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**Subject: Living in a Lighthouse**

**Traverse City** – Seventeen miles north of Traverse City at the end of Old Mission Peninsula, jutting into Grand Traverse Bay, sits Mission Point Light – a few hundred yards south of the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel. For 63 years, the light served as a warning of the shoals off of Mission Point to mariners. Decommissioned in 1933, it is now a historical landmark.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to follow in a light keeper's footsteps? Mission Point Light has a Lighthouse Keeper program, which accepts volunteers who want to actually live and work at the lighthouse. For those who are fascinated with the idea of living in a lighthouse, there may be no better way to satisfy your dream than spending a week "keeping the light".

Making her dream come true, Kathy Belden spent a week in both 2015 and 2016, as keeper of the historic Great Lakes Mission Point Light. Join Belden as she tells her story and shares photographs of her keeper weeks – first on Thursday, August 3, 12:30 p.m. at the Golden Fellowship Hall, Interlochen, 9700 Riley Road, then on Wednesday, August 16, 12:30 p.m., in Kingsley, 115 E. Blair Street and finally on Tuesday, August 29, 3:30 p.m., at the Traverse City Senior Center, 801 E. Front Street.

All of the presentations are free, however advanced registration is required for the Traverse City location.

For more information and to register, email [dmikowski@grandtraverse.org](mailto:dmikowski@grandtraverse.org) or call 231-922-4911.

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