

Steepleviews

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January 2018 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Jessie Grant
Pat Hessler
Amy & Mark Steigerwald
- 2 Dick & Joanne Brown
- 03 Mason Gokey
- 09 Murphy Yang
- 10 Kayla Chownyk
Naomi Kolehmeinen
- 14 Melissa Koenig
- 15 Carsen Nostrandt
- 16 Amy Steigerwald
Charlie Ottinger
- 17 Cheryl Acklin
- 18 Brian Nostrandt
Evelyn Osborn
- 19 Chris Porter
- 20 Jay Peregrine
- 21 Levi Hubbard
John King
Sterling Porter
- 22 Bill Bruinsma
Jan Condon
Betty Milliron
Nancy Swensson
- 24 Ron Phillips
Suzanne Reising
Kay VanOrder
- 25 Kimberly Gilbert
- 26 Andrea Frost
Julie Robinson
Our Church Family
- 28 Hugh Hessler
- 31 Cory & Jessica Baklarz

Catch These Coming Events!

- January 01 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
- January 07 Epiphany Sunday
- January 07 Grief Meeting at
Trinity Lutheran Church
- January 17 Al's Academy:
The House of David
- January 26 Our Church's Anniversary
- January 28 Annual Meeting & Potluck



**Our Annual
Meeting &
Potluck Lunch**
Sunday, January 28

Will follow the Worship Service.
Copies of the Annual Report will be
available January 14 at the sanctuary
doors, and proxy ballots are available
at the end of the Report.

Pastor's Page

I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven
and the first earth had passed away,
and the sea was no more.

— Revelation 21.1

In the early church baptismal fonts were eight-sided because your baptism is the eighth day of Creation:

God is creating you anew.
How apt that the eighth day of Christmas is New Year's Day.
Whether or not you have New Year's resolutions,
be open to the mystery that God is creating you anew,
new each day,
created not by your effort but God's grace,
not according to your desires but God's.
In the darkness and chaos a voice calls out,
"Let there be light."
You don't have to work to re-invent yourself,
just let God create you,
give you life, give you purpose,
give you gifts.
Be mindful that God is creating you anew today,
and walk with joy, gratitude and trust into the new world.

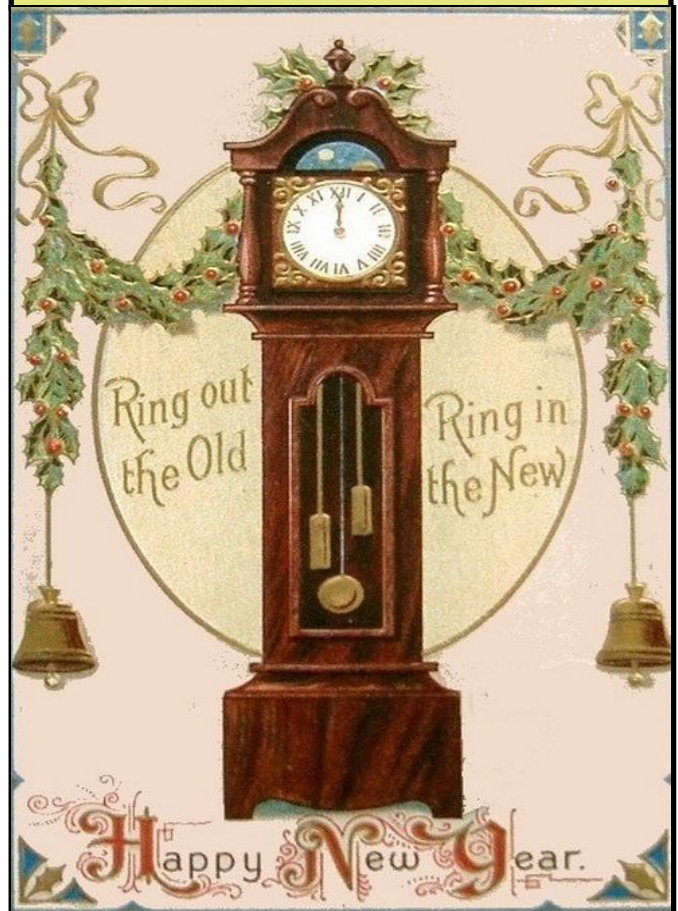
Deep blessings,
Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes
Unfolding Light
www.unfoldinglight.net



Coffee's On Me!

So I had a crazy idea to buy coffee for anyone who wanted to stop by Petals and Perks on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m., beginning on the 9th. If you don't like coffee, they have other things to drink and I'll pop for those, too. What a great excuse to stop and chat a bit with the Pastor. Seriously. Drop by!

Dinah

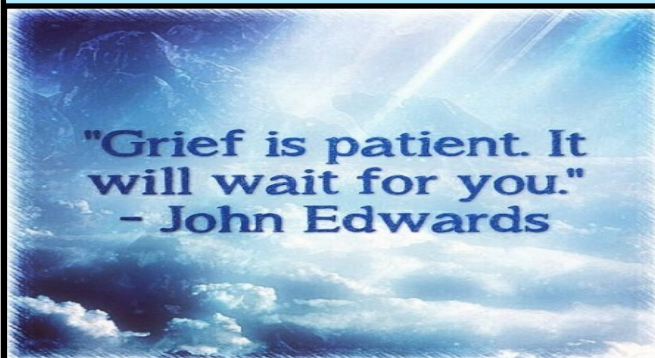




As an extension of the Outreach Group, a Care Group, is going to be formed. This group would like to be on the prayer request list, fix a meal for someone sick or just home from the hospital, send cards for various situations and visit people who can't attend church or in care facilities. It's been a while since we've asked folks if they were interested in such efforts, so please let the church office or Kelly Ottinger know if you are interested.

Thank you so much for your caring and love!

Happy New Year?? For those dealing with a loss, the thought of facing a new year without your loved one is painful. What can you do? Please join us for our meeting on Sunday, January 7 at 3:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 955 James St, Frankfort. We can talk about "Realistic Resolutions for Grieving People". If you need more information about the group, have questions, or need directions, call us at 399-0141. We hope to see you - it's nice to be with others who understand. (Carol and Doug Luther, Group Leaders).



Notice:
Annual Meeting
January 28, 2018
12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Agenda:

1. Annual Review
2. Election of Officers
3. 2018 Budget

Copies of the Annual Report will be available at the sanctuary doors January 14. Proxy ballots are available at the end of the Report.



Al's Academy
Wednesday, January 17

5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Al's Academy

The House of David was a religious organization that had a branch in Aral, Michigan, around the turn of the 19th century. They were well-known all over the Midwest for their ability at baseball and music.



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There were 12 Council Members at the December 14, 2017 Council Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema
Offerings for October: \$ 9,391.00
Expenses for October: \$10,452.64
Total deficit, YTD: - \$10,968.80

Committee Reports

Memorials: Andy Mollema - there were two memorial contributions in memory of Bob Conrad.
Finance: Judy Welch - approval of the 2018 proposed budget; see New Business.
Investment: Andrea Frost/Denis Crosby - 1) the Investment Committee approved and recommends a 10% withdrawal for 2018 (see New Business); and 2) the current Investment Fund balance is \$694,112.00.
Constitution & By-Laws: Mary Ann Harness - no report
Missions: Myra Elias - no report; the balance in this account is \$1,433.90.
Nominating: Larry Neuhardt/Dinah Haag - the proposed Slate of Officers include: 1) Ann Osborn and Andy Mollema will continue as Clerk and Treasurer respectively; 2) Andrea Frost, Mary Ann Harness and Bill Hirschfeld have agreed to continue for 3-year terms; 3) Kelly Ottinger agreed to be Assistant Treasurer; 4) Denis Crosby will be contacted and asked to fill a new 3-year term as an at-large member; and 5) Nora Bungard will be contacted and asked to fill the job of Assistant Financial Secretary.
Outreach: Judy Grant - no report
Personnel: Myra Elias - see New Business/Staff Bonuses
Property: Mary Reed - no report, but the altar railing has been completed and the roof area above Katherine's office damaged by the recent high winds has been repaired.
Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - 1) Sunday School is running along smoothly; 2) the children's Christmas Pageant will be held December 17; and 3) Bill is asking for any ideas for Bible Studies that will begin after the first of the year.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - the monies made from the Silver Tea totaled approximately \$1,038.00.

Worship: Ann Osborn - no report

Historian: Al Bryant - no report

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

Unfinished Business: Operation Care update: Kelly Ottinger reported that five people have responded to the first announcement; in January there will be another call for people who are interested in helping.

New Business: 1) 2018 Budget: following discussion and a few changes to be implemented, the motion was made by Myra Elias that Council approve the recommended 2018 Budget; Mary Reed seconded. Motion passed.

2) Investment Committee's recommendation: the motion was made by Bill Hirschfeld that Council approve the 10% withdrawal from the Investment Fund to help with the Church budget; Judy Grant seconded. Motion passed.

3) Andy Mollema asked that Council approve the Investment Funds withdrawal monies to be put into the Brawner Account for simplification in his Treasurer's job; Judy Welch made the motion that Council approve the above request; Mary Ann Harness seconded motion. Motion passed.

4) Staff Bonuses: the motion was made by Bill Hirschfeld that the year-end bonuses for our staff remain the same with the addition of a \$150.00 bonus for Brooke Trentham, our bookkeeper; Judy Grant seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6) Discussion on what kind of thank you gift could be given to Pete Wright, who built the Time Capsule and the altar railing and asked for no payment; Leslie McElduff made the motion that we give Pete a \$200.00 gift certificate from Hometown Giving; Myra Elias seconded the motion. Motion passed. Pastor Dinah will purchase the gift certificate, and Myra will write the thank you note.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



- Myra & Katherine for taking pictures of the pine tree removal.
- Thank you all who made the Silver Tea another beautiful afternoon.
- Andy Mollema and Will Church for installing our new historic church plaque. It is truly a grand work.
- For all your gifts over the busy holiday season. From cards to cash, food to festive greetings, I am grateful for each and every one of you! (And thank you so much for welcoming my dad during his time here. He had a good time in large part because of all you.)



January is First Congregational Church's Financial Worker's Appreciation Month

From the Financial Secretaries to the Investment people, to the Treasurers, these are the people who work behind the scenes to keep our finances and accounts in order. Not everyone has the ability to serve us in such ways, so thank you – all of you – for your gift(s)



- Jake Reed who was selected for the district honors band – a band he auditioned for and was accepted into the last four years. That is a huge achievement. While he was there, his football coach called to tell him he was selected as 1st Team Academic All State for football this year. To sweeten the day, his football team earned 1st Team Academic All-State honors for Division 5.
- Meanwhile, at Saginaw Valley, Luke Reed's Alma College track team was competing in their first indoor track meet of the season. Luke ran the 3000 meter and cut 8 seconds off of his Personal Record and earned 10th all time for the 3000 on Alma's record.
- Congratulations to Frankfort Varsity Football Team for being awarded First Team Academic All-State. Fourth highest team GPA in Division 8.
- Caitlin & Matthew Anderson on the birth of their son, Renner William, born on Dec 4, entering the world at 8 lb., 4 oz. and 21 inches tall. Caitlin is the daughter of Susie & Leo Hughes and sister to Becca Smith.
- Thank you everyone for your dedication and hard work – \$1,038.85 was raised from the Silver Tea.
- Congratulations to high school senior Maile Church, who is one of only two Benzie Central Volleyball players to make the Traverse City Record-Eagle Sports desk's "2017 All-Region Volleyball Team, making the Honorable Mention list! (Remember we posted last month that Maile also earned All-Conference 1st team accolades.)
- Kudos to Carolyn Lalas for purchasing & decorating 5 Christmas trees at The Maples. One is in the lobby; the others are in each of the four residence units. She had to make sure that each tree and all the ornaments were fireproof and then give that documentation to be on file at The Maples.

From Naomi Kolehmainen's



Facebook page:

Mission accomplished!

At the start of the school year we were encouraged to share our goals with our students as part of our professional development book study. In front of my students I challenged myself to run 100 miles before Christmas. September was our nicest month in Michigan and we spent way more at the beach than I did running. I never thought I'd get to 100 miles.... But then came the insane FEAR that my students would razz me until the end of my days if I didn't reach my goal. YIKES! That was all it took! I upped the ante to 300 miles just to prove to them (and myself) that I could do it. Today I finished my 300th mile. Thank you to all those who have encouraged me along the way! Whether it was seeing your running posts, or simply telling me I could do it, you, too, have been my inspiration! Next goal: 300 in 3 months!



Winter Potluck Series is starting January 9th, so I'm sending the promotional

poster (attached), along with a quick outline of this year's topics. Also attached is a poster for the Food As Medicine night. I'll be out of town for vacation, but you're welcome to contact Delaney if you have questions or would like her to drop off a poster: 248-303-5119, delaney@GrowBenzie.org

January 9: Bees & Beekeeping 101

January 17: Holistic Farm Management Series

January 23: Food As Medicine (including food demo prior, featuring Chef Steve Tebo, Laura McCain (RD, Munson), and Dr. Jake Flynn (Benzie grad, Crystal Lake Clinic)

January 30: Veterans Night

Please Remember in Prayer

Liz Acklin
Joanne Bartley
Deb Bonderenko
Tina Bonderenko
Chuck Borring
Bob Buzzell
William Colby
Carol Crock
Karen Grant
Karen Hagan
Pat Hessler
Sue King
Daniel Kinney
David Kinney
Jeanette Kinney
Julie Ottinger
Serenity Schulz
Phil Shepherd

The Families of:

Ed Carter
Brenda Case
Bev Kohn
Ken Link
Cindy Olmstead
Byron Ponte
Karen Reynar
June Roen

Military:

Matthew Conrad
Cheyenne Dubois
Mike Kinney
Mike Porter
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living:

POLAR

John Abbett
Charlie Holtrey

The Maples

Jan Condon
Bea Gray

Orchard House

Gordon Banks
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland

The Homesteader

Moore Peregrine

Box Tops for Education

Has proven to be a big fundraiser for the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools to raise money for various school programs. A box top collection can is on the counter near the kitchen and a posting of acceptable box tops is located on the nearby bulletin board.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year! Jessie Grant Pat Hessler Amy & Mark Steigerwald	2 4:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Dick & Joanne Brown 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3 10:00 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting Mason Gokey	4 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting	5 9:30 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class	6 Epiphany
7 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Sunday School 	8 9:30 am. Yoga Class 4:00 p.m. MOBBI Class	9 2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Me at Petals and Perks 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 4:30 p.m. MOBBI Class Murphy Yang	10 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Naomi Kolehmeinen	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	12 9:30 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class	13 5:00 p.m. The Gathering 2.0
14 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School Melissa Koenig	15 9:30 am. Yoga Class 4:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Carsen Nostrandt	16 2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Me at Petals and Perks 4:30 p.m. MOBBI Class	17 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. AI's Academy 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group Brian Nostrandt Evelyn Osborn	19 9:30 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class Chris Porter	20 Jay Peregrine
21 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 2:00 & 2:45 p.m. Nursing Care Worship Services Levi Hubbard John King Sterling Porter	22 9:30 am. Yoga Class 4:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Bill Bruinsma Jan Condon Betty Milliron	23 2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Me at Petals and Perks 4:30 p.m. MOBBI Class	24 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class No Choir Rehearsal Ron Phillips Suzanne Reising Kay Van Order	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group Kimberly Gilbert	26 9:30 a.m. M.O.B.B.I. Class  Andrea Frost Julie Robinson	27 Pastor Dinah: Calvin Symposium on Worship
28 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School Annual Meeting & Potluck Hugh Hessler	29 9:30 am. Yoga Class 4:00 p.m. MOBBI Class	30 2:00 p.m. Coffee's On Me at Petals and Perks 4:30 p.m. MOBBI Class	31 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Cory & Jessica Baklarz			

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Ushers	10	28	Naomi Kolehmainen	Fred & Betty Milliron Larry Neuhardt, Denis Crosby	Potluck