

Steepleviews

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November 2016 Anniversaries & Birthdays

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

Catch These Coming Events!

- Nov. 06** Daylight Savings Ends
All Saints Sunday
Monthly Grief Group
- Nov. 08** Election Day
- Nov. 11** Veteran's Day
- Nov. 20** Community Thanksgiving Worship
- Nov. 24** Happy Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 26** Free Kids Movie: Garden Theater
- Nov. 25-27** Festival of Trees

Give Thanks to the Lord for God is good.
God's love endures forever.
Psalm 107:1

All Saints' Sunday

We will celebrate the circle of life by 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 6. Please
submit all names
from the last year to
the church office
before Worship
that day.



Pastor's Page

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 3:00 pm

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

8190 Lincoln Road, Beulah, MI 231-882-4241

A freewill offering
will be taken to assist
Benzie Senior
Resources.

"Let us come before
God with thanksgiving
and extol God with
music and song."

Psalm 95:2



Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is the third week of November. That means thousands (11,176 last year) of filled shoe boxes from Northwest Michigan

will be taken to Traverse City. You can go online (Operation Christmas Child, Shoebox Stories) and read/hear many touching stories of lives changed because of one of these boxes. Each comes with a Gospel booklet printed in the child's language (over 80). In the past, our church has been a Relay Center, but Blaine Christian Church has now taken on that responsibility. You are welcome to pack boxes and the MacKenzies will transport them. Many thanks to those of you who have donated shoeboxes, toys,

books, pencils, school supplies, soap and washcloths, jewelry and other goodies to delight a child's heart. This year filled boxes again are being stored at the MacKenzies, so we won't be having our traditional box brigade and songs. But, do pray for the little ones for whom God has destined each box, that their hearts are encouraged and turned toward Him and also for their families. Delivery costs are \$7 per box. Six more dollars provides a 12-week class called The Greatest Journey, and kids get their own New Testament (again in their own language). Checks may be made out to OCC, Samaritan's Purse or to First Congregational Church of Frankfort. Our church and personal email addresses are included in each box along with a note. We get many thank you notes and sweet stories from folks receiving our boxes.



Grief Support
loving support for those who are hurting

The Monthly Grief Group

The holiday season is almost here! For most it is a season of joy, but to those who are struggling with “loss” issues, it can be a very difficult time. Please join us in the church library at Trinity Lutheran Church, 955 James St, Frankfort on Sunday, November 6th at 3 pm. The Grief Support Group will be discussing “Hope for the Holidays”. If you know someone grieving a loss we would be happy to contact them and invite them to the meeting. If you would like more information about the group, have questions, or need directions, call us at 231-399-0141. Please join us for coffee, cookies, comfort and conversation about the holiday season. It just might help.... We hope to see you.
Carol & Doug Luther, Group Leaders.

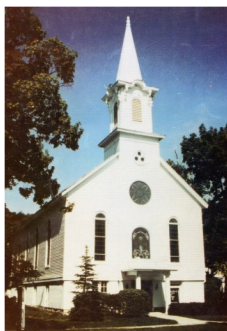
First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

8th Publication

Did You Know?

At one point during the Depression, the suggestion was made to sell pew space as a means of raising revenue.

The closer to the pulpit, the more the pew would cost.



A Free Movie for Everyone at The Garden Theater!

Sat. Nov. 26

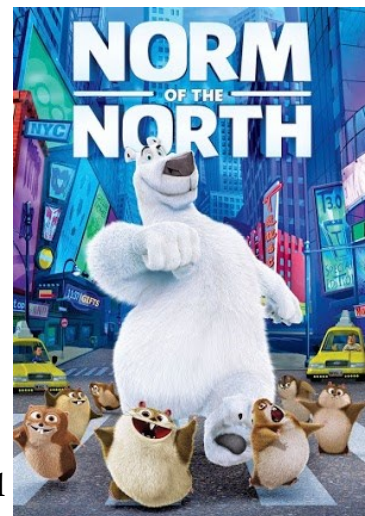
2:00 p.m.

Yes!

Thanksgiving
Weekend!

Small popcorns and
sodas are also free,

so bring the relatives and neighbors and
enjoy Norm of the North.



World Aids Day Exhibit



Wednesday,
November 30th thru
December 4th at the
Benzie Area Historical Museum

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, (December 1st being the upcoming 30th Anniversary of the AIDS Memorial Quilt) BAHS is hosting a block of panels from the quilt. If you have not seen the quilt, this block will give you a sense of the power of this memorial project. The quilt currently has 49,000 panels in 5,956 12' square blocks. Each block usually contains eight panels. The block on exhibit at the museum contains the panels made for Andy Minor of Benzonia, Kevin Babcock of Manistee and Terry Tiabl and Frederick Sniegowski, both of Ludington.

On Sunday, December 4 the Museum will hold an open house from 12:00 noon until 2:30 pm so church members and others in our community can view the quilt.

Council Notes

There were 13 Council members at the October 12, 2016 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: John McElduff

Offerings for September: \$5,408.20
Expenses for September: \$8,527.34
Carry Over for September: -\$3,119.14
The total current balance: \$45,956.13

Discussion followed: John noted how everything has become more streamlined (and great appreciation) with the addition of our bookkeeper, Brooke. There was also a request to obtain a comparison of the 2016 Budget to the current Budget figures. Following discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Missions Committee: Myra Elias

Balance in the fund is \$601.98

Outreach Committee: Judy Grant

Upcoming events include:

- WinSome Women - week of October 18.
- The Gathering hosted by the Neuhardts on October 21.
- The Ladies' Lunch on October 26.
- Halloween Open House on October 31.

Sesquicentennial Committee: Andy Mollema

- A contract has been signed with Lamar for the three highway billboards advertising our 150 year celebration.
- We are applying for a \$500.00 music grant from the NACCC for funds to help defray the costs of our musicians.
- A concert with Matt and Cristin Hubbard has been scheduled for August 5, 2017 with them donating their talents.

Personnel Committee: Andy Mollema

The Personnel Committee has been working on a compensation and salary increase for Pastor Dinah. The proposal will be presented at November's meeting for review and for the Council's vote.

Property Committee: Andrea Frost

- Saul Chandler has been doing landscape work around the Parsonage and Church plus scraping and painting wood trim and doors at the parsonage.
- Discussion about installing ductless air conditioning and heating units in the sanctuary, Katherine's and Dinah's offices – no motion was made and further research will be done.

Religious Education Committee: Candace Nostrandt

Everything is running along smoothly.

Worship Committee: Ann Osborn

- Pastor Dinah's new vestment arrived.
- All Saints Sunday is November 6 with letters being sent out to those who lost a family member this past year or had a new arrival.
- Advent booklets and bookmarks were picked by the Committee
- We have bulletin covers for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Sanctuary decorating is scheduled for November 22.
- The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on November 20 at St. Andrews at 3 pm.
- The first Sunday in Advent is November 27.
- Christmas Eve is on a Saturday this year so there will be a regular Sunday worship service on Christmas Day.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted.

Unfinished Business:

- Tee Shirts – still in process
- Area rugs for the Parlor. Mary Ann Harness presented the estimate for three area rugs to be purchased and placed in the Parlor – to be continued with further discussion.

New Business:

The Personnel Committee's revised job description proposal for Pastor Dinah was reviewed, with Council Chair, Larry Neuhardt, asking for the motion to adopt said proposal. Andy Mollema then made the motion for the Council to adopt the up-to-date and revised job description proposal: Mary Ann Harness seconded the motion. Motion passed.

No reports: **Memorials, Finance & Stewardship, Investment, Constitution & By-Laws, Missions, Nominating, Women's Fellowship & Historian.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



Laurits, Matteo and Alberto
(see the next page for their relevance)



The following thank you is from
 Betty St. Denis ,
 sister to
 Katherine Johnson

Pastor Dinah Haag & Church Members:
 On behalf of myself and my husband, Rick, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers. I believe now that the power of your prayers and those of my family and friends is the reason I am still here (and of course the doctors). I was in good hands in more ways than one – I believe also that God took me to it and saw me thru it – and because God works through people, your prayers were answered. I am progressing very well and am now in the Cardiac Wellness Program. My appreciation for all your prayers is overwhelming. My dear sister, Katherine, played a major role in my recovery – she came when I needed her the most. I feel truly blessed to have her in my life and grateful for all your prayers,
 May God Bless You All, Betty



To Our Church Council and Pastor Dinah,

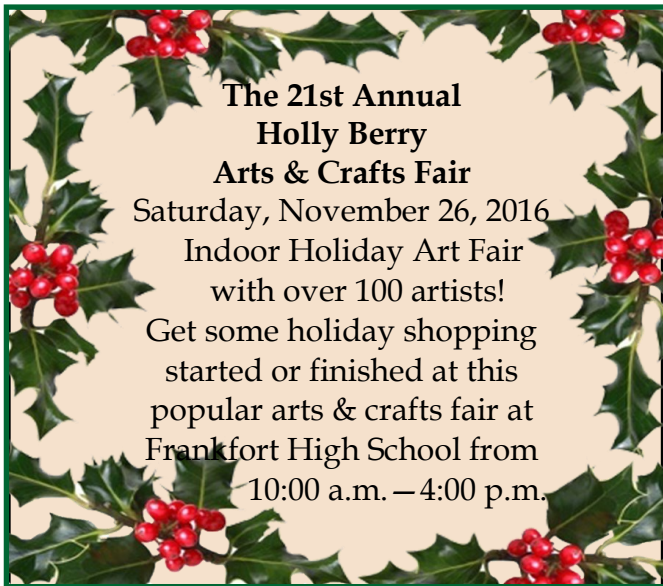
Everyone who attended the WinSome Women Christian Retreat was thrilled to be there, thanks to our wonderful and caring Church. The speakers inspired and encouraged the attendees with their words and life stories. We felt very fortunate to be staying at The Grand Hotel and enjoyed the food, the surroundings and the beautiful weather. So bless you & thank you once again from Liz Acklin, Mary Reed, Kathy Crosby, Candace Nostrandt, Vicky Baker, Tammy Tomaszewski & Katherine Johnson. Individual thank you cards will be posted on the board downstairs.

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- ◆ Scott Harrison for assembling the rocking chairs for the parsonage front porch.
- ◆ Bill Hirschfeld for another fine Bible Study on the book of The Acts of the Apostles. The time you take to create each lesson is so greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Will Church for relocating the old church water heater. We trust that it will like its' new home.
- ◆ Myra Elias for brightening up the front of the church with the new mums. It was a little sad out there after the summer flowers have gone to bed.
- ◆ Jean and Larry Neuhardt for the wonderful Gathering they hosted in their new home. A lot of great conversation was had.

Congratulations to

- ◆ Lauren Church on the reception of an Academic Letter and being inducted into the National Honor Society
- ◆ Jake Reed for being inducted into the National Honor Society
- ◆ Addis family for hosting two National Honor Society Students: Matteo Nerlich from Germany & Laurits Nikolaj Petersen from Denmark. And to the Rath family for hosting Alberto Sanchez from Spain.
- ◆ Benzie Central Varsity Girls Volleyball, Soccer Team, Frankfort's Football and Volleyball Teams, and Mesick's Soccer Team for all their hard work this season. It's paid off, and you are all awesome!
- ◆ To Sonja Duffy on her new grandson, who although early, weighed in at 5 lbs. 3 oz.



**The 21st Annual
Holly Berry
Arts & Crafts Fair**

Saturday, November 26, 2016

Indoor Holiday Art Fair
with over 100 artists!

Get some holiday shopping
started or finished at this
popular arts & crafts fair at
Frankfort High School from
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Christmas at the Museum &
Habitat for Humanity**

Friday, November 25 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Opening preview and reception for
decorators and museum members.

Saturday, November 26 10 am – 6:00 pm.

A 4:00 pm reading of Truman
Capote's "A Christmas Memory"
by Dr. Lisa Musgrave

Sunday, November 27 11:00 am – 4:30 pm

1:30 – 2:00 pm readings – "The
(Traditional) Night Before
Christmas" by Jane Perkis and
"The (Cajun) Night Before
Christmas" by Kay Noah.

**Benzie's Habitat for Humanity Festival of
Trees** features wreaths and trees of all sizes,
decorated by local groups and individuals,
all available for purchase by silent auction.

Bidding starts on Saturday.



**November is
First Congregational Church's
Ancestors Appreciation Month!**

This year, more than ever, 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.

**Please Remember
in Prayer**

Dawson Baldwin
Søren Bednar
Evan Bennehoff
Kerry Buzzell
Sharon Campbell
Greg Cobb
Jennifer Cruz
Dana Schuler Dow
Annaleesia Frieholtz
Gail Frostic
Janet Grajcar
Melissa Grant
Bill Hirschfeld
Julie Hirschfeld
Fr. William Jacobs
Randy Johnson
Amy Jones
Marvelee Kneisel
Tina Larson
Debi McKnight
John Minster
Jim Murray
Jessica Niesen
Cindy Olmstead
Charlie Ottinger
Dan Rayner
Reed Family
Michael Richards
Dana Robins
Don Rummelhart
Steve Salveter
Kristin Schauger
Kris Smeltzer
Bob Sorensen
Pat Videki
Andy Wagner

Doc Wagner
Karyn Wells
Jeremiah Young

Continued Prayers

Roy Acklin
Gordon Banks
Dick Brown
Joanne Brown
Bud Carpenter
Bob Conrad
Kathy Crosby
Carolyn Hershey
Nancy Knopf
Jim & Lori Lalals
Carolyn Levis
Alyssa Lone
Sarah Nostrandt
Helen Postema
Vern Reed
Ward VanHoughten
Kay VanOrder
Chia Yang

The Families of:

Barbara Adams
Donna Disselkoen
Marcia Duncan
Katherine Gilbert
Susan Hamilton
Susie Middleton
Katie Northway
John Nowak
Pace
Johanna Smith





**Dine Out For
Benzie Area
Christian Neighbors**

at The Roadhouse in Benzonia
or Geno's in Thompsonville,
Tuesday, Nov 1st, and 10% of your dinner
bill will be donated to BACN.

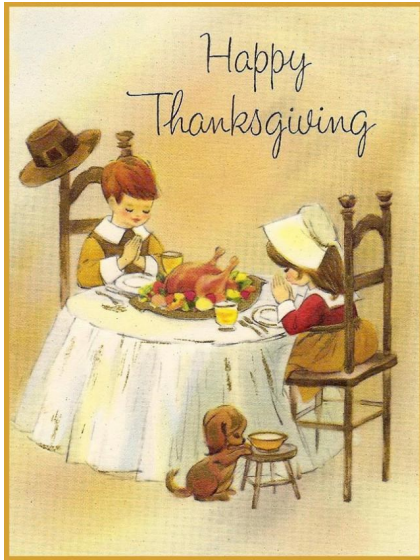
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Dine Out for BACN: The Roadhouse & Geno's	2 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Comm. Tamara Stokes	3 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Marjorie Porter	4	Turn Clocks Back One Hour! Scandinavian Bazaar Trinity Lutheran Church Ezra Church
6 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saint's Sunday: Necrology & Cradle Roll Larry Neuhardt	7 Jaxon Grant	8 Election Day 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting	9 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga	11 Veterans DAY Ohio Yang	12
13 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Jen Whiting	14 Matt Reed	15 7:30 p.m. Choir	16 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir	17 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 1:00 p.m. Pianos Tuned Mike Morris	18	19 Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie
20 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Andrews Presbyterian Church	21	22 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Christmas Decorating	23 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga  Tom Richmond	25	26 10-4:00 p.m. Holly Berry Art Fair 2:00 p.m. Free Children's Movie @ The Garden Theater John Nuske
27 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School First Sunday in Advent	28 Jason Kolehmainen Marti Mollema	29	30 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir 7			

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Anniversaries	1, 7				
Announcements	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	6	Lauren Church	Andrea Frost, Mary Reed Mary Ann Harness, Bill Hirschfeld,	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts toward welcoming them.
Birthdays	1, 7				
Calendar	7	13	Will Church	Judy Grant, Marti Mollema Lori Dougherty, Leslie McElduff	
Greeters	8				
Prayer List	6	20	Naomi Kolehmainen	Larry Neuhardt, Paul Osborn Jim MacKenzie, John McElduff	
Thank You's	5				
Ushers	8				
Council Minutes	4	27	Jim MacKenzie	Sue King, Alma House Betty & Fred Milliron	