yoga 12:00 p.m. The Ladies' Lunch 12 noon at The Cherry Hut	09	Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby
11 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Blessing of the Backpacks Happy Grandparents Day Mary & Tom Osborn	12 Bob & Sue King	13 11:00 a.m. Investment Mtg.	14 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 4:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Betty & Fred Milliron	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Bill's Bible Study: Acts	16 Carol Ehle	17 Melissa Gilbert
18 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Hannah Frary Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath	19 Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald	Saskia Buzzell Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter	21 9:30 a.m Human Services Collaborative 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Bill's Bible Study: Acts Devin Gokey	Autumn Begins	24
25 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School & Church Potluck	26 Sarah Dougherty	27 Tom Osborn Jason & Naomi Kolehmeinen	28 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Yoga Nancy Simmons Johnny & Kendra Nuske 7	9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Bill's Bible Study: Acts Mary Osborn Cecelia Schmitt		

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Anniversaries	1,7		- Teachers		,
Announcements	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	4	No Sunday School	Andrea Frost, Alma House Mary Ann Harness, Judy Grant	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by
Birthdays	1,7	44	Rob Burch	Mary Reed, Lori Dougherty	10:00 a.m. ready to greet
Calendar	7	11		Jim & Robin McKenzie	and welcome all who come to
Greeters	8		Becky Addis	Betty & Fred Milliron Sue King, Marti Mollema	who come to worship. (Greeters and
Prayer List	6	18			Ushers are the front line
Thank You's	3				people in welcoming
Ushers	8	25	Jim MacKenzie	Ann & Paul Osborn	visitors and new church
July 4th & Block Party Pictures	4	25		Donna Phillips, Nora Bungard	family members!)