

# Steepleviews

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## **May 2014 Anniversaries & Birthdays**

- 01 Kerry Buzzell  
Jackson Deloria  
Tyler Grant  
Kristin Jackson  
Dylan Prance-Jewell
- 02 Michael Grant  
Julie Hirschfeld
- 03 Mary Bateman  
Katie Gokey  
Mariah Manning  
Candace Nostrandt
- 05 Jacki & John Roberts
- 06 Mary Dykstra  
Jerry Rice
- 07 Bob King
- 08 Jacob Grant  
Gail Nugent
- 09 Alma House  
Chia Yang
- 10 Bill McMillan  
Michael Mendoza
- 13 Marijke Church
- 19 Tommy Mendoza  
Jill Smeltzer
- 21 Becky & Matt Addis
- 27 Lee Kneisel  
Donna Phillips  
Faith & Jack Dulaney
- 28 Andy & Marti Mollema
- 29 Julie Morris  
Sean Morris
- 31 Bill & Jeanne McMillan

## **Catch These Coming Events!**

- May 4**      **Vote on Worship Time**
- May 6**      **Eat out for BACN**
- May 11**     **Happy Mother's Day**
- May 16**     **The Gathering**
- May 18**     **Sunday School Teacher  
Appreciation**
- May 23**     **The Ladies' Lunch**
- May 25**     **Benzie County  
Baccalaureate**
- May 26**     **Memorial Day**



**Official Announcement:** There will be a Special Congregational Meeting following the Worship Service on May 4th to vote on the future time of Worship. The proposal that will be up for vote will be to "change the Worship time to 10:30 a.m., ongoing." In other words, there would no longer be a different time for three months of the year. All are welcome to attend; official members are eligible to vote.

## Pastor's Page

"An English fisherman went into an inn at the end of a long, cold day and ordered a pot of tea. Bragging to friends about his big catch of fish, he stretched out his arm with a sweeping motion. In an instant he knocked the teapot off the table and against the wall. A dark stain splashed across the wallpaper.

The fisherman was aghast at what he had done and apologized profusely to the inn-keeper. He tried to wipe off the tea, but already it made an ugly blotch. Shortly, a man seated at the next table came up and said, "Calm yourself, sir." The stranger took out a coal pencil and began to sketch around the shape of the stain. In moments he created a picture of a majestic stag that looked as if it had been designed for that wall. Soon he was recognized as Sir Edmond Lancier, England's foremost painter of wildlife.

What Sir Edmond did for the unsightly tea stain in a fine English inn, our God is doing every day. He is working in the lives of people who wonder how they'll ever recover from the ugly things that have happened to them. He is making masterpieces of our lives that stand as testimonies to his love and power." Barbara Johnson (Reprinted from God Always Has a Plan B)

Some of you may remember the missionary couple we supported, Tom and Libby Little. They were missionaries to the people of Afghanistan: Tom with optometry and Libby in friendship to the women and teaching in the US school. We still support the company behind the Littles: InterServe.

There is a documentary in the making about Tom's work in Afghanistan, a movie called "The Hard Places," being done by public television. As so often happens, production is "behind," and I'm not sure when it will come out. But in the mean time, you can get some background to the movie and Tom in a little YouTube video. The information to see the video is: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViD8RAJNTLw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViD8RAJNTLw). It's not "rivoting" action, but it begins to help you see just how well-known and respected Tom – and Libby – were and are.



We are once again  
starting up  
**"The Gathering"**

Join your friends at  
the home of



**Michael & Sharon Grajcar**  
17867 St. Pierre, Arcadia, MI.

Turn left on St. Pierre and follow  
it 2 miles to corner of Norman and  
St. Pierre, on Friday, May 16th, at  
6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass,  
and your own beverage.  
Dinnerware will be provided.



## RED CROSS HERO!

Donna Phillips is once  
again spearheading  
the First Congregational Church's  
Northwest Michigan American Red  
Cross "HEROES" CAMPAIGN. For the  
past three years our church family has  
been involved in raising funds close to  
\$2,000.00 to support local Disaster,  
Health & Safety & Service to Armed  
Forces Programs. There are several ways  
to participate: 1. Have fun and fill out  
the daily "bank" of the day sheet. 2.  
Solicit friends to be "Heroes" 3. Write a  
check or donate cash. Remember, what  
ever way you choose, we are all  
"HEROES" when we contribute to this  
communitywide effort. Please fill out the  
Heroes Envelope and return to Donna  
Phillips by May 20th, 2014. Thank you  
to all who have donated in the past!!

## THE fusion

## May's The Ladies' Lunch

This month's  
ladies' lunch will be on Friday, May  
23, at noon @ Fusion in Frankfort.  
There will be a sign up sheet in the  
dining room for all who would like  
to attend. Please sign up by Sunday,  
May 18. **Just a reminder, we will  
not be having any ladies' lunches  
during June, July or August.**

**Benzie County Baccalaureate**  
will be on Sunday, May 25th,  
1:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Church. Come and  
wish the graduating seniors from  
Benzie Central and Frankfort  
High School  
all the best for  
their future  
endeavors!



## May is Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Month.

On Sunday, May 18, 2014 come and help  
thank our amazing volunteers for all their  
loving time with our  
youth.

Becky Addis  
Rob Burch  
Lauren & Will  
Church  
Naomi Kolehmeinen  
Jim & Robin



**Sunday School**  
MAKES A DIFFERENCE

# Council Notes

**There were 11 Council members at the April 09, 2014 Council meeting.**

Treasurer's Report: Jim MacKenzie

Income for March: **\$ 9,384.70**

Expenses for March: **\$10,084.00**

**YTD Expenses \$28,806.73**

**YTD Income \$23,470.80**

**YTD Budget \$25,131.84**

Memorials: Jim MacKenzie

In March, there was a \$50.00 donation to the Memorials account and no donation to the CIF account. However, a large deposit to the CIF account resulted from an estate gift.

Missions:

Undesignated income of \$369.30 and BACN designated income of \$40.00 were received from the congregational offerings and \$400.00 from the Investment Fund. Checks were written to all our designated mission supports and to NACCC, but at a slightly reduced amount for some recipients. We made \$100.00 disbursements to BHHC, Community Spirit Meals and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund from investment monies. The Missions account retained \$100.00 from the \$400.00 investment monies to cover any current or future shortfalls.

Outreach: Judy Grant

1) the next "Gathering" will be on May 16 at the home of Michael & Sharon Grajcar's beginning at 6 p.m.; 2) five people joined our church on New Member Sunday, April 13.

Personnel: Jim Buzzell

There will be a two-year evaluation for Candace Nostrandt, our Church secretary.

Property: John Walthorn (Mary Reed rep.)

1) the completed repairs are: the faucet in upstairs restroom (Bill Frostic), the hot water

heater in the church and the hot water line in the parsonage (Gil Franz); 2) projects in progress are: new shelving in the secretary's office, work on the stained glass in narthex, work bee planned in June for painting lower half of church, and Michael Grajcar is repairing the hand rail and working on the doors at the side entrance; 3) the committee would like two more bids for work on the east side siding and will have bids ready for the May Council meeting along with samples for perusal. (Council had further discussion on this project and more investigation is needed as to what is underneath the siding before proceeding).

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed

The checking account balance as of March 31 is \$450.00, \$16.00 in petty cash, and the CD balance is \$6,084.84

Worship: Ann Osborn

1) due to special music, there will be no Hymn Sing in April; 2) bulletin covers and palms have arrived for Palm Sunday; 3) Easter bulletin covers have arrived and Easter Flowers have been ordered; 4) the choir will be singing two pieces and the children will sing on Palm Sunday plus a special opening hymn piece will be performed on Easter Sunday; 5) Holy Humor Sunday is April 27 along with long term care services.

By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Investments, Nominating and Religious Education:

no reports

Pastor's Report:

Report was submitted to those present.

New Business:

None



# More Council Notes

## Unfinished Business:

- 1) Motion from the Worship Committee to change time of worship: following discussion, Jim MacKenzie made the motion that the Council recommend a congregational vote on Sunday, May 4, (following Worship) for the purpose of changing the Worship Service time to 10:30 a.m. all year.
- 2) Brawner bequest: our Church received a bequest from the Jane Brawner estate of approximately \$60,000, of which half the amount is received, the Council needs to decide into what accounts the monies should go and how best to proceed with this generous gift.

Respectfully submitted,

## Easter Sunday was spectacular!



## Please Remember in Prayer

Maureen Belden  
Brent Bonderenkeno  
Lucy Bonderenkeno  
Peggy Burns  
Sarah Cole family  
Bob Conrad  
Rob Conrad  
Rita DeLoach  
Gerry Dodson  
Joy Flores  
Jim Gillison  
Darlene Heniser  
Dan Herringa  
Pat Jahle  
Melinda  
Klockziehm  
Dolly Nicolis  
Sydney Olsen  
Paul Osborn  
Mark Porter  
Katy Rittenbery  
Rick Schmitt

Crystal Smeltzer  
Susie Voltz  
Bonnie Warren  
Nancy Welch  
Helen Wenn  
Tom Wenn

### Our Prayers are extended to the family of:

Jack Hobernick  
Bill Kichner

### Those serving in the Military:

Cody Bates  
Matt Conrad  
Ryan Kingsinger  
Mike Porter  
Clark Robinson  
Ryan Ruddy  
Tim Welch



## A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

Michael Grajcar for fixing the side railing at the church. It's super strong now!

Andrea Frost and Robin MacKenzie for changing out the banners and shroud for Easter.

Carla, Josie, Michael and Polo Mendoza, Cooper, Judson and Mason Rath, and Ella Whiting for making Palm Sunday so special with your singing. Thank you, Linda Davis, too, for working with the kids to make it happen.

And it was all the better with the addition of the instruments: Myra Elias, Andy Mollema, and Judy Welch. Nice job on the verses, too, Andy!

All who added to the beauty of Easter Sunday with the flowers you ordered. It was a beautiful scene on the altar!

Our Church Choir and all the extra music they provided during the month of April. We are really grateful for the dedication and talent of all involved with this group.

Shelby Anderson for adding to some worship services with your piano playing. So much fun!

Maggie Baker and Marti Mollema for changing out the dining room décor' from Easter to Spring. Thank you ladies!

Al Bryant for providing so much great entertainment in "Al's Academy". This month was on the "Titanic". Fantastic! An thank you, Robin MacKenzie for the delicious soup and bread!



## Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

On Tuesday, May 6, 2014, eat dinner at one of these partner restaurants,  
**Stormcloud Brewing in Frankfort** or **Cold Creek Inn in Beulah** and 10% of your bill is donated to BACN.

## Welcome to our Church Family!



Shelby Anderson has three daughters: Carin, Sally and Jennifer. She enjoys playing piano, and we enjoy her playing the piano.

Jeff and Michelle Frostic were both born in Michigan; Jeff in Traverse City and Michelle in Petoskey. (Yes, Jeff is Bill's son!)





Polly Gillison grew up on Crystal Lake and now lives on their farm with her new husband, Jim on Putney Rd. in Arcadia.

Kendra Lewis is the daughter of Michelle and Jeff Frostic, and lives with them in Bear Lake. She enjoys animals, crafts, swimming, and camping.



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## May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	May is Mental Health Month: a reminder that mental health is just as important as physical health		Kerry Buzzell Jackson Deloria Tyler Grant Kristin Jackson Dylan Prance-Jewell	1 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:00 a.m. Personnel Comm. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Comm. 7:30 p.m. Choir	2     Michael Grant Julie Hirschfeld	3 2:00 p.m. Evelyn Myers Celebration of Life  Mary Bateman Katie Gokey Mariah Manning Candace Nostrandt
4 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  12:15 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting	5	6 9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic Eat Out for BACN: Stormcloud Brewing or Cold Creek Inn, Beulah Mary Dykstra	7 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.  Bob King	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir  Jacob Grant Gail Nugent	9   Alma House Chia Yang	10   Bill McMillian Michael Mendoza
11 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 	12	13 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.  Marijke Church	14 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. 7:30 p.m. Choir	16 6:00 p.m. "The Gathering" at the Grajcars  Tegan Chicky	17
18 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Sunday School Teacher Appreciation	19  Tommy Mendoza Jill Smeltzer	20  Jared & Jordyn Kelly	21  Becky & Matt Addis	22 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir	23 12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch The Fusion	24
25 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 1:00 p.m. Benzie County Baccalaureate	26 	27  Lee Kneisel Donna Phillips Faith & Jack Dulaney	28  Andy & Marti Mollema 7	29 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir  Julie Morris Sean Morris	30	31  Bill & Jeanne McMillan

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Date	Greeters/Ushers <i>Head Usher: Ann Osborn</i>	
4	Michael & Sharon Grajcar, Fred & Betty Milliron	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!)
11	Candace & Dan Nostrandt, Alma House and Lori Dougherty	
18	Julie & Paul Robinson, Larry Neuhardt and Doris Clark	
25	Ann & Paul Osborn, Bob & Jan Condon	