

# Steepleviews

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## March 2014 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Jocelyn Lepke  
Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell  
Dan Nostrandt
- 03 Jim Murray
- 04 Bob Conrad
- 06 Jimmy Kolehmainen
- 07 Julie Grant
- 12 Kenneth Zylstra
- 16 Mary Reed
- 19 Sandy Campbell
- 20 Andrea Robinson &  
Branden Valentine
- 23 Dale Herscher
- 24 Reagan Clevenger
- 26 Dan Gill
- 28 Helen Lautenbach
- 31 Billee Beyette

**Ash Wednesday,** join us  
on March 5th at 5:30  
p.m. for a brief  
service of ashes and  
devotion as we begin  
the season of Lent.  
All are welcome.



## Catch These Coming Events!

- March 04** Pastor Dinah is back!!
- March 05** Ash Wednesday Service
- March 09** Daylight Savings Ends
- March 17** Happy St. Patrick's Day
- March 19** Ladies' Lunch @ A & W
- March 27** Al's Academy

## Daylight Savings Time Ends on March 9th!!



**Time to set your clocks ahead  
one hour before going to bed on  
Saturday, March 8th.**

FYI...if you would like the church to  
order **Altar Flowers** in honor/  
memory of your loved ones, the cost  
has gone up to \$55.00



# Pastor's Page

Meet Shrek the Merino sheep from Tarras, New Zealand. He became famous several years ago when he was found after hiding out in caves for six years. Of course, during this time his fleece grew without anyone there to shorn (shave) it. When he was finally found and shaved, his fleece weighed an amazing sixty pounds. Most sheep have a fleece weighing just under ten pounds, with the exception usually reaching fifteen pounds, maximum. For six years, Shrek carried six times the regular weight of his fleece. Simply because he was away from his shepherd.

This reminds me of John 10 when Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, and His followers are His sheep. Maybe it's a stretch, but I think Shrek is much like a person who knows Jesus Christ but has wandered. If we avoid Christ's constant refining of our character, we're going to accumulate extra weight in this world – a weight we don't have to bear.

When Shrek was found, a professional sheep shearer took care of Shrek's fleece in twenty-eight minutes.

Shrek's sixty pound fleece was finally removed. His fleece contained enough wool to make suits for 20 men. All it took was coming home to his shepherd.

I believe Christ can lift the burdens we carry, if only we stop hiding. He can shave off our 'fleece' – that is, our self-imposed burdens brought about by wandering from our Good Shepherd.

"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30



**This month's Ladies' Lunch  
will be at Noon on  
Wednesday, March 19, 2014**

**@ The A & W Restaurant**

Please sign up in the Church  
Dining Room by March 14th,  
thanks.

**Let's share our fellowship and  
bring some folks along.**



**Dine Out For  
Benzie Area Christian  
Neighbors**

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, eat  
dinner at one of the partner  
restaurants,  
**Mayfair Tavern in Elberta** or at  
the **Road House in Benzonia**  
and 10% of your bill  
is donated to **BACN**.



**Al's Academy**

Al Bryant will be presenting  
"Fraternal Organizations". This  
program will talk about  
various groups, their  
uniformity and groups  
uniqueness.



Come for an informative  
evening and while you  
are at it come for a light dinner on  
March 27th @ 5:30 p.m.

**congratulations**

To both Benzie Central and  
Frankfort Area Schools on being  
recognized for their academic  
success by the Bridge Magazine.



Benzie came in  
10th and  
Frankfort came in  
11th overall  
in the state of Michigan. Now  
that is something to be proud of!

**Coffee  
Fellowship**



Sign up sheets are in the  
Dining Room for anyone interested  
in hosting our weekly Coffee  
Fellowship. Sign up with a friend or  
another couple. We enjoy all the  
variety. Coffee and lemonade are  
provided along with paper products.



- John McElduff for the endless snow plowing!
- Brent Larkin for moving the snow pile from the parking area behind the parsonage to the backyard.
- Myra Elias for the delicious dinner at Al's Academy in January.
- To Al Bryant for a great "academy program" on Gravestones. Looking forward to future programs.
- To Maggie Baker for "Baxter" sitting.
- John Walthorn for endless snow blowing in Pastor Dinah's absence.
- Bill Frostic for replacing a light fixture at the parsonage.
- Bill Hirschfeld for filling the pulpit while Pastor Dinah was on sabbatical. Thank you so much.
- To Maggie Baker, Jim Buzzell, Candace Nostrandt and John & Kathy Walthorn, thanks for all the snow shoveling. Yikes, there was a lot!

## Please Remember in Prayer

Roy Acklin  
Maureen Belden  
Jamie Bordello  
Rob Conrad  
Tess Elrick  
Bill Frostic  
Darlene Heniser  
Pete Heustad  
Julie Hirschfeld  
Charles Kinney  
Rich Kuhn  
Nathan MacKenzie  
Lois Martindale  
Mary Jane Murray  
Sydney Olsen  
Chris Porter  
Katy Rittenbery  
Kay VanOrder  
Marjorie Ward  
Bonnie Warren  
Debi Welch  
Janice Westrup

The Pines  
Sue Oleszczuk

**Paul Oliver Long**

Term Care  
Suzanne Gum

**Our Prayers are  
extended to the  
families of:**  
Robert Brodowitz  
Clara Rauner

**Those serving in  
the Military:**  
Cody Bates  
Matt Conrad  
Devin Gokey  
Ryan Kingsinger  
Mike Porter  
Ryan Ruddy  
Tim Welch  
Brittney Wood

Holy Land Tour - Would you like to tour the Holy Land with a group of Congregationalists? A tour is being planned for October. The cost will be approximately \$3289 per person from Detroit. If you are interested, email Rev. Steve Schafer at Mt. Hope Congregational. [sbschafer@gmail.com](mailto:sbschafer@gmail.com)





# 2014 Church Council Members

## Treasurer

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## Feb. 1, 2012-Jan. 31, 2015

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## Feb. 1, 2013-Jan. 31, 2016

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Signe Ruddy 2/11, 2/13  
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*2/11 for 1 yr. to finish A. Osborn*

## Feb. 1, 2014-Jan. 31, 2017

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# First Congregational Church

## 2014 Council & Committees



### Church Council Members

Jim Buzzell  
 Myra Elias (Council Chair)  
 Mary Ann Harness  
 Leslie McElduff  
 Ann Osborn (Clerk)  
 Signe Ruddy  
 Judy Welch (Financial Sec.)

Denis Crosby (Investment)  
 Judy Grant  
 Jim MacKenzie (Treasurer)  
 Larry Neuhardt (Vice Chair)  
 Mary Reed  
 John Walthorn

*John McElduff (Assistant Treasurer)*  
*Al Bryant (Assistant Financial Secretary)*

#### Constitution/ By-Laws

Bob King  
 Larry Neuhardt \*

#### Finance/ Stewardship

Financial Secretary:  
 Judy Welch \* #  
 Member at Large:  
 Myra Elias  
 Memorial Committee:  
 Bill Frostic  
 Treasurer:  
 Jim MacKenzie  
 Women's Fellowship:  
 Mary Reed

#### Investment:

Treasurer:  
 Jim MacKenzie  
 Jim Buzzell  
 Bob Conrad  
 Denis Crosby # \*  
 Andrea Frost

#### Memorial

Bill Frostic #  
 Molly Frostic  
*(Judy Welch \*)*

#### Missions

Joanne Brown  
 Hugh Hessler #  
 Susan Lavender  
 Robin MacKenzie  
 Nancy Marshall  
 Signe Ruddy \*

#### Nominating

Council President  
 Myra Elias # \*  
 Member at Large:  
 Candace Nostrandt  
 Pastor:  
 Pastor Dinah Haag

#### Outreach

Mary Bateman  
 Al Bryant  
 Myra Elias  
 Judy Grant \*  
 Andy Mollema #  
 Donna Phillips  
 Mac Whisner

#### Personnel

Council Chair:  
 Myra Elias  
 Vice Chair:  
 Larry Neuhardt  
 Members at Large:  
 Margie Porter  
 Kathy Walthorn  
 Jim Buzzell \*

#### Property

Jim Buzzell  
 Andrea Frost #  
 Bill Frostic  
 Hugh Hessler  
 Ron Phillips  
 Chris Porter  
 Mary Reed \*  
 John Walthorn \*

#### Religious Education

Becky Addis #  
 Sunday School  
 Teachers  
 Mary Ann Harness \*

#### Worship



Nora Bungard  
 Mary Ann Harness  
 Jean Neuhardt #  
 Ann Osborn \*  
 Julie Robinson #  
 Kathy Walthorn  
 Judy Welch \*

#Committee Chair

\*Council  
 Representative

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## March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland
2 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Bill Hirschfeld, preaching  Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt	3  Jim Murray	4 9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic  <b>Dine out for BACN @ Mayfair or Road House</b>  Bob Conrad	5 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.  <b>5:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship</b>	6 9:00 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir  Jimmy Kolehmainen	7  Julie Grant	8  <b>Set your clocks forward one hour!</b>
9 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  <b>Daylight Savings Ends</b>	10	11 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	12 7:00 p.m. Council Mtg.	13 9:00 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir	14	15
16 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  Mary Reed	17 	18	19  <b>The Ladies' Lunch @ A &amp; W @ Noon</b>  Sandy Campbell	20 9:00 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. 7:30 p.m. Choir  Andrea Robinson & Branden Valentine	21	22  Tim Quist
23 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  Dale Herscher	24  Reagan Clevenger	25	26  Dan Gill	27 9:00 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir  <b>AI's Academy 5:30 p.m.</b>	28  Helen Lautenbach	29
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Anniversaries	1, 8			
Announcements	1, 3, 4	2	Chris & Marjorie Porter Nora Bungard and Connie Bennehoff	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:30 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. (Greeters and Ushers are the front line people in welcoming visitors and new church family members!)
Birthdays	1, 8	9	Ann & Paul Osborn, Mary Ann Harness and Doris Clark	
Calendar	7			
Greeters	8	16	John & Leslie McElduff, Mary Reed and Signe Ruddy	
Prayer List	4	23	Marti Mollema, Sue King, Candace & Dan Nostrandt	
Thank You's	4			
Ushers	8			
Council & Committees Members	5,6	30	Betty & Fred Milliron, Bob & Jan Condon	