



# Steepleviews

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## October 2014 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Faith Dulaney  
Bradford Nostrandt
- 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
- 18 Kerry & Lynn Buzzell
- 20 Doris Clark  
Bennett Schmitt
- 22 Paul Robinson
- 25 Matt Addis  
Sue King
- 30 Jackie Richmond
- 31 Rick Porter  
Joe Wade

## Catch These Coming Events!

October	05	World Communion Day
October	05	Crop Walk
October	07	Dine Out for BACN
October	11	Fall Festival/Cake Walk
October	21	The Ladies' Lunch
October	24	The Gathering
October	26	Wild Rose Concert
October	31	Halloween Open House

## It's that time again! Fall Festival Cake Walk!

The Frankfort Fall Festival will be Saturday, Oct. 11 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 creative side 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 donate your time to help out, so come join the fun. Happy Fall Festival!!



## Fall Festival

# Pastor's Page

Some of you may have noticed a new addition to the calendar called Human Services Collaborative. It's a monthly meeting with members from all the service/help entities in the county, so they can hear what's going on in other parts of the world of Benzie, that efforts and resources may be better utilized. I serve as a representative from the Ministerial Association. But there are huge benefits for our church family, too.

The representation is amazing: Father Fred Foundation, The Baby Pantry, Council on Aging, Dept. of Human Services, Habitat for Humanity, Paul Oliver Hospital, Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN), Child and Family Services, MSU Extension, Health Dept., Probation officers, County Commissioners, and the list goes on.

Each month there are one or two presenters. One month it was Sheriff Shendel talking about how to lessen the deadly effects of drugs in our county, while the other speaker (sorry I can't remember her name) talked about the GED program, and how it's changed over the last 50 years. (Bet you didn't know it used to cost \$30 to take the test, and now it's something like \$158!) This month the main speaker was Chris Thomas from Rotary, talking about a food safety interview and Michael O'Brian of Dept. of Human Services gave an update of how changes are going to effect those who are struggling with heating and utilities in the coming year. (Those that are hoping for propane at the beginning of November are going to be a really tough place, because the eligibility rules have changed, and not everyone is going to know what they will need before the help becomes available. It was also interesting to learn that there are only 13 people in the county on total cash

assistance. The rest are struggling with holding down even part time jobs and trying to stay out of the cash assistance situation.)

There are people that fall through the cracks and there are people like the young woman who came in to get help on an electric bill, so she didn't have to pay all the extra re-connect charges. She schooled me today: I didn't know a hold could be put on one's bill for 10-12 days, and if the bill isn't paid in that time, then the shut-off happens.

I also learned that the Dept. of Human Services has funds for car repair and for work-related items, from uniforms to work boots, and some of that money for 2014 has to be returned because not enough people knew about it, so the funds weren't spent.

I know there are opinions about helping people from zero to 180 degrees the other direction. But the simple effort to understand other worlds is huge in creating a better dialogue between those who love and those who hate (could care less.) Sometimes our greatest blessings come not when we get all energized to give our opinions all the energy we feel. Sometimes our greatest blessings come in listening, and asking how a situation came to be. By the way, I'm pretty sure the HSC meetings are open to the public, so if you're interested, I can check into you attending. But until next time, Shalom, good people, beloved of God, precious in God's sight, Pastor Dinah

The Gathering  
Jim and Robin MacKenzie's  
1515 Bellows

6:00 p.m. October 24

Bring your beverage and a snack to share.  
Prepare to have a good time.

Sunday, October 26, we will host the

## Wild Rose Concert

Nancy Stagnitta will perform works for flute while Crispin Campbell will perform cello pieces.

A free will offering will help sponsor students attending summer music camps. Spread the news of this great afternoon of music!

Instead of buying a card or making a speech, Ezra Church drew us a picture to thank the church for sending him to camp this summer.

Thank YOU, Ezra!  
It's way more cool!



## Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

Stormcloud Brewing Co. in  
Frankfort  
or Cold Creek Inn in Beulah will  
donate 10% of  
your bill  
Tue. Oct. 7th to  
Benzie Area  
Christian  
Neighbors.



## Halloween Open House

Friday, 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 Friday,  
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!

## Benzie County Crop Walk



October 5, 2014, enjoy a  
1.2 mile looped walk  
from Beulah Park  
starting at 1 p.m. 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 Anne @  
214-728-9626.



# Council Notes

**There were 12 Council members at the September 10, 2014 Council meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim MacKenzie

Income for June:	\$ 8,136.00
Expenses for June:	\$ 8,946.88
YTD Expenses:	\$69,132.48
YTD Income:	\$61,706.52
YTD Budget:	\$67,018.27

**Investment:** Denis Crosby

The Investment Committee met with RW Baird prior to the Council meeting. RW Baird gave an up-to-date report and historical perspective of managing our account. Our account is in good shape with a rate of return of 3.71% so far this year. The committee expects no changes for 2015 and are pleased with the relationship with Baird.

**Missions:**

Mission commitments were made with just a few lower than usual.

**Outreach:** Judy Grant

1) Proceeds from the 4th of July Hot Dog Sale totaled \$1050.00; 2) Numbers are still out for the Block Party; 3) The Flotilla was finally held on the water; 4) A new popcorn machine was purchased; and 5) The Committee is beginning to plan for the Church's Sesquicentennial in 2017.

**Pastor's Report:**

Report was submitted to those present.

**Property:** John Walthorn

1) The new portico/roof repair and remodel over the east entrance is complete; and 2) Overgrown shrubs on the south side of the Parsonage and Church may have to be removed.

**Religious Education:** Mary Ann Harness

Sunday School began on September 14 as well as the Blessing of the Backpacks.

**By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Nominating, Personnel:**

no reports

**Women's Fellowship:** Mary Reed

The balances as of the end of August, 2014, are: checking has \$291.52; the CD has \$6,091.21; petty cash has \$16.00.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn

1) The Committee will begin to discuss improving the sound system and additional lighting in the Sanctuary; 2) Upcoming events include the Blessing of the Backpacks on September 14 and Worldwide Communion on October 5; and 3) A new calendar has been set up so that each head usher has an assigned month.

**Historian:** Al Bryant

1) Al is in his office now and developing a master plan for protecting old records and freeing up valuable storage space; 2) The Women's Fellowship minutes/notes from past years will be digitalized; and 3) Al will contact Lou Yock of the Benzie Historical Society to see how to best clean or preserve the members' quilt recently sent to Pastor Dinah.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was a discussion on changing the fees for weddings held at our church and for Pastor Dinah's fees as well. Discussion is tabled indefinitely.

**New Business:**

None

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



**The  
Ladies'  
Lunch!!**

Bring a friend and meet  
October 21, at noon at  
**The Crystal Café in Benzonia.**



## A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Ralph & Peggy Jackson, Alma House, Robin MacKenzie, Julie Robinson, Judy Grant, Kelly Hartwick and all the others who helped out with the backpack packing for students in need. Your time and effort will be appreciated in ways you may never know.
- Marti Mollema for cleaning up the church attic. (She even swept the carpet!) Phew!
- Maggie Baker for transforming the church Dining Room to it's fall decor.
- Will Church for fixing the hole in the east side of the church and reconstructing the side entrance so water sheds away from the building more easily.
- Thanks to Andrea Frost for painting the new entryway. It looks wonderful! Also to Andrea for polishing the brass cross, candlesticks and lighters. They look beautiful and are all ready to shine for fall.



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

We are so blessed with a close, loving, caring and truly supportive community! When you have the opportunity, thank the snowplow people, the fire department folks and all the other service-type people who make this place such a delight.



## Annual Spaghetti Dinner benefiting Benzie Habitat For Humanity

on Sunday,  
October 12th,  
from 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
@ Frankfort United  
Methodist Church  
with a  
free will donation.



For more info call 231-352-7427.

**Needed:** Marti Mollema is looking for **unwanted baskets** that might be lying around the house that you may not need anymore. She has been arranging flowers for the Altar and could use a few more for here at the Church.



## Congratulations

- Connie Bennehoff on her retirement. While there is one less place to buy shoes, hopefully we will see more of Connie out and about town!
- Randy Gilbert for his 32 years of service on the Board of Benzie Home Health Care, of which 25 years were as president. Kudos also to Judy Welch, who was also recognized, for her 11 years of service.
- Rick Porter and Colin Adams on their marriage Sept. 11 in Chicago. Blessings on all your years together.
- Robert Liam Condon and his baptism into our Church Family Sept. 21. It was a great day of opening arms and loving. He is the new son of Katie Condon and Mike Boyd.
- Judy Grant on your special recognition day by the Tuesday Trekkers. Judy started the weekly walking group several years ago, and it has grown into a vital ministry to women of all over the area. Way to spread Christ's love, Judy!



Katie,  
Liam  
and  
Mike



Judy Grant and the Trekkers

## Please Remember in Prayer

Calista Baker  
Ernie Balcueva  
Donna Blough  
Deb & Lou Cename  
Bob Christie  
Doris Clark  
Lisa Davis  
Monte Finkhaus  
Alex Forrest  
David Frost  
Bonnie Heaney  
Lucy House  
Nancy Keidel  
Danny Kinney  
Esther Kitchen  
Erika Lewis  
Sue Leatherman  
Lois Martindale  
Leslie McElduff  
Michael Mendoza  
Ray Miehke

Pat Minca  
Sue Olszczuk  
Signe Ruddy  
Cheryl Whisner  
Bonnie Worley  
John & Peter Young

### Those serving in the Military

Cody Bates  
Matt Conrad  
Mike Porter  
Ryan Ruddy  
Tim Welch

### Our Sympathies to the Families of:



The Burrow's Family  
Meltha Cobb  
Alice Fewins  
Bob Fought

*A draft of the PBS documentary on Tom Little's life is being reviewed for security and will tentatively be released to immediate family members in late October. Following that, it will be premiered in the Albany area and then open to the public.*



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## October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee  Faith Dulaney Brad Nostrandt	2 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:00 p.m. Watkins-Good Wedding 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Lois Anderson	3   Tucker Hubbard	4   Elaine Campbell Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall
5 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & World Communion Day	6	7 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.  6:30 p.m. Job Bible Study Ch. 22-31	8 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	9 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir 8:00 p.m. Preservation Hall Jazz Band Concert  John Bateman	10   Sandy Gill Jennie & Rick Schmitt	11 <div>1:00 p.m. Fall Festive Cake Walk</div> Andrew Addis
12 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  Abby Gilbert Pearce Pomerleau	13	14 6:30 p.m. Job Bible Study Ch. 32-42  Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo	15	16 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association 7:30 p.m. Choir  Ann Osborn	17 5:00 p.m. Hughes-Anderson Rehearsal  Mary Ann Harness	18 5:00 p.m. Hughes-Anderson @ Spring Lake  Kerry & Lynn Buzzell
19 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Baptism Sunday  Devin Gokey	20   Doris Clark Bennett Schmitt	21 <div>The Ladies' Lunch @ Crystal Café @ Noon</div>	22   Paul Robinson	23 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir	24 <div>6:00 p.m. The Gathering at MacKenzies'</div>	25   Matt Addis Sue King
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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Usher:</u> <i>Mary Ann Harness</i>	
5	Connie Bennehoff, Lori Dougherty, John & Leslie McElduff	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:00 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts toward welcoming visitors and family members!
12	Betty & Fred Milliron, Jeff & Michelle Frostic	
19	Julie Robinson, Judy Grant, Sue King, Nora Bungard	
26	Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Mac & Marilyn Whisner	