

Steepleviews

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June 2013 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Hugh & Pat Hessler
- 03 Liz Acklin
Kendra Gilbert
- 04 Andrea & Jack Frost
- 06 Emilie & Pat Bright
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Patty Pohlman
- 08 Julie & Paul Robinson
MaiKou Yang
- 09 John & Mary Bateman
- 10 Mark & Tracy Haigh
Crystal & Steve Rath
- 11 Bob Condon
- 14 Liz & Roy Acklin
- 15 Carla Mendoza
Don & Gail Nugent
Elizabeth Steigerwald
Paula Steigerwald
- 16 Sarah & Steve Chownyk
- 17 Donna & Ron Phillips
- 18 Nancy & Tom Marshall
- 19 Bob & Marilyn Conrad
- 21 PaYia Yang
- 22 Emily Albee
Don & Nancy Setterbo
- 26 Carolyn Lasas
Jennie Schmitt
- 27 Julian Cortez
- 28 Connie Bennehoff
Robin Somero
Mary & Tuo Yang
- 29 Marilyn Switzer
- 30 Michael Grajcar

Catch These Coming Events!

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| June 2 | Communion |
| June 2 | Graduation Day |
| June 4 | Eat out for BACN |
| June 8, 9, 10 | Benzie Comm. Chorus
Cabaret Dinner Theater
at Crystal Mountain |
| June 9 | Hymn Sing Sunday |
| June 16 | Happy Father's Day |
| June 20 | Ladies' Lunch |

Friendly Reminder!!! Worship Time Change!!

Starting June 2nd
through
August 25th
our Sunday Morning
Worship time will
change from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



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HAPPY FATHER'S Day!

Pastor's Page

A man came home from work late, tired and irritated, to find his 5-year old Son waiting for him at the door.

Son: 'Daddy, may I ask you a question?'

Dad: 'Yeah sure, what it is?' replied the man.

Son: 'Daddy, how much do you make an hour?'

Dad: 'That's none of your business.. Why do you ask such a thing?' the man said angrily.

Son: 'I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?'

Dad: 'If you must know, I make \$50 an hour.'

Son: 'Oh,' the little boy replied, with his head down.

Son: 'Daddy, may I please borrow \$25?'

The father was furious, 'If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don't work hard every day for such childish frivolities.' The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door.

The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money? After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think: Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$25.00 and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door. 'Are you asleep, son?' He asked. 'No daddy, I'm awake,' replied the boy. 'I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier' said the man 'It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$25 you asked for.'

The little boy sat straight up, smiling. 'Oh,

thank you daddy!' He yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father. 'Why do you want more money if you already have some?' the father grumbled. Because I didn't have enough, but now I do,' the little boy replied. 'Daddy, I have \$50 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you.'

This story is not here so much because of this month holding Fathers Day, but because it is the beginning of the busy season around here. It is so easy for me to get caught up in all I think I have to do, that I fail to be present to the people that need a listening ear or a caring heart. May this little story be a reminder for all of us to keep the Main Point the main point. See you in church if not before – Pastor Dinah

It's an age-old question: why do bad things happen to good people? The book by that title, written by Rabbi Harold Kushner, is a classic that deals head-on with the doubts and fears that arise when tragedy strikes. A three week study on this book will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning June 11. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join in the discussions of this profound and heart-warming book.

When
Bad Things
Happen to
Good People

THE INSPIRATIONAL #1 BESTSELLER
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HAROLD S.
KUSHNER

Benzie Community Chorus
~presents~
2013

**CABARET
Dinner Theater**

on June 8, 9, 10 at
Crystal Mountain Resort
Tickets \$45



Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Show to follow!

For Reservations call 231-352-5290

**Our "Grand" ladies are pictured
here representing FCCF on
May 22 and 23 at a conference
held at the Grand Hotel on
Mackinac Island. In attendance
were Liz Acklin, Judy Grant,
Mary Reed and Julie RobinSon.
Looking good ladies!!**



Congratulations!

To Jim Buzzell on the marriage of his granddaughter, Ellie to Tom Kirkpatrick, here at the Church on May 18. What a beautiful couple and dear hearts. God's blessings on their married life.

Folks 'round here don't always like to brag, but we can brag for you! So congratulations, college graduates! Lee & Marvelee Kneisel's granddaughter AlliSon and grandSons Evan and Robb, and Jim Buzzell's granddaughter, Paula.

Congratulations to high school graduates Lacey, daughter of Peggy & Phil Deloria, and Katie Gokey, niece of Candace & Dan Nostrandt, Matthew Nugent, grandSon of Don & Gail Nugent (and all those we didn't mention.)

Congrats to Michigan Fastbreak 8th grade team for winning the state AAU basketball tournament this month. Cecelia Schmitt has been playing with the traveling team based in Midland (two hours from Frankfort) this seaSon and they capped it off with the trophy from the State competition.

Congratulations also go out to senior Katie Gokey and freshman Hannah Nostrandt on hitting their first career home runs for Frankfort's Varsity Softball Team, and the cousins did it in the same week!! Way to go ladies!!

Way to go freshman Maisie Nugent on making it to varsity level on Frankfort's Golf Team. Maisie placed 2nd overall of the girls at the conference meet last week!

Council Notes

There were 15 Council members at the May 8, 2013 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Neuhardt

Income for April: \$ 5,557.75

Expenses for April: \$ 7,933.90

YTD Expenses: \$34,099.00

YTD Income: \$30,854.67

YTD Budget: \$32,060.00

Historian: Al Bryant

1) We now have a book with original documents that have been transcribed by Sharon Grajcar. 2) we also have old Council and Women's Fellowship minutes but would like to digitalize these document into PDF files for space-saving reaSons. (This project could be considered in 2014's budget.) 3) We are still working on complete membership lists, making progress toward the Church's 150th anniversary in 2017.

Memorials: Judy Welch

In April there were \$1,175.00 in donations to the Memorial account and no contributions were made to the CIF account.

Missions:

Income was \$426.22 from the congregational offerings and \$400.00 from the Investment Fund. Checks were written to all our designated mission projects and to NACCC. Additionally, \$100.00 disbursements were made 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.

Nominating: Myra Elias

Myra made a motion to approve Leslie McElduff, as recommended by the Nominating Committee, to replace Nora Bungard on the Council.

Outreach: John Walthorn

No added or new information from last month's meeting.

Property: Mary Reed

1) The committee is still in the progress of getting the plaques in the stained glass windows. 2) The new chair lift is a great help for our riders. 3) The Sanctuary was painted in time for Easter service; 4) Bill Frostic assembled two storage units in the Sunday School rooms. 5) New projects will include painting the Church pillars in front and on the east side, power washing, bug spraying, and marking the step by the front door.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed

A donation from the Robert Denton family to the Women's Fellowship was received.

Worship: Ann Osborn

Sunday School Teacher recognition and full communion will be on June 2.

By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Investment, PerSonnel and Religious Education:

no reports

Pastor's Report:

Report was submitted to those present with the addition of one more item that Pastor Dinah is working on more historical information with Al Bryant in preparation for our 150th anniversary. She is working on our Church's history and would like to take Sabbatical time next January for research.

Unfinished Business:

It was decided that Marilyn Conrad will read the letter she composed regarding giving amounts to the congregation at the June 23 service with the chart Pastor Dinah created printed in that day's bulletin and then both the letter and chart will be added to the July "Steepleviews."

New Business:

A check for \$500.00 was received from a family through a Mulvaney grant as an undesignated donation to our Church. The check will be deposited into the CIF Fund for future use.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



June's Ladies' Lunch

This month's ladies' lunch will be on
Thursday, June 20,
at noon at
Platte River Inn in Honor.
There will be a sign up sheet in the
dining room for all who would like
to attend. Please sign up by
Tuesday, June 18th. See you there!

A
heartfelt
thank
you goes
out to all
of you for
your
cards and prayers. There are no
words that can express our
gratitude and appreciation to
those of you who sat with Mom
during her last few days and
nights. We sincerely hope that
many of you can join us in July as
we celebrate the life of this dear
lady, Mary Helen Growt.

Blessings, Bill & Suzie AnderSon



Please Remember in Prayer

Alex Bonderenکو
Mario Bonderenکو
Nena Bonderenکو
Susie Bonderenکو
Bill Bruinsma
Bud & Dorothy Carpenter
Marilyn Conrad
Rita Deloach
Donna Disselکoen
Larry Garber
Julie Grant
Patti Haan
AlliSon Hinton
Barb Reed Holmes
Amber Holmgren
Rita Knapp
Wayne Knight
Luke Kolehmeinen
Carolyn Levis
Andy Mollema
Glori Padgett
Jeremy Parlette
Bill & Eileen Perkins
Helen Perkins
Brady Pfefferman
Ron Phillips
Don Polodori
Doug Rath
Bob Roper
Raye Rosen
Liz Sears
Helen Smeltzer

Lance Smith
Janice Westrup
Connie Williams
Peter Young

Paul Oliver Long Term Care

Mary Collins
Suzanne Gum

Our Prayers are extended to the families of:

Vonnie Griner
Katie JohnSon
Rick Lindsay
Jim Searls
Michael Ury
Irma Weaver
Rev. Edie Winter

Those serving in the Military:

Cody Bates
Steve Chownyk
Matt Conrad
Devin Gokey
Amber Holmgren
Ryan Kingsinger
Mike Porter
Ryan Ruddy
Tim Welch
Brittney Wood

June is FCCF Usher Appreciation Month!!

Thank you for seeing to the needs of the
congregation during worship!

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Thank you, Matt Weaver (Lois Bender's grandSon, Lori Dougherty's nephew, Sarah Chownyk's cousin) for power washing the church. It looks wonderful! (And he sprayed for spiders and bugs, so all shall be good for the seaSon!)
- Thank you to Jim Buzzell for painting the columns in front of the Church doors!
- Thank you to our grill masters Paul RobinSon and John Walthorn during our picnic potluck.
- Christy Case, Max Moreno-Gaft, Andrew and Maria Wolowiac for sharing your special music on Bring a Friend to Church Sunday. It was a delight to hear the four of you – and – for you to sing with our church choir.
- John and Kathy Walthorn for hosting The Gathering in May. It was another evening of people enjoying each other's company and the graciousness of the hosts.
- The good perSon who changed a light bulb behind the parSonage. What a great idea of a random act of kindness!
- All those who give other perSons a ride to church. It is a big deal to those who can no longer drive!

Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

On Tuesday, June 4, 2013, eat dinner at one of these partner restaurants,

Watervale Inn in Arcadia
or **Coho Café in Frankfort**

and 10% of your bill is donated to **BACN**.



Our sympathies to:
Missi Gilbert and her family on the passing of her mom Katie JohnSon.

Welcome



Leslie McElduff to the Church Council! She is finishing the term for Nora Bungard, who asked to step down. We will miss Nora's wit and insight, but Leslie will bring those things to the table, too.

Wanted:

A hand-truck or dolly for the church. Doesn't need to be new, but needs to be reliable. If you have one to donate, please see Pastor Dinah.
(We don't need more than one!)

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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Recognition & Communion <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Graduation Day</div> Hugh & Pat Hessler	3 Liz Acklin Kendra Gilbert	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Eat out for BACN: Coho Café & Watervale Inn</div> Andrea & Jack Frost	5 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Emilie Bright Patty Pohlman Emilie & Pat Bright	7	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">6:30 p.m. Benzie Community Chorus Cabaret</div> Julie & Paul RobinSon MaiKou Yang
9 10:00 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Benzie Community Chorus Cabaret John & Mary Bateman	10 Mark & Tracy Haigh Crystal & Steve Rath	11 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Book Study Ch. 1-3 Bob Condon	12 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Frankfort Art Fair</div>	15 <div style="text-align: right;">→</div> Carla Mendoza Don & Gail Nugent Elizabeth Steigerwald Paula Steigerwald
16 10:00 a.m. Worship & Hymn Sing <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Happy Fathers Day</div> Sarah & Steve Chownyk	17 Donna & Ron Phillips	18 7:00 p.m. Book Study Ch. 4-5 Nancy & Tom Marshall	19 Bob & Marilyn Conrad	20 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch: Platte River Inn</div>	21 PaYia Yang	22 6:00 p.m. Topij-Southwell Wedding at Harbor Lights Emily Albee Don & Nancy Setterbo
23 10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School <div style="text-align: right;">10:00a.m. Worship</div> Michael Grajcar	24	25 7:00 p.m. Book Study Ch. 6-8	26 Carolyn Lalas Jennie Schmitt	27 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir 7	28 Connie Bennehoff Robin Somero	29 Marilyn Switzer

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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Usher: Bill Hirschfeld</u>	
2	Michael & Sharon Grajcar, Jim & Robin MacKenzie	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!)
9	Jill & Ted Smeltzer, Alma House and Doris Clark	
16	Bailey & Julie Grant, Candace & Dan Nostrandt	
23	Donna & Ron Phillips, John & Leslie McElduff	
30	Carlisle, Peyton & Reagan Clevenger, Kyah RobinSon	