

Steepleviews

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September 2013 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Dan Lautenbach
- 03 Signe Ruddy
Doug & Robin Somero
- 04 Carlisle Clevenger
- 05 Will Church
Julie & Mike Morris
- 06 Nora Bungard
Kyah Robinson
- 07 Eric Buzzell
- 10 Denis & Kathy Crosby
Tom Marshall
- 11 Pat Bright
Mary & Tom Osborn
- 12 Bob & Sue King
Ted Smeltzer
- 14 Betty & Fred Milliron
- 16 Carol Ehle
Lee & Marvelee Kneisel
- 17 Melissa Gilbert
- 18 Hannah Frary
Sandra Grant
Moore Peregrine
Doug Rath
- 19 Katie Robinson
Mark Steigerwald
- 20 Saskia Von Wolferen
Ron Wardwell
Chris & Marjorie Porter
- 22 Devin Gokey
- 25 Bea Gray
- 26 Sarah Chownyk
- 27 Tom Osborn
Naomi & Jason Kolehmainen
- 29 Mary Osborn
Cecelia Schmitt
- 30 Emiliee & Pat Bright

Catch These Coming Events!

- September 01** Sunday Worship Time
Changing to 11:00 a.m.
- September 03** Foot Care Clinic
- September 10** Closet Words Book Study
- September 15** Blessing of the Backpacks
First Day of Sunday School
- September 24** Closet Words Book Study
- September 27** Ladies Lunch @ Cold Creek

September 15 will be our yearly Blessing of the Backpacks. Please join us as we give thanks for our youth and wish them well as they head back to school. If you know kids that don't have a church home, why not invite them to join us!



Sunday Morning
Worship Service
will be changing
back to 11 a.m.
starting on
September 1, 2013.

Pastor's Page

We so often take our most important book for granted. Rather than being a single book, the Bible is actually a collection of 66 books, which is called the "canon" of scriptures. These 66 books contain a variety of genres: history, poetry, prophecy, wisdom literature, letters, and apocalyptic, just to name a few.

The 40 different authors came from a variety of backgrounds: shepherds, fishermen, doctors, kings, prophets, and others. Most of these authors never knew one another personally. The 66 books were written over a period of 1500 years; another reminder that many of these authors never knew or collaborated with one another in writing these books.

The writing was in the three ancient languages of Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic; a reflection of the historical and cultural circumstances in which each of these books were written. To add to the uniqueness, the Bible was written on 3 different continents: Africa, Asia, and Europe, another testament to the varied historical and cultural circumstances of God's people.

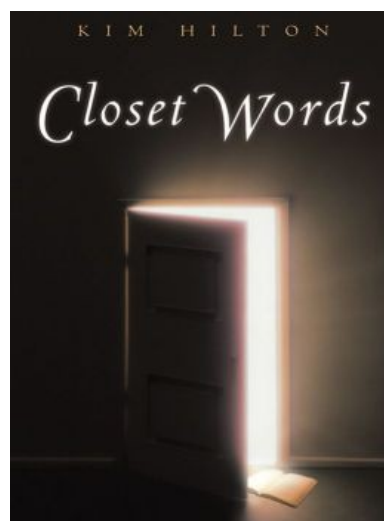
This collection of books shares a common storyline - the creation, fall, and redemption of God's people. It's common theme is that of God's universal love for all of humanity. In addition to sharing these commonalities, these 66 books contain no historical errors or contradictions (understanding that context and time are taken into consideration). God's word truly is an amazing collection of writings! So just think about all that the next time you pick up a Bible.

Blessings,

Pastor Dinah

September Book Study

"Do I have the courage to see you, God? Do I have the strength the prophets of old had? Do I have the wisdom of the kings of old? These questions were asked of God at the beginning of a prayer Kim Hilton made that resulted in her book, "Closet Words." Kim was a student of our own Nancy Marshall, who is excited to share this little gem with us. The books are only \$5 and are available in the church office. (If the cost doesn't work for your budget, don't worry about it. Our gift.) Invite your friends, your family members, whoever might be interested in a two evening look at prayer.



Tuesday, September 10 and 24
7:30 p.m.
FCCF Red Room



Bringing back the Ladies' Lunch!!

On September 27, at noon, let us meet up at the Cold Creek in Beulah



for a much needed Ladies' Lunch. Dutch-treat, and bring someone

along to share with us!! Sign up sheet will be in the dining room.

2013 Block Party



The Onekama Middle School Student Council

started a new program

last year called the **Portager Pride Packs**, a monthly backpack food program for families in



need. A golfing scramble fundraiser for the program will be held Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Heathlands (6444 Farr Rd.) in Onekama. For \$60 per person or

\$240 per team,

there will be 18 holes of golf with a shotgun

start at

10:00 a.m.,

dinner, awards

and a raffle

immediately

following the scramble. If you would like to make a donation to the program, you may make checks payable to:

Onekama Consolidated Schools

(memo: MS Student Council.)

Thank you for your consideration.



**For more Block Party and
4th of July photos, check out
our web page at
www.fccfrankfort.org/recently**



In the recent flyer from Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN), it was stated that

1. Families living in poverty have very fragile finances. Benzie unemployment is in double digits. Help with food or clothing or a utility bill can be a lifesaver for those on seasonal, part-time or a fixed income.
2. One in four children in Benzie County live in a household below the poverty guideline.
3. 61% of all Benzie school aged children qualify for a free or reduced lunch.
4. The number of families BACN works with each year has grown 124% since 2008; last year, 1,588 distinct families. The work of BACN is to ease the transition for families adjusting to job loss, hour reductions, and lost benefits. They add dignity and respect to each day for the elderly and disabled on fixed incomes. They help individuals facing difficult life events feel hopeful that they can manage the crisis and see a better tomorrow. The hope of BACN is that no local child will go to bed hungry, no family will live without warmth, and every Neighbor will have the means to be self-sufficient. BACN is a 501(3)(c) tax-exempt corporation providing food, clothing, financial assistance and educational services to low income families residing in Benzie and northern Manistee counties. BACN was founded in 1983 when local churches joined together to enhance their outreach.

Our church regularly supports BACN with \$200 or more a month. When we receive designated monies for BACN, that amount is added to what we have committed to ourselves to give. The Women's Fellowship also sends monthly support. BACN can always use extra hands and hearts to help our Neighbors, and a number of folks from our church family already to that. But if you'd like to help out, just let the church office know and we can get you connected. And thank you so much for helping us help our Neighbors - just like Jesus asked us to do.

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Mary Reed and all who helped with the luncheons for Marilyn Conrad's & Merry Kay Hollenbeck's services. The families really appreciated it.
- Dan Nostrandt for being the stand in IT guy while Pastor Dinah was away. He came in on his lunch hour to help us out. Without the computers, the whole operation just stops.
- Andy Mollema & John McElduff for doing the emcee duties on the Sundays that Pastor Dinah was on vacation. Both of you did an excellent job.
- Michael Grajcar for the beautiful job done on the side doors. He sanded, sealed, polished and finished the doors to a healthy new look. Not only do they look beautiful, but they "sound" better. They are antiques, and they probably appreciate the TLC more than we know.
- Rev. Barbara Fay & Judy Van Meter for all their help with Marilyn Conrad's Celebration of Life service and to all the good people of the FUMC for your love and support. What a blessing you were to all of us.
- Jim Buzzell for setting up the chairs in the red room in preparation for Marilyn Conrad's and Merry Kay Hollenbeck's Celebration of Life services. And also for the window cleaning that he did.
- To everyone that stepped up and filled in while Pastor Dinah was on vacation. Knowing that everything at home was well at hand makes for a very relaxing time. Many, many thanks!

More Multitudes of Gratitude go to

- Sue King for looking after all the altar flowers this past month. There were a lot of them, and your kindness to them has been our delight.
- Pam Clark-Engwall for attacking more of the garden beds around the church. (They not only look better, but they are breathing better, too!)
- The dear soul that swept up the garbage bin room. What a delightful treat to find someone considering this place as their own!
- Judy Grant for hosting the Floortilla party. It was too windy to anchor a bunch of boats. But it was a good time for those who attended.
- Our special musicians this month: Al Bryant, Matt Hubbard, Natasha Matskevych, Cristin Hubbard, Elizabeth Shrake-Guzman and Miranda Shrake-Guzman. The sweetness of your gifts was surpassed only by the incredible gift God has given you.

**Kids of all ages
had a ball
at the Block Party!**



Please Remember in Prayer

Autumn & Ella
Eric Blammer
Shane Bonderencko
Bill Bruinsma
Sophie Bryan
Cory Campbell
Rev. Barbara Fay
Delores Franklin
Michelle Frostic
Julie Grant
Julie Hall
Barb Reed Holmes
Luke Kolehmainen
Wayne Knight
Jill Levis
Madelyn MacKenzie
Carsen Nostrandt
Chuck Nostrandt
Amy Nugent
Maureen Osborn
Helen Perkins
Tim Ruddy
Fran Sanders
Helen Smeltzer
Susie Vigland
Dawn Walker
John Young

Peter Young

Paul Oliver Long
Term Care
Mary Collins
Suzanne Gum

Our Prayers are
extended to the
families of:
Derlene Barnes
Marilyn Conrad
Chuck Fisk
Merry Kay
Hollenbeck

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

September is **First Congregational's** **Children and Youth** **Appreciation Month.**

You keep us young. You brighten our day with your energy, smiles, laughter and youthful spirits. You are all so very special to us!!

Sympathy



may your memories
exceed
your sorrow

Our sympathies to:
the family and friends of
**Marilyn Conrad &
Merry Kay Hollenbeck,**
they may be gone from our
sight, but not from our
hearts.



Habitat for Humanity's Annual

**Dan Straubel
Memorial Golf Outing**

will be Sunday, September 15, 2013 at
Mistwood Golf Course, Lake Ann. Please
save this date and register to support the
Habitat ministry in Benzie County. This
scramble event begins with a pizza and soft
drink lunch at noon, 18 holes of golf with
cart at 1:30 PM and barbeque dinner
following golf all for \$65 per person.
Additional information and registration
form may be found on
www.benziehabitat.org or by calling Les
Poggemeyer at 231-882-4574.

**Juvenile Diabetes
Walk-A-Thon**

On September 7, 2013,
Candace Nostrandt will be
walking in the JDRF Walk-a-thon
in support of a local 16 year old
boy named Zac Paris. Zac will be
a senior this year at FHS. Zac is a
Type 1 diabetic and would love
to see a cure for this disease in his
lifetime. If you would like to
donate to this worthy cause,
please contact Candace
@ 231-651-9781, 352-7909,
secretary431@gmail.com or sign
up in the fellowship hall.



**Dine Out For
Benzie Area Christian
Neighbors**

On Tuesday, September 3,
2013, eat dinner at one of the
partner restaurants,
**Bayview Grill in Frankfort or
Brookside Inn in Beulah** and
10% of your bill will be
donated to **BACN**.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Dan Lautenbach</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Happy Labor Day!</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic</p> <p>Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Carlisle Clevenger</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir</p> <p>Will Church Julie & Mike Morris</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Nora Bungard Kyah Robinson</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk in Traverse City</p>
<p>8</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship & Hymn Sing</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 7:00 p.m. "Closet Words" Book Study</p> <p>Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting</p> <p>Pat Bright Mary & Tom Osborn</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir</p> <p>Ted Smeltzer Bob & Sue King</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Betty & Fred Milliron</p>
<p>15</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship & Blessing of the Backpacks First Day of Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Carol Ehle Lee & Marvelee Kneisel</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Melissa Gilbert</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Hannah Frary Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Saskia Von Wolferen Buzzell Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 p.m. "Closet Words" Book Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch @ Cold Creek in Beulah</p> <p>Wedding Rehearsal Tom Osborn Jason & Naomi Kolehmainen</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Gilbert/Nuske Wedding at home</p>
<p>29</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</p> <p>Mary Osborn Cecelia Schmitt</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Emiliee & Pat Bright</p>		<p>7</p>			

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Some of God's
greatest gifts are
unanswered
prayers!



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Date	Greeters/Ushers <i>Head Usher: Mary Reed</i>	
1	Candace & Dan Nostrandt, Mac & Marilyn Whisner	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!)
8	Michael & Sharon Grajcar, Billie Beyette & Ron Wardwell	
15	John & Kathy Walthorn, Jill & Ted Smeltzer	
22	Betty & Fred Milliron, Mary Reed and Connie Bennehoff	
29	Lori Dougherty, Doris Clark, Alma House and Mary Bateman	