

Steepleviews

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October 2016

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

Catch These Coming Events!

- Oct. 2 World Communion Day
- Oct. 8 Fall Festival Cake Walk
- Oct. 9 Churches & Choirs Concert
- Oct. 16 Wild Rose Concert
- Oct. 21 The Gathering : Neuhardt's
- Oct. 31 Halloween Open House

Bill's Bible Study: Acts
continue on Thursday evenings
thru October 20.

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

The Frankfort Fall Festival will be Saturday, Oct. 10, and 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 for helpers to work that day. Regardless of the weather, it's always a great day so join us and watch the smiles!

Pastor's Page

The Gathering

Friday, October 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Larry &
Jean
Neuhardt
1373
Martin Dr
Frankfort

Bring
your own
beverage.

And if you
can bring a
dish to
share,
that's great
too!



Because not everyone can drive by the church parsonage, we've included photos of how the front view has changed over the years – on the next page. It is still one of the nicest and well-kept parsonages – ever! The “keeping” of such property is indicative of a caring and careful congregation.

JOE'S FRIENDLY TAVERN

Established 1946

Let's all meet at 12 Noon at
Joe's Friendly Tavern
On Wednesday, October 26, 2016
Dutch-treat, & bring
someone to share with us!!!

Speaking of our
150th Anniversary,
we have
opportunities
for you to
commemorate this great event!



The first item is a **Christmas ornament!** (We know it's early, but this event happens just once!) Check out the bulletin board on the lower level at the church and order yours by the end of the month. We believe they will be \$5.00 each, which really just covers our cost.

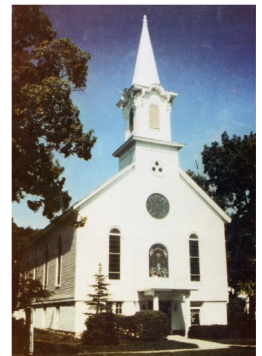
The second item is a **commemorative calendar**, something like those that were made for earlier milestone celebrations. The former calendars will be available on the bulletin board – for show - along with the one we propose to create for our celebration. We will confirm the cost of the calendars very soon, but you can reserve one now on the bulletin board.

First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

7th Publication

Did you Know:

A census of church membership in Frankfort in 1871 showed the number of Congregationalists as 45; Methodists, 20; and Baptists, 12 of a village population of 400, and the total of \$1025 was expended to sustain religious worship in the Frankfort community that year.





**First Congregational Church
of Frankfort Parsonage, 1980's**



**First Congregational Church
of Frankfort Parsonage, 2015**



**First Congregational Church
of Frankfort Parsonage, 2016**

**Halloween Open House
Monday, October 31**

5:00-7:00 p.m.

**It's time for our annual
Halloween Open House!**

Donations of candy, cider and other supplies are needed. On Monday, October 31, we will need help with setting up, serving and cleaning up. There are sign-up lists in the Dining Room.

Thank you!



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**



**Dine Out For
Benzie Area
Christian
Neighbors**

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, eat dinner at one of the partner restaurants, **Stormcloud Brewing Co. in Frankfort** or **Papa J's in Honor** and 10% of your bill will be donated to BACN.

Council Notes

FCCF Council Meeting Minutes

There were 10 members present at the July September 14, 2016 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair, Larry Neuhardt, followed by the Opening Prayer.

The minutes from the July 13 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Neuhardt for John McElduff

1. Offerings for the month of July totaled	\$7,915.77
2. Expenses for the month of July totaled	\$9,613.07
3. Carry over for the month of June	-\$1,697.30
4. Offerings for the month of August totaled	\$8,963.21
5. Expenses for the month of August totaled	\$8,549.81
6. Carry Over for the month of August	\$ 413.40
7. The total current balance of Church funds is:	
For July	\$44,486.69
For August	\$44,968.78

Committee Reports

Memorials: Larry Neuhardt for John McElduff – Balance for the Memorial Fund is \$7,413.11

Investment: Denis Crosby –

The Committee met with RW Baird on September 13 with the summary as follows: 1) Our current funds total approximately \$640,000.00.

2) Our return so far this year is 5%. 3) Our return since 2011 is 5.25%. 4) The net funds have increased \$180,000.00. 5) Our annual fees are .5% to RW Baird and .5% to the fund managers and are paid quarterly. 5) Our strategy and policy will remain unchanged for 2017.

Missions: Myra Elias –

The current balance in the Missions Fund is \$276.53.

Outreach: Judy Grant

1) Five new members joined the church in July. 2) The Block Party, the Salt City Jazz Band, the Gathering at the Scripps' home, Three Husbands on the Loose, the Ladies Luncheon, and the Blessing of the Backpacks were all successful "events" for our church in August and the first half of September.

3) Upcoming events include the Frankfort Fall Festival Cake Walk and the Halloween Open House.

Sesquicentennial: Andy Mollema

1) Rev. Michael Chittum, NACCC Executive Director, has committed to being a speaker at our dedication on July 23. 2) The prototypes of the Christmas ornaments are displayed on the bulletin board downstairs with the cost to be determined. 3) The Committee will be asking for monies in the near future as expenses come up. 4) We will be running an ad for our 150th Celebration in the "Places of Worship" Record Eagle publication.

Personnel: Andy Mollema –

The Committee revised the Pastor's job description and copies of the document were distributed for Council Members to review between now and October's meeting.

Property: Ann Osborn for Andrea Frost –

1) The new water heater has been installed and we have hot water! Also, a thank you goes out to Marti Mollema for the cleaning and sweeping out of the attic.

Religious Education: Dinah Haag for Candace Nostrandt –

1) September 11 was the Blessing of the Backpacks and the start of Sunday School. 2) Pastor Dinah has completed the Sunday School schedule for the year. 3) The reminder postcards really helped bring the kids to church for the Backpacks and Sunday School start on September 11.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed –

A donation was given to the Women's Fellowship from the Tim Hunt family.

Worship: Ann Osborn -

1) The altar railing is still in process. 2) The new "Light of the World" banner is now displayed in the Sanctuary thanks to the Neuhardts. 3) The schedule for our Sesquicentennial's Anthem Commissioning has been set. 4) Marti Mollema will be taking photos of all our banners so we know what we have. 5) Head ushers are set for 2016/2017. 5) Upcoming events include Bear Lake UMC 150th Celebration on September 18 at 2 pm and World Communion Sunday on October 2. 6) The Committee approved the purchase of a new vestment for Pastor Dinah.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted.

Unfinished Business: Tee shirts for our Sesquicentennial are still a work in progress.

New Business: 1) Judy Grant brought up the idea of a "Buddy System" for members to check up and call on others as well as offer rides or reminders of church services. This idea will be taken to the Outreach Committee for consideration. 2) Larry Neuhardt would like Council to consider the purchase of air conditioning for Pastor Dinah's office and possibly for the Sanctuary. This will be taken to the Property Committee for consideration.

No Reports: Finance and Stewardship, Missions, Nominating, Constitution and By-Laws, Nominating, Historian.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Council Clerk



Dear Congregation,
 Thank you very much for praying for me to get to Camp Barakel. I very much appreciated it. It was lots of fun and I learned a lot about my faith.
 Thanks, Tate MacKenzie

All are invited to attend the
 Churches and Choirs Concert a.k.a.
 The Rutter Concert

Sunday, October 9 at 3:00 p.m.

It will feature John Rutter's
 "Requiem"
 for Choir and small ensemble.

A freewill donation will be taken.



You are invited
 Sunday, October 16
 At 3:00 pm to a
Wild Rose Concert
 At St. Andrews Church

Featuring
 Emil Khudyev on clarinet &
 Nozomi Khudyev on piano



**Blessing of the Backpacks
 Sunday, September 11, 2016**



- Paul Robinson for relocating a couple of teenage skunks this summer around the parsonage. Phew and Pew!
- Jean Neuhardt for supplying and installing a pool noodle for our banner rack. It was such a sweet surprise to have a job taken care of without asking!
- Mary Ann Harness, Marti Mollema, and Ann Osborn for not only changing out the dining room decorations but for straightening up the attic - on a day with a 90 degree temperature! Uffda and BIG thanks!
- Phil Wade, Andrea Frost and Will Church, now dubbed "PAW," for installing a new water heater at the church. It will be so good to have consistent hot water when it's needed and with a more efficient use of power.
- Katherine Johnson for recycling a church computer in Traverse City on her own time. The people who work at and for our church are really awesome - all of them!
- The person(s) that donated the floral decor in the parlor. It looks beautiful.
- Marti Mollema for completing the church attic clean-up. It looks beautiful!
- Al Bryant for attacking some of the spiders and webs around the church doors. It's so much friendlier without so many webs and spiders!
- Nora Bungard and Mary Reed for being such faithful Newsletter folders and labelers!

Congratulations to

- Mary Reed on the birth of her 7th great-grandchild, Sawyer Ainsley. May God grow her into a great person after God's heart.
- Peyton Clevenger, who is the Jr. Miss Arizona Job's Daughters this year. Congratulations!
- Kathy and Denis Crosby and their grandson, Nikoa Carl Woolen, Jr. He weighed in at 6 lbs 15oz.. was 21 1/2 inches long and was born Wednesday, September 14.
- Carolyn and Jim Lalas on the induction of their son, Evans, into the Saginaw Valley State University athletic hall of fame for his Track & Field accomplishments. He was an eight-time All-American during his SVSU career, earning those honors during the 1980, 81 and 82 seasons. Standing the test of time, Evans' 34-year-old 400-meter record is still the Cardinal standard.



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

We are so blessed with a close, loving, caring and truly supportive community! When you have the opportunity, thank the snowplow people, the fire department folks and all the other service-type people who make this place the great place it is.

Please Remember in Prayer

Roy Acklin
Dawson Baldwin
Søren Bednar
Hoyt Bennehoff
Brison Bricker
Daniel Broder
Lynn Buzzell
Jan Condon
Dana Schuler Dow
Dennis Fitzgiven
Annaleesia Frieholtz
Melissa Grant
Carolyn Herschey
Julie Hirschfeld
Fr. William Jacobs
Al Menegochee
Jim Murray
Jessica Niesen
Dan Nostrandt
Cindy Olmstead
Paul Patterson
Helen Postema
Dan Rayner
Michael Richards
Dana Robins
Don Rummelhart
Steve Salveter
Savannah Sattler
Kathy Stahl
Andy Wagner
Doc Wagner
Scott Wardwell
Karyn Wells
Jeremiah Young

Those in Senior Living
John Abbett (POLAR)
Jan Condon (Maples)
Bea Gray (The Pines)
Charlie Holtrey (POLAR)
Beverly Matthews
(Maples)
Moore Peregrine
(Homesteader)
Susie Vigland
(Orchard House)

Those in the Military

Matthew Conrad
Cheyenne Dubois
Mike Kinney
Mike Porter
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

The Families of:

Jennifer Ayers-
Bredigeman
June Ely
Betty Hassletime
John Rebone
Dana Schuler
Martha Wagner

Continued Prayers:

Gordon Banks
Dick Brown
Joanne Brown
Bill Bruinsma
Bud Carpenter
Bob Conrad
Kathy Crosby
Carolyn Hershey
Nancy Knopf
Jim Lalas
Lori Lalas
Carolyn Levis
Alyssa Lone
Sarah Nostrandt
Vern Reed
Ward VanHouten
Kay VanOrder
Chia Yang

**Keeping Those
In Mind With**

Financial Issues
Illness
Losses
Mental Health Issues
Relationship Issues
Changes

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October 2016

			Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
							
02 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & World Communion	03 Tucker Hubbard	04 Elaine Campbell Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall	05 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	06 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Bill's Bible Study: Acts	07	08 1:00 p.m. FCCF Cake Walk at the Open Space Frankfort's Fall Festival	
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23 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Josh Schulz	24	25 Matt Addis Sue King	26 9:30 a.m Human Services Collaborative 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	27 9:30 a.m. Yoga Madeline MacKenzie	28	29	
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Anniversaries	1, 7				Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:00 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. (Greeters and Ushers are the front line people in welcoming visitors and new church family members!)
Announcements	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7	2	Naomi Kolehmainen	Michael & Sharon Grajcar John & Leslie McElduff	
Birthdays	1, 7	9	Jim MacKenzie	Jim & Robin MacKenzie Billie Beyette & Ron Wardwell	
Calendar	7				
Greeters	8	16	Robin MacKenzie	Mary Reed, Judy Grant Jill Smeltzer & Nora Bungard	
Prayer List	6				
Thank You's	3	23	Rob Burch	Connie Bennehof, Sue King John & Kathy Walthorn	
Ushers	8				
July 4th & Block Party Pictures	4	30	Becky Addis	Chris & Marjorie Porter Jim & Robin MacKenzie	