

# Steepleviews

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## October 2013 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Faith Dulaney  
Bradford Nostrandt  
Ben Zylstra
- 02 Lois Anderson
- 03 Tucker Hubbard
- 04 Elaine Campbell  
Bailey Grant  
Nancy Marshall
- 09 John Bateman
- 10 Sandy Gill  
Jennie & Rick Schmitt
- 11 Andrew Addis
- 12 Abby Gilbert  
Pearce Pomerleau
- 14 Liz Ryckman  
Nancy Setterbo
- 16 Ann Osborn
- 17 Mary Ann Harness  
Jill & Ted Smeltzer
- 18 Kerry & Lynn Buzzell
- 20 Doris Clark  
Bennett Schmitt
- 22 Paul Robinson
- 25 Matt Addis  
Sue King
- 30 Jackie Richmond

## Catch These Coming Events!

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|--------------|-------------------------|
| September 29 | Benefit Recital         |
| September 30 | Bea's Birthday Bash     |
| October 06   | World Communion Day     |
| October 12   | Fall Festival/Cake Walk |
| October 13   | Hymn Sing Sunday        |
| October 18   | BBQ Rib Dinner          |
| October 24   | The Ladies' Lunch       |
| October 31   | Halloween Open House    |

**October 6th is  
World Communion Sunday**  
Started in 1933 at Shadyside  
Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh ,PA,  
this tradition  
representing  
unity and  
ecumenism  
throughout the  
world is  
considered one  
of the most  
special of "special" days in the life of  
the church. Please join us as we join  
millions in celebrating Christ's Supper.



# Pastor's Page

Every so often, you come across something that's just so good, you want to share it, hoping that it will touch the heart as much as it has touched yours. That is what happened when I came across this:

In the morning,  
Listening God,  
You break open your heart  
To pour your love upon us;  
You bathe our tired and sore souls  
With your healing tears;  
You dry our weeping  
With the cares of your gentle Spirit.

In the afternoon,  
Hospitable Jesus,...  
You invite us to lunch,  
So we can be nourished  
With your hope and peace....

In the evening,  
Spirit of our sighs,  
You kiss us and call us  
Your Beloved,  
As you tuck us into bed  
To keep watch over us  
While we sleep.

I marvel at the ways God reaches out to us, drawing us to God's own self. Especially if your day hasn't been as great as you'd like, take another, slower, longer read over this poem. And perhaps your heart will also be moved.

Blessings on all your days,  
Pastor Dinah

(adapted from  
[Lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://Lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)  
Sunday, June 9, 2013)



## All are invited to a **Benefit Recital**

by students from  
Jayne Sleder's Studio  
First Congregational Church  
6105 Center Rd. Traverse City, MI  
Sun. Sept. 29, 3:00 p.m.

Freewill offering to help a Traverse City family.  
Our own Linda Davis will do some accompanying.

## Ya'll are invited to **Signe Ruddy's BBQ Rib Dinner**

6168 River Rd., Benzonia  
Fri. Oct. 18, 4:00-6:00, **RSVP 231-882-5689**  
Beer from Right Brain Brewery  
Contributions will go to help local  
Centra Wellness micro business ventures  
and those dealing with mental illness.

## **Can You Serve?**

Would you like to serve our church family and take a trip to Suttons Bay - all in one fell-swoop? The Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches (the state version of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches) will hold the 172nd Annual Meeting Fri., Oct. 18-Sat. Oct. 19. You can serve as a delegate to this meeting (we will pay the registration, which includes dinner Friday evening and Saturday's breakfast and lunch) or simply attend the meeting to find out more about the Congregational Way. If you

Serve.



are interested in either part or the whole meeting, please see  
Pastor Dinah

## It's that time for the Fall Festival Cake Walk!

The Frankfort Fall Festival will be Saturday, Oct. 12 and once again we will host the famous Cake Walk from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

A sign-up sheet will be in the dining room if you would like to donate a cake or two. So come and show off your creativity and bring your cakes in non-returnable containers to Goose Park. A sign-up sheet will also be downstairs in the fellowship hall if you would like to also donate your time to help out. Come join the fun and we will see you there.



## September is First Congregational Church's Community Appreciation Month!

We are so blessed with a close, loving, caring and truly supportive community!

We are so grateful to you all!



## Lectionary Bible Study

Book studies don't thrill you? Want to prepare for Sunday worship in a way you've not considered before? Then perhaps the Lectionary Study Group is for you. During October and November, on Wednesday mornings between 10:00 and 11:30, we will be looking at the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday.

Passages for the first meeting (Oct. 2) are:

Luke 17:5-10

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Psalm 137

Lamentations 1:1-6.

It would be helpful for the passages to be read before the meeting, but if you can't get to the reading, don't let that keep you from attending. And bring your thinking caps - just in case! Check the church website for additional passages:

[fccfrankfort.org](http://fccfrankfort.org)



## Halloween Open House

Thursday, October 31

5:00-7:30 p.m.

### It's time for our annual Halloween Open House!

Donations of candy, cider and other supplies are needed. On Thursday, October 31, we will need help with setting up, serving and cleaning up. Please check the lists in the Dining Room to sign up. Thank you!



# Council Notes

**There were 13 Council members at the September 11, 2013 Council meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Neuhardt

Income for June:	\$ 6,614.50
Expenses for June:	\$ 8,207.42
YTD Expenses:	\$64,912.41
YTD Income:	\$57,344.53
YTD Budget:	\$64,120.00

**Missions:**

Income was \$444.75 from the congregational offerings and \$400.00 from the Investment Fund. Checks were written to all our designated mission projects and to NACCC. However, we had to reduce the amount given to several of the ministries because of a lack of adequate funds in the account. We did make \$100.00 disbursements to BHHHC, 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 help cover any shortfall.

**Outreach:** John Walthorn

The committee discussed the Block Party, Blessing of the Backpacks, Cake Walk, Halloween and All Saints Day.

**Property:** Mary Reed

The deck at the parsonage has been completed by John & Kathy Walthorn, the sprinkler head was replaced by Matt Addis, the doors on the side and front of the church were improved by Michael Grajcar and the screens were handled by Will Church and Jim Buzzell. In process work includes the shelves in the secretary's office, the stained glass plaques are here and the hot water heater in the parsonage is being handled by Andrea Frost. Bill Frary will mow the lawns in place of Cecelia Schmitt. Plans are underway for our share of the Investment Fund.

**Pastor's Report:**

Report was submitted to those present.

**By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Investment, Memorials, Personal, Women's Fellowship, Worship:**

no reports

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Discussion held on Worship Committee's recommendation to Council to change Sunday Worship services to 10:30 a.m. year round.
2. Sabbatical discussion with Pastor Dinah. Plans are being considered for a sabbatical this winter.

**New Business:**

None

Respectfully submitted for Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk, Judy Welch

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

	Received	Over/Under
January	\$4,771.00	- \$3,913.49
February	\$10,757.25	+ \$1,793.77
March	\$9,768.67	+ \$1,251.54
April	\$5,557.75	- \$2,376.15
May	\$5,318.50	- \$2,873.23
June	\$7,955.25	+ \$788.87
July	\$6,601.61	- \$646.10
August	\$6,614.50	- \$1,592.92

**Dine Out For**

Benzie Area Christian Neighbors  
Stormcloud Brewing Co. in Frankfort  
or Hungry Tummy in Beulah

Tue. Oct. 1

10% of your dinner  
bill will be donated  
to Benzie Area  
Christian  
Neighbors.





## A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- John & Leslie McElduff for hosting The Gathering. What a great evening!!
- Andrea Frost and Marti Mollema for changing out the dining room decorations from summer to fall. Also for straightening up the attic. The dining room looks great and so does the attic!

## The Ladies' Lunch!!

On October 24, at noon, let us meet up at **Joe's Friendly Tavern in Empire** 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.



## Bea Stone's 88th Birthday Bash



Michigan Shores  
Great Room  
Mon. Sep. 30, 5-7 p.m.  
No gifts other than  
monetary contributions  
to Benzie Area  
Christian Neighbors.

## Godspeed to our friends:

Jackie & Jr. Roberts. They have sold the cottage and have moved permanently to 28135 Rubicon Ct. Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Lee & Marvelee Kneisel. They have sold their Frankfort home and have moved permanently to 557 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85208

Yang/Mendoza Family as they have moved to Traverse City. May this year in a new school be great for everyone!

**You all will be greatly missed and we wish you all the best!!**

# Godspeed

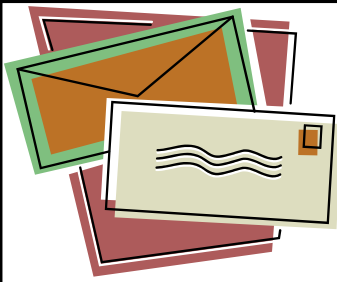
**Annual Spaghetti Dinner**  
for **Benzie Habitat for Humanity**  
Frankfort United Methodist Church  
537 Crystal Ave (M-22), 352-7427  
Saturday, October 5, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

**Healing Conference and Communion**  
at St. Philips' Episcopal Church  
785 Beulah Hwy., Beulah, 882-4506  
Saturday, Oct. 12, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
\$20 per person, lunch included.  
How to pray for physical healing  
and more.

## Benzie County Crop Walk

October 6, 2013, enjoy a 2.2 mile walk from Elberta United Methodist Church to the Trinity Lutheran Church of Frankfort and help Benzie County reach their \$5,000 goal.

Benzie Area Christian Neighbors will receive 25% of the proceeds. Sign up in the Church office or call Dan @231-930-7067.



## We've received mail

**Thank you FCCF Family,** For providing all the wonderful food, help and gracious support, and for making such a difficult day so much easier.

Thank you sincerely,  
The Family of Marilyn Conrad

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**Thank you Church family,** we so enjoyed our camp experience this summer. It helped to focus and prioritize us and help us get closer to Christ. We made so many wonderful memories. Thanks again,  
Lauren & Maile Church

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**Thank you First Congregational Church** for your generous donation of bags of chips, pop and water. It was a huge help in making this year's JDRF Walk for a Cure a success.

We thank you sincerely,  
Candace Nostrandt & Heidi Farkas

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**Thank you Church Members,** we made it thanks to your combined efforts! We ended the fiscal year in June on a positive note with a successful year raising the money we needed to ensure our life saving services continue locally and abroad, and you were a big part of that! On behalf of your local board of the American Red Cross,  
I thank you, Donna Phillips

## Please Remember in Prayer

Michelle Frostic  
Julie Grant  
Patti Haan  
Julie Hall  
Ron Henry  
Jill Levis  
Artha Marmaduke  
Paul May  
Amy Nugent  
Maureen Osborn  
Helen Perkins  
Stan Petingill  
Raye Rosen  
Fran Sanders  
Helen Smeltzer  
Stapleton Family  
Susie Vigland  
Doc Wagner  
Dawn Walker  
Dan Wilson  
John Young  
Peter Young  
Virginia Young

### Paul Oliver Long

#### Term Care

Mary Collins  
Suzanne Gum  
Cheryl Popp

#### 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

#### The Families of:

Derlene Barnes  
Eric Blommer  
Dick Elsea  
Rena Fuller  
Janet Harwood  
Mitch Stevenson

*Congratulations!*

To proud new grandparents  
Bob & Sue King on the birth of their new  
grandson, **Asher Robert King**,  
born on August 18. Asher's parents are John  
& Nicole King from Missouri.

To Carlisle Clevenger for winning  
**Junior Miss Arizona Job's Daughters  
Miss Congeniality.**  
Congrats Carlisle!!

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## October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  Faith Dulaney Brad Nostrandt Ben Zylstra	2 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee  Lois Anderson	3 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir  Tucker Hubbard	4  Elaine Campbell Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall	5 3:00 p.m. Fox/Kowalczyk Wedding in Elberta
6 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & <b>World Communion</b>	7	8 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	9 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  John Bateman	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir  Sandy Gill Jennie & Rick Schmitt	11  Andrew Addis	12 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">1:00 p.m. Fall Festive Cake Walk</div> Abby Gilbert Pearce Pomerleau
13 11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing, Worship & Sunday School	14  Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo	15	16 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group  Ann Osborn	17 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association 7:30 p.m. Choir  Mary Ann Harness Jill & Ted Smeltzer	18  Kerry & Lynn Buzzell <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">MCCCC Fall Mtg: Sutton's Bay</div>	19
20 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 p.m. Nursing Care Worship  Doris Clark Bennett Schmitt	21	22  Paul Robinson	23 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir	25  Matt Addis Sue King	26
27 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	28	29	30 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group  Jackie Richmond  7	31 9:30 a. m. Yoga <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Halloween Open House</div> 		

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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Usher:</u>	
	<i>6 and 13 Julie Robinson 20 and 27 Ann Osborn</i>	
6	Sue King, Marti Mollema, Julie & Paul Robinson	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:30 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts toward welcome!
13	Jean & Larry Neuhardt, Billee & Ron Wardwell	
20	Bob & Jan Condon, Judy Grant and Nancy Marshall	
27	Dick & Joanne Brown, Ann & Paul Osborn	