

Steepleviews

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February 2019

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Oliver Simmons
- 3 David Koenig
- 4 Ryan Strom
- 6 Evin Elias
Peggy & Ralph Jackson
- 7 Norma Bruinsma
Marty Davis
- 8 Asher Roy Locicero
- 9 Jeff Frostic
Kelly Ottinger
- 10 Lori Dougherty
Leslie McElduff
- 12 Owen Chownyk
- 13 Colton Prance-Jewell
Paul A Robinson
Bob & Jan Condon
- 14 Molly Frostic
- 15 Amy King
- 16 Lacey Deloria
- 17 Cheryl Acklin
Sharon Grajcar
- 18 Judy Grant
- 20 Molly Harrison
Isabelle Osborn
Kati Prance
- 23 Tamara Hatch
- 25 Cooper Rath
Freddie Kolehmainen
- 27 Kris Dykstra
Phil Deloria
Josie Mendoza
Bill & Molly Frostic
Michael & Sharon Grajcar
(2/29 Marilee Strom)

Catch These Coming Events!

Feb 03 Council
Commissioning
and Communion



Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day

Feb 20 Al's Academy: The Frontenac

Tuesdays: Coffee's on Dinah

Al's Academy The Frontenac Hotel

Our February installment of education and fellowship will be brought to us by Andy Bolander of the Benzie Area Historical Museum. Built in 1902, burned down in 1912, it was a huge part of Frankfort and Benzie County while it lived.

Join us for a free dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Wed. Feb. 20 and the talk will commence at 6:00. The menu will be the latest trends of the "hyphenate decade;" Italian-American Spaghetti and Meatballs, and some of those new fangled brownies that came into being at that time.



Pastor's Page

Finally the Photos!



Tom & Jeanne Hafer



Scott & Molly Harrison



Wayne & Marilee Strom

With so much other information in posted until now. It is still such a delight to have them "officially" part of us!

About love...

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." 1 Peter 4:8: "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." Ephesians 4:2

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

"It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:7

"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," John 6:27

"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:9, 10

Congratulations to Alden James Smith on his baptism January 20th. It was a snowy day, but his family made a great effort to be part of his entrance into this church family. Alden has a brother who is a toddler and his parents are Becca and Kris. His grandparents are Susie and Leo Hughes.

Welcome, Alden!



Thank you

- To all the ladies who helped to put Christmas 2018 to bed and change everything out for the new year in the church dining room. You all do such a great job! It really looks lovely.
- Randy Johnson for assembling two step stools for our kiddos in the lower level restrooms. They are smart looking and parents and kids will appreciate them!



Luke Reed: He never ran cross country until he went to college. He played football all through high school! This year, he finished **FIRST** for Alma at three meets and earned himself a spot on their top 20 runners of all time! He has always run in their top 7, usually top 2 or 3 in his Freshman and Sophomore years. These statistics earned him the award for Most Improved at the banquet. He works hard for it every day. As of Christmastime, he had trained/run over 200 days in a row.



- Thank you, my dear Congregation for my Christmas gift! I know I am blessed as the leader of this flock, and you never cease to remind me in your gracious generosity. You are all wonderful!
- from Craig Congregational Church in Paradise, CA, where their church was completely destroyed by the fire: Thank you so much for giving us \$500. We really appreciate all the help that has come in from our sister churches! I've enjoyed my visits to Frankfort when vacationing in Beulah with family! May the Lord Bless you in your ministry!
Pastor Andrew McHenry



Coffee with Dinah Is **STILL** Back!

Tuesdays at 2:00 at
Petals and Perks

If coffee's not your thing, they have tea and other beverages, and she'll pop for those, too. Seriously. drop by and bring a friend.



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

at Geno's Sports Bar & Grill in
Thompsonville & Dinghy's
Restaurant in Frankfort
on Tuesday, February
5th and 10% of your
dinner bill will be
donated to BACN.



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FCCF Council Meeting Minutes January 9, 2019

The Minutes from the December 12, 2018 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 December: | \$14,883.35 |
| 2. Expenses for December: | \$11,550.08 |
| 3. Carryover for December: | \$ 2,124.25 |

There was a brief explanation and description of the new budget. The Treasurer's Report was then accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance: Judy Welch - See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andy Mollema for Andrea Frost - the Investment Committee met and decided to recommend to Council a 5 % withdrawal from the Baird Funds for the 2019 Budget. See Pastor's Report

Missions: Andy Mollema - This account remains fully funded.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld – AI's Academy is scheduled for January 16.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted with the following two decisions/motions included: 1) Pastor Dinah has been looking into the possibility of purchasing a cardiac defibrillator for the church; following discussion, Kelly Ottinger will check into any grants the church might be able to obtain to offset the cost; and 2) following discussion, Judy Welch made the motion that the Council accept the 5% allocation from the Baird Account for 2019 as

recommended by the Investment Committee, with the suggestion that the amount be raised to a 6% ceiling if approved by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting; Bill Hirschfeld seconded the motion. Motion approved.

No Reports: Memorials, Constitution & By-Laws, Nominating, Outreach, Personnel, Property, Women's Fellowship, Worship, & Historian, Unfinished Business and New Business.

Myra Elias, Council Chair, called for the meeting adjournment at 4:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

Crystal Lake Winterfest



In downtown Beulah, February 9
Events include a Chili Cookoff,
Poker Run, Frozen Turkey Bowling,
IWPA Dog Weight Pulling competition,
Horse drawn wagon rides, Snowball
Target Competition, Frozen Fish Toss,
Rubber Duck Race, Winterfest Parade with
the famous Outhouse Sprint following.
Breakfast specials and a cookie sale will be
at Beulah Trailhead.
Fireworks will close out the events .



The church received many thank you cards by mail

Dear Ms. Mary Reed & First Congregational Women's Fellowship: Thank you so much for the checks!! I was very surprised and so grateful! Thank you for your generosity to me. I'm planning on using the money to be able to bless those in my community when I get back to Waco in January. Thank you again!! And thank you for taking care of my grandma as well. Gratefully, Jessie Grant

Dear FCC Women: Thank you very much for your gift! It is very helpful for paying for my books this semester. Thank you for thinking of me. Sincerely, Luke Reed

Dear FCC Christian Women's Fellowship: Thank you very much for your Christmas card containing \$50.00 It came as a surprise and will be put to good use in college this semester. I really appreciate it. Jake Reed

Dear FCCF: Thank you so much for your donation to Onekama Middle School. We appreciate it very much. Sincerely, Onekama Student Council – Yes Dinah-Thank you so very much! Your donation will be used and greatly appreciated! We have about 20 families this year and your support will help us help them for almost two months. I am honored to be a part of such a loving community. Thank you again Dinah. Naomi Kolehmainen

Dear Women's Fellowship: Thank you for the check this holiday season. Money like that is important for school as well as planning my next adventure post graduation. It was great to be in church for Christmas and I look forward to returning. Sincerely, Bennett Schmitt

Dear Women's Fellowship: I cannot thank you enough for your continued support of my education. I am so thankful to live in such a wonderful community. I hope to be home again in the winter and look forward to seeing you all soon. Cecelia Schmitt

To Everyone: I am very thankful for you. The kids really needed a break. Their PaPa passed away in May. It was very stressful for everyone. We're still trying to cope. We are all very grateful. God always takes care of us all. Ps. Hannah had a wonderful time too. She's at grandma Nena's helping out. Thank you, Bobbie Ackley

To Everyone who helped me get to YMCH Camp: I can't thank you enough. It was the best part of my summer like climbing the rock wall which was 40 feet tall, or a nice game there called Gaga. I had a ton of fun and again I thank you for that amazing experience. Sincerely, Rocky Dunnlee

Thank you for helping me get to YMCH Camp: Thanks for the fun and I liked the giant swing. That's all. Jason Harris

Valentines Wine Dinner February 14, 2019

Reservations Required
One Seating @ 6 pm
\$50 Per Person – \$80 Per Couple

For more info
call 231-352-8090



February is
First Congregational Church's
Council Appreciation Month

We are all so grateful to all of you that look after our church family financial obligations and needs. Your commitment and sense of responsibility are great marks of your character, and we are therefore doubly blessed. Thank you for your time and willingness to serve all of us.



Please Remember in Prayer

Nena Bondarenko
Sue Chandler
June Coolman
Audrey Crain
Denis Crosby
Fred Fridlington
Gigous Home
Laurie Gorden
Melissa Grant
Peggy Harban
Pat Hessler
Veronica Jamros
Robert Knop
Linda Krapper
Jim Lalas
Carol Maciejewski
Lois Martindale
George McHugh
Leslie McElduff
Lois Martindale
Michelle Master
Robin MacKenzie
Andy Mollema
Elaine Peterson
Ron Phillips
Don Samardich
Linda Schweyer
George Shankland
Donna Steward

Randy Straugh
Penny Szczechowski
Edna Teatro
Norma Weeringa

The Families of

Roy Acklin
Don Chalmers
Laurie Corden
Ann Kulas
Shelly Rosa
Reese Watkins

Military:

Matthew Conrad
Cheyenne Dubois
Mike Kinney
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

Those in Senior Living:

Jan Condon, The
Maples
Danielle Gardner, The
Maples
Pat Hessler,
Orchard House
Moore Peregrine,
Homesteader
Susie Vigland,
Orchard House

Our Deepest Condolences to the Families of

Roy Acklin

We grieve with you in your losses and look forward with you to that day when we will join your loved one in eternity. God bless you richly on this part of your journey.

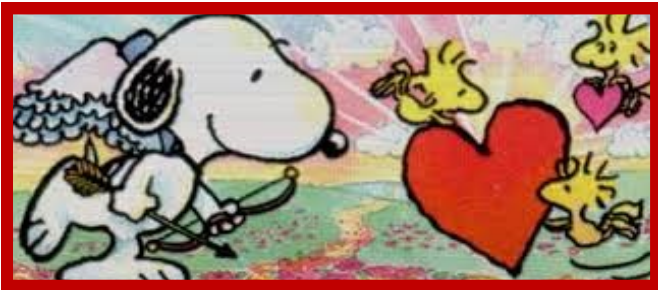
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Oliver Simmons	2
3 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, Communion & Council Commissioning David Koenig	4 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Ryan Strom	5 9:30 a.m., 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes 2:00 p.m. Coffee's on Dinah at Petals & Perks	6 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Evin Elias Peggy & Ralph Jackson	7 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Norma Bruinsma Marty Davis	8 Asher Locicero	9 Jeffery Frostic Kelly Ottinger
10 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Lori Dougherty Leslie McElduff	11 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class 2:00 p.m. Coffee's on Dinah at Petals & Perks	12 9:30 a.m., 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. Colton Prance- Jewell Paul A. Robinson Bob & Jan Condon Owen Chowynk	13 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Class 11:30 a.m. Min. Assoc. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14 9:30 a.m. Yoga 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Happy Valentines Day! Molly Frostic	15 Amy King	16 Lacey Deloria
17 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Cheryl Acklin Sharon Grajcar	18 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class Happy President's Day! Judy Grant	19 9:30 a.m., 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes 2:00 p.m. Coffee's on Dinah at Petals & Perks	20 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Class 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Al's Academy: The Frontenac Hotel 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	21 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. MOBBI Classes Molly Harrison Isabelle Osborn Kati Prance	22	23 Tamara Hatch
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Announcements	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	3	Jim & Robin MacKenzie Jill Smeltzer, Alma House	Linda Schweyer
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Ushers	8	24	Betty & Fred Milliron Lori Dougherty, Sue King	Cassie Henry