

Steepleviews

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November 2019 Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 02 Tamara Stokes
- 03 Marjorie Porter
- 05 Ezra Church
- 06 Larry Neuhardt
- 07 Jaxon Grant
- 13 Jeanne Hafer
Jen Kennedy
Jen Whiting
- 14 Matt Reed
- 15 Morgan Cole
- 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 3 All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 5 Election Day & Dine Out for BACN
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 20 Bill's Bible Study: Daniel
- Nov 24 Community Thanksgiving
Service
- Nov 28 Happy Thanksgiving!

*All Saints
Sunday*
November 3, 2019

We will
Celebrate the Circle of Life
in reading

The Necrology

(those who have passed on to eternal life this past year)

&

The Cradle Roll

(those born into our earthly life this past year)

as part of our Worship Service on
November 3rd. Please submit all names to
the church office before
Worship that day.

Sunday, November 3rd at 2 a.m.

Pastor's Page

Sometimes we feel compelled to do something different—something that we know would be good for us—but we just don't know how to do it. So this month, while you are thinking thoughts of gratitude, perhaps you might venture into territory that might feel scary—by offering to give the Thanksgiving blessing. To give you a place to start, here are some of the great Biblical verses about giving thanks.

I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High. Psalm 7:17

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:13

The priests took their positions, ... saying, "His love endures forever." 2 Chronicles 7:6

With praise and thanksgiving, they sang to the Lord: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. Ezra 3:11

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:2

Then, when you lay your head down that night, and you review the day, rightly feeling the (good kind of) pride for taking such a risk, don't forget to thank God for the call to reach beyond yourself, and for the guidance whilst doing it. Who knows, perhaps it could become a comfortable thing you do on a regular basis?!

More than anything, may each of you have a blessed and heart-stretching month of blessings. Pastor Dinah

We cannot attain
the presence of God
because we're already
totally in the
presence of God.
What's absent
is awareness.

—Richard Rohr,
What the Mystics Know

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Frankfort High School will hold a breakfast in honor of local veterans on Friday, November 8th, 2019. All veterans are welcome to attend. Frankfort's National Honor Society is serving the breakfast, which will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the high school. A short program will take place after the breakfast.

Bill's Bible Study:
November 2019 Edition

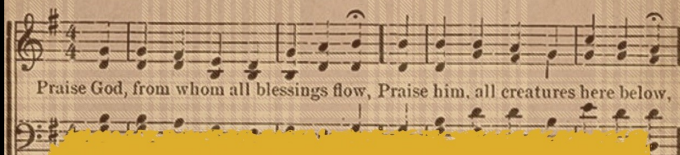
Daniel

Wednesday, November 20
6:00 p.m.

Free dinner at 5:30
First Congregational Church of Frankfort



Doxology.



The Benzie County Ministerial Association

Invites everyone to share
in the gratitude of our blessings at the

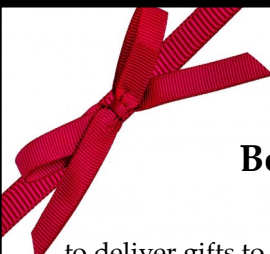
2019 Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 24, 2:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
8190 Lincoln Rd., Beulah MI

The offering will be given to a local charity.

*Deepen your faith and the coming holiday as we worship
The One from Whom All Blessings Flow.*



Our Church is partnering with other churches in the **Benzie Senior Resources Christmas Project**

to deliver gifts to those who receive Meals on
Wheels. We've been asked to contribute men's and
women's socks, lip balm and facial tissue. Collected
items will be picked up on Monday, December 9, and
until then we will collect them on a table in the
church dining room. Thank you for your
consideration In your holiday giving.

Cookie Decorating For the Silver Tea

Which means Mary Reed will be baking
cookies that will need decorating. So join us for
a Cookie Decorating Marathon on Thursday,
December 5, 2019. We will have soup at
5:30 p.m. and start
decorating at 6:00 p.m.
(As usual, there is no
charge for this and it's
a lot of fun)



November is

First Congregational Church's Ancestors Appreciation Month



With each passing year, we are
reminded of those who looked
forward and built up a place
for our church family.
May God bless us to become the
same for the next generations.



Dine Out For BACN

at Stormcloud
Brewing Co in
Frankfort &
The Roadhouse in
Benzonia on Tuesday, November 5th &
and 10% of your dinner bill
will be donated to BACN.

Council Meeting Minutes



FCCF Council Meeting Minutes October 9, 2019

The Minutes from the September 11 meeting were reviewed. With no corrections noted, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Andy Mollema

1. Offerings for Sept totaled:	\$10,772.00
2. Expenses for Sept totaled:	\$ 8,973.90
3. Carryover YTD:	\$ 5,120.86

Committee Reports

Memorials: Judy Welch - a total of \$250.00 was received in September.

Investment: **Andrea Frost** - As of October 9, the Baird Fund totals are: \$395,828.18 in Stocks; \$260,012.29 in Bonds with the total in our Baird Fund Account: \$655,840.48.

Outreach: Myra Elias - 1) a new banner for the Church Sanctuary will be purchased; and 2) Judy Grant will be helping Kelly Ottinger gather infant and toddler clothing for BACN.

Personnel: Myra Elias - 1) Our Administrative Assistant, Katherine, had her yearly evaluation.

Religious Education: Bill Hirschfeld - a Bible Study on the book of Daniel is scheduled for November.

Women's Fellowship: Kim Scripps - As a follow-up for the Coffee Hour Supplies for the kitchen, Kim will see that the cupboard is stocked in the summer months, and Mary Reed will do the same for the winter months.

Worship: Ann Osborn - 1) All Saints Sunday will be observed on Sunday, November 3, with letters of invitation going out to those on the Necrology and Cradle Roll lists. 2) Altar candle collars have been

replaced. 3) New wicks have been ordered from a different company. 4) The Committee is to begin thinking about Sanctuary decor for the Advent Season.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - report submitted, with a note that the principal of Frankfort Elementary has asked if our church could be a safe place for the children to go in case of an emergency evacuation, and of course Pastor Dinah said yes!

No Report: Finance, By-Laws, Missions, Nominating, Property

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: There was a question concerning a timeline for beginning work on the upcoming 2020 Budget; therefore, a meeting of the Finance/Budget Committee is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, at noon.

The meeting was called for adjournment by Council Chair Myra Elias at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



*Queen Elizabeth & Queen Mary
At WinSome Women*



- Jimmy, Freddie and Robbie Kolehmainen for helping with the clean-up after church on Sunday mornings. You are incredible examples of doing little things that help in big ways—like collecting coffee pots, clearing the serving table, collecting garbage and taking garbage to the dumpster. (Yes, folks, these young ones are really doing these things every week, and they hardly ever complain!) Of course thanks to your mom, Naomi, and Rabu, Robin, for their instruction, encouragement, and expectations that you help, even when you are expected to or asked to. You are all really tremendous!
- Jim MacKenzie for taking the items designated to BACN to BACN. Sometimes there's nothing on the bench, but other times, there's a fair bit. Rain, snow, heat, and pleasant days, you faithfully do this ministry piece and it is greatly appreciated.
- Dawn Schulz for doing the lion's share of redecorating the church dining room, and to Mary Ann Harness, Marti Mollema and Ann Osborn for adding finishing touches.
- For the 69 cakes that made their way to the cakewalk. Regardless of age, the 69 smiles of delight were so worth the cold and wind. Thank you all who helped to make it another afternoon of huge blessings.
- Bob & Sue King for opening your home to us for The Gathering in early October. It was a great time of being together, and there was lots of conversation and laughter. Thanks so much!
- All who explored the old recipes for the Old Fashioned Potluck on the 20th. It was so fun to taste and compare and be linked to our past.
- Myra Elias for the mums, pumpkins and gourds that adorn the front entry of the church. They are delightful and so welcoming.



Congratulations

- To Mason Rath for breaking the Buckley 4th Grade mile run record by 10 seconds. That is quite an amazing young man!
- Emmrah Cora Lynn was born September 28, 2019 to Travis and Cassie Hubler, son of Sherry Gigous and her husband, Norm Hubler. All are doing well.
- Mary Reed on the birth of her 10th great grandchild, Adella Marie, born to Alicia and Tim Babiqsz in Durham, NC. All are doing well and great-grandma will get to meet her in December.
- Amber & Nick Somero on the birth of their son, Dalton James 6 oz. 19 inches long. Big brother Maverick is really excited as is great-grandma, Liz Acklin.



Sharon Grajcar's Bean Recipe

1.5 lbs. ground beef

1 onion chopped

1 T sugar

1 can Manwich

1 can Butter Beans, drained

1 can Pork n Beans 28 oz.

2 can green beans, regular or French cut,
drained

Brown the beef and onions. While browning, put all the rest into slow cooker. Add the browned beef and heat till bubbly.

Can be made with 1 lb or 2 lb beef. Manwich comes in 2 sizes. Use the bigger can for more beef

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Bless a Child With a Shoebox Gift

During November 2019, Blaine Christian Church, 7018 Putney Road will serve as the collection site for 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. Drop off date will be Nov 11-17 from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. or drop them here at the church for Robin. Questions may be directed to Bonnie Putney at 231-499-6788, or Robin MacKenzie at 231-352-9855.

Please Remember in Prayer

Morgan Acklin
Abby Baker
Sandy Campbell
Steve Christian
Cindy Clifton
Carol Davidson
Anna Fabach
Sharon Grajcar
Ann Grant
Bill Gusso
Pat Hessler
Mariah Hull
Scott Johnson
Brian Kimble
Adreon & Heather Kiplinger
Carolyn Lalas
Charlotte Lalas
Gavin MacKenzie
Megan Martinka
Victoria Mekas
Ruth Nugent
Tom Osborn
Kelly Ottinger
Chris & John Patterson
Ron Phillips
Vern Reed, III

Julie & Paul Robinson
Signe Ruddy
Serenity Schulz
Michelle Stanley
Donna Stevens
Jane Tarnecki
Brian Welch

Military:

Matthew Conrad
Mike Kinney
Tyler Kinney
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

Senior Living: Orchard House

Pat Hessler
Susie Vigland
POLAR
Betty Croft

The Homesteader

Moore Peregrine
Bea Stone
The Maples
Karen Collins
Jan Condon
Gladys Wilson



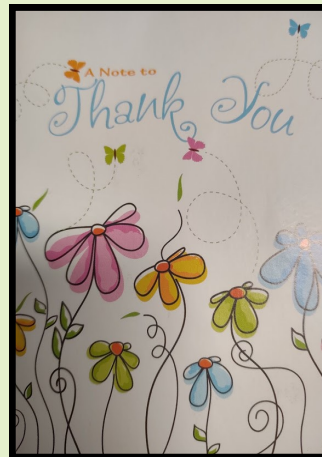
Holly Berry Art Fair Saturday, November 30th

Get some holiday shopping started or finished at popular arts & crafts fair at the 22nd Annual Indoor Holiday Art Fair with over 100 artists at Frankfort High School from 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.



Want to gift our church while shopping at Amazon?

Instead of typing Amazon.com, type smile.amazon.com. You can register First Congregational Church of Frankfort as the recipient of their 0.5% charitable giving. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Since the Church signed on, we've received \$280.87, which is \$280.87 we didn't have before. So thank you!



From Ezra Church
To Dinah & Members of the Church

Thank you for sponsoring my trip to Camp Crystal. It seems like each visit brings me closer and closer to God.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class	2 11:00 a.m. Finance Committee <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Turn Clocks Back One Hour </div> Tamara Sokolowski
3 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & S  Marjorie Porter	4 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class	5 9:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Dine Out for BACN Stormcloud & Roadhouse </div> Ezra Church	6 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Classes 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Larry Neuhardt	7 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes 4:00 p.m. Outreach Mtg. Jaxon Grant	8 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class	9
10 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Veterans Day </div>	12 9:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Jeanne Hafer Jen Kennedy </div>	13 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Classes 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	14 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes Mary Reed	15 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Morgan Cole	16 James Daniel Luanne Elwell
17 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 2:00 & 2:45 p.m. Nursing Facility Worship Mike Morris	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class	19 9:30, 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie	20 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Classes 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bill's Bible Study: Daniel </div>	21 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes	22 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class	23
24 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> 2:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service </div>	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class 5:00 & 6:00 p.m. MOBBI Class	26 9:30, 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes John Nuske	27 9:45 a.m. MOBBI Classes 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7	28 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:30 & 2:30 p.m. MOBBI Classes Jason Kolehmainen Marti Mollema	29 8:30 a.m. MOBBI Class Mike McNamara	3 

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