

Steepleviews

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September 2021

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 1 Dan Lautenbach
Sawyer Reed
- 3 Signe Ruddy
Doug & Robin Somero
- 4 Carlisle Clevenger
Amy & Ed Schindler
Cathy Shafer
- 5 Will Church
Michelle Frostic
Julie & Mike Morris
- 6 Nora Bungard
Melissa Grant
Kyah Robinson
- 7 Eric Buzzell
Jack Dulaney
- 9 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
Doug Rath
Kyle 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



- Sept 6 Labor Day
- Sept 11 6:30 p.m. Worship
- Sept 17 The Gathering 6:00 p.m.
- Sept 18 Jan Condon Celeb. of Life
- Sept 19 Blessing of the Backpacks &
First Day of Sunday School
Faith In Action Crystal Lake
Golf Club
- Sept 21 International Peace Day

The Church Council determined
that we would hold Worship on
SATURDAY, September 11th 6:30 p.m.

The doors to the church
will be open on Sunday,
but parking will be interesting at best.



Pastor's Page

I can't say that I haven't watched a bit of television over the last many months. It's a convenient time-out from the news and drama and sorrow that can sometimes feel as if it can swallow a person in one gulp.

But there's another—good—reason to watch films and programs of various sorts; they can give us a glimpse into a way of living one's life that we may not have thought of before, like some of the difficulties that face people with disabilities. Some of the stories of the current Para-Olympians are astounding!

Another side-effect of watching things on the tube—as they used to say—is that you can run across some good lines; things you know you'd like to remember.

From the movie *Godless*: "If a person ain't careful they can make a profession out of revenge."

From Rafiki, the mandrill monkey shaman in the *Lion King*, "Oh yes, the past can hurt. But you can either run from it or learn from it."

From the great Hogwarts Headmaster Dumbledore, from *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, "It is not our abilities that show what we truly are... it is our choices."

It's almost funny how Biblical they sound, and yet, they are just as true.

There are some people in the county that have been making intentional choices about trying to help other people in our county. Last week there were 50 some folks who made an intentional decision to gather together for a taco or two and talk with other people about what they see are some of the top hurdles we face in this county. At the end of our time together, we decided to focus our energies in helping with shortages in housing and internet connections. (Yes, there are places in Benzie County that are unable to Google 'best congregational church Benzie County Frankfort.')

The energy around the NW MI Faith in Action group is infectious! That's why we want to ask you to make an intentional decision to the other individuals attending the Founding Celebration on Sunday, September 19th. (More information is at the top of the next page.)

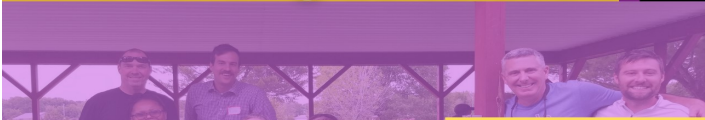
From Jesus in Matthew 8:20, "For where two or more have gathered in my name, I am there in their midst." I'm tellin' ya'll, it's going to be amazing! Ya'll come on over now, ya hear?

Pastor Dinah



All are welcome to join us joining our brothers and sisters across the county to help make real, meaningful change for the better!

Benzie County Faith in Action Founding Celebration



September 19,
2021 At 2 PM

Special Guests include:
Elected Officials
&
Guest Preachers



Event Tent at
the Crystal
Lake Golf Club,
8493 Fairway
Dr, Beulah, MI

Come help us celebrate our unity, pray together, and take on the issues affecting our community, including housing, homelessness, and internet access



Come and join us for
The Gathering
on the parsonage porches
September 17th at 6:00 p.m.

We'll grill some burgers and dogs and enjoy a chance to say hello and enjoy some fellowship with each other. We'll have a sign up sheet in the church dining room with suggestions on what we can all bring.



A Celebration of
Jan Condon's Life
will be held at the
Crystal Lake Cemetery
Saturday, September
18th at 11:00 a.m. All are
welcome to attend.



With the influx of visitors to our community, the Benzie Area Chamber of Commerce created the Please Practice Patience social media campaign to create awareness of our spike in population during the summer (and all year round). This puts added burdens on our hospitality and service industry staff. Feel free to share on your own page or pint and post in your business.

Please Practice Patience Campaign





- ◆ Cole Schindler who passed his securities exam this past month. One more exam before he is fully licensed and ready to help with investment clients.
- ◆ Glen Tracy, who is the new President of Benzie Habitat for Humanity. Blessings on your position.
- ◆ Maile Church on stretching her wings in the world of photographic modeling. Such strength and beauty in her poses!
- ◆ Luke and Sarah Reed on their wedding August 14! It was a beautiful day (high 70's), a beautiful venue (Nugent Orchards) and a truly beautiful new family officially declared—coincidentally the same day as Luke's paternal grandparents' 60th anniversary.



- Dear Members of FCCF of Frankfort, Thank you so much for funding my trip to camp. I got to make a lot of friends and memories, and so grateful for the experience. Thank You, Ezra Church
- Those who donated food and energy to the NW MI Faith in Action taco and popsicle meal. The attendees really loved it! (Myra Elias, Judy Grant, Robin MacKenzie, Kelly Ottinger, Kris Richards and Betty Webb)
- Phil Deloria, Al Bryant, Michael Webb and everyone else who helped to continue the ministry of this church family while I was gone, Dinah.
- To Robin MacKenzie for making her Mexican Wedding Cookies for the Birds Fly In event, and cleaning up, too!
- Jim Buzzell, Myra Elias, Gus Gigous, Jim MacKenzie and Kris Richards for taking up the call to paint the bottom of the church exterior. It looks beautiful! And extra kudos to Jim Buzzell for all the scraping!
- Bill Frostic for chasing down a new light fixture outside the church 5th St. door. (Who knew it would be that much trouble?)



happy
grand
parents day

Sunday, September 12



Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, September 19



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

You keep us young. You brighten our day with your energy, smiles, laughter and youthful spirits. You are all so very special to us!!



The Benzie Habitat for Humanity board and committees are always looking for volunteers that are willing to invest their time and talents in helping the affiliate fulfill its important mission: Build homes for low-income Benzie County families in need of affordable housing. You can learn more about Habitat and volunteering by contacting William Merry, Executive Director at williammerry@gmail.com, calling the office at 231-399-0300 or by emailing admim@benziehabitat.org

Dinah's Shoestring Potato Salad

You know when it's hot, and humid, and you don't want to cook anything hot? I've got a crazy one for you!

A package of shoestring potatoes—like chips, but sticks, usually on the bottom shelf in grocery stores.

1 can tuna, drained, grated carrots, sliced celery, diced onion

Miracle Whip (You can use mayonnaise, but it lacks some of the zip when combined with the other ingredients.)

As far as amounts, think tuna salad for a sandwich. The downside is that this doesn't keep well, so you really need to eat what you make. But it's right good.





water for good

Jim Hocking grew up in the Central African Republic, the second poorest country in the world. From the beginning, Jim founded Water for Good to become a nonprofit that not only drills wells, but does so relying on all local staff that provide regular well maintenance.

The water crisis is solvable

Imagine this. Each morning you walk 30 minutes to collect water from a muddy stream that will most likely bring disease to your family. Now imagine your village finally received a well to access the clean water right below your feet. The new well has greatly increased the quality of life for your community, but months later, a simple screw went loose, and the well no longer works. Your village doesn't have a way to fix it, so your family must go back to drinking dirty water. Unfortunately, non-functional wells are a reality. More than 60 percent of wells are not functioning at any given time. We want to change this, to provide long-term sustainability. Ninety-five percent of our wells are currently functional.

Local Central African have drilled more than 680 new wells and are maintaining 1,000 water pumps. Over a half a million people are drinking water from these wells every day. People are staying healthy, they're able to generate more income, and they're making a difference in their communities—for good.

To learn more of this project go to info@waterforgood.org

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns:

Cherie Acklin
Billee Beyette
Gail Brown
Will Colby
Bob Dennis
Theresa Duffy
Michael Grajcar
Melissa Grant
Bonnie Heaney
David Hendrick
Hugh Hessler
Pat Hessler
Jerry Johnson
Ron Phillips
Becky Reed Kelly
Pete Reed
Tina Reed
John Ruckrich
Dawn Schulz
Linda Schweyer
Don Smith
Joan Stillman
Ron Wardwell
John & Peter Young

The Military

Mike Kinney
Tyler Kinney
Ryan Ruddy

The Families of

Bill Addis
Rev. Dave Cartlidge
Charles Gonyon
Bill Hirsch
Paul Hopkins
Cath Kelder
Nick's Grandpa
Ron Nugent
Katie Peltier
Diana Stillman

Senior Living

Cadillac Nursing Care

Don Bonderenko

Maple Valley Nursing

Steve Elrick

The Homesteader

Bea Stone

The Maples

Karen Collins

Gladys Wilson

Orchard House

Pat Hessler

Joan Miller

Susie Vigland

Our deepest sympathies...

Family & Friends of

Bill Addis, Jan Condon,
Charles Gonyon, Paul Hopkins,
Cath Kelder, Ron Nugent,
Katie Peltier, Diane Stillman



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:15 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. Caleb Kline Dan Lautenbach	2 9:00 , 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	3 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero	4 3:00 p.m. Cath Kelder Memorial, BUCC Carlisle Clevenger Cathy Shaffer Amy & Ed Schindler
5 10:30 a.m. Worship Will Church Michelle Frostic Julie & Mike Morris	Labor Day Nora Bungard Melissa Grant Kyah Robinson Pete & Vivian Reed	7 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting Eric Buzzell Jack Dulaney	8 1:00 p.m. Zoom Investment Mtg. 3:00 p.m. PEO Meeting 3:15 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg.	9 9:00 , 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI	10 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby	6:30 p.m. Worship Phil Gates Liam Judson Mary & Tom Osborn
12 IronMan Race Grandparents Day Bob & Susan King	13 Dave Goodman	14 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI Addison Kline Betty & Fred Milliron	15 3:15 p.m. MOBBI Betty & Les Webb	16 9:00 , 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI Carole Ehle	17 Luann & Michael Elwell	11:00 a.m. Jan Condon Celebration 4:00 p.m. Kraft/ Neal Wedding, Kyle Beyette Sandra Grant Doug Rath Becca & Kristopher Smith
19 10:30 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. FIA Event Crystal Lake Golf Course Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald	20 Saskia Von Wolferen Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter	21 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI International Day of Peace	22 3:15 p.m. MOBBI Devin Gokey Betty & Les Webb	23 9:00 , 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI	24 12:30 p.m. MOBBI Luann & Michael Elwell	25 Ed Schindler
26 10:30 a.m. Worship Johnny Appleseed Day Sarah Dougherty	27 Tom Osborn Jason & Naomi Kolehmainen	28 9:00, 11:00 & 11:45 a.m. MOBBI Emmrah Lynn Johnny & Kendra Nuske	29 3:15 p.m. MOBBI Mary Osborn Cecelia Schmitt Beth & Mike McNamara	30 9:00 , 9:45, & 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Missions Meeting John Young		

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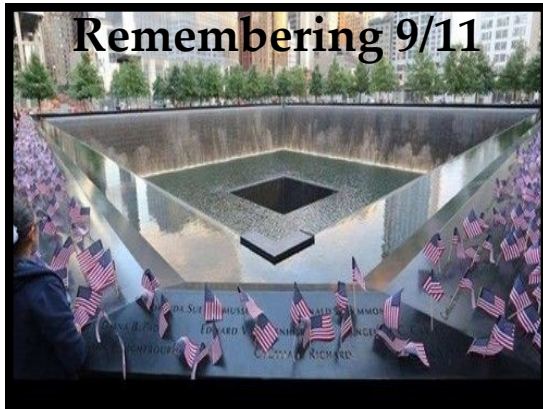


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Greeters/Ushers

Kris Richards

5	Kris & Dennis Richards Myra Elias, Jim Buzzell
11	Saturday Evening Service at 6:30 p.m. Dawn Schulz, Judy Welch
19	Jeanne & Tom Hafer Bob & Sue King
26	Mary Reed, Pat Kinske Julie & Bill Hirschfeld