

# Steepleviews

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## October 2017 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 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  
Jean Neuhardt  
Pearce Pomerleau
- 14 Liz Ryckman  
Nancy Setterbo
- 15 John Abbett
- 16 Abby Jo Judson  
Ann Osborn
- 17 Baby Boy Duffy  
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
- 29 Becca Smith
- 30 Jackie Richmond
- 31 Rick Porter  
Joe Wade

## Catch These Coming Events!

- Oct 1 World Communion Day  
Oct 5, 12, 19 & 26  
Music & Worship  
& Why They Matter
- Oct 14 Fall Festival Cake Walk
- Oct. 29 Church Potluck
- Oct 31 Halloween Open House



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

The Frankfort Fall Festival will be  
Saturday, October 14th & 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

What a wild summer! And what a great summer! The Sesquicentennial Celebration was a huge moment in the life of this church family, and so many people rose to the occasion in various and sundry ways – each and every one of those ways vital to the homage to our church family forbearers and progeny.

It was sort of like a dinner party: the joy and dreaming of the plan, the baking and cooking and prepping, the actual dinner and the cleaning up afterward.

In terms of the life of our church family, the end of the Sesquicentennial banquet means a return to the regular events that punctuate our faith community: Halloween Open Houses, Cake Walks, thinking ahead to Thanksgivings and Silver Teas and yes, even the big “C” (Christmas).

There is the story of the spouse who was asked what the best meal was that his wife cooked for him. Without hesitating a moment, he said that although there wasn't one that stood out above the rest, without a single one of those meals, he wouldn't be the person that he was that day.

So it is with all the in-between events of church life. Some sermons touch our heart, some fall flat at our feet.

Sometimes the music sweeps you into the ethereal, and sometimes you can't

remember a single tune outside the church door. Some days, you know you were there for yourself. Other days, you were there for someone else. But without the accumulated sum of all the worship services one sits through, none of us would be the persons we are.

So welcome back to “regular” time, as it is sometimes called by lectionary people. Welcome back to the time of feeding our souls, one service at a time, regardless of how we may perceive “the meal” to be. Speaking of meals, hope to see you this Sunday on World Communion Sunday!

In Christ and in love, Pastor Dinah

## *First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report*

16th Publication

**At the church's 1936 Annual Meeting, special reference was made to the Vesper Service at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, and the mid-week meeting, so worthy of more generous attendance on the part of our parishioners.**

Coming to  
a church  
near you:

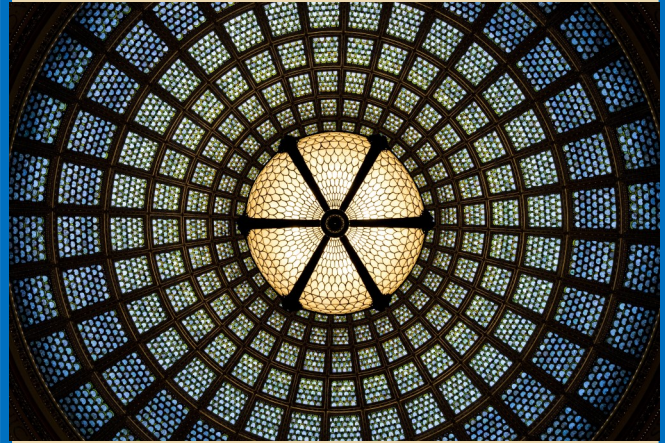
## The Annual Halloween Open House

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.

## Music & Worship & Why They Matter



We come to church and sing and worship,  
but new studies are revealing the huge  
impact that these two elements have on us,  
each other, God and even our environment.  
So join us during the Thursdays in October  
at 6:00 p.m. in the church dining room.

There will be some singing, some new  
information and hopefully a new depth to  
your faith.

A free dinner will be served beginning at  
5:30, and all are welcomed.

This month's monthly grief group will  
focus on "Factors That Make the Grief  
Journey Uniquely Yours".

All are welcome to join together  
on Sunday, October 1  
at 3:00 PM

at Trinity Lutheran Church,  
955 James Street, Frankfort,  
for conversation, coffee, cookies, and  
comfort. If you  
would like more information,  
please feel free to call 231-399-0141.

## It's a "just 'cause" potluck on Sunday, October 29 following worship.



Fall recipes are oh, so yummy!  
Might as well invite your friends,  
because it will be great.

# Council Notes

There were 11 Council Members at the September 13, 2017 Council Members.

**Treasurer' Report: Andy Mollema**

**Offerings for August: \$9,402.00**

**Expenses for August: \$10,170.02**

**Carry over for previous month -\$9,775.34**

## Committee Reports

**Memorials:** A. Mollema – The account at the Frankfort Community Federal Credit Union was closed and a new one opened said account at the State Savings Bank.

**Finance:** J. Welch - Thank you to A. Mollema and the Committee who wrote an informational letter about the church's finances. It was well written and effective, as offerings have been up substantially the last two weeks.

**Missions:** M. Elias - no report; the balance in this account is \$3,070.87.

**Outreach:** J. Grant/M. Elias - We will do the Cake Walk again this year; however, changes may happen in the future due to a noticed lack of enthusiasm by participants in 2016.

**Sesquicentennial:** A. Mollema/M. Elias - this Committee has completed their task, so it will be discontinued as most of the events have been held. We will still have the plaque commemoration once it has arrived, and there is still a possibility of one more Fine Arts concert.

**Personnel:** M. Elias - no report, however Katherine Johnson, our Secretary, is due for her annual review soon.

**Property:** A. Frost - Will Church has postponed the balcony work for a month or two and the committee is still working on

the altar railing. The sanctuary stained glass window coverings are sagging and will be the focus of our next large project. CNN Landscaping will open the steeple and will install screens and storm windows on May 1 and reverse the windows October 1. Jim MacKenzie and Bill Frostic are going to check air conditioning units at other church sanctuaries for feedback, but this still is a project that needs serious consideration due to our operational costs running higher lately.

**Religious Education:** D. Haag for B. Hirschfeld - Sunday School is up and running with eight teachers, our Church sent seven children to camp and helped two young people with mission trips this summer.

**Women's Fellowship:** M. Reed - a luncheon will be served by the Women's Fellowship following Jim Murray's Celebration of Life on September 14.

**Worship:** A. Osborn - World Communion Sunday is October 1 and Pastor Dinah will be doing a Music and Worship Study during October on Thursday evenings.

**No Reports:** By-Laws, Historian, Investment, Nominating

**Pastor's Report:** D. Haag - report submitted

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** none

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



- to Al Bryant for volunteering two days a week – every week – in the church office. From answering the phone, doing various tasks and seeing to it that the pastor has coffee as soon as possible upon arriving at church, all his efforts are truly appreciated.
- to all who helped with the luncheon for the Celebration of Jim Murray's life. The family truly appreciated it.
- to all who covered the bases while I was down for the count. It was great to know that so many hearts were willing to jump in and carry the Light forward.

## *Welcome*

David and Linda Schweyer! They recently transferred their membership from North Congregational Church of Farmington Hills, MI. Linda and David live in Bear Lake, but were elementary teachers downstate. They have two daughters, Kyle and Jenna. Kyle is married to Billee Beyette's grandson, Aaron.

Amanda Caldeira Zabeu from Brazil and Beau Waithayanon from Thailand. They are the Addis family's newest foreign exchange students.



## *Congratulations!*

- to Serenity Schulz for winning The Grand Prize in her age group for the summer reading program! She read a grand total of 432 hours that were counted for program. Serenity won the 3 in 1 Lego Creator set. She was so, so, so happy. Along the way she also found some new Authors that she truly loved.
- Jim Buzzell on the birth of his newest great-grandson, Robert George, who made his entry on September 6 at 4:24 pm. at 7 lbs., 20.5 inches and very healthy.
- Signe Ruddy on becoming a grandmother again, and Dick and Joanne Brown for becoming great-grandparents again. Sean Richard Ruddy was born Tue. Sept. 19, safe and sound.

## Benzie County

### 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.



If you would like to keep any of the books from the Michigan authors display, please keep them and enjoy reading them. If you are done with them and don't want to keep them, please return them to me. Thank you and happy fall reading times to you all.

Julie Hirschfeld

## WinSome Women

Sharing Christ's love with women since 1971.



Mackinac Island will be the location for WinSome Women retreats October 17 through 20, 2017. This year's theme is "Strong Tower." Keynote speakers will be Elisa Morgan, Gary Thomas, and LaDonna Gatlin. Featured musicians will be Selah. Register online at [wswretreats.org](http://wswretreats.org). Make plans now to attend.

Our Deepest Sympathies to the Families of

Carole Dipzinski  
 Jim Muirray  
 Frederick Porter  
 (Chris Porter's father)

# Please Remember in Prayer

### Prayer Concerns:

Roy Acklin  
 Kristin Appelhof  
 Ed Baldwin  
 Portia Young Butler  
 Ed Carter  
 Marnie Curtis  
 Karen Hagan  
 Pat Hessler  
 Janice Heusted  
 Mary Kimball  
 Daniel & David Kinney  
 Norma Kroon  
 Brent Lalas  
 Lori Lalas  
 Ruth Lentz  
 Michelle Masters  
 Brian Neuhardt  
 Amy & Don Nugent  
 Paul Patterson  
 Jaime Porter  
 Marjorie Porter  
 Jake Reed  
 Jeff Reed  
 Roger Schultz  
 Jason & Josh Schulz  
 Phil Shepherd  
 Wayne Smith  
 Rose Wade  
 Gladys Wilson  
 Peyton Wollen

### The Families of:

Carole Dipzinski  
 Jim Murray  
 Frederick Porter

### Military:

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

### Senior Living:

#### POLAR

John Abbett  
 Brenda Case  
 Charlie Holtrey

#### The Maples

Jan Condon  
 Bea Gray  
 June Roen

#### Orchard House

Gordon Banks  
 Pat Hessler  
 Susie Vigland

#### The Homesteader

Moore Peregrine  
 Bea Stone





## Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

at Geno's Sports Bar & Grill in Thompsonville & The Fusion in Frankfort on Tuesday, October 3rd and 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN



# First Congregational Church of Frankfort

## October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School &amp; <u>World Communion Sunday</u></p> <p>Faith Dulaney</p>	<p>2 9:30 am. Yoga Class</p>	<p>3 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing</p> <p>Tucker Hubbard</p>	<p>4 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Elaine Campbell Bailey Grant Nancy Marshall</p>	<p>5 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Outreach Mtg</p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">5:30 p.m. Music &amp; Worship Study</p>	<p>6 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group 1 on 1</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p>9 9:30 am. Yoga Class</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanksgiving Day Canada</b></p> <p>John Bateman</p>	<p>10 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</p> <p>Sandy Gill Jennie &amp; Rick Schmitt</p>	<p>11 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Andrew Addis</p>	<p>12 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">5:30 p.m. Music &amp; Worship Study</p> <p>Abby Gilbert Jean Neuhardt Pearce Pomerleau</p>	<p>13 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group 1 on 1</p>	<p>14 1:00 p.m. FCCF Cake Walk</p>  <p>Liz Ryckman Nancy Setterbo</p>
<p>15 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>John Abbett</p>	<p>16 9:30 am. Yoga Class</p> <p>Abby Jo Judson Ann Osborn</p>	<p>17 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</p> <p>Baby Boy Duffy? Mary Ann Harness</p>	<p>18 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Council Mtg.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Kerry &amp; Lynn Buzzell</p>	<p>19 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">5:30 p.m. Music &amp; Worship Study</p> <p>Devin Gokey</p>	<p>20 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group 1 on 1</p> <p>Doris Clark Bennett Schmitt</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School</p> <p>Paul Robinson Marijke &amp; Will Church</p>	<p>23 9:30 am. Yoga Class</p> <p>Josh Schulz</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2:00 p.m. POLAR Worship 2:45 p.m. Maples Worship</p>	<p>24 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing</p> <p>Talk Like a Pirate Day</p>	<p>25 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Matt Addis Sue King</p>	<p>26 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group</p> <p style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">5:30 p.m. Music &amp; Worship Study</p> <p>Madeline MacKenzie</p>	<p>27 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group 1 on 1</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School &amp; <u>Potluck Lunch</u></p> <p>Becca Smith</p>	<p>30 9:30 am. Yoga Class</p> <p>Jackie Richmond</p>	<p>31 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing</p> <p>Rick Porter Joe Wade</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Halloween Open House</b></p>				

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Anniversaries	1, 7				
Announcements	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	1	Julie Hirschfeld	Paul Osborn Michael & Sharon Grajcar Leslie McElduff	Greeters and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10 a.m.</u> to greet and welcome all who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts in greeting our folks and guests.
Birthdays	1, 7	8	Naomi Kolehmainen	Ron & Billie Dawn & Serenity Schulz	
Calendar	7				
Greeters	8	15	Jim MacKenzie	Jill Smeltzer, Judy Grant Denis Crosby, Mary Reed	
Prayer List	6				
Congrats & Thank You's	5	22	Robin MacKenzie	Connie Bennehoff, Sue King John & Kathy Walthorn	
Ushers	8				
		29	Linda Schweyer	Chris & Marjorie Porter Jim & Robin MacKenzie	