

Steepleviews

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October 2015

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
- 15 John Abbett
- 16 Ann Osborn
- 17 Mary Ann Harness
- 18 Kerry & Lynn Buzzell
- 20 Doris Clark
Bennett Schmitt
- 22 Paul Robinson
Marijke & Will Church
- 25 Matt Addis
Sue King
- 30 Jackie Richmond
- 31 Rick Porter
Joe Wade

Catch These Coming Events!

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| October | 02 The Gathering @ Kings |
| October | 04 World Communion Day &
Wild Rose Concert @ FCCF |
| October | 06 Dine Out for BACN |
| October | 10 Fall Festival/Cake Walk |
| October | 18 Church Potluck |
| October | 24 Habitat Breakfast for Supper |
| October | 25 Vivaldi Gloria Concert |
| October | 31 Halloween Open House |



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

The Frankfort Fall Festival will be Saturday, Oct. 10 and once again we get to host the famous Cake Walk from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the Dining Room for cakes and helpers to work that day. Regardless of the weather, it's always a great day, so join us and watch the smiles!



Pastor's Page

The Gathering

Friday, October 2

5:00-7:00 p.m. at Bob and Sue King's place at 501 Michigan Ave.
231-352-7385. Bring a dish to share, your own beverage and gather with the rest of us!

A typical, compulsive American man took a safari to Africa. I say he was a typical man because he had an agenda. He had a timetable, he was in a pall-mall hurry, and he wasn't about to ask for directions when he got lost.

But what made him a typical American was he couldn't just go on the safari. No, he had to take stuff with him, you see, because that's what makes us Americans. Stuff. We not only have stuff, we take stuff with us when we go places. And now we pay extra for it on the airline to take that extra stuff. Then when we get there, we buy more stuff and bring it home. And then we put it in that place we used to keep our cars. Every once in a while we go out there and feel guilty and move the boxes around. And if we feel too bad, once a year we put a table out in front of our house and sell our stuff to our neighbors. Then we go around the neighborhood and we buy their stuff real cheap.

But this American had so much stuff, he hired two tribes – two tribes! – of people to carry all his stuff. On the

first day they got up very, very early and traveled very, very fast and went very, very far. On the second day they got up very, very early and traveled very, very fast and went very, very far. On the third day they got up very, very early and traveled very, very fast and went very, very far. And on the fourth day, he got up and the tribe people refused to move. They just sat by a tree and he's ticked off. The translator said, "They're waiting for their souls to catch up with their bodies."

The idea of Sabbath was created by God - used first by God - to help our souls catch up with our bodies, to allow our hearts and minds to again find our rhythm with God. There are times when a regular Sabbath time isn't as feasible as most of us would like. So when we have those opportunities to lay back in the spiritual hammock with God, to gaze upon the beauty and intricacies of creation and listen for God's voice in the breezes, let us embrace those times with our full attention. Sabbath well, my friends, Pastor Dinah

Church Potluck:

Sunday, October 18, because it will be cool enough in our kitchens to cook again!

There's Music In the Air!



Wild Rose Society Concert

October 4 at 3:00 p.m.

At our church. Karen Remington, voice, Jim Bekkering, trumpet, Byron Hanson & Michael Coonrod, piano
Free will offering

Benzie Area Symphony Concert

October 11 at 4:00 pm

At Benzie Central Auditorium
\$10 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors

Vivaldi's "Gloria"

October 25 at 3:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Beulah

The US Peace Corps: Goals for Today and Tomorrow

will be presented by Carrie Hessler Radelet on Monday, October 12, 7:00 p.m., St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. There is no charge for this event, but a freewill offering will be taken with proceeds to be shared between the Beta Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Scholarship Program, BACN's WOW program, local PEO chapter scholarships, and the Blessings in a Backpack project. Carrie is not only THE Director of the Peace Corps, she is the daughter of Hugh and Pat Hessler!.





Halloween Open House

Saturday, October 31
5:00-7:00 p.m.

It's time for our annual Halloween Open House!

Donations of candy, cider and other supplies are needed. On Saturday, October 31, we will need help with setting up, serving and cleaning up. There are sign-up lists in the Dining Room.

Thank you!



Godspeed Candace Nostrandt

Her last official day as our secretary will be Mon. Oct. 5.

Blessings in your new caretaking position!

Welcome Katherine Johnson

Her first official day was Mon. Sept. 28. Her most famous previous position was as an administrative assistant at the Maples. Since then she's been helping to care for her mother-in-law and taking motorcycle rides with her husband. May your time with us be fruitful!

Council Notes

There were 13 Council members at the September 9, 2015 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jim MacKenzie

Income for June: **\$17,139.00**

Expenses for June: **\$17,880.75**

Investment: Denis Crosby

1) Total of the Investment Fund as of July 8, 2015: \$676,586.00; total of Investment Fund as of September 9: \$646,213.00 which indicates about a 5% loss; 2) We must remain patient.

Missions:

Leslie McElduff – All our Mission commitments continued to be funded 100% thanks to the Investment Fund and Brawner Fund disbursements.

Personnel: Andy Mollema – the Committee will meet following Council to review an applicant's resume for our Church Secretary position. Candace Nostrandt will be leaving her position on October 5.

Property: Andrea Frost – 1) The priority is the replacement of the Church's front entrance as it is rotting; an estimate of about \$4,000.00 was submitted with calls in for two additional bids; 2) The committee is in the process of getting bids for the Red Room and Women's Bathroom improvements; 3) The front porch of the Parsonage needs to be replaced; and 4) Andrea Frost will be meeting with John Mills this week to discuss building a railing for the altar steps.

Religious Education: – The Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School begins on September 13.

By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Nominating, Outreach: no reports

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed – 1) The total amount in the checking account is: \$2,256.55; The total amount of the CD account is: \$3,093.39 (with a follow-up on why this account was closed).

Worship: Ann Osborn – 1) Upcoming events include Eva Strom's Baptism, Blessing of the Backpacks and first day of Sunday School on September 13; and World Communion Sunday on October 4; 2) Continued discussion on a new railing at the altar steps (see Property Report); 3) Discussion of a better way to hang our new banners.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag report submitted

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

The WinSome Women Fall Conference

will be Oct. 20 & 21, Oct. 21 & 22 and Oct. 22 & 23 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. Singer/Song-writer, Michael Card will headline the event. The cost of \$198 includes the ferry, 3 meals, overnight lodging and all sessions. There is scholarship money available; ask about it!

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
July	\$ 7,932.00	- \$ 552.25
August	\$ 9,207.00	+\$ 722.75
Total	\$70,774.81	+\$2,900.81

Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

Stormcloud Brewing Co. in
Frankfort or Platte River Inn in
Honor will donate 10% of your
bill on Tuesday Oct. 6th to
Benzie Area Christian Neighbors.



Breakfast for Dinner
benefiting
Benzie Habitat For Humanity
on Saturday, October 24,
from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
at Blaine Christian Church,
7018 Putney Rd., Arcadia.
Free will donation.

The Ladies' Lunch!!

We will take advantage of drivable
weather and meet
Thursday, October 29, at noon @
**Lobdell's: A Teaching
Restaurant in Traverse City.**
Because we need a precise number,
sign-up sheets will be in the Dining
Room and must be in by Oct. 25.

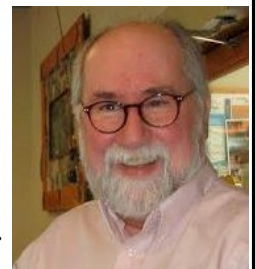
A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Thank you, Myra Elias, for all the sweet mums around the church. They make the property look so happy!
- The numerous people who have volunteered to help out with office duties during our staff transition.
- Jean Neuhardt and ensemble who worked on the wax on the floor in the sanctuary. It's getting better all the time!
- All the people that make this community the blessing it is: postal workers, garbage haulers, snow plowers, merchants, city officials and workers, firemen, all of you!

Lois Anderson has moved to The Pines on Airport Road. She still loves talking to people and playing cards, as does Bea Gray, who is also there. Bea Stone has moved to the Homesteader. Do stop by when you can. It makes such a difference!

"The Secret Language of Tombstones"

will be presented by local cemetery
historian Al Bryant, featuring those of
the famous and
infamous at the Betsie
Valley District Library.
Oct. 15, 2015. 7PM,
Betsie Valley District
Library, Thompsonville.



Congratulations

- Congratulations to Bill and Molly Frostic on the birth of their great-grandson, William Gordon Frostic.
- Shelby Anderson on the birth of her great-grandson, River Gray Norris.
- "Coach" Jim Buzzell on his recognition, in the Record Patriot and at the Frankfort football game, as not only a great football coach in the history of this town, but a great all-around-sorta guy!
- Eva Marie Strom's Baptism on Sun. Sept. 13.
- Carlisle Clevenger on becoming Miss Congeniality for Arizona Job's Daughters! Pretty cool!

It's that time of year again!

Medicare open enrollment begins October 15, 2015 and ends

December 7, 2015. Beneficiaries can obtain local help for any question associated with Medicare insurance programs by contacting a trained and certified counselor at the Benzie County Council on Aging. A Medicare counselor can assist you with plan comparisons, enrollment in Advantage plans, and prescription drug plans. Screening is also available to determine low-income eligibility for help with medications and/or the Part B premium. Local counselors Meg Tackett, Marla Dykstra, and Dawn Schopieray look forward to seeing you. To schedule an appointment, at no cost to you, please call 231-525-0600.

Please Remember in Prayer

Lori Abbett
Jenny Bovard
Robin Brunette
Nora Bungard
Jill Coddington
June Coolman
Jen Flatt
Eliza Forrest
Tyler Grant
Jenny Hale
Butsy Hammond
Carol Hartman
Hugh Hessler
Lucy House
Phyllis Kuhlman
Alyssa Lone
Diane Macy
Dale McLaughlin
Paul Moyer
Jean Neuhardt
Don Nugent
Jim Piper
Paul Robinson
Arthur Theleo
Tom Tedick
Robin Tyler-Miller
Norma Vandercar
Doc Wagner

In the Military

Cody Bates
Matt Conrad
Mike Kinney
Mike Porter
Ryan Ruddy

Our Sympathies to the Families of:

John Gleason
Patty Haan
Kathryn Hunt
Duane "Bud" Michael
Dick Popp
William Postma

In Care Facilities


Beverly Matthews
Mary Jane Murray
(The Maples)
Susie Vigland
(Orchard House)
Charlie Holtrey
(Long Term Care)
Lois Anderson
Bea Gray
(The Frankfort Pines)

Monthly Grief Support Group

Your grieving process is unique because you are unique. Let's talk about some of the "Factors That Make the Grief Journey Uniquely Yours." This month we will meet in the library at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 3:00 PM. If you know someone grieving a loss, we would be happy to contact them and invite them to the meeting. If you would like more information about the group, have questions, or need directions, call us at 399-0141. Please join us for conversation, coffee, cookies, and comfort. It just might help.... We hope to see you. Carol and Doug Luther, Group Leaders

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30 2:00 p.m. Wild Rose Rehearsal	1 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Faith Dulaney Brad Nostrandt	2 3:00 p.m. Wild Rose Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. The Gathering at The Kings Lois Anderson	3 2:00 p.m. Wild Rose Rehearsal Tucker Hubbard
4 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School World Communion Day 3:00 p.m. Wild Rose Concert Elaine Campbell Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall	5 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	6 Dine Out for BACN Stomrcloud & Platte River Inn	7 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga	9 John Bateman	10 11:30 a.m. Pumpkin Baking Contest 1:00 p.m. Fall Festival Cake Walk Sandy Gill Jennie & Rick Schmitt
11 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Andrew Addis	12 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class Abby Gilbert Pearce Pomerleau	13 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir	14 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Association John Abbett	16 4:00 p.m. Stephan-Petroskey Rehearsal Elberta Ann Osborn	17 4:00 p.m. Stephan-Petroskey Rehearsal Elberta Mary Ann Harness
18 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School Church Potluck Kerry & Lynn Buzzell	19 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class Devin Gokey	20 7:30 p.m. Choir Doris Clark Bennett Schmitt	21 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	22 9:30 a.m. Yoga Paul Robinson Marijke & Will Church	23	24 5:30-7:00 p.m. Habitat For Humanity Breakfast for Supper at Blaine Church
25 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Community Vivaldi Concert Matt Addis Sue King	26 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	27 12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch at Lobdell's In Traverse City	28 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir	29 9:30 a.m. Yoga	30	31 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Halloween Open House Rick Porter Joe Wade
			7	Jackie Richmond		

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Have a Safe and
Happy Halloween!

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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Usher:</u> <i>Mary Ann Harness</i>	
04	Billee & Ron Wardwell, Jim & Robin MacKenzie	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!
11	Ann & Paul Osborn, and Larry Neuhardt	
18	John & Leslie McElduff, Lori Dougherty and Connie Bennehoff	
25	Judy Grant, Sue King, Betty & Fred Milliron	