



First Congregational Church of Frankfort  
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## *Anniversaries & Birthdays*

- 02 Tamara Sokolowski  
Melody Wright
- 03 Marjorie Porter
- 5 Ezra Church
- 6 Larry Neuhardt
- 7 Jaxon Grant
- 10 Noreen & Richard Henry
- 13 Jeanne Hafer  
Jen Kennedy
- 14 Matt Reed
- 15 Morgan Cole  
Sarah Simmons
- 14 James Daniel  
Luanne Elwell  
Mike Morris
- 19 Al Bryant  
Jim & Robin MacKenzie
- 24 Tom Richmond
- 26 John Nuske
- 28 Jason Kolehmainen  
Marti Mollema
- 29 Norma Godsey  
Mike McNamara

## November 2021 Events

- Nov 2 Election Day
- Nov 7 All Saints Day
- Nov 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 15- 22 National Operation Christmas  
Child Shoebox Collection Week
- Nov 17 BACN Dine Out to Dinghy's Restaurant
- Nov 25 Happy Thanksgiving
- Nov 27-28 Habitat for Humanity Festival of Trees
- Dec 4 Heavenly Holiday Cookie Sale



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 7th. Please submit all names to the  
church office before Worship that day.

# Pastor's Page

Looking at the exterior windows of the sanctuary, unless one paid closer attention, they would seem rather innocuous. Upon closer inspection, as in the photo on the lower left, the greying aluminum, missing quarter round framing and the need for paint is/was obvious. The investigation to new sanctuary storm windows began sometime after the new year of 2020, and it was finished Wednesday, October 2 of 2021. A large part of the wait was for the materials of this custom fabrication, and like so many others, the materials were caught up in the chaos of Covid-19.

Another reason for the length of wait time was because of the stained glass window requirement, which is the need to breathe. So like humans, the lead in the windows have to allow heat to escape, even in winter. Little, tiny brass screens were inserted into the framework.

The windows—storms and stained glass—are well protected for the next many years, thanks to the generous bequests that have been put to work for us that we can continue giving God the glory for the honor to call this place home.



It was such a huge success, let's do it again—  
with its own name.

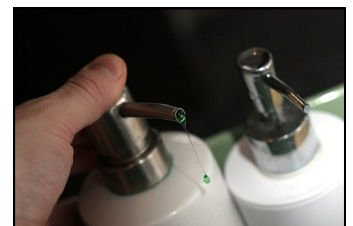
## Heavenly Holiday Cookie Sale

Last year we sold 246 dozen cookies and chances are we'll need more than that. We'll have a sign-up sheet in the church Dining Room, but you can start baking now and use the freezer in the same room. For incorporation into your plans, we discovered that more colorful cookies were preferred. If we can have all the cookies at the church by Thursday, December 4, that would be most helpful. And thank you!



## Christmas Gifts for Seniors

We will once again join other churches in the county to bless the seniors among us this Christmas season. Benzie Senior Resources has asked us for socks and liquid hand soap and they will pick up our contributions on **Monday, December 6**. The items will be added to the gift bags for those who receive Meals on Wheels, for some of whom this will be their only gift. So thank you, for all you are able to do for our neighbors.





## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chris Porter, filling in for the Chair and Vice-Chair, followed by the Opening Prayer.

The Minutes from September's meeting were reviewed; no corrections noted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rob Burch

Offerings for September totaled: \$ 4,724.08

Expenses for August totaled: 11,653.07

YTD Carryover: 12,064.26

The Budget is in good shape and the Finance Committee will meet soon to begin work on the 2022 Budget. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

**Memorials:** Judy Welch – No report

**Finance:** Judy Welch – See Treasurer's Report

**Investment:** Chris Porter – The total of all Baird Accounts, as of September 30, is \$865,111.70.

**Constitution & By-Laws:** Jim MacKenzie – No report

**Missions:** Hugh Hessler - A committee meeting will be held at the end of the month.

**Nominating:** Myra Elias – No report

**Outreach:** Dinah Haag for Kelly Ottinger – 1) 293 people were reached via Facebook plus those attending in-person for the "Birds Fly In" event on August 17. 2) The September 11 Saturday night service before the Ironman event went well. 3) The first Gathering since the pandemic also went well. 4) Proceeds from the Fall Festival Cake Walk totaled \$254 being donated back to the Chamber of Commerce. 5) Halloween will be celebrated this year with cider, hot chocolate and candy being served outside.

**Personnel:** Myra Elias – There will be a committee meeting on October 20 to discuss various issues.

**Property:** Dinah Haag for Myra Elias – The Sanctuary storm windows are being prepped and installed this week.

## First Congregational Church of Frankfort

### Council Minutes

**Religious Education:** Bill Hirschfeld – No report, but Sunday School has resumed.

**Women's Fellowship:** Mary Reed – No report

**Worship:** Ann Osborn – 1) A list has been placed in the Narthex for bell ringers and candle lighters to assist head ushers for those tasks. 2) There were no worship services at the Maples in September or October. 3) The Blessing of the Backpacks was a little lackluster this year due to children staying away for Covid precautions. 4) World Communion Sunday was delayed one week due to Pastor Dinah's illness. 5) All assisted hearing devices have been tested and are working. 6) Upcoming events include: All Saints Sunday with the Necrology and Cradle Roll on November 7, a virtual "Sharing our Gratitude" presentation from our Congregation on November 21; and the possibility of a virtual Christmas pageant featuring our children on December 19.

**Pastor's Report:** Dinah Haag – Report submitted

**Unfinished Business:** 1) At September's meeting, under New Business, Dinah received a request from one of our members that our church be the non-profit "pass through" to facilitate a gift to this member's grandson. After due diligence on Pastor Dinah's part and consulting the lawyer with RW Baird, it was the decision of the Council that proceeding with this request would not be in the Church's best interest. 2) The Nominating Committee will make the decision on filling the vacant Council seat.

**New Business:** None

Chris Porter, Acting Chair, called for the meeting's adjournment at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk



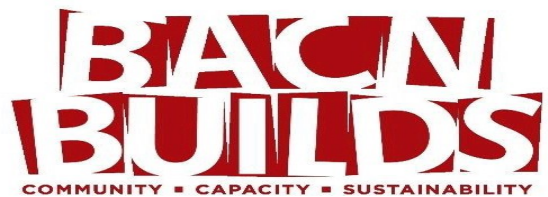


- Cecelia Schmitt on running the Chicago Marathon, and qualifying for the Boston - or at least on her way to it.
- Luke Reed on the reception of his "white coat" as a physical therapy doctor student on Oct. 8. Looking good, Dr. Reed.
- Ella Whiting on her Academic All-State Honors in her tennis season at Traverse City West.
- Cooper Rath and the Buckley soccer team clinched the first Northwest Conference title since 1999 and are the 2021 District Champs!
- Judson Rath has been playing soccer for three years, and this year was a co-captain and an amazing defensive player.
- Mason Rath played soccer and ran cross country this fall. That meant many double practice nights and lots of hard work! He took lots of time off his 2 mile races.



The shovels and hard hats were ceremonial, but the BACN Builds Project is real thanks to the caring hearts of our community! Approximately 40 people joined in the celebration. Members of the BACN Board of Directors and Past Board Presidents broke ground as Donors, Staff and members of the capital campaign and construction teams cheered them on. There were many there in spirit, too!

October 4, 2021, 2804 Benzie Highway



### November is First Congregational Church's Ancestor's 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.





- Bill Frostic for changing out a non-working light at the side door of the church
- Molly Harrison (and so many other times, Jim MacKenzie) for taking items to BACN brought into the church.
- Jim Buzzell and Kris Richards for finishing the painting of the lower part of the church.
- Eric and Jim Buzzell for painting the parsonage back deck. It looks great!
- Mary and Tom Osborn for serving the luncheon after Andy Mollema's interment. It was lovely.
- Jim Buzzell for trimming the bushes around the parsonage and church.
- Sue King for tackling a church tablecloth that was stained. It's beautiful now!



**Dine Out For  
Benzie Area  
Christian Neighbors**  
On Wednesday,  
November 17th.

Eat dinner at Dinghy's between 4-8 p.m. The menu will include their special hot turkey dinner that night. 10% of your bill will be donated to BACN.



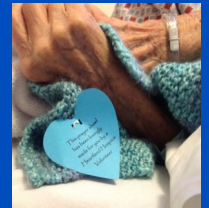
# Heartland

## Hospice Care

### Volunteers Needed

Take a chance, be a friend, share a smile...  
make a difference.

Enrich your life by giving to others! Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in your area. We are looking for individuals ready to donate some of their time to patients and families in need. Whether it is providing companionship, reading, playing bingo or simply holding their hand. It is a wonderful thing to volunteer in your own community and give back! Our program is very flexible to fit into your busy schedule. Give us a call and start your volunteering experience now. You will never feel so satisfied after sharing a journey with a patient and bringing them comfort and compassion. For more information contact Casey, Volunteer Coordinator at 231-935-3089 or [casey.mckenzie@heartlandhospice.com](mailto:casey.mckenzie@heartlandhospice.com).



### National Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child November 15 - 22

Packing a shoebox with special gifts and praying for the child who will receive it is one of the simplest ways to share God's love with children in need. If you need any assistance with this, call Robin MacKenzie for advice or go to [Samaritanspursue.org](http://Samaritanspursue.org) where you will find step by step instructions on how to pack a shoebox.

**The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Holly Berry Arts & Crafts Fair** will be held at Frankfort High School on Saturday, November 27, 2021.

The craft hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. So, get your holiday shopping started or finished at this popular event.



There are many ways to honor and celebrate the men and women in your community who have served or are serving in the military.



Here are a few ideas:

- Honor them with a treat. Whether formal or casual, treat them with a meal.
- Recognize them for their service.
- Share their story with respect and sensitivity. Oftentimes civilians are intimidated to inquire about their career choice.
- Honoring the families of those who serve can be done through events, special gifts or recognition which builds positive feelings for the veteran.
- Serve the community through veteran service organizations (VOS.s) whose focus it is to provide support to military veterans and families. These organizations focus on issues from PTSD, suicide prevention, career transition services and to temporary housing.

Veterans Day is a day to honor those who've served our Nation. Show them our appreciation for the freedoms and liberties we enjoy because of men and women who have bravely worn our country's uniform.

*Please Remember in Prayer*

**Prayer Concerns**

- Cherie Boswell
- Greg Cobb
- Denis Crosby
- Deb Derr
- Jonathan Derr
- Theresa Duffy
- Michael Grajcar
- Melissa Grant
- David Hendrick
- Pat Hessler
- Jerry Johnson
- Ryan Kazanowski
- Susan Lavender
- Alex Lindsey
- Travis Lovegrove
- Dave Nowak
- Ron Phillips
- Becky Reed Kelly
- Bonnie Reed Heaney
- Pete Reed
- Tina Reed
- Dawn Schulz
- Linda Schweyer
- Kathy Stall
- Lucas Welch
- John & Peter Young

**Families of**

- Christy Doren
- Luanne Kelly
- Michelle Morris
- John Paro
- Charles (Bus) Rushlow
- John Snodgrass

**Senior Living**

- Cadillac Nursing Care*
- Don Bonderenko
- Maple Valley Nursing*
- Steve Elrick
- The Homesteader*
- Bea Stone
- The Maples*
- Karen Collins
- Dori Turner
- Gladys Wilson
- Orchard House*
- Pat Hessler
- Joan Miller
- Susie Vigland



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Oct 31st</b>  	1 4:30 p.m. MOBBI  <b>Election Day</b>	2 8:30 a.m. Church Carpet Cleaning 9:15 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Outreach Comm. Mtg.  Tamara Sokolowski Melody Wright	3 9:45 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Worship Comm. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Marjorie Porter	4 9:15 a. .m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m. Property Comm. Mtg.	5     Ezra Church	6  Trinity Lutheran (Frankfort) Craft and Bake Sale Bazaar 10-2:00 p.m.  Larry Neuhardt
7 <b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> 9:00 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>All Saints Sunday</b>  Jaxon Grant	8 4:30 p.m. MOBBI	9 9:15 a.m. MOBBI	10 9:45 a.m. MOBBI 4:00 p.m.. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  Noreen & Richard Henry	11 9:15 a. .m. MOBBI  <b>Veteran's Day</b>	12	13     Jeanne Hafer Jen Kennedy
14 9:00 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship  Matt Reed	15 4:30 p.m. MOBBI  Morgan Cole Sarah Simmons	16 9:15 a.m. MOBBI  James Daniel Luanne Elwell	17 9:45 a.m. MOBBI 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal <b>World Peace Day</b>  Mike Morris	18 9:15 a. .m. MOBBI  <b>Dine Out for BACN Dinghy's, 4-8:00 p.m.</b>	19    Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie	20
21 9:00 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Sharing Our Gratitude Sunday</b>	22 4:30 p.m. MOBBI	23 9:15 a.m. MOBBI 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Decorating?	24 9:45 a.m. MOBBI 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25  <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b>	26 12:30 p.m. MOBBI  <b>Native American Heritage Day</b>  John Nuske	27
28 9:00 a.m. Choir Reh. 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Advent Begins</b>	29 4:30 p.m. MOBBI  Norma Godsey Mike McNamara	30 9:15 a.m. MOBBI	7	<div style="background-color: #90EE90; border: 2px solid #FF0000; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <b>Dec. 4: Heavenly Holiday Treats Distribution</b> </div>		

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