

Steepleviews

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November 2018 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 02 Tamara Stokes
- 03 Marjorie Porter
- 05 Ezra Church
- 06 Larry Neuhardt
- 07 Jaxon Grant
- 11 Ohio Yang
- 13 Jen Whiting
- 14 Matt Reed
- 15 Roy Acklin
- 16 James Daniel
Luanne Elwell
- 17 Mike Morris
- 19 Al Bryant
Jim & Robin MacKenzie
- 24 Tom Richmond
- 26 John Nuske
- 28 Jason Kolehmainen
Marti Mollema
- 29 Mike McNamara

Catch These Coming Events



- Nov 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
All Saints Sunday
- Nov 6 Election Day
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 20 Community Thanksgiving
Service

All Saints Sunday

November 4, 2018

The Necrology

(Those who have passed this past year)

and

The Cradle Roll

(The souls born this past year)

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ALL SAINTS' DAY
Blessings for Loved Ones



Pastor's Page

Some time ago, I came across an article by Leslie Means, "70 Faith-Focused Questions to Ask Your Kids Each Day." While I can't include all of them here, the website is listed at the end of this article. What's wonderful about the list is that they're not just for little kids, but for grandkids and even our own selves. Sometimes it's surprisingly insightful, taking the time to think about we hold dear. So grab a cup of something warm, keep this list near for the next month, and see what God has for you through your ruminations.

In the blessing of abundance, Pastor Dinah

1. Is there anyone who needs your prayers today?
2. Who do you see everyday that needs to have a friend like Jesus? How can you be that?
3. What was the kindest thing you said or did today? Who needs an extra dose of your kindness?
4. Are there any things you said or did today that you need to ask for God's forgiveness?
5. Did you notice if anyone was having a rough day today? How did you help them?
6. Was there a need that you saw and how did you or could you meet it?
7. How did you demonstrate a servant's heart today?
8. What did God do for you today?
9. What did you do for others today?
10. What's one thing you are grateful for?
11. What's one beautiful thing in God's creation that you saw?
12. What do you think of as the most beautiful place in the world, besides Benzie County, of course?
13. What do you think is the coolest thing

God ever made?

14. What is your favorite animal in God's kingdom?
15. What are things God has blessed you with? How can you use them to bless others?
16. What's your favorite Bible story?
17. Who's your favorite character in the Bible?
18. What's your favorite memory verse?
19. I have a friend who, instead of saying goodbye to his kids says "don't forget to let your light shine!" - How did your light shine today?
20. Are there prayers that feel "too big" or "too selfish" to pray? What do you think God would say to that?
21. Are you proud of the choices you made in those moments of temptation today?
22. You remember nothing can break my love for you, or God's love for you, right?

<https://herviewfromhome.com/not-just-bedtime-prayers-70-faith-focused-questions-to-ask-your-kids-each-day/>



The Benzie County Ministerial Association
 Invites everyone to share
 in the gratitude of our blessings at the
2018 Community Thanksgiving Service
 Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.
 St. Ann Catholic Church
 508 Crystal Ave., Frankfort MI 49635
 This year's offering will go to assist a local charity.

Congratulations

- Laurel Rath, who scored her very first hat trick on October 13! Three soccer goals!!!
- Judson Rath who scored his very first soccer goal on the same day!!!
- Rachel and Ryan St. John on the birth of Kylie Paige, born on October first. Kylie is the new little sister to Keaton & Asher and new great-niece to Julie and Paul Robinson.
- Sally Lavender on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Valerie Morgan born on October 21. She's a sweet little bundle of dark hair and love!
- Johnny and Kendra Nuske on the birth of Owen Walter, born Tuesday, October 23. This new grandson of Missi and Randy Gilbert also has bunches of dark hair and really long legs, feet and fingers. All are doing well.
- To all who help clean up after coffee fellowship, especially when it's not really your turn. It's pretty awesome to have people pitch in when you least expect it!
- To all who helped out with the Cake Walk. Not that money is the big deal, but we made twice what we've made in previous years!

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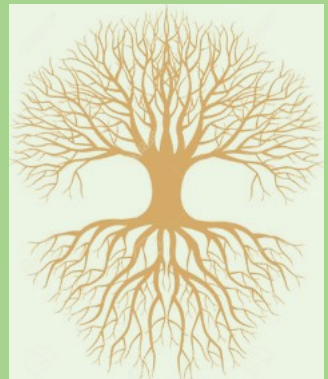
If you have a name you would like to add to the list, please contact the church office. It is our way of celebrating God's gift of the circle of life.

The service will begin at our usual time of 10:30 a.m. but do remember that Daylight Savings time will end earlier that morning, so don't forget to "fall back."

November is First Congregational Church's Ancestors Appreciation Month

As we give thanks for all our blessings this season, let us not forget those who looked forward and built up a place for our church family.

And may God bless us to become the same for the next generations.





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FCCF Council Meeting Minutes October 10, 2018

The Minutes from the September 12 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

1. Offerings for September:	\$6,663.00
2. Expenses for September:	\$7,521.86
3. Carryover for September:	\$3,266.97

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch - Two checks were received in August in memory of Suzanne Reising totaling \$85.00.

Finance: Judy Welch - See Treasurer's Report

Investment: Andrea Frost - No report

Constitution & By-Laws: Mary Ann Harness Pastor Dinah, referring to and in accordance with our By-Laws, reminded everyone that our Budget for the upcoming year should be ready for Council review by November's meeting. All Committees should submit their proposed 2019 Budgets to the Finance Committee by November 4 so that there is time for the Committee to prepare a proposed 2019 Budget for the November 14 Council Meeting.

Missions: Andy Mollema - This account remains fully funded.

Nominating: Myra Elias - The Committee is working on filling upcoming Council vacancies.

Outreach: Judy Grant/Dinah Haag - Upcoming events include: 1) The Fall Festival Cake Walk on October 13th; 2) A Church Potluck following worship on October 21st; 3) A Mamma Mia Sing-a-long at the Garden Theatre on October 27; and 4) All Saints Sunday, complete with the reading of the Necrology and Cradle Roll on November 4.

Personnel: Myra Elias - The Committee is meeting on October 12 to discuss our Administrative Assistant Katherine Johnson's evaluation and other personnel issues.

Property: Andrea Frost - 1) One of the toilets downstairs overflowed and caused a "flood" into the dining room; Serv Pro had to be called to remove water from the carpet; 2) The lavender plants ordered from Milarch have not arrived; 3) River rock, due from A.J.'s Excavating, will be spread in front of the church and Parsonage; 4) The Sanctuary storm windows and air conditioning projects are still a work in progress, and 5) CNN Property Care has been hired for snow removal for the upcoming winter.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld 1) Bill's Bible Study went very well, 2) Sunday School is off to a good start, and 3) The Book Study on "Rethinking Forgiveness" is scheduled for October 11.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed - See New Business

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) Upcoming events include: All Saints Sunday and reading of the Necrology and Cradle Roll on November 4 and Armistice Day Centennial Commemoration with the ringing of the church bell 11 times at 11am; and 2) The color scheme for the Sanctuary during Advent will be blue and silver.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - Report submitted

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: There was discussion on the possibility of Women's Fellowship taking over from Pastor Dinah the responsibility of food/lunch needs for meetings/events held at our church, such as the Ministerial Association - to be continued.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

Signe Ruddy entered an online art exhibit called "What I Did Last Summer." She entered four artworks that described her evacuation from Florida with her son's family before the onslaught of Hurricane Irma. The piece called "Upheaval Undone" received a special recognition as Royce's Choice Award. The works that Signe submitted to the show are direct responses to situations that she was confronted with and lived through. The piece is about the upheaval of evacuation, in this case - the evacuation was due to a hurricane. "I really appreciate the urgency to create in the face of disaster and that is shown in some way by the medium (markers) that was chosen for this piece." We can vote (now through Dec. 18 of this year) to make any of her pieces a People's Choice Award by going to the links below:

<https://sites.google.com/a/artisttableonline.com/lastsummer/a099>

<https://sites.google.com/a/artisttableonline.com/lastsummer/a100>

<https://sites.google.com/a/artisttableonline.com/lastsummer/a011>

<https://sites.google.com/a/artisttableonline.com/lastsummer/a101>



During November 2018, Blaine Christian Church, 7018 Putney Road will once again serve as the collection site where people in Benzie and Manistee Counties can bring their gift-filled **Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes** for children in need around the world. Each box should be packed with toys, school supplies, personal care items, notes of encouragement, and \$9 to help with cost of shipping. Blaine Christian Church will collect filled shoe boxes during National Collection Week, November 12 - November 19, 2018. Bring your boxes to the church during these collection days and times:

Nov 12-15 from 3 to 5:30 pm, Nov 16th 9 to 11:30 am, Nov 17th 3 to 5:30 pm,

Nov 18th 3 to 5:30 pm and Nov 19th 9 to 11:30 am

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. These simple shoe box gifts provide a message to children that they are loved and not forgotten. For more info or questions call Bonnie Putney at 231-499-6788, or Bob & Cathy Bodell at 231-882-4820.



Thank You

- Bill Frostic & Jim MacKenzie for running to the rescue when the floor drain at the church decided not to drain. They did a good bit of Shop-vacuuming before ServePro was called in. Thank you gentlemen, for your service to this church family with your rescue efforts!
- Bill Frostic for replacing the church & parsonage mailboxes. They look great & will last another long time.
- To all who helped with the Halloween Open House. It was another grand effort for even greater rewards!

SUPPORT groups

- Alcoholics Anonymous Support Group meetings are held on Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 7:00 p.m., at St. Ann Catholic Church.
- Al-Anon Family Support Group meets on Tuesdays, 8:00 p.m., St. Ann Catholic Church.
- Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group meets at 2:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the REMEC room at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital. For information, contact Nancy VanderLinde, 399-0253, or Jeanette McNinch at POMH, 352-9621.
- Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services' Traverse City Clinic offers drug and alcohol out-patient services via the internet in four counties: Kalkaska, Benzie, Manistee, and Leelanau. This TeleHealth program allows those in need to obtain group and individual treatment regardless of their ability to drive or attend in-person services for whatever reason. Peer support coaching is also available through local Peer Support Specialists in your county. For more information, call Pine Rest at 231-947-2255 or in Leelanau/Benzie Counties you may call Vic McCarty, Peer Support Specialist, 231-409-7929.

Please Remember in Prayer

Dawn & Mark
Bonderenko
Don Bonderenko
Doris Clark
Greg Cobb
Lowell Corbin
Marnie Curtis
Denis Crosby
Doug Ehle
Barbara Fisher
Karen Fitzsimmons
Cherry Frostic
Judy Furber
Laurie Gorden
Peggy Harban
Bonnie & Tim Heaney
Pat Hessler
Kelly Kinney
Jim Lalas
Michelle Master
Char Meyers
Andy Mollema
Baby & Kendra Nuske
Dawn O'Connell
Sidney Olsen
Lisa Parriott
Elaine Peterson
Ron Phillips
Kate Polermo
Cooper Rath

Bonnie Reed
Jake Reed
Andrea Robinson
Shelley Scripps
Sister-in-law St. Onge
Mark Steigerwald
Donna Steward
Tom Stoltman
Edna Teatro
Mike Viilo

The Families of:
Nita Marentette
DeVere Randall
Duane Wallace

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



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

at Bradley's Pub &
Grille, 10586 US 31, Interlochen &
Stormcloud in
Frankfort on Tuesday
November 6th, and
20% of your dinner
bill will be donated to
BACN.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:45 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 3:15 p.m. MOBBI 3:00 p.m. Missions Meeting 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg.	2 11:00 a.m. Finance Mtg. Tamara Stokes	3 Marjorie Porter
4 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Ends	5 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class 1:00 p.m. MOBBI Ezra Church	6 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class Election Day Larry Neuhardt	7 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Jaxon Grant	8 8:45 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 3:15 p.m. MOBBI	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School & Armistice Day Centennial Recognition Ohio Yang	12 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class 1:00 p.m. MOBBI Veterans Day (Observed)	13 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class Jen Whiting	14 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 11:30 Min. Assoc. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Matt Reed	15 8:45 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 3:15 p.m. MOBBI	16 James Daniel Luanne Elwell	17 Michael Morris
18 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 p.m. POLAR Care Worship 2:45 p.m. Maples Care Worship	19 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class 1:00 p.m. MOBBI Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie	20 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 6:00 p.m. SHIFT Happens Class 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Worship	21 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	22 Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!	23	24 Tom Richmond
25 9:30 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	26 9:30 p.m. Yoga Class 1:00 p.m. MOBBI John Nuske	27 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class	28 9:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Jason Kolehmainen Marti Mollema	29 8:45 a.m. MOBBI 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 3:15 p.m. MOBBI	30	Dec. 1 1:00 p.m. Annual Silver Tea

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Birthdays	1, 7			
Calendar	7	11	Kathy Walthorn, Ann Osborn Fred & Betty Milliron	Will Church
Greeters	8			
Prayer List	6	18	Mary Reed, Alma House Jill Smeltzer, Leslie McElduff	Robin MacKenzie
Congratulations & Thank You's	3, 5, 6			
Ushers	8	25	Ron Wardwell & Billie Beyette Judy Grant, Bill Hirschfeld	Linda Schweyer