

Steepleviews

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August 2015 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Joel & Saskia Buzzell
Barb & Frank Ikens
Alan & Susie Vigland
- 02 Randy Gilbert
- 05 Cara Chicky
Ella Whiting
Peggy & Phil Deloria
- 06 Brandon Nostrandt
- 07 Bill & Julie Hirschfeld
- 08 Debi Kennedy
- 09 Andrew Dougherty
Cary & Eric Buzzell
- 11 Mary Jane Murray
Dale & Polly Herscher
- 13 Polly Herscher
Don Setterbo
- 15 Ella Bright
- 17 Jeryl Colby
Andy Mollema
- 18 Lynn Buzzell
Becky & Joe Hubbard
- 19 Jeanne McMillan
Katie (Condon) Boyd
- 20 Jordin (Gilbert) Kelly
- 21 Cherie Hunt
Mac & Marilyn Whisner
- 21 Beverly Augustine
- 25 Brad Chicky
Asher King
Ryan & Tricia Strom
- 26 Lauren Church
- 28 Ann & Paul Osborn
- 30 Robin MacKenzie
Carolyn & Jim Lalas
- 31 Lucas Bright
Dru Milliron
Jackie & Tom Richmond

Catch These Coming Events!

**August 01 Benzie Home Health
Care Local Motion**

**August 02 Salt City Dixie Jazz
Band & Communion**

**August 30 Three Husbands on the
Loose**

First Congregational Church
is pleased to have the
**Salt City Dixie Jazz Band
of Manistee**

lead our worship service on
Sunday, August 2, 2015
at 10:30 a.m.

Join us at 431 Forest Ave. in Frankfort and
stay for a cold beverage
and a little something to eat.
Worshipping God need not be stuffy or boring!



Pastor's Page

There is a scripture passage from James (1:12) that says, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

That can be a daunting test, because our human bodies tire, our brains become weary and none of us is a super hero. When it comes to persevering in the care of people with health issues, sometimes it can be hard because no one wants to give up their independence and yet no one wants to think that they are unworthy of being cared for and loved. Sometimes if we just knew what to do to help, it would feel so good.

A dear colleague of mine sent this prayer as this person deals with their own spouse's issues. Throughout all my years as a nursing assistant and again in seminary, the message of this prayer was always "preached." Our work is not always about doing, but more often about "being."

So pray this prayer for someone you know, and for those you don't know. Pray it for those who don't know they need it and for the wisdom to know when to pray it for yourself.

Blessings on all your ministries,

Pastor Dinah

Dementia Prayer

DO NOT ASK ME TO REMEMBER

Do not ask me to remember,
Don't try to make me understand.
Let me rest and know you're with me,
Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.

I'm confused beyond your concept,
I am sad and sick and lost.
All I know is that I need you
To be with me at all cost!

Just remember that I need you,
That the best of me is gone.
Please don't fail to stand beside me,
Love me 'til my life is done.

Author Unknown



We are so
thankful for
Robin
MacKenzie!!

Here's to a
speedy recovery
for Robin after
being struck by a
car. We are
happy to report that although she may
be sore for a while, she is going to be
just fine! GO GOD!

Don't forget to visit our web page! It can
change at a moment's notice. fccfrankfort.org



Congratulations to
 Ryan and Tricia Strom
 on the birth of Eva Marie Strom
 6 lb 14 oz - 19.75 inches long
 on Friday June 26, 2015.
 What a sweet bundle of love!



Benzie Home Health Care's Local Motion

will take place on
Saturday, August
2 from 7-11 a.m. Show your support
 by walking, running, jogging, biking,
 or donating to this great organization.
 For years folks have walked the shores
 of Crystal Lake, enjoyed a delicious
 brunch, and have made a difference in
 the lives of Benzie County seniors.

For more information, contact
 Benzie Home Health Care
 at 325-0138 or bcshhc@sbcglobal.net
If you would like to sponsor any of
 the many volunteers, you can call the
 church office between 10:00 a.m. and
 3:00 p.m. @ 231-352-7909 and we can
 get you signed up.

Three Husbands on the Loose

Our favorite trio returns to lead
 our worship service on
 Sun., Aug. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Tell your
 friends,
 and bring
 your
 Amens,
 because it
 will be a
 great time



of singing and worship.
 Come and bring your friends,
 and stay for the fellowship!!

**The John L. Mulvaney
 Foundation, the Father Lovett
 Foundation and another caring
 family** will match all gifts to
BACN, dollar for dollar, during
BACN's "Match" Campaign made
 before August 31, 2014 up to
 \$45,000! Success will mean
 hundreds of children will be
 provided healthy nutritious foods,
 families will have warmth next
 winter and every Neighbor will
 have access to
 basic education
 and job skills
 opportunities.
 Please consider a
 gift and help your Neighbor!



Council Notes

There were 14 Council members at the July 08, 2015 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: John McElduff

Income for June: **\$10,798.58**

Expenses for June: **\$ 7,995.57**

Memorials: John McElduff

In June there was a total of \$125.00 in donations to the Memorial account.

Missions: Leslie McElduff

Mission income for May totaled \$375.92

Investment: Denis Crosby

The total amount in our Investment Fund, as of July 8, 2015 is: \$670,348.00. Due to the market downturn, this shows a \$6,238.00 loss from the June 10 report total. The Investment Committee will be meeting with RW Baird and will have a complete report by September's meeting.

Outreach: Judy Grant

1) the Hot Dog Sale's total revenue will be announced at September's meeting; 2) the Block Party will be held from 5-7 pm on July 14; 3) no Floatilla this year; 4) the next two Gatherings will be at Hirschfelds on September 4th and at the White Owl in October (date to be decided); and 5) it was noted that for safety reasons we have walkers beside our vehicle at future July 4th parades.

Pastor's Report:

Report was submitted to those present.

Worship: Ann Osborn

1) Pastor Dinah will be on vacation from July 16-July 31; 2) filling the pulpit in her absence will be Bill Nelson on July 19 and

Bob McQuilken on July 26; 3) the Salt City Dixie Band will lead our service on August 2; 4) the next Communion will also be on August 2; and 5) the U.S. flag displayed at the front of the Sanctuary will be replaced by one of our new banners.

By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Nominating, Personnel, Property, Religious Education, Women's Fellowship:

no reports

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

The Investment Committee's Policy does state that a budget should be submitted from all committees prior to disbursements; in practice, disbursements have been made upon request. Denis Crosby, reporting for the Investment Committee, will be recommending changes so that we follow the policy as stated in the Handbook.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

Over (+)/Under (-): The Bottom Line

	Received	Over/Under
January	\$ 5,279.00	- \$3,469.35
February	\$13,512.00	+\$6,422.07
March	\$ 5,795.61	- \$2,955.73
April	\$ 9,035.62	+\$1,687.42
May	\$ 9,215.00	+\$1,755.53
June	\$10,798.58	+\$2,803.01
Total	\$53,636.04	+\$6,242.95

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Thank you to Mary Reed's nephew for hauling away an old refrigerator from the parsonage. It was probably only 50 years old.
- Jim Buzzell for bat hunting in the steeple, trying to fix some lights, and sweeping the front sidewalk - the whole block. (Uffda!) Also – for putting on the screens so we can open the windows in the Church, Bless you.
- John Walthorn for painting the parsonage front deck and bringing home our new grill with Mac Whisner.
- All the helpers for the Koegel Hot Dog Sale on July 4. It took an army of 35 workers and a lot more donors, but we sold over 900 hot dogs in about 4 hours! It was awesome!
- All those who volunteered to be in the July 4th parade. It's an important part of the day, and we are all glad for your willingness to serve us in this way.
- All the helpers and donors for the Community Block Party. It was a delightful, albeit slightly cool evening. Thank you for sharing even more of yourselves after such a great July 4th!
- All who covered the bases while Pastor Dinah was on vacation. It is a true delight to be able to go away, recharge and know that when I come back, the ministry of our church family continued well-in-hand.

Please Remember in Prayer

Carol Brown
Arthur Campbell
Noreen Christ
& Family
June Coolman
Colleen Cruff
Geri Dotson
Jen Flatt
Ray Franzen
Jessica Grant
Tyler Grant
Bea Gray
Peter Guthmann
Polly Herscher
Tiffany Armstrong
Higgins
Lucy House
Ryan Kensington
Darlene Lewis
Robin MacKenzie
Bob McNabb
Tom Moore

Ron Nugent
Katie Palermo
Jewell Symington
Gretchen Schleben
Josh Schultz
Lorraine Smeltzer
Sam Tesaker

Our Prayers are extended to the families of:

Eddie Balcueva
Eli Duffy
Joanne Frostic
Arlene Olsen

Those serving in the Military:

Matt Conrad
Ryan Kingsinger
Mike Kinney
Clark Robinson

August is First Congregational Church's Flower People Appreciation Month



To all who take care of the gardens and to those who donate arrangements on the Altar, thank you very much!!



July 4, 2015



Block Party 2015

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August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Joel Buzzell & Saskia Van Wolferen Barb & Frank Ikens Alan & Susie Vigland	1 8:00 a.m. Benzie Home Health Care Local Motion
2 10:30 a.m. Worship & Communion Salt City Dixie Jazz Band Randy Gilbert	3 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class	4 9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic	5 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class Cara Chicky Ella Whiting Peggy & Phil Deloria	6 9:30 a.m. Yoga Brandon Nostrandt	7 3:00 p.m. Smith-Harfst Rehearsal (Elk Lake) Bill & Julie Hirschfeld	8 3:00 p.m. Smith-Harfst Wedding (Elk Lake) Debi Kennedy
09 10:30 a.m. Worship Andrew Dougherty Cary & Eric Buzzell	10 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class	11 Mary Jane Murray Dale & Polly Herscher	12 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class	13 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:00 p.m. Bedell-Litherland (home) Polly Herscher Don Setterbo	14 4:30 p.m. Bishop-Akins Rehearsal	15 4:30 p.m. Bishop-Akins Wedding Ella Bright
16 10:30 a.m. Worship	17 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class Jeryl Colby Andy Mollema	18 Lynn Buzzell Becky & Joe Hubbard	19 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class Katie Boyd Jeanne McMillian	20 9:30 a.m. Yoga Jordin Kelly	21 Cherie Hunt Mac & Marilyn Whisner	22 Beverly Augustine
23 10:30 a.m. Worship	24 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class	25 Brad Chicky Asher King Ryan & Tricia Strom	26 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class Lauren Church	27 9:30 a.m. Yoga	28 Ann & Paul Osborn	29
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Happy Summer!!

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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Ushers:</u> <i>Jean Neuhardt & Judy Welch</i>	
2	Bill & Molly Frostic, Mary Bateman and Nora Bungard	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!)
9	Bill & Julie Hirschfeld, Michael & Sharon Grajcar	
16	Andy & Marti Mollema, Liz Acklin and Doris Clark	
23	Jean & Larry Neuhardt Candace Nostrandt and Connie Bennehoff	
30	John & Leslie McElduff, Lori Dougherty and Myra Elias	