



Steepleviews



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March 2015 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Jocelyn Lepke
Susie Vigland
- 02 Sam Buzzell
Dan Nostrandt
- 03 Jim Murray
- 04 Bob Conrad
- 06 Jimmy Kolehmainen
- 07 Julie Grant
- 08 Gwendolyn Kudlack
- 16 Ginny Bowman
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
Marvelee Kneisel

Catch These Coming Events!

- March 08 Daylight Savings Begins**
- March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day**
- March 20 SCF High School Concert**
- March 26 Al's Academy**
- March 29 Palm Sunday**

Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 8th!!



**Time to set your clocks ahead
one hour before going to bed on
Saturday, March 7th.**



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Pastor's Page

A Little Lenten Learnin'

A Christogram is a monogram or combination of letters that forms an abbreviation for the name of Jesus Christ, traditionally used as a Christian symbol.

The IHS or IHC monogram refers to the Holy Name of Jesus, while ICXC is the traditional abbreviation of the Greek words for "Jesus Christ."



Sometimes ICXC is used inside the ichtus, a secret symbol used by early Christians as a symbol or acronym for



"Ἰησοῦς Χριστός, Θεοῦ Υἱός, Σωτήρ", (Iēsous Christos, Theou Yios, Sōtēr), which translates into English as "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior".

One of the oldest Christograms is the Chi-Rho or Labarum. It consists of the superimposed Greek letters chi (X) and rho (P), which are the first two letters of Christ in Greek.



The use since the earliest Christianity of the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, alpha (α or Α) and omega (ω or Ω), derives from the statement said by Jesus (or God) himself "I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (Revelation 22:13)



Some of you may remember back about four years ago, when the Chamber Choir and Jazz Band from St. Croix Falls, WI came to Benzie County. SCF was the school district where I taught seven years before going to seminary. One of my former students now has my former job, which is pretty cool in my book. As you can see on page 3, they are coming back this month.

I would certainly encourage all to attend the concert, because I'm sure it will be wonderful. And as a special treat, the Benzie Community Chorus will join the students for a song.

They will need to eat dinner before the concert, so if anyone is willing to help out with various aspects of a meal, that would be greatly appreciated.

To keep costs down, the students need overnight housing on Friday night. They will come in pairs, so there won't need to be great effort into entertaining. But they might appreciate a snack after the performance and would need breakfast before departure in the morning. It's a lot to ask, but the folks that helped out before seemed to really enjoy whatever part of the experience they had. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your consideration. Dinah



Your help is needed. Could you spare 2-4 hours a week during the winter? BACN needs people to help in the food pantry, clothing center or office when regular volunteers travel during the winter. If you could spare a little time, call Michelle at 231-882-9544 ext. 228.

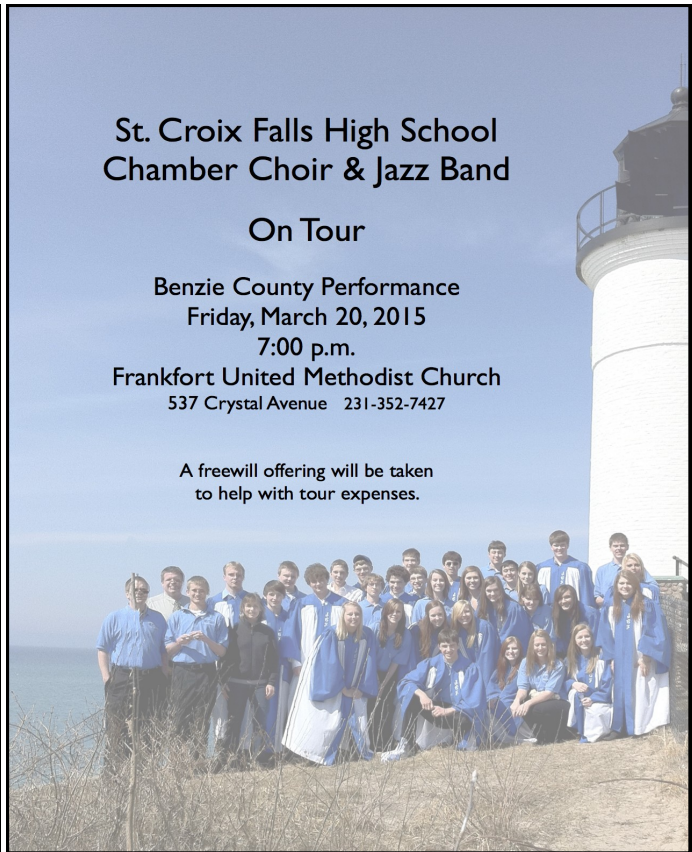
Utility assistance available. If you or someone you know needs help with heating or other utility bills, BACN volunteers can help with the application. Also, Erin is in the office Mon-Wed from 10 until 2 to help with TrueNorth and other applications.

St. Croix Falls High School Chamber Choir & Jazz Band

On Tour

Benzie County Performance
Friday, March 20, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Frankfort United Methodist Church
537 Crystal Avenue 231-352-7427

A freewill offering will be taken
to help with tour expenses.



Al's Academy

Al Bryant will be present **"Kings of Hoarders"**.
Come for an informative evening and while you are at it,
come for a light dinner on March 26th @ 5:30 p.m.



Easter Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils Order Form



Once again, we are offering you the opportunity to order Easter Lilies, Daffodils and Tulips to enhance our Easter Sunday Worship Service. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person, or "just because". After Worship on Easter Sunday, you are encouraged to take your flowers home or you may leave it at church. (Leftover plants find their way into the church gardens.) Please send or phone in your order to the church by **Friday, March 20th.** Number of plants:

_____ Easter Lilies @ \$7.00 ea. _____ Tulips @ \$6.00 ea. _____ Daffodils @ \$6.00 ea.

In loving memory/honor of _____

Given by _____

congratulations

To Frankfort and Benzie Central Schools on being recognized for success by the Bridge Magazine on being in the top 25 school districts in the great state of Michigan.

Frankfort came in 10th and Benzie Central came in 22nd in the state of Michigan. Now that is really something to be proud of!

Morgan Papineau, granddaughter of Suzanne Reising, for all the first place skiing wins.

Levi Hubbard and Daymian Tabbert on wrestling wins.

Maile Church and Benzie Central JV Basketball teammates for all their wins thus far.

Mary Dykstra on her retirement from Benzie Home Health Care after 8 years as the Executive Director. Soon she will be able to sleep late once -in-awhile. Great job, Mary!

Hannah Nostrandt, Cecelia Schmidt and the Frankfort Girls Varsity Basketball team on being the #1 team in class D in the state of Michigan. So proud of you young ladies!

Honor roll makers: Tegan, Tristan and Trevor Chicky. Way to go, guys!!

Please Remember



Arthur Berry
Joanne Brown
Robin Brunette
Abby Burgess
Bob Conrad
Mary Jane Franklin
Michelle Frostic
Tyler Grant
Katy Gunning
Tucker Hubbard
Evie Knotnerus
Beverly Matthews
Debby McKnight
Dolly Nicolis
Cheryl Noll
Katie Polermo
Bonnie Warren

Those serving in the Military:

Matt Conrad
Ryan Kingsinger
Clark Robinson

Our Prayers are extended to the families of:

Katie Burns
Betty Frost
Abby Gartland
Erma McKinnon
Rae Janet Schillig
Crystal Smeltzer
Liz Smith

The Maples

Mary Jane Murray
Arlene Olsen

Orchard House

Susie Vigland



Welcome to the world!!

Asher Roy Locicero!

Asher was born Feb. 8, and came in at 4 lbs., 13 oz. and 17 in long. Being five weeks early, that's pretty good!

Asher's mother is Erica, whose mother is Michelle Frostic, who is daughter-in-law to Bill and Molly Frostic and sister to Kendra Lewis, aunt to Asher.

Isabelle Quinn Osborn born Feb. 20 at 3:08 pm, 7 lbs. 1 oz., 19 inches long.

All are doing well. Ann & Paul 's newest granddaughter. Congrats!

Thanks a bunch!

- John McElduff for endless snow plowing, Rob Burch, Jim Buzzell, Sarah Chownyk, Andy Mollema, Candace Nostrandt and everyone else for shoveling!
- Andrea Frost and Bill Frostic for changing out some light switches and doing some other maintenance things around the church.
- Mary Ann Harness for making the wonderful spring wreaths that we shall see soon....
- Maggie Baker for changing out the décor in the dining room from Valentines to St. Patrick's. Looks so festive.
- All the Committees that serve this church family. You are the real arms and legs for so much that happens in and around this place.

Benzie Central High School will present *The Wizard of Oz*

Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m., and a matinee on Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. Performances will be held at

Benzie Central's Auditorium on Homestead Rd.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for adults, and \$5 for students and seniors.





**Benzie County
Players** presents






GOD BLESS YOU, MR. ROSEWATER

by **Kurt
Vonnegut** adapted as Readers' Theatre
by **Andy Mollema**

at the **Mills
Community
House**
1 Block South
of the Stoplight
in Benzonía

Friday, March 6 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 7 @ 7:30 pm
Friday, March 13 @ 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 14 @ 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 15 @ 2 pm MATINEE

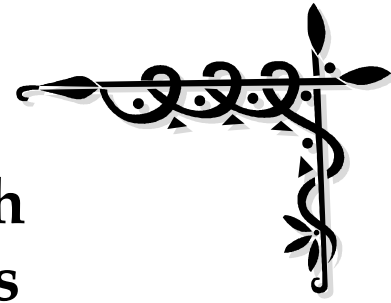
TICKETS
\$10 - Adult \$5 - Student | Available at the Door



To the families of

- Betty Frost, Jack's former wife.
- Rae Janet Schillig, Jan Condon's mother.
- Erma McKinnon, long-time matriarch of our church family. There will be a service for Erma here on May 15.

These great ladies will all
be greatly missed!



First Congregational Church 2015 Council & Committees

Church Council Members

Al Bryant (Financial Sec.)
Andrea Frost
Mary Ann Harness
Leslie McElduff
Candace Nostrandt
Ann Osborn (Clerk)

Denis Crosby (Investment)
Judy Grant
John McElduff (Treasurer)
Andy Mollema (Vice Chair)
Larry Neuhardt (Chair)
Mary Reed

Chris Porter (Assistant Treasurer)
Judy Welch (Assistant Financial Secretary)

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Bob King
Candace Nostrandt*

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Financial Secretary:
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Member at Large:
Myra Elias
Memorial Committee:
Bill Frostic
Treasurer:
John McElduff
Women's Fellowship:
Mary Reed

Investment:

Treasurer:
John McElduff
Jim Buzzell
Bob Conrad
Denis Crosby # *
Andrea Frost
Chris Porter

Memorial

Bill Frostic #
Molly Frostic
(John McElduff *)

Missions

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Hugh Hessler #
Susan Lavender
Robin MacKenzie
Signe Ruddy
(Leslie McElduff *)

Nominating

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Larry Neuhardt # *
Pastor: Dinah Haag
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Outreach

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

Personnel

Council Chair:
Larry Neuhardt
Vice Chair:
Andy Mollema *
Member at Large:

Property

Jim Buzzell
Myra Elias
Andrea Frost # *
Bill Frostic
Hugh Hessler
Ron Phillips
Mary Reed
John Walthorn

Religious Education

Becky Addis #
All 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

First Congregational Church of Frankfort

March 2013

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| <p>1 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Jocelyn Lepke Susie Vigland</p> | <p>2 1-3:00 p.m. BaLA VisX Group Class</p> <p>Sam Buzzell Dan Nostrandt</p> | <p>3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Dine out for BACN @ Dinghy's or Road House </div> <p>Jim Murray</p> | <p>4 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.</p> <p>Bob Conrad</p> | <p>5 9:00 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir</p> | <p>6 7:30 p.m. Benzie Players</p> <p>Jimmy Kolehmainen</p> | <p>7 7:30 p.m. Benzie Players</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Set your clocks forward one hour! </div> <p>Julie Grant</p> |
| <p>8 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Daylight Savings Begins </div> <p>Gwendolyn Kudlack</p> | <p>9 1-3:00 p.m. BaLA VisX Group Class</p> | <p>10 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</p> | <p>11 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg.</p> | <p>12 9:00 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir</p> | <p>13 7:30 p.m. Benzie Players 7:30 p.m. BCHS Musical</p> | <p>14 7:30 p.m. Benzie Players 7:30 p.m. BCHS Musical</p> |
| <p>15 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 p.m. Benzie Players 2:00 p.m. BCHS Musical</p> | <p>16 1-3:00 p.m. BaLA VisX Group Class</p> <p>Ginny Bowman Mary Reed</p> | <p>17 Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>  | <p>18</p> | <p>19 9:00 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Min. Assoc. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir</p> <p>Sandy Campbell</p> | <p>20 7:00 p.m. St. Croix Falls High School Music Concert</p> <p>Andrea Robinson & Branden Valentine</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Tim Quist</p> | <p>23 1-3:00 p.m. BaLA VisX Group Class</p> <p>Dale Herscher</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Reagan Clevenger</p> | <p>25 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative</p> | <p>26 9:00 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> AI's Academy 5:30 p.m. </div> <p>Dan Gill</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> <p>Helen Lautenbach</p> |
| <p>29 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Palm Sunday </div> | <p>30 1-3:00 p.m. BaLA VisX Group Class</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Billee Beyette Marvelee Kneisel</p> | <p>7</p> |  | | |

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| Announcements | 1, 3, 4 | 1 | Ann & Paul Osborn, Larry Neuhardt and Bob Conrad | Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:00 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 | 8 | Betty & Fred Milliron, Mary Reed and Signe Ruddy | |
| Calendar | 7 | | | |
| Greeters | 8 | 15 | Candace Nostrandt, Mary Ann Harness, Alma House and Sue King | |
| Prayer List | 4 | 22 | Chris & Marjorie Porter, Bill & Julie Hirschfeld | |
| Thank You's | 4 | | | |
| Ushers | 8 | | | |
| Council & Committees Members | 5,6 | 29 | Maggie Baker, Nora Bungard, Lori Dougherty and Marti Mollema | |