

Steepleviews

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January 2020 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Jessie Grant
Pat Hessler
Amy & Mark Steigerwald
- 2 Dick & Joanne Brown
- 3 Mason Gokey
Colton Henry
- 8 Christy Driggett
Sherry Gigous
- 9 Abrianna Nostrandt
Naomi Kolehmainen
- 14 Melissa Koenig
- 15 Carsen Nostrandt
- 16 Charlie Ottinger
Amy Steigerwald
- 17 Cheryl Acklin
- 18 Brian Nostrandt
Evelyn Osborn
- 19 Chris Porter
- 20 Jay Peregrine
- 21 Levi Hubbard
John King
Jacob MacKenzie
Joshua MacKenzie
Sterling Porter
- 22 Bill Bruinsma
Jan Condon
Betty Milliron
- 24 Ron Phillips
Kay VanOrder
- 25 Kimberly Gilbert
- 26 Andrea Frost
Julie Robinson
Our Church Family
- 28 Hugh Hessler
- 31 Cory & Jessica Baklarz

Catch These Coming Events

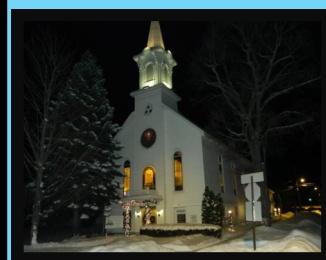
- January 1 Happy New Year!
January 5 Communion Sunday
January 6 Epiphany
January 7 De-Decorating the Sanctuary
Coffee's on Dinah
January 26 Annual Meeting & Potluck and
Church Anniversary
January 30 Dinner & Al's Academy
On Gangster History



Our Annual Meeting & Potluck Lunch Sunday, January 26, 2020

Will follow the Worship Service.
Copies of the Annual Report will be
available

January 12 at the
sanctuary doors,
and proxy ballots
are available at the
end of the Report.



Pastor's Page

There are openings for anyone who would like to host the coffee fellowship time after church. The beverages are done for you, and tableware is provided. If you want to bring something simple to nibble on while people get to know one another better, just let the church know and we can get your name in the slot you'd like!



Randy Johnson and David and Linda Schweyer to a great deal of work in helping to bring Bear Lake's Sparkle in the Park to light.



The No Fuss Christmas Pageant, 2019 (It was fantastic!)



Welcome to the Family

Welcome, Kris (Kristin) and Dennis Richards! After checking us out for a while, they have transferred their membership from Benzonia Congregational Church. Dennis works for Traverse Bay Truss making blueprint takeoffs for roof and floor systems and Kris cleans for people. Between them, they have three children and six grandchildren and have lived in Benzonia for twenty years. They like to spend time with family and friends, and especially enjoy golfing, cross country skiing and relaxing in beautiful northern Michigan.



Al's Academy

is due back on
Thursday, January 30
With a free dinner at 5:30 and
Presentation at 6:00 p.m. on

Gangster History

Coffee's on Dinah

is also back
Tuesday, January 7 & 28
2:00 p.m.
Petals & Perks in Frankfort
Coffee, tea,
hot chocolate,
soda, whatever
wets your
whistle will go on
Dinah's tab. Bring
your friends and
get some
fresh air!

Council Meeting Minutes



FCCF Council Meeting Minutes December 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Council Chair, Myra Elias, followed by the Opening Prayer. The Minutes from the November 13 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

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| 1. Offerings for Nov. totaled: | \$9,336.00 |
| 2. Budgeted expenses for Nov. totaled: | \$7,560.25 |
| 3. Carryover YTD: | \$5,926.68 |

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch - There were none for the month of November.

Finance: Judy Welch - See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost - As of December 11, the Baird Fund totals are: \$416,451.45 in Stocks; \$260,099.06 in Bonds with the total in our Baird Fund Account: \$676,550.51.

Missions: Paul Osborn - This account remains fully funded.

Nominating: Myra Elias - A full slate has been nominated with Luanne Elwell finishing Rob Burch's 2 year term, Larry Neuhardt continuing for a 3 year term, and two new members to Council for 3 year terms: Hugh Hessler and Jim MacKenzie.

Outreach: Myra Elias - No report, but there was the cookie decorating with dinner preceding held on December 5; four residents from Orchard Lane joined the festivities.

Property: Myra Elias - Future projects include:
1) Improvements to the front entry, including wallpaper removal and furnace fan repair,

2) Church pantry floor needs repair/replacement, 3) Storms for the stained glass windows to be revisited, 4) Relocation for the metal media shelf in the Parlor, 5) Re-caulk the trash area off the dining room in the spring, and 6) Parsonage projects (carpets have been cleaned).

Women's Fellowship: Kim Scripps - Still awaiting the total proceeds from the Silver Tea and Bake Sale.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted

No Reports: By-Laws, Personnel, Religious Ed., & Worship

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1) Myra Elias, Council Chair, will be out of town and unable to preside at the annual meeting on January 26, 2020. Larry Neuhardt was asked to preside and will get back to Myra with an answer.
2) Proposed 2020 Budget: A motion was made and passed by the Finance Committee to approve sending the proposed Budget to Council for review (with one no vote and one abstention). Following review, discussion and a question and answer session, Bill Hirschfeld made the motion that Council approve the Finance Committee's proposed 2020 Budget of \$122,759.00, with further "footnotes" to be added; Larry Neuhardt seconded the motion. Motion passed with nine yes votes and two no votes. The Budget will be presented to the Congregation at our Annual Meeting on January 26, 2020.

Myra Elias, Council Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



- All the wonderful decorators, shifters, cookie and sandwich makers, bakers, servers and cleaner-uppers who all made for such a lovely Silver Tea. Those who worked on the sanctuary and narthex also did a wonderful job, giving us new visions to draw us in and expand our experience of this church season. It takes many hands, many hearts, and massive energy to create this haven of the heart. You are all so appreciated!
- Jim Buzzell for hanging the outside garland. It was the final touch to all of the pizzazz.
- Dawn Schulz for the hours of ribbon molding and making.
- The shovelers - who claim this place as their own - taking a swipe of snow here, a dash of ice melt there. It's good to have a home.
- Mary Reed for making all 40 dozen cut-out cookies and all the decorators who made them unique.
- Katherine Johnson for helping to pull down buckets and tubs from the attic, shifting tables and all the other stuff that she does, not in her job description, that makes this place special and unique in our ministry and outlook.
- Marti Mollema and her dear brother Tom Hallquist, for planting tulip bulbs in the front of the church one day last fall. While we may forget about them over the winter, what joy they shall bring in the spring.

Thank you, thank you!

- Robin MacKenzie for gathering and making the needed props for the No Fuss Christmas Program. There was fuss on her part, but she does it with such grace and efficiency and we all get to be the benefitters of her heart and hands.
- Linda Schweyer for sharing her story about children visiting Santa at Sparkle in the Park who asked for blankets and socks to stay warm. That same day Alma House, Robin MacKenzie and other Tuesday Trekkers delivered two very full shopping carts full of socks & blankets to Bear Lake High School. How great was that?
- To all who contributed to the Benzie Senior Resources Christmas Gift Project. The gifts were delivered to those who receive Meals on Wheels, and for some, this was their only gift this year. You made a difference.
- Katherine & Randy Johnson's grandkids, Brianna and Brandon, for changing a light bulb and helping with other last minute toting and tugging chores at the church. It's always lovely to have you here!
- Our Financial Volunteers. From the Financial Secretaries to the Treasurers and Bookkeeper, your attention to details and pennies and the bottom line are truly appreciated!
- All who brought cheer to the Maples and Paul Oliver Living and Rehab with carols on a really cold night. Way to conquer the cold!
- Donna & Ron Phillips for the refinishing and donation of two chairs that have abided in their home for 52 years. They are a beautiful addition to the narthex!



Congratulations

- Congratulations Mason Rath and your teammates, the Northwest Conference 4th grade champions! Good for all of you!
- Jessie Grant and Morgan Papineau on your graduations from college. May God continue to bless you in all your days!
- Katie Condon and Jen Kennedy, owners of The Mayfair Tavern, for winning first place in this past summer's BACN/Bacon Cookoff. The Mayfair won their award in the Appetizer category for delicious "Bacon-ey Brussels Sprouts." People came back for seconds so often that the Mayfair went home empty-handed. We wish them a Merry Christmas, and thank them for their delicious support of BACN's work!
- Janey Turner (granddaughter of Dori Turner and niece of Jennie Schmitt) for earning a top five finish in the region, a top 40 finish in the state and all-state honors in her cross country season.
- Carmen Brodbent, Tegan Chicky, Eliza Frary, Tucker Hubbard, Serenity Schulz and Lauren Turner for your Honor Roll recognitions. Way to go, and good for you in all your hard work!
- Allison Chandler Larsen, granddaughter of Mary and Tom Osborn, in her graduation from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, summa cum laude!

Thank you so much

To all who make the Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service such a special night. From readers to usher/greeters to the music and the cleaner-uppers, you are all so important and appreciated in the ministry of this church family!

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns:

Acklees family
Chris Anthony
Ed Baldwin
Christy Berkhoff
Rob Burch
Al Bryant
Bob Carter
John Chiotti
Anna Fabach
Barb Fay
Grace Henry
Pat Hessler
Dale Holmgren
David Jean
Scott Johnson
Trevor Keopke
Charlotte Lalas
Megan Martinka
Victoria Mekas
Kathy Monroe
Ruth Nugent
Kelly Ottinger
Ron Phillips
Wendy Pratley
Barb Reed
Elizabeth Harness-
Richardson
Julie & Paul Robinson
Bev & Bob Schmitt
Serenity Schulz
Michelle Stanley
Sandy Symington
Matt Tuller

Eric Van Dusen
Gladys Wilson

The Families of:

John Clark
Sherry Davey
Mariah Hull
Katie McDerment
Florence Stone

Military:

Dawn Bonderenko
Joe Cartwright
Matthew Conrad
Mike Kinney
Tyler Kinney
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living:

Frankfort Senior Care
Al Bryant
Orchard House
Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland
POLAR
Betty Croft
The Homesteader
Moore Peregrine
Bea Stone
The Maples
Karen Collins
Jan Condon
Gladys Wilson

Thank you all for the most generous gifts this season. One of the particular joys of this congregation is its generosity of heart. From your prayers to your sharing of humor and listening of crazy ideas, I surely must be the most blessed pastor in the entire universe. (I'd say all the universes, but I don't wish to be known as a braggart.) In all seriousness, thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for everything. Pastor Dinah

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:45 a.m. NO MOBBI 7:30 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal HAPPY NEW YEAR Jessie Grant Pat Hessler Amy & Mark Steigerwald	2 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. NO MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Dick & Joanne Brown	3 8:30 a.m. NO MOBBI Mason Gokey Colton Henry	4
5 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	6 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Epiphany	7 9:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes 11:00 a.m. De-decorate & Worship Mtg. 2:00 p.m. Coffee's on Dinah 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting	8 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Classes 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Christy Driggett Sherry Gigous	9 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes Abrianna Nostrandt	10 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Naomi Kolehmainen	11
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Pastor Vacation						
19 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 p.m. POLAR 2:45 p.m. The Maples Worship Chris Porter	20 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Martin Luther King Day Jay Peregrine	21 9:30, 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes 2:00 p.m. Coffee's on Dinah Levi Hubbard John King Jacob MacKenzie Joshua MacKenzie Sterling Porter	22 9:45 MOBBI 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Bill Bruinsma Jan Condon Betty Milliron	23 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 12:00 p.m. DJH Seminar 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes	24 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Ron Phillips Kay Van Order	25 Kimberly Gilbert
Pastor Vacation						
26 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School, ANNUAL MEETING & Potluck	27 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Nathan MacKenzie Andrea Frost Julie Robinson Our Church	28 9:30, 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes 2:00 p.m. Coffee's on Dinah Hugh Hessler	29 9:45 MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Missions Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	30 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 12:00 p.m. DJH Seminar 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes	31 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. AI's Academy: Gangster History Cory & Jessica Baklarz	

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