



Steepleviews



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June 2015 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 John & Rosemary Abbett
- 02 Hugh & Pat Hessler
- 03 Liz Acklin
Kendra Nuske
Marilyn Whisner
- 06 Kim & Stuart Scripps
- 08 Julie & Paul Robinson
MaiKou Yang
- 09 John & Mary Bateman
- 10 Crystal & Steve Rath
- 11 Bob Condon
- 14 Liz & Roy Acklin
- 15 Carla Mendoza
Don & Gail Nugent
Elizabeth Steigerwald
Paula Steigerwald
- 16 Cristian Mendoza
- 17 Donna & Ron Phillips
- 18 Jane Tarnecki
- 19 John & Mary Bateman
- 21 PaYia Yang
- 25 Jeff & Michelle Frostic
- 26 Carolyn Lalas
Jennie Schmitt
Mac Whisner
- 27 Julian Cortez
Rachel & Ryan St. John
- 28 Connie Bennehoff
Robin Somero
Mary & Tua Yang
- 29 Marilyn Switzer
- 30 Michael Grajcar

Catch These Coming Events!

May 31 Graduation Day BCHS/FHS

May 31 – June 5

Pastor Dinah Out of Town

June 2 Dine out for BACN

**June 7 Sunday School Appreciation
& Sunday School Recognition**

June 14 Church Picnic

June 21 Father's Day & Men's Chorus

**June 28 Ward Van Houten 90th
Celebration @ American Legion**

Great apologies for the late publication of
this newsletter! We thank you for your
patience and understanding. *The Staff*

Picnic Potluck

**Sunday, June 14, there will
be a Picnic Potluck after Worship
in the dining room. Please bring
a dish to pass and your own
service. Meat will be provided.
So bring a friend or two
and share them with our Church Family.**



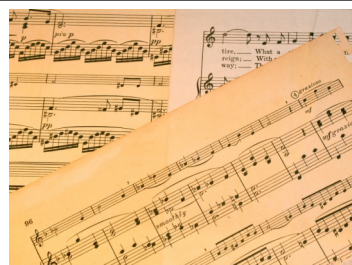
Pastor's Page

As much as it is hard to say good-bye, there are times when we have to move on. **Lois Martindale** has determined that she needs to move closer to her family in Lansing to a smaller apartment. That means downsizing and a sale. The sale will be Fri., Sat. and Sun., June 19, 20 and 21 from 9-5:00 p.m. It has been said that there is enough to be sold that it cannot be displayed all at once, so new deals will be available daily. Lois lives at 2142 Pond Rd. in Benzonia. She asked that we pass along the word so that more people know. Godspeed, good lady! You will be missed.



Julie & Bill Hirschfeld have moved

to Frankfort! Their new address is 1006 Hall St., and their phone numbers are Bill: 231-920-1888
Home: 231-399-0172
Julie: 231-920-1075
Welcome to your new digs,
Bill & Julie!



Gentlemen! It's that "every-other" year, so that means that the men that would like to sing for the Father's Day anthem are up to bat. If you would like a piece of the music, just ask Pastor Dinah. If you need a copy, email before that time to let her know that, too. This year's anthem will be an arrangement of "Rejoice! The Lord Is King." Spread the news so that any of the male songsters will get the information!



Our deepest condolences to Pastor Dinah and her family as they grieve the loss of her mother, Janice Westrup.

Our sympathies to Denis & Kathy Crosby on the death of their dog, Elvis, after a short illness. Furred family members are also dear to the heart.

Congratulations

To Ann Osborn who had her
trillium photo on TV 7 & 4
Hot Shots on May 21!

To all the Graduates from both
Frankfort and
Benzie Central High Schools, but
especially to Pearce Pomerleau
and Bennett Schmitt. Pearce will
be attending Hillsdale College
and Bennett will be attending
Albion College.

Come to think about it, do you know where the nearest fire extinguisher is?



Since we're coming into the
fire season, it's good to think
about fire safety. Perhaps
because of the age of this
wooded structure, it's good
for all of us to know that there
is a fire extinguisher in the
following places;

1. North end of church, upper level, near
alley door.
2. In the sanctuary, next to the pulpit.
3. In the narthex, top of the stairs, by the big
stained glass dove window.
4. Inside the front doors.
5. In the Red Room, near the swinging
doors.
6. In the kitchen, behind the swinging door.
7. In the boiler room, to the immediate left.
8. In the Dining Room, near the little sink.

Next time you are hanging out at the church,
see if you can find all of them!

All are invited to attend
the celebration of

Ward Van Houten's 90th Birthday

(which was Apr. 2),
on Sun. June 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
at the American Legion
in Frankfort.

No gifts, please;
just your joy and presence
will add to the delight.
Here's to you, Dutch!

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church's STAMP Program

Needs more volunteers for our
June 22-26 work week this
year. We work with the
Freedom Builders to make
Benzie County homes
warmer, safer and drier. If
you have construction skills,
cooking or non-construction skills,
we need you for one or more days.



We feed you breakfast,
lunch and dinner.
Please consider this
prayerfully.

Contact St. Andrews at
231-882-4241.

Council Notes

There were 13 Council members at the May 13, 2015 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: John McElduff

Income for April: \$ 9,035.62

Expenses for April: \$ 7,348.20

Memorials: John McElduff

Memorial Plaques have been ordered and paid for.

Missions:

Mission income for April totaled \$325.44; the Church was able to meet its financial obligation to our various mission supports 100%.

Outreach: Judy Grant

Dinah Haag for Judy Grant; 1) Seven new members joined the Church in April plus we have several members either moving away from Frankfort or moving to Frankfort; 2) Erma McKinnon's Celebration of Life was May 15; 3) the next "Gathering" will be at the Parsonage on May 22; and 4) we will be participating in the July 4th Parade plus hold our Hot Dog Sale.

Personnel: Andy Mollema

The committee will meet before the next Council meeting to further discuss and look at the possibility of raises for the Church's employees.

Property: Andrea Frost

1) the backflow preventer device, which keeps our drinking water safe, needs to be tested so Andrea is trying to locate a certified person in the area to do this job; 2) the Committee is getting estimates for future construction remodeling and new carpeting and tiling for the bathrooms, the red room, and the balcony; 3) there was discussion about landscaping the front of the Church and Parsonage so will get estimates on this job as well; and 4) there was discussion on the cleaning of the Sanctuary ceiling fans and hanging lights. Andrea will contact Steve Cronch for this job; scaffolding can be rented from Rentals Unlimited United in Traverse City for \$48.00 a week.

Religious Education: Candace Nostrandt
Dinah Haag for Candace – June 7 is Sunday School and Graduation Recognition.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed

A plant will be purchased for Erma McKinnon's Celebration of Life service.

Worship: Ann Osborn

1) Pentecost, May 24: Rob Burch will do the sermon on his study of the Holy Spirit; 2) June 7: Sunday School and Graduation Recognition/ Communion Sunday; 3) a newly purchased banner for the Sanctuary will be in place after the Memorial Day weekend service; and 4) there was further discussion on a railing for the altar steps.

By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Investment and Nominating:

no reports

Pastor's Report:

Report was submitted to those present.

Unfinished Business:

none

New Business:

A newly formed Sesquicentennial Committee: a motion was made by Al Bryant that the Council approve the formation of an ad hoc Committee to prepare for the Church's Sesquicentennial in 2017. The Committee will oversee preparations and monies needed for this year long event.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



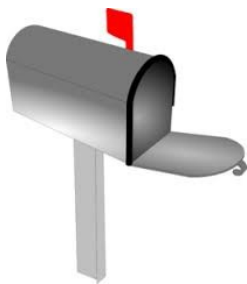


Benzie Community Chorus
~presents~
Summer 2015
on June 27, 28, 29 and
July 10 & 11 @ 7:30 p.m.
at Mills Community House
For tickets call 231-399-0155
\$15 per ticket

We've got mail!!

Dear Jim & Robin,

Thank you so much for this amazing
ministry of sending kids to camp and
for including our son
Tate!



Tate got to go with a
buddy who has gone
to that camp for years;
that made it even
more fun for him.

Please tell Dinah and your
congregation how thankful we
are for their generosity!

Laura, Jake and Tate MacKenzie

Please Remember in Prayer

Jim Ames & Family
Robin Brunette
Bill Bruinsma
Arthur Campbell
Doris Clark
Colleen Cruff
Sherry Dunn
Ray Franzen
Tyler Grant
Peter Guthmann
Tiffany Armstrong
Higgins
Lucy House
Mary Huntley
Carolyn Levis
Diane Macy
Dale McLaughlin
Judy McQuilken
Esther Miller
Tom Moore
Cheryl Noll
Katie Palermo

Stan Pettingill
Kris Smeltzer
Jewell Symington

Our Prayers are extended to the families of:

Roselind Burns
Lois Ewing
Monte Finkhouse
Beeby Harold
Susan Lutz
Jon Messere
Janice Westrup

Those serving in the Military:

Matt Conrad
Mike Kinney
Ryan Kingsinger
Clark Robinson

June is FCCF Usher Appreciation Month!!



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

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Myra Elias for washing the church dining room windows!
- Andrea Frost for polishing the church brass.
- All who helped with Erma McKinnon's Celebration of Life. What a good Godspeed event.
- All the kind words and notes and offers of help with my mother's passing on to eternal life. Thank you all, too, for the beautiful floral arrangement for her service. Over and over and over, I know I am the most blessed pastor and have the best church family on the planet because of all of you! Pastor Dinah
- Al Bryant for coming into the church office on Tuesdays and other times to "cover the phone" when the secretary isn't in. What a peach!
- John Walthorn for putting down some mulch on the church gardens. It was such a sweet surprise!



Thanks to everyone for supporting the
Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors!!
 We will resume again in the fall.

Balance/Auditory/Vision eXercises

Mary Ann Short is still offering beginner and more advanced classes here in the Red Room called BalA VisX. It's an acronym for Balance/Auditory/Vision eXercises, which can also be understood as movement oriented brain body integration. They are simple exercises to help balance, focus, hearing, memory, vision, energy level and concentration and are applicable to 3 year olds to 90+ year-olds. The technique has been used in schools, rehabilitation centers, in the U.S. and all over the world. There are informational sheets on a table in the Dining Room and starting on **June 1st**, classes will be held on **Mondays and Wednesdays** 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. for adults and 10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. for students. **And they are FREE!**

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June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion <div>Benzie County Schools Commencements</div>	01 <div>Hugh & Pat Hessler</div> John & Rosemary Abbett	02 <div>Dine out for BACN: Coho Café in Frankfort or Watervale Inn in Arcadia, Reservations Required</div>	03 8:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 11:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 Liz Acklin Kendra Nuske Marilyn Whisner	04 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Comm. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Comm.	05	06 Kim & Stuart Scripps
Pastor Dinah Out-of-Town						
07 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion, Senior Recognition & Sunday School Appreciation Sunday	08 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class MaiKou Yang Julie & Paul Robinson	09 4:00 p.m. Property Comm. John & Mary Bateman	10 8:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 11:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Crystal & Steve Rath	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga Bob Condon	12 4:30 p.m. Raedle- Edgar Rehearsal	13 4:30 p.m. Raedle- Edgar Wedding <div>Frankfort Art Fair</div>
14 10:30 a.m. Worship <div>Annual Church Picnic</div> Liz & Roy Acklin	15 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	16 Cristian Mendoza <div>Carla Mendoza Elizabeth Steigerwald Paula Steigerwald Don & Gail Nugent</div>	17 8:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 11:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 7:30 p.m. Choir Donna & Ron Phillips	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga Jane Tarnecki	19 5:30 p.m. Condon-Boyd Rehearsal John & Mary Bateman	20 5:00 p.m. Condon -Boyd Wedding (Farm) 6:30 p.m. Ruddy Renewal of Vows (Theater)
21 10:30 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Finley Ruddy Baptism (Lake) 4:00 p.m. Jackson- Wheelless Rehearsal <div>Happy Fathers Day</div>	22 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 2:00 p.m. Jackson- Wheelless Wedding (Beach) <div>PaYia Yang</div>	23	24 8:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative Mtg. 11:30 a.m. BalA VisX 1 on 1 7:30 p.m. Choir	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:00 p.m. Rykman-Ponce de Leon Rehearsal Jeff & Michelle Frostic	26 4:00 p.m. Ryckman -Ponce de Leon Rehearsal Carolyn Lalas Jennie Schmitt Mac Whisner	27 Julian Cortez Rachel & Ryan St. John
28 10:30a.m. Worship Connie Bennehoff Robin Somero Mary & Tua Yang	29 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class Marilyn Switzer	30 Michael Grajcar	7			July 4 Frankfort Parade & Koegel Hot Dog Sale

2:00 p.m. Ward Van Houten 90th Birthday Celebration (American Legion)

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Date	Greeters/Ushers Head Usher: <i>Julie Robinson</i>	
7	John & Leslie McElduff, Ann & Paul Osborn	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by 10:00 a.m. 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!)
14	Donna & Ron Phillips, Mary Ann Harness and Mary Reed	
21	Betty & Fred Milliron, Larry Neuhardt and Bill Hirschfeld	
28	Lori Dougherty, Jill Smeltzer, John & Kathy Walthorn	