

Steepleviews

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Anniversaries & Birthdays

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| 1 | Caleb Kline
Dan Lautenbach
Sawyer Reed |
| 3 | Signe Ruddy
Doug & Robin Somero |
| 4 | Carlisle Clevenger
Cathy Shafer
Amy & Ed Schindler |
| 5 | Will Church
Michelle Frostic
Julie & Mike Morris |
| 6 | Nora Bungard
Melissa Grant
Kyah Robinson |
| 7 | Eric Buzzell
Jack Dulaney |
| 8 | Welch, Kevin |
| 10 | Tom Marshall
Denis & Kathy Crosby |
| 11 | Phil Gates
Liam Judson
Mary & Tom Osborn |
| 12 | Bob & Sue King |
| 13 | Dave Goodman |
| 14 | Addison Kline
Betty & Fred Milliron |
| 15 | Betty & Les Webb |
| 16 | Carol Ehle |
| 17 | Missi Gilbert |
| 15 | Kyle Beyette
Sandra Grant
Doug Rath
Becca & Kristopher Smith |
| 19 | Katie Robinson
Mark Steigerwald |
| 20 | Saskia Von Wolferen
Ron Wardwell
Chris & Marjorie Porter |
| 22 | Devin Gokey |
| 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 |
| 30 | John Young |

September 2022

Upcoming Events

- Sep. 4 Carver Magnotti's Baptism
- Sep. 5 Labor Day
- Sep. 9 The Gathering
- Sep. 11 Ironman Race
Grandparents' Day
- Sep. 15 Benzie Faith in Action
Community Dinner
- Sep. 17 Lauder-Rodriguez Wedding
- Sep. 18 Blessing of the Backpacks
Celebration of Life for
Andrea Frost
Internet Access Sunday
- Sep. 22 First Day of Autumn
- Sep. 25 Church Potluck after Worship





Pastor's Page

It's such a good feeling when you know you've helped a person, especially when they don't know who you are, and you know they can never repay you, particularly when it comes to money.

The Missions Committee has determined that each month, we give \$50 to Eagle Village, an unique place for young people who go there hoping for a better chance at life. It's often a good practice to look at the projects one supports, if for no other reason than to reaffirm one's commitment to it. The Eagle Village newsletter this month did that very thing.

Their newsletter told the story of a young woman named Maria, who went to Eagle Village with a heavy heart and years of trauma to unfold.

She came from a home where she was physically, mentally and sexually abused by family members and watched her parents fall short due to drug addictions. What happened to Marie in such a short time is more than most of us will ever endure in our lifetime. She knew she had a long journey ahead and had little to no self worth. "I didn't ask to be born," said Marie. "I really didn't ask for the parents that I have, but it wasn't really my choice." This young girl worked through the trauma she endured in her home. She has realized that her parents lack of valuing her didn't make her any less valuable. She earned her high school diploma from Eagle Village's charter school at 16 years old and will be a college student next year. Marie said it wasn't always easy, but worked because of the people who care about her. Marie is grateful for the staff there that helped her work through a past she didn't ask

for.

The staff at Eagle Village are not just random people off the street. The entire organization has recently gone through a six-week training with the Traumatic Stress Institute. Understanding where the trauma came from, how it has impacted the victim and finding ways to start the healing and recovery process without re-traumatizing is huge when trying to overcome the side effects of such pain.

What the kids do at Eagle Village isn't just school and counseling sessions. Twice a year, they participate in a wilderness experience called Quest, giving students experiences that can teach them basic life skills as well as create a safe space to push them into developing desired skills such as leadership, commitment and team building. In May, it was a 3 day overnight stay at a rustic campsite with no running water, electricity or plumbing and meals prepped and cooked on a small compact gas stove. Our little contributions help these kids long after they leave Eagle Village!

So far in 2022, 50 youth residents have been served in their residential programs. 47 youth were placed in a more stable atmosphere of a foster home. 19 young people found forever homes through adoption. 2 graduated from their Lighthouse Academy. 32 new employees joined the team, and 716 volunteer hours have been tracked. 359 donations (in-kind gifts) have provided personal necessities that most of us take for granted.

Yep. It's a good investment and a good spend. Thank you for helping to make it so.

Pastor Dinah

It's Time for A Gathering!

Myra Elias has volunteered to hold it at her cottage on Lower Herring Lake, 4020 Seventh St., Frankfort 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 9

Bring your own beverage, something to share, and in case it's cool, a light jacket. There is an awesome screened-in porch that you won't want to miss, and the fireplace may be lit, too.



Sunday, September 11th, The Ironman Race is coming to Frankfort again.

Having learned the basic logistics last year, we will hold church at the regular 10:30 time that morning.

The main traffic conflicts for those coming to church will be on 7th St. (M22) from the blinker light north and River Road. There are alternate ways to get to church, but you will need to plan ahead. The City Superintendent said that access to Forest Ave. should be good until sometime before 10:00, but you should still think ahead. If you can cross M-22 at Beech St., you can go to Michigan Ave and across on Leelanau or the alleys. If you need more "help" than that, just call the church. We'll be online, too.

You can find the route at <https://www.ironman.com/im703-michigan-course>



Celebrate with us!

It's the Blessing of the Backpacks!

Bring your pack on September 18th and during Worship, we will pray over it and you. Feel free to bring any friends and neighbors! Everyone is welcome.



Let's have a Church Potluck after Worship

Sunday, September 25th!
If you can bring a dish to share, beverages, utensils and tableware will be provided. This would be a great time to invite a new neighbor or acquaintance!



Important Survey Input Needed

Benzie County has an exciting opportunity to turn the corner on meeting the needs of workforce housing, broadband, and childcare. The County Administrator has launched an online survey with the goal of gathering public input from the community on how the American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) funding should be utilized. The intention of the Act was to address impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our County will receive \$3.45 million in funding and the Board of Commissioners is committed to a community-engaged process and will consider community input as they make final decisions about how to best use this one-time funding. Benzie County Faith in Action hopes that every church member will take the opportunity to let our commissioners know what we see as our priorities. The survey site can be found at https://www.benzieco.net/departments/county_administrator_s_office/arpa_survey.php

If you don't have the ability to do the survey, you are welcome to use a computer at the church.

The 2022 Fall Winsome Women's Retreat

will be October 11-13 at
The Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor.

If you are interested in attending, the website is <https://wswretreats.org/events/737/fall-wsw-retreat>
There are mini-grants available from the church for interested parties.

This year's theme is "For Such A Time As This"
Triple Grammy Nomination trio Point of Grace will bring great music. Actress Shari Rigby and Missionary Pat Tebow, missionary and mother of football pro Tim, will be the guest speakers.

Carpooling may be an option.

Check with Pastor Dinah for questions.

Congratulations!

- Katie Condon and crew of the Nibbles for winning the Women's tourney of the Benzie Frenzy Fishing Tournament.
- Rick Schmitt and Stormcloud for being named Brewery of the Year at the 2022 USA Beer Ratings.
- Nathan MacKenzie, and the whole MacKenzie clan on the birth of Natalee Jane MacKenzie, who decided to come at 5:56 a.m. Saturday, August 20th. She is 7 pounds and 1 ounce!! and 20 inches long and dad, Nathan, seems quite enthralled. She is also the first great-grandchild to Jim and Robin.
- Grandma and Grandpa Hughes (Leo & Susie) are delighted to announce the arrival of grandson #3. Sterling Royal Smith was born at about on Friday, August 26th at 6:30 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, 3oz.
- Rosemary Abbett, Jennifer Daly, Phil Gates, Molly Harrison, and Dale Herscher on the production of Beauty and the Beast at the Congregational Summer Assembly. Waiting three years to do a show you thought would be done two years earlier is tough, no matter how you look at it. It was a delightful evening enjoying all your work and efforts.



A Celebration of Life Service for Andrea Frost

will be held on Sunday, September 18th at 2:00 at
The First Congregational Church in Frankfort, MI.

A reception will follow at the Green Space
of Harbor Lights Marina from 4:00-6:00.

This is located adjacent to the west side of the marina.
In the event of rain, the reception will be held at the
church directly following the service.

thank you!

- Everyone who covered the bases, especially the water in the church basement.
- Fish cleaning helpers Faith Dulaney and Robin MacKenzie. It's a good thing when passion for fishing meets passion for filling hungry tummys.
- Serenity Schulz for cleaning and organizing the Sunday School room. Nice!
- Sue King, Marti Mollema and Dawn Schulz for faithfully inspiring our worship with flower arrangements.
- Thank you so much for helping me spend another year at camp! I learned so much about the world of God. I got to see my old friends and create new memories. So Thank You so much, from Ezra Church.
- I thank you so much for giving my family the money to go to church camp. I had so much fun and I plan to go again next year. Laurel Rath
- Three Husbands on the Loose for sharing your special music with us on August 28. It's just wonderful being able to have friends join us again after Covid!

Your Prayers Are Appreciated for

Cherie Boswell
Paul Clemeno
Isaac Dings
Linda Eckerman
Forrest Grandson
Lily Grant
Becky Hirschfeld
Trevor Holmgren
Mike Jones
Sandy La Belle
Lake MacKenzie
Diana Monovich
Ron Phillips
Wendy Pratley
Meredith Robinson
Robin Rommel
Dawn Schultz
Marilyn Switzer
Tom Teatek
Joan Watkins
Felicia Whiting
Chris Young

The Families of
Rev. Craig Crossman (2021)
Ralph Jackson
Aaron Lingeman
Noah Smeltzer

Senior Living:
At Home
Joanne Brown
Norma Elias
Cadillac
Don Bonderenko
Maple Valley
Steve Elrick
Orchard House
Joan Miller
The Homesteader
Mary & Roy Pearce
Bea Stone
John Young
The Maples
Dave Siuda
Dori Turner
The Pines
Nora Bungard
Military:
Jacob Bingham
CJ Kinney
Tyler Kinney
Ryan Ruddy

There will be a
Benzie Faith in Action Community Dinner
Thursday, September 15th at Trinity Lutheran Church,
6:00 p.m.



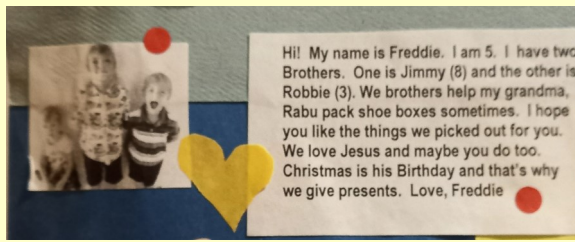
The Men's Group is grilling dinner for a small donation to cover costs. The main reason we will gather is to hear updates on affordable housing and internet coverage.



A Note from a Shoebox Delivered to the Ukraine

Hello, Freddie.

My name is Nikita, I'm from Ukraine. When the war began, my mother and I went to the country house. It was very cold here, but then we warmed up. I am 3.5 years old. I am small, but brave. I protect my mom. When it's noisy and she's worried, I calm her down. We thank God that we are alive and well. I received a parcel from you, and I was very happy. Everything is made with such incredible love. With the bear you gave me, I sleep. Thank you, you are wonderful. Greetings to your brothers and all who take part in this bright cause. May the God keep you.



Church Choir Sings Again

Whether you've sung in a choir before or not, you are welcome to join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. We come together on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to brush up the anthem before worship, too. AND, you get to wear a robe and stole! We'll start August 31.

See you there!



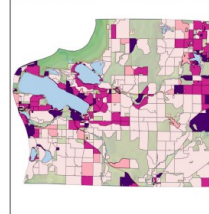
To emphasize the importance and need of broader and better internet in our county, the ministers of Benzie Faith in Action have proclaimed September 18th as

Internet Access Sunday.

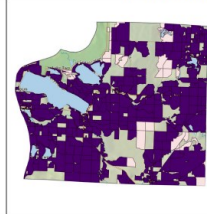
In the day of tele-medical appointments, online banking, school and all the other connectivity elements of life in 2022, internet access is a big deal. The recent connectivity survey by the Merit Network, Inc. (an independent nonprofit corporation governed by Michigan's public universities) revealed amazing disparities between survey participants and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) estimates of coverage. The FCC currently defines good internet connection as one that provides at least 25 megabits per second (Mbps) for download speed and 3 Mbps for upload. While that speed might be okay for a family of three, high speed connectivity is in the range of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps for upload. You can see the difference between what pollsters revealed vs. the FCC's estimates below. We just want to bring the awareness of the need for broader and better net.

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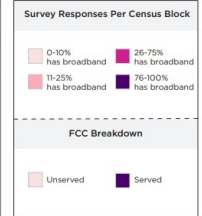
Survey Responses Per Census Block



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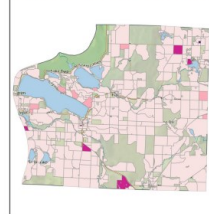


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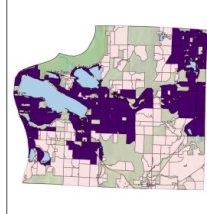


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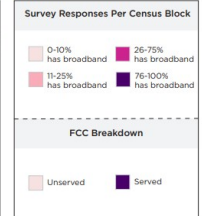
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Children and Youth Appreciation Month



You make us smile.
You make us humble.
You make us hopeful.
Thank you, younger folks,
for being
such good teachers!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Caleb Kline Dan Lautenbach Sawyer Reed </div>	1 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga 4:00 p.m. Property	2	3 Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero
4 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Carver Magnotti Baptism, Lower Herring Lake	Labor Day <small>Offices Closed</small> Will Church Michelle Frostic Julie & Mike Morris <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Carlisle Clevenger Cathy Shaffer Amy & Ed Schindler </div>	6 8:30 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting Nora Bungard Melissa Grant Kyah Robinson	7 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 10:30 a.m. Worship Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Eric Buzzell Jack Dulaney	8 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga Kevin Welch	<div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 6:00 p.m. The Gathering at Lower Herring Lake </div>	10 11:00 a.m. Finance Budget Meeting Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby
11 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Ironman Race Day Grandparents Day	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Phil Gates Liam Judson Mary & Tom Osborn </div> Bob & Sue King	13 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Dave Goodman	14 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Addison Kline Betty & Fred Milliron	15 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 6:00 p.m. Benzie Faith in Action Community Meal and Update </div> Betty & Les Webb	16 5:00 p.m. Lauder-Rodriguez Rehearsal Carol Ehle	17 4:00 p.m. Lauder-Rodriguez Wedding, Frankfort Bluffs Missi Gilbert
18 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal <div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 10:30 a.m. Worship Blessing of the Backpacks </div> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 2:00 p.m. Andrea Frost Celebration of Life </div>	19 Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Internet Access Sunday Kyle Beyette Sandra Grant Doug Rath Becca & Kris Smith </div>	20 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Ron Wardwell Saskia Von Wolferen Chris & Marjorie Porter	21 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 7:00 p.m. NO Choir Rehearsal	22 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga First Day of Autumn Devin Gokey	23	24 Luann & Michael Elwell
25 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship <div style="border: 2px solid yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 11:30 a.m. Church Potluck </div> Native American Day Ed Schindler	26 Sarah Dougherty	27 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Tom Osborn Jason & Naomi Kolehmainen	28 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Missions Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Emmrah Lynn Johnny & Kendra Nuske	29 9:00 a.m. MOBBI 12:30 p.m. Yoga Mary Osborn Cecelia Schmitt Beth & Mike McNamara	30 John Young	



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July Greeters/Ushers <i>Head Usher: Mary Reed</i>	
4	Donna Phillips, Mary Reed Julie & Paul Robinson
11	Alma House, Ann Osborn David & Linda Schweyer
18	Julie & Mike Morris Michael & Sharon Grajcar
25	Molly & Scott Harrison Jim & Robin MacKenzie