

Steepleviews

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Catch These Coming Events!

- July 4 4th of July Parade, Koegel Hot Dog Sale & Fireworks
July 13, 14 Benzie Community Chorus
Cabaret on Stage at the Ramsdell Theater, Manistee
July 22 Mary Helen Growt's Celebration of Life
July 23 Annual Block Party: Free Food & Entertainment
July 25 - August 9 Pastor Dinah on Vacation



Our Big Month is Here!

4th of July Parade:

We'll have a float, so we need people to ride on the float and people to help create it.



4th of July Koegel Hot Dog Sale:

Check the big bulletin board for the needed soda pop or water donations.
Don't forget to stop by and grab a quick lunch that day!

July 23: 2nd Annual Block Party (tentative date):

We'll have free sandwiches, free chips and popcorn, free non-alcoholic beverages, and free entertainment. Feel free to bring a chair or blanket, your family, friends and neighbors and enjoy. The street will be closed off between 5th and 4th Streets, so kids can ride bikes and scooters and be safe. The rain date will be the next day.

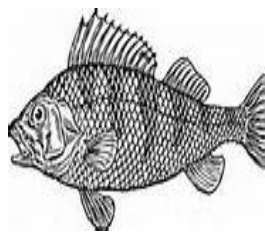
Come as you are able. It's going to be an awesome month!



July 2013 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Lary Sommers
- 04 Pam & Steve Jackson
- 06 Eliza Frary
- 07 Becky Addis
Lois Martindale
Andrea Robinson
- 08 Chia & Sua Yang
- 09 Ralph Jackson
- 12 John & Leslie McElduff
- 13 Mason Rath
- 17 Laurel Rath
- 20 Jim & Mary Jane Murray
- 24 Tristan Chicky
- 26 Peyton Clevenger
David J. Grant
Daniel Haigh
Polo Mendoza
- 27 Kristine & Michael Bingham
- 28 Judy Welch
- 29 Dick Brown
- 30 Fred Milliron
- 31 Rick Schmitt

Pastor Dinah will be on vacation starting July 25 and returning on August 10. Although we will miss you, we wish you a little R & R, some great fishing and a wonderful time!! Safe travels.



Benzie Community Chorus ~presents~ 2013 CABARET On Stage

on July 13th and 14th at
Manistee's Ramsdell Theater
Tickets \$15 – Show at 8:00 p.m.

For Reservations call 231-352-5290



Our Sunday School teachers are
just the
best, and
our
students
are well-
equipped
with their
new Bibles!



A Celebration of Life for Mary Helen Growt

Will be held on

Monday, July 22,
2013 at noon with
visitation at 11:00
a.m. here at
First Congregational
Church of Frankfort,
followed by a
luncheon. All are
welcomed to help
celebrate the life of this dear lady.



We've received mail:

Thank you so much
for supporting the
2013 graduating class
at FHS. Your
contribution to the all
night lock in for the
seniors was greatly appreciated.
Dane Miller, class of 2013, Frankfort.



Thank you FCCF for the opportunity to
go to the Win Some Women's retreat on
Mackinaw Island. It is something I shall
never forget. Mary Reed

Just a note to tell you I had a very nice
time and was blessed so much at the
Win Some Women's Retreat. Liz Acklin

Dear FCCF, Thank you so very much
for your generous donation to the Baby
Pantry. What a wonderful idea for
Mother's & Father's Day. Marilou,
St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

Congratulations!

Jordin Elise Gilbert &
Jared Kelly were
married Monday,
May 20, 2013 at the
Mountain View
Chapel in Pigeon
Falls, TN. Jordin is the daughter of
Randall and Melissa Gilbert, Jared is the
son of Pam and Steve Kelly. The two are
joined by Jared's daughter, Jetta Kelly
who is 3.



Congratulations also go out to graduated
senior Katie Gokey, freshman Hannah
Nostrandt and the Frankfort Varsity
Softball Team on winning Districts and
Regionals and getting to the quarter
finals. Also, Katie Gokey was chosen 1st
Team All Conference, 1st Team All
District, 1st Team All Region and she was
asked to represent her Frankfort Panthers
and play in the All Star Game on July 24
in Lansing at the MSU Softball Field.
What a great season for Lady Panthers!

Lauren Church for receiving the Benzie
Central Principal's award. It's the
highest award given, and we are blessed
to have this special young lady as one of
our own church family members. Way to
go Lauren!

Congratulations to Lee and Marvelee
Kneisel as they welcome the birth of their
new great granddaughter, Madelyn
Grace Meyers. She was born on June 22,
2013. Her parents are Steve and Alexis
Meyers, grandparents are Mark and
Nancy Meyers.

Council Notes

There were 10 Council members at the June 12, 2013 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Neuhardt

Income for May:	\$ 5,318.50
Expenses for May:	\$ 8,191.73
YTD Expenses:	\$42,290.73
YTD Income:	\$36,173.17
YTD Budget:	\$40,075.00

Missions:

Income was \$405.60 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. Pastor Dinah announced that monies were donated to Jessie Grant's mission trip to the Dominican Republic.

Outreach: John Walthorn

1) new advertising signs and flags have been received; along with the signs and flags, it was decided to purchase a tent with Dave Grant Memorial funds; 2) a "welcome" gift was delivered to Perks & Petals, a new business in town so we will do the same with others; 3) John Walthorn will head the 4th of July Hot Dog Sale, with prices still to be set for food and beverages; 4) we will participate in the 4th of July parade and have been offered a trailer to decorate as a float; 5) there is no date nor music as yet for Community Block Party; 6) the tentative dates for the Flotilla Party and the next Gathering are August 14 and August 23 respectively; and 7) Three Husbands On the Loose and Picnic will be the last Sunday in August.

Personnel: Jim Buzzell

There is a pending review with our organist and the pastor's job description is ongoing.

Property: Mary Reed

Special thanks go to: Andrea Frost for painting the side pillars; Jim Buzzell for painting the front pillars; and John Walthorn for volunteering to head up the 4th of July Hot Dog Sale. Michael Grajcar said he would repair the side church doors.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed

\$200.00 was donated to the 4th of July Hot Dog Sale and \$100.00 was donated toward the Community Block Party.

Worship: Ann Osborn

1) all "events" went well during the month of May and the first half of June; 2) our financial secretary has written a letter to the congregation that she will read on June 23rd along with a sheet that lists percentages of incomes. This is for information only and in response to an oft asked question, "how much should I give?"; 3) there are three upcoming weddings, one renewal of vows, one baptism, and one Celebration of Life; 4) special music and a potluck/picnic the end of August; and, 5) our Pastor's vacation is scheduled from July 25-August 9.

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

no reports

Pastor's Report:

Report was submitted to those present.

Unfinished Business:

The Fair Share Giving to NACCC amounts to \$13.00-\$15.00 per person.

New Business:

Marilyn Conrad made the motion that the Council approve the purchase of a vinyl tent to be used for our upcoming hot dog sale and block party with monies from the Memorial Fund for Dave Grant; Judy Welch seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Thoughts from the Heart



We are a most fortunate church family. Dedicated contributing members fund the operating expenses of our church. Your financial support of our church is greatly appreciated and of great importance to continue the day to day operation.

Unlike many churches, we do not ask for a formal pledge from our members but leave it to their own prayerful decision between themselves and God as to what amount will be given.

We have been asked, however, for some guidelines as to what is appropriate. A chart has been included in this newsletter only as an informational guideline. Each of us has our own personal budgets, responsibilities and agendas for the use of our income.

Please understand this is only a suggestion and is being presented as a guideline.

We are so fortunate to have a generous investment account that enables our church to meet expenses for upkeep, religious education, community outreach and missions. No monies from the investment account, however, are available for day to day operations.

Your continued generosity of giving week by week and /or month by month and even on a yearly basis, is greatly appreciated and necessary in the continued operation of our church.

Thank you for your support and understanding of this as an informational message.
Marilyn Conrad



Pastor's Points



As new people come to our church family, I am sometimes asked, "So where are the pledge cards?" To this pastor's delight (and the frustration of those who try to create the budget), we don't have pledge cards. Some people call it irresponsible, others call it careless. But not having a pledge drive has served our church family well enough in over the past fifteen years.

When there has been a need for something, that need was made known, and people gladly stepped up. And then we were blessed with the gift of a bequest that has been invested so that we can spend a portion of the interest earned over the previous year.

But I remember a sermon/service, years ago, in which the members of the congregation

were challenged to see where we put our "treasure" by looking at our checkbooks, what and where we spent our money. At the same time, we were to take a look at what we "gave" to God through our charitable giving.

We were given a chart (like the one on page 6 of this newsletter) to determine what our giving percentage was. Then we were asked if we could challenge ourselves to give another percent, or two percent, or whatever amount it seemed that God was asking of us.

Some of us couldn't give more. Some of us could. But it was certainly an eye-opening exercise that helped a lot of us get a good idea of what we were doing with the "treasure" God gave us. May it be a valuable exercise for you, too. Shalom, Pastor Dinah

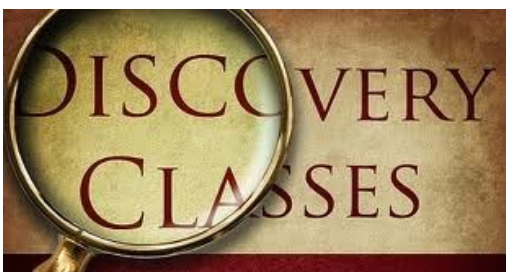
Income Percentages

	1%	3%	5%	8%	10%	12%	15%
\$10,000	\$100	\$300	\$500	\$800	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500
\$15,000	\$150	\$450	\$750	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$200	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$2,400	\$3,000
\$25,000	\$250	\$750	\$1,250	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,750
\$30,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600	\$4,500
\$35,000	\$350	\$1,050	\$1,750	\$2,800	\$3,500	\$4,200	\$5,250
\$40,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800	\$6,000
\$45,000	\$450	\$1,350	\$2,250	\$3,600	\$4,500	\$5,400	\$6,750
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$7,500
\$55,000	\$550	\$1,650	\$2,750	\$4,400	\$5,500	\$6,600	\$8,250
\$60,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$4,800	\$6,000	\$7,200	\$9,000
\$65,000	\$650	\$1,950	\$3,250	\$5,200	\$6,500	\$7,800	\$9,750
\$70,000	\$700	\$2,100	\$3,500	\$5,600	\$7,000	\$8,400	\$10,500
\$75,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$6,000	\$7,500	\$9,000	\$11,250
\$80,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$6,400	\$8,000	\$9,600	\$12,000
\$85,000	\$850	\$2,550	\$4,240	\$6,800	\$8,500	\$10,200	\$12,750
\$90,000	\$900	\$2,700	\$4,500	\$7,200	\$9,000	\$10,800	\$13,500
\$95,000	\$950	\$2,850	\$4,750	\$7,600	\$9,500	\$11,400	\$14,250
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
\$120,000	\$1,200	\$3,600	\$6,000	\$9,600	\$12,000	\$14,400	\$18,000
\$130,000	\$1,300	\$3,900	\$6,500	\$10,400	\$13,000	\$15,600	\$19,500
\$140,000	\$1,400	\$4,200	\$7,000	\$11,200	\$14,000	\$16,800	\$21,000
\$150,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$22,500
\$160,000	\$1,600	\$4,800	\$8,000	\$12,800	\$16,000	\$19,200	\$24,000
\$170,000	\$1,700	\$5,100	\$8,500	\$13,600	\$17,000	\$20,400	\$25,500
\$180,000	\$1,800	\$5,400	\$9,000	\$14,400	\$18,000	\$21,600	\$27,000
\$190,000	\$1,900	\$5,700	\$9,500	\$15,200	\$19,000	\$22,800	\$28,500
\$200,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$24,000	\$30,000
\$250,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$37,500
\$300,000	\$3,000	\$9,000	\$15,000	\$24,000	\$30,000	\$36,000	\$45,000
\$350,000	\$3,500	\$10,500	\$17,500	\$28,000	\$35,000	\$42,000	\$52,500
\$400,000	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$20,000	\$32,000	\$40,000	\$48,000	\$60,000
\$500,000	\$4,500	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$75,000
\$750,000	\$7,500	\$22,500	\$37,500	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$112,500
\$1,000,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$80,000	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$150,000



Due to the fact that summers are so busy for everyone, and our group is very large during June, July and August, and also it makes it to hard on the area restaurants, we will be taking the rest of the summer off from **The Ladies' Lunches**. We will resume again in September!

Would you like to take a class on Excel, Word or a myriad of other possible topics, but you don't really want to put out the cash? Guess what? You can do it through our church membership to Fred Pryor Seminars. Just contact the church office, and we'll set you up. Even if you don't have access to a computer, we can help you with courses like "Active Listening," "Applications of Non-Verbal Communications," and "How to Prevent Back Injuries" are just a few of the 1,352 classes available to you – for free and an hour of your time. This is a great opportunity that we get to share, so don't be shy!



Please Remember in Prayer

Mario Bonderenko
Susie Bonderenko
Bill Bruinsma
Sophie Bryan
Cory Campbell
Nang Thong Chang
Michael Elwell
Larry Garber
Julie Grant
Steve Grant
Tyler Grant
Patti Haan
Barb Reed Holmes
Scott Kneisel
Luke Kolehmainen
Carolyn Levis
Isaac McKinnon
Andy Mollema
Glori Padgett
Bill & Eileen Perkins
Helen Perkins
Don Polodori
Bob Roper
Emily Ruddy
Fran Sanders
Liz Sears
Janice Westrup

John Young
Peter Young

Paul Oliver Long

Term Care

Mary Collins
Suzanne Gum

Our Prayers are extended to the families of:

Karen Arnold
Beth Griner
Vera Sanor
Jim Searls
Ron Skold

Those serving in the Military:

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

July is FCCF Greeters' Appreciation Month!!

Thank you for being here early and the first friendly face that people see when they come into our church home! It's one of the most important "jobs" we have.

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- John and Kathy Walthorn for a little foliage trimming, power-washing and painting the parsonage north deck. It looks wonderful and cared-for!
- Thanks to our pillar painters Andrea Frost for prepping and painting the church side entrance pillars. To Jim Buzzell, nice job on the front pillars earlier this season!
- Maile Church for playing the preludes on Memorial Weekend. You were great!
- Pam Engwell-Clark and daughter Kayla for the tremendous work on the church gardens and soil. July and August will be spectacular!
- Dave Jackson for edging the sidewalks around the church grounds. (Yeah, okay, so Pastor Dinah snow blows his sidewalk in the winter.) It's all a great work of a community effort.
- Thanks a ton to Jim Buzzell and Andrea Frost for changing the light bulbs and fixing lights in the steeple. You two are a couple of aces!!
- Andrea Frost & Marti Mollema for changing out the church dining room decorations. It's so cheerful!
- Bill Hirschfeld for doing some weeding around the church. Every little bit helps, and looks great.



In May,
BACN had...
27 New families
527 families received
services

2,414 people were provided
with food

2,301 people were provided
with clothing

"A caring community of
Neighbors helping Neighbors."

Point of Information:

As I heard about local young people who are taking major risks with drugs, I thought of the recovery side if the issue.

Beyond mental health counseling Benzie County offers a drop in center for peer support and continuation of life skills.

Some 20-30 somethings are involved. A grant was awarded recently for a thrift store across from the post office in Benzonia, look for "Shop Open" sign.

Jane Buth

Loved that
sermon? Know
someone that
might want to
read part of it?







Want that joke or illustration?

Check the church website:
fccfrankfort.org. The sermons are
posted under the "more" tab.

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July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lary Sommers	2 9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic 10:00 a.m. TOPS 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg.	3 1:00 p.m. Card-Napper Wedding 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.	4 <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 10:00 a.m. 4th of July Parade 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. Koegel Hot Dog Sale </div> Pam & Steve Jackson 	5	6 Eliza Frary
7 10:00 a.m. Worship Becky Addis Lois Martindale Andrea Robinson	8 Chia & Sua Yang	9 10:00 a.m. TOPS 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. Ralph Jackson	10 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga	12 John & Leslie McElduff	13 <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 8:00 p.m. Benzie Community Chorus Cabaret on Stage at the Ramsdell Theater </div> Mason Rath
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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Usher:</u> <i>Julie Robinson</i>	
7	John & Kathy Walthorn, Patty Pohlman and Mary Bateman	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>9:30 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!)
14	Jean & Larry Neuhardt, Bob & Jan Condon	
21	Mac & Marilyn Whisner, Mary Ann Harness and Doris Clark	
28	Betty & Fred Milliron, Bob & Sue King	