

# Steepleviews

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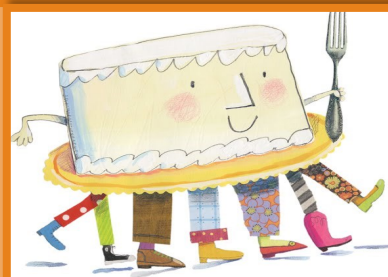
## October 2018 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 01 Faith Dulaney  
Bradford Nostrandt
- 03 Tucker Hubbard
- 04 Bailey Grant  
Nancy Marshall
- 06 Rob & Maria Wolowiec
- 09 John Bateman
- 10 Sandy Gill  
Jennie & Rick Schmitt
- 11 Andrew Addis
- 12 Abby Gilbert  
Jean Neuhardt  
Pearce Pomerleau
- 14 Liz Ryckman  
Nancy Setterbo
- 16 Abby Jo Judson  
Ann Osborn
- 17 Mary Ann Harness  
Bentley Wright
- 18 Matt & Caitlin Anderson  
Kerry & Lynn Buzzell
- 19 Devin Gokey
- 20 Doris Clark  
Bennett Schmitt
- 22 Paul Robinson  
Will & Marijke Church
- 23 Josh Schulz
- 25 Matt Addis  
Sue King
- 26 Madeline MacKenzie
- 29 Becca Smith
- 30 Jackie Richmond
- 31 Rick Porter  
Joe Wade

## Catch These Coming Events



- Oct 5 World Communion Day
- Oct 11 Review & Dessert:  
Rethinking Forgiveness
- Oct 13 Fall Festival  
Craft Fair &  
Cake Walk
- Oct 21 Church Potluck
- Oct 27 Mama Mia!  
Sing-a-long



## It's that time for the Fall Festival Cake Walk!

The Frankfort Fall  
Festival will be

Saturday, October 13th & once again we get  
to host the famous  
**Cake Walk from 1:00-2:00 p.m.**  
**at the Open Space**

Sign-up sheets are in the Dining Room for  
cakes and helpers to work that day.

Regardless of the weather, it's always a  
great day, so join us and watch the smiles!  
*We will have cake containers for you at church.*

# Pastor's Page

From my thoughts about the 2013 Cake-Walk.... It was the little red-headed four-year-old that did it. When his number was called (for the very last cake) he jumped up in the air, fists clenched (in the way he will do the rest of his life over something wonderful) and yelled, "Yea!" as the crowd around him applauded and laughed and enjoyed his joy. He was the one that made this year's cake walk all worth it.

There were others, too: those who were sitting on the grass, waiting for that magic hour of 1:00 to arrive, the tall, thin teenager with the shaggy hair that seemed "good" in his own skin, the challenged lady who clenched her hot dog in one hand and her red ticket in the other. There was the older lady who said, "If there's anything I'd walk for, it's for a cake." There were the couple that "signed" to each other, and despite not hearing what was going on, still got swept into the fun of such a thing as a cake walk. And the people that had the parental roles, steering shy children to stand on a space of grass, that probably made no sense to the kid, but ensued as a right-of-passage sort of gesture.

There were the folks that gave up some of their time on a beautiful Saturday afternoon: ticket sellers, the ones who drew the tickets, those that manned the cake tables, and most especially those who stood on the sidelines and clapped and sang along when they knew the words.

And the cake-bakers: who somehow managed to find a place to park or get dropped off as they found their way to the Cake-Walk area, and those who fought the wind with their tin foil or plastic wrap. It wasn't even about the money. In fact, if we were to total up the costs (of ingredients and time for making and baking) we would probably be way "in the hole."

Yes, I'll admit that the weather played in to this cameo of perfection. It was right breezy, mid 70's, but sunny. Not like the year it was so hot that the cakes melted. Or the year it was so cold some people were wearing snowmobile suits. Or like last year, with rivers of rain washing all the goose deposits into the bay. The leaves were falling, the

rain gutters were lined with contributions from people and Mother Nature. It was, as they say, a Chamber of Commerce day.

But ultimately - and truthfully - it was about community and reaching out: hordes of people coming together to celebrate everything from beautiful weather to horse and wagon rides to pumpkin chuckin' and decorating pumpkins. It was about a group of adolescent adults playing instruments and having a blast pleasing people and walking down the street in a parade so short, if you blink, you may miss them - a parade where a woman has some sort of pride when she announces that her dog won the ugliest costume in the Mutt March.

There are days when I wonder if everything will come together: the weather, the people, the music (that never seems to work), having enough people to help. There is the wonder that it really doesn't matter if our little contribution to the event really makes a difference. This year, it was the little red-headed four-year-old that reminded me that what we do is about life, living it to its fullest - even in watching someone else win the last cake of the day. See you at the cake-walk! Pastor Dinah

## October is First Congregational Church's Community Appreciation Month

We are so blessed with a close knit, caring, supportive and truly amazing community.

It makes it a joy to serve the folks who live here – neighbors and residents.



## The Halloween Open House!

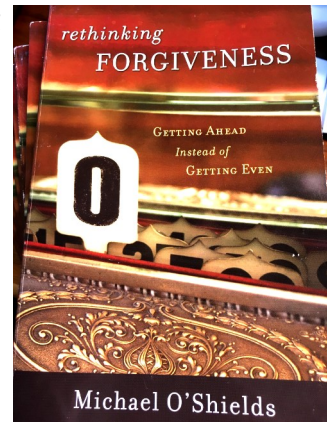
It's the night that hundreds of people will come through the church doors in search of shelter, a rest, a restroom, and something to drink. It naturally takes a village to accomplish such an event, so your help is truly appreciated. Whether it's donating a bag of candy or working a shift (4:30-6:00 or 6:00-7:30) it really is one of the great things we do as a church family!!!



Come join us for a wonderful gathering of friends and family for a potluck following worship service on Sunday, October 21st. Dig out your favorite potluck recipes to enjoy a time of fellowship and great food!

## Review & Dessert Rethinking Forgiveness

There will be a book review on the very quick read written by Michael O'Shields on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m. And all are welcome.



There are copies of the book in Pastor Dinah's office, so feel free to borrow one for the first one hundred page read. Once everyone's had a chance to read it, if anyone would like to keep a copy, they will be welcome to do so. (You may understand why one would want to do that when you see the second half of the book.) To make the time together just a little sweeter, there will be some apple crisp to accompany the review.

Forgiving does not erase the bitter past. A healed memory is not a deleted memory. Instead, forgiving what we cannot forget creates a new way to remember. We change the memory of our past into a hope for our future.  
Lewis B. Smedes

When I saw this show in the theater, I was stunned at the number of people smiling after it was done. So I figured, 'Let's keep the delight going!' Pastor Dinah

Spread the word! Bring the family and all your friends for a bit of singing and laughing and everything between! Oh, and it's free!\*

## Mama Mia! Sing-a-long

Saturday,  
October 27  
Garden Theater  
Frankfort  
4:00 p.m.  
Free Admission



\*Concessions not included.



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## FCCF Council Meeting Minutes September 12, 2018

The Minutes from the July 11 meeting were reviewed. (The Council doesn't meet in August.) With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented. There were several of items of note: 62.73% of the Budget has been spent thus far, which is good; and we will begin keeping track of church service attendance on an ongoing basis. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

### Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch - no report

Finance: Judy Welch - see Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost - a meeting with Ed Schindler from Baird was held on August 28; all things look positive with no anticipated changes with our Funds.

Constitution & By-Laws: Mary Ann Harness - no report

Missions: Andy Mollema - this account remains fully funded.

Nominating: Myra Elias - no report

Outreach: Judy Grant/Myra Elias: 1) The next Gathering will take place at the Parsonage on September 14; 2) Fall Festival is coming up on October 13, 3) A reminder from the Benzie Historical Museum that this will be the Centennial Armistice Day on November 11 - see Worship Report; and 4) Our church would like to sponsor a movie at the Garden Theatre in October geared toward adults (we would still sponsor a children's movie on Thanksgiving weekend).

Personnel: Myra Elias - see New Business

Property: Andrea Frost/Mary Reed - 1) The

Committee is moving forward with the storm windows and the Sanctuary air conditioning projects and will need a revised estimate for the air conditioning installation from Les Dennis; and 2) An estimate from Willow Tree Removal is anticipated on Thursday, September 13, for removal of the trees on the west side of the Church (with the exception of the maple tree).

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - 1) Bill's Bible Study, preceded by a light dinner, will be held on September 19; and 2) Sunday School got off to a good start on September 9 with 10 teachers volunteering this year.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - 1) There was a \$99.00 sale of culinary supplies (knives) recently; and 2) As of August 30, 2018, the checking account balance is \$574.87 and the CD balance is \$3,116.73.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) All summer "events" went well through the Blessing of the Backpacks on September 9; and 2) Upcoming "events" include: Nursing Care Facility Worship Services on September 16, Bill's Bible Study on September 19, World Communion Sunday on October 7; All Saints Sunday on November 4, and recognition of the Centennial of Armistice Day on November 11 by the ringing of our church bell 11 times.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - Report submitted, noting that Pastor Dinah is working on a Book Study of "Rethinking Forgiveness" to begin sometime in October.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: There was discussion regarding Pastor Dinah's 20 years of service to our Church - to be continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Welcome Nelson Roma Neto from Brazil and Bjørnar Sømme from Norway- Becky and Matt Addis' foreign exchange students from Brazil. Blessings on all of you this year!



**Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors**

at The Mayfair Tavern in Elberta & Geno's Sports Bar & Grill in Thompsonville on Wednesday, October 2nd, and 20% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN.



**WinSome Womem**

*Sharing Christ's love with women since 1971*

Mackinaw Island will be the location for WinSome Women retreats October 16 through 19, 2017. This year's theme is "Amazing Grace." Keynote speakers will be Alan Robertson, Lisa Robertson and Michele Pillar.

Featured musicians will be "Point of Grace".



Register online at [wswretreats.org](http://wswretreats.org). The only available dates left are October 17th & 18th.



- Bill Frostic for replacing the church and parsonage mailboxes. They look very handsome!
- Mary Ann Harness, Marti Mollema, Ann Osborn and Dawn Schulz for transforming the church dining room into a fall vibe. It looks great!
- Andrea Frost for polishing the chimes in the sanctuary. And to Al Bryant for helping to put them back up.



- Congratulations to Becca and Kris & Leo Smith on the birth of Alden, Wed. Aug. 29.
- Naomi Kolehmainen on reaching her goal of running 1,000 miles this year. That's a lot of rubber meeting the road. Good for you, Naomi!
- Mason and Laurel Rath. They ran their first cross country race last month. Mason placed 33rd and Laurel placed 42nd out of about 65 Runners. They ran hard the whole time and finished well!
- Congratulations John & Kelly Ottinger on the birth of grandson William Aaron (Liam) Judson, 8 lbs. 12 oz. born in Valparaiso, IN to daughter, Abby & son-in-law, Aaron.
- Molly and Scott Harrison's daughter Amy and her husband Aaron (Kline) have welcomed the arrival of a healthy baby girl on Sept. 14: Addison Jane. Pastor Dinah officiated at her mommy and daddy's wedding 6 years ago! Feeling very blessed!



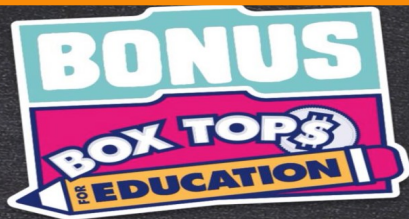
## We Received Mail

Dear Dinah,  
 Thank you and the Church for supporting my camp. It was a lot of fun & brought me closer to God.  
 Thank you.  
 Ezra Church



## Attention Box Top Savers!

It's **Box Top Time!** Help us earn money for our schools. Download the new bonus app and scan your receipts and look for bonus points. We will also take regular tops in the jar in the Church Dining Room as well. The winning class will have a waffle and PJ party. **Help spread the word!!!**



Cut, Scan and Earn \$ for Our Schools

# Please Remember in Prayer

Shelby Anderson  
 Gary Blackmer  
 Dawn Bonderencko  
 Nora Bungard  
 Doris Clark  
 Greg Cobb  
 Lowell Corbin  
 Doug Ehle  
 Barbara Fisher  
 Judy Furber  
 Lori Gorden  
 Bonnie Heaney  
 Jeff Hessler  
 Pat Hessler  
 Michelle Master  
 Glenn Mensching  
 Brian Neuhardt  
 Dawn O'Connell  
 Sidney Olsen  
 Elaine Peterson  
 Ron Phillips  
 Kate Polermo  
 Cooper Rath  
 Bonnie Reed  
 Jake Reed  
 Shelley Scripps  
 Mark Steigerwald  
 Donna Steward

Tom Stoltzman  
 Edna Teatro  
 Mike Vilo  
 Betty Webb

The Families of:  
 Raphael Dunford  
 David Kinney  
 Larry Lung  
 Julie McKnight  
 Carolyn Skaff  
 Martin Stack  
 Bob Wood

Those In the Military:  
 Matthew Conrad  
 Cheyenne Dubois  
 Mike Kinney  
 Mike Porter  
 Clark Robinson  
 Ryan Ruddy

Those in Senior Living:  
 Gordon Banks  
 Jan Condon  
 Moore Peregrine  
 Susie Vigland

There are not words to express my gratitude for the surprise anniversary party you all threw for me. Yes – I was totally surprised. No – I didn't hear one word of it until I stepped through the door at Watervale. Yes – I was speechless and deeply touched that such effort and kindness and generosity came together in your gift to me. It truly has been an honor and blessing to be the pastor of this beautiful place, surpassed only by the beauty of souls therein. A special thank you to Myra Elias for doing the big organizing, too. Thank you is just not enough, but there's nothing else that can do the job. So THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Pastor Dinah

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## October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class  Faith Dulaney Brad Nostrandt	2 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class  John Bateman	3 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.  7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Tucker Hubbard	4 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group  4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg.  Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall	5	6           Rob & Maria Wolowiec
7 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship World Communion & Sunday School  4:00 p.m. BASO & Friends at BCHS Auditorium	8 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class  Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo	9 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.  6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class  John Bateman	10 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  11:30 Min. Assoc. Mtg.: here  4:00 p.m. Council Mtg.  7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Sandy Gill Rick & Jennie Schmitt	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group  7:00 p.m. Study & Dessert: Rethinking Forgiveness  Andrew Addis	12 6:00 p.m. Dining Room Reserved  Abby Gilbert Jean Neuhardt Pearce Pomerleau	13 Frankfort Fall Festival  Cake Walk 1:00 p.m. at the Open Space
14 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh.  10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School  2:00 p.m. Dining Room Reserved  2:00 p.m. POLAR 2:45 p.m. The Maples Worship Services	15 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class  Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo	16 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class  Abby Jo Judson Ann Osborn	17 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Mary Ann Harness Bentley Wright	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group  Matt & Caitlin Anderson Kerry & Lynn Buzzell	19           Devin Gokey	20           Doris Clark Bennett Schmitt
<b>Winsome Women Retreat: Mackinaw Island</b>						
21 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh.  10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	22 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class  Paul Robinson Will & Marijke Church	23 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class  Josh Schulz	24 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  4:00 p.m. Missions Meeting  7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group  Matt Addis Sue King	26           Madeline MacKenzie	27 National Make a Difference Day  4:00 p.m. Mama Mia! Sing-a-long At the Garden
28 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh.  10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	29 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class  Becca Smith	30 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class  Jackie Richmond	31 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class  5:00 p.m. Halloween Open House  Rick Porter Joe Wade			

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