

Steepleviews

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September 2020

01	Dan Lautenbach Sawyer Reed
03	Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero
04	Carlisle Clevenger Amy & Ed Schindler Cathy Shaffer
05	Will Church Michelle Frostic Julie & Mike Morris
06	Nora Bungard Melissa Grant Kyah Robinson
07	Eric Buzzell Jack Dulaney
09	Caitlin Anderson
10	Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby
11	Liam Judson Mary & Tom Osborn
12	Bob & Sue King
13	Dave Goodman
14	Addison Kline Betty & Fred Milliron
15	Phil Gates
16	Carol Ehle
17	Missi Gilbert
18	Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath Kyle Schweyer Beyette Becca & Kristopher Smith
19	Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald
20	Saskia Von Wolferen Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter
22	Devin Gokey Betty & Les Webb
24	Luann & Michael Elwell
25	Ed Schindler
26	Sarah Dougherty
27	Tom Osborn Jason & Naomi Kolehmainen
28	Emmrah Lynn Johnny & Kendra Nuske
29	Mary Osborn Cecelia Schmitt Beth & Mike McNamara

Catch These September Dedicated Days

Sept 6	Read a Book Day
Sept 7	Labor Day
Sept 11	9/11 Remembrance Day
Sept 13	Blessing of the Backpacks & First Day of Sunday School by Zoom
Sept 16	Mayflower Day
Sept 17	Constitution/Citizenship Day
Sept 21	International Peace Day
Sept 22	Autumnal Equinox Day
Sept 25	Native American Day
Sept 28	National Good Neighbor Day

Don't forget! Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can still watch our worship services — either on Facebook or on the church website — fccfrankfort.org.



Blessing of the Backpacks and First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, September 13th

will be our yearly
Blessing of the Backpacks

Please join us as we bless our youth and wish them well as they head back to school. We will do this in-person and on Facebook Live, so let us know if you are inviting anyone!

Pastor's Page



BENZIE
SENIOR RESOURCES

Grief Support Group

Come and be part of this group on Thursdays from 11:30 am – 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be in-person at the Beulah Village Park Pavilion in Beulah.

Grief is a journey and not an event. The process is experienced uniquely by each individual. Upon losing a loved one, you will experience a period of bereavement. During this time, a wide range of emotions can be felt, which is normal. The source of grief (kind of loss) is often different among individuals, but the substance of grief (how we feel) contains common elements. Heartland Hospice is committed to supporting you during this journey of grief and loss. Our services are open to the community and are designed to address the unique needs of the bereaved.

We are using the "Mindfulness & Grief" book by Heather Stang.

All in-person events require participants to wear a mask. Please bring a chair to the Benzie Meeting.

All phone participants will be placed on hold until the conference begins.

For more information call,
Heartland Hospice Care (231) 935-3089

Is the Church open?

Absolutely. We are using the guideline of 50% occupancy, with masks, distancing and humming.

We've been averaging near 30 people in attendance on any given Sunday morning and capacity is 50. And it's quite certain that we will continue to broadcast the worship service on Facebook Live, to post on the church web page later. So join us as you feel led!

(www.fccfrankfort.org)

SUPPORT THE BENZIE SENIOR RESOURCES

VIRTUAL WALK-A-THON

**AUGUST
2020**



**BENZIE
SENIOR RESOURCES**

Be connected. Be supported. Be home.

"Protecting the most vulnerable seniors is nothing new for Benzie Senior Resources; however, the COVID-19 crisis has presented unique challenges for the organization. With many seniors now isolated in their homes, requests for services have skyrocketed. The need to cancel the Walk-A-Thon out of concern for public safety could not have come at a worse time. It is vitally important for the Benzie community to step forward and demonstrate how much we value our seniors by generously supporting this virtual event. Times like these remind us that we are all connected."

- Mary Dykstra, former Executive Director of Benzie Home Healthcare

"Benzie Senior Resources has been very blessed with the way our community has supported the organization over the years. It's kept so many people in their own homes... checking on them and helping them with what they need. Thank you to Benzie Senior Resources for helping so many people. It's fantastic!"

- Charlotte Putney, 35-year Walk-A-Thon Participant

Celebrating

**45
YEARS**

of Service to
**BENZIE COUNTY
SENIORS**

All proceeds to benefit Benzie Senior Resources, a non-profit organization serving the seniors of Benzie County.

231-525-0600

info@BenzieSeniorResources.org

TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL WALK-A-THON AND SUPPORT BSR

go to our website BenzieSeniorResources.org
or our Facebook @BenzieSeniorResources



- Myra Elias, Jennifer Daly, et al for covering the bases while I was gone



- Garden Theater on your 96th Birthday!
- Jeanna Papineau on her marriage
- Wesley Vernon Henry on your entrance into the Family of God on Saturday, August 15, 2020! We now know how to do a socially-distanced baptism!



Thompsonville Build Completed

Benzie Habitat has completed the construction of the affiliates 6th home in Thompsonville. We are sincerely grateful to our Construction Manager, dedicated volunteers and build contractors and suppliers including Gillison Excavating, Collins Construction, Glen Lake Electric, Moore Mechanical, CC Construction, Roelofs Construction, Sauer Drywall, Honor Onekama Building Supply and Classic Carpeting for their skilled work and support. In addition, the prospective homeowner has been investing her time in painting the interior, the ReStore liquidation and landscaping. She is well on her way to fulfilling her 200 hour "sweat equity" commitment. Mortgage financing is being provided by the United States Department of Agriculture – Rural Development 502 Direct Loan program. Since 2008, Benzie Habitat has provided 13 affordable, energy efficient homes for low-income Benzie County families.



Have you ever thought about being an Usher or Greeter?

It would be wonderful if you are interested. Just let the Church Office know! Thanks!



September is First Congregational Church's Children & Youth Appreciation Month

September brings the start of school, whether it be virtual or in-school, and today our kids are dealing with an additional challenge – Covid 19. We need to keep them in our prayers as they navigate through the next months and as they grow in knowledge and in the love of God.





LET'S KEEP THE GARDEN GROWING

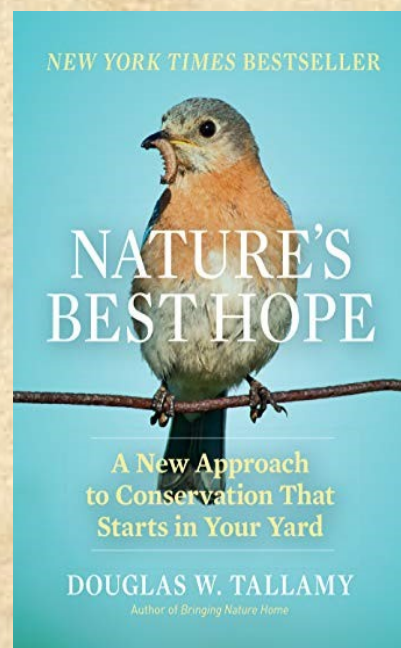
The Friends of The Garden Theater, a charitable organization, was formed in 2019 to ensure The Garden Theater remains a vital part of the Frankfort and Benzie County community. The Garden Theater is not only a cinema. It is a community asset utilized for fundraisers,



Happy Birthday!

CELEBRATING 96 YEARS OF
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS.

concerts, weddings, talent shows/ pageants, historical and current events, presentations, and more. It's time to save the theater for the next 100 years. But we need your help. Please consider making a donation to help reach their goal.



Benzie Conservation District

is providing an Environment Book Club reading via Zoom scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. E-mail aime@benziecd.org or call 231-882-4391 to register. **Need not have read the whole book.**

Who is that Masked Woman?

It's Donna Phillips—who works for the Frankfort-Elberta Chamber Office and this church Family— doing what she does best— having fun!



(ABOVE) Volunteer Donna Phillips puts together free kites for kids, their parents and anybody else interested in flying a kite at the beach at Frankfort during "Lets Fly A Kite" day on Saturday. (TOP) A kite flies high in the sky during the "Let's Fly a Kite" event held by the Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce on Saturday. (Photos/Colin Merry)

Correspondence

Dear Church Family, Thank you to all who gave donations for the memorial bench for Mary Hoppock and Albert McKinnon. Ron and I walk every day and we stop and rest on the bench before returning home. We sure do enjoy it. What a wonderful way to remember those two dear people. We look forward to when this mess will be over and we can see all of you again, Thanks again,
Ron Wardwell & Billee Beyette

Dear Frankfort Church Friends, It's not looking likely that Peggy and I will make the trip to Frankfort this summer. Ralph still has to conquer shingles and the Covid 19 virus exposure combo concerns. Best to all, Stay safe,
Ralph and Peggy Jackson

Rug Sale for BACN, Saturday, September 5, 10:00-12:00. Jack Harnish has been weaving rugs to support Benzie Area Christian Neighbors and will have them for sale at his home, 7341 Deadstream Rd. Suggested donation to BACN, \$20, but no gift is too large!

The 13th Annual Joe Schmidt Memorial Toughman Big Hole Scramble Golf Outing will be September 13 at Crystal Lake Golf Club. For more information, please call Tami at 231-383-3832

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Joel Buzzell
Dave Cage
Steve Elrick
Hugh Hessler
Pat Hessler
Mike Horten
Scott Johnson
Al Kinske
Linda McHugh
Larry Neuhardt
Nicole Nostrandt
Ron Phillips
Cheryl Reichel
Julie & Paul
Robinson
Dawn Schulz
Bob Smale
Mark Stoltz
Jane Tarnecki
Ronny Teatro
Tammy
Tomaszewski
Amy Walker
Gladys Wilson

Military

Mike Kinney
Tyler Kinney
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

The Families of

Vicky Armstrong
Butch Beyer
Theo Chandler
Penny Iverson
Bill Misner
Andy Mollema
Bob Newberry
John Nuske
Dennis Parker
Barb Shankland

Senior Living Orchard House

Pat Hessler
Shirley Kerr
Susie Vigland
The Homesteader
Moore Peregrine
Bea Stone
The Maples
Karen Collins
Jan Condon
Gladys Wilson

The Jack Otto Classic Golf Outing will be September 14 in Kingsley. For more information, please call the Kingsley Golf Club.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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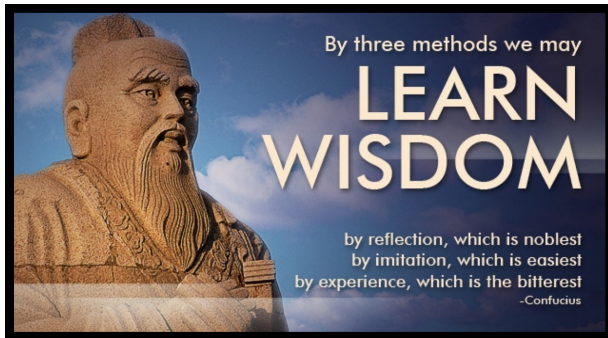
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting Dan Lautenbach Sawyer Reed	2 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting	3 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero	4 Carlisle Clevenger Cathy Shaffer Amy & Ed Schindler	5 Will Church Michelle Frostic Julie & Mike Morris
6 10:30 a.m. Worship Read a Book Day Nora Bungard Melissa Grant Kyah Robinson	7 Labor Day  Eric Buzzell Jack Dulaney	8 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting International Literacy Day	9 11:30 a.m. Min. Assoc. Meeting 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting Caitlin Anderson	10 Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby	11  Liam Judson Mary & Tom Osborn	12 Fox/Haywood Wedding Platte River Bob & Sue King
13 10:30 a.m. Worship  Blessing of the Backpacks & First Day of Sunday School Dave Goodman	14 Addison Kline Betty & Fred Milliron	15 Phil Gates	16 Mayflower Day  Carol Ehle	17 Constitution Day  Missi Gilbert	18 Kyle Beyette Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath Becca & Kristopher Smith	19 11:00 a.m. Graveside COL Ruth Nugent Crystal Lake North WMACCC Annual Meeting, Virtual Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald
20 10:30 a.m. Worship Saskia Von Wolferen Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter	21 International World Peace Day 	22 Autumnal Equinox Day  Devin Gokey Betty & Les Webb	23 9:00 a.m. Human Services Collaborative Mtg.	24 Luann & Michael Elwell	25 Native American Day  Ed Schindler	26 National Public Lands Day Sarah Dougherty
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