Steepleviews

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November 2017 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



Sunday, November 5, 2017

Catch These Coming Events!

Nov. 05	Daylight Savings Ends All Saints Sunday Monthly Grief Group
Nov. 07	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 19	Community Thanksgiving
	Worship
Nov. 23	Happy Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 26	Free Movie: Garden Theater
Nov. 25-27	Festival of Trees

All are welcome to join us for the celebration of

All Saints Sunday November 5, 2017

We will read the Necrology (the names of those who have died this past year) and the Cradle Roll (the names of those who have been born this past year.) 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 it Daylight Savings time will end earlier that morning, so you can "fall back" on the time.

Pastor's Page

What's On Your Gratitude List?

Pillows in the pews that don't seem to wear out

The backyard where neighborhood kids can play kick ball, softball and Red Rover.

The ability to leave game "bases" on the back deck and not worry about them being stolen, so the kids don't have to use rhubarb leaves or tennis shoes for bases.

The people that take on the responsibilities to do the little jobs around the church from decorating to garbage dumping to vacuuming the dining room after fellowship.

The grace within our fellowship that allows for all of us to be human, with all our mistakes, warts and the subjects that overtake our attentions. We are held in a great light, larger, more gracious than us. I am grateful.

We are borne in a river of grace that leaves nothing untouched by blessing. I am grateful.

Not minding the outcome, for this moment, for its many generous pockets, I am grateful.

To You, Giving One, who only give and only bless, I am grateful. I am grateful. I am grateful.

In Christ and in love, Pastor Dinah

*Steve Garnaas-Holmes Unfolding Light www.unfoldinglight.net

Grief Support Group



The holiday season is fast approaching. For most it is a season of joy, but to those who have lost a loved one 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 5, at 3:00 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 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 and Doug Luther, Group Leaders) The Benzie County Ministerial Association invites everyone to share in the gratitude of our blessings at the

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 19, 2017 3:00 p.m. Benzonia Congregational Church, UCC 901 Barber St., Benzonia

This year's offering will be given to BACN, Benzie Area Christian Neighbors, the county's main food bank and more.



It's a Free Movie! Bring Friends, Families and Neighbors

Saturday, November 25, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

Rated G Garden Theater, Frankfort, MI Free admission, free small soda & free small popcorn available. Sponsored by First Congregational Church of Frankfort

WinSome Women Retreat

The retreat this year was such a blessing for everyone who attended. The speakers, the concert, the food, the weather and the Grand Hotel provided outstanding fellowship & was inspiring for everyone. For whatever reason, this year seemed to draw all of us closer as a group than any other time in the past. We returned home feeling uplifted and rejuvenated from sharing such a special ministry. There were over 700 women in attendance from all over Michigan.



Del Sawka, Judy Duda, Debbie Clark, Judy Fredrickson, Julie Grant, Shelly MacDonald, Julie Robinson, Gayle Brown, Bev Latch and JoAnn Johnson.



Top to bottom: Ginger Reed, Liz Acklin, Kathy Crosby, Mary Reed, Vicki Baker, Candace Nostrandt & Katherine Johnson

Council Notes

There were 10 Council Members at the September 13, 2017 Council Members.

Treasurer' Report: Andy Mollema					
Offerings for Sept	\$10,826.00				
Expenses for Sept:	\$10,123.63				
Carry over for previous month	- \$ 9,072.97				

Committee Reports

<u>*Memorials*</u>: Andy Mollema - no report; the balance in this account is \$5,419.43.

Missions: Myra Elias - no report; the balance in this account is \$1,433.90.

<u>Outreach</u>: Dinah Haag for Judy Grant / Myra Elias - 1) The Thursday evening Music & Worship Study is underway; 2) The Fall Festival Cake Walk is October 14; 3) There will be a potluck following church services on October 29; 4) The Halloween Open House is October 31; 5) Our Sesquicentennial Plaque is to be here sometime soon with a ceremony to follow; and 6) Donna and Ron Phillips have offered to host our caroling party in December.

<u>*Personnel*</u>: Myra Elias - our church secretary, Katherine, met with the Personnel Committee for her yearly evaluation. All is going well.

Property: Andrea Frost/Mary Reed - Mary reported that 1) The altar railing has been measured and wood given to Pete Wright with the project hopefully completed by the end of November; 2) Chuck Nostrandt will work on the tar paper on the steeple and will put the storm windows up after Jim MacKenzie finishes work on them; and 3) All outlets in the kitchen need to be replaced.

<u>*Religious Education*</u>: Dinah Haag for Bill Hirschfeld – 1) Sunday School is going very well; 2) The Thursday evening Music and Worship Study is up and running; and 3) Bill's Bible Study to begin on a date still to be determined with the subject tentatively being David.

<u>Women's Fellowship</u>: Mary Reed - see Treasurer's Report <u>Worship</u>: Ann Osborn - 1) Altar railing is in process (see Property Report); 2) Banner photos and storage still a work in progress; 3) Advent Devotionals and Bulletin Covers were chosen; 4) A decision was made on the color scheme for the Sanctuary during Advent, with decorating scheduled for November 30; 5) Nursing Care Worship Services are scheduled for October 22; and 6) All Saints Sunday plus Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag - the report was reviewed and submitted, with three items of note: 1) Expenditure printouts for Worship, Outreach, Property, Religious Education and any other groups are needed to prepare budgetary requests for 2018; 2) Next year's proposed Slate of Officers is due for Council approval at November's meeting; and 3) The proposed 2018 Budget is due for Council approval at November's meeting.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: 1) As stated in the Pastor's Report, the 2018 Budget needs to be prepared and brought for review and approval at November's Council meeting. A meeting of the Finance Committee to prepare said Budget is scheduled for November 7 at 1:00 pm; and 2) Kelly Ottinger proposed a possible "Congregation Care" outreach committee to call, provide meals, and be in contact with those who cannot always be with us due to an illness, etc. Discussion will continue on how to implement this.

No Reports: Finance Committee, Investment, By-Laws, Missions, Nominating, and Historian

Larry Neuhardt, Council Chair, called for the meeting to be adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ann Osborn, Church Council Secretary



- Jim MacKenzie for draining the church hot water heater.
- To all those who helped with the Fall Festival Cake Walk. It was another great success, and it couldn't have happened without all of you!
- Myra Elias, Pat Kinske, Marti Mollema and Kelly Ottinger for providing dinner for the Music and Worship event. Your great additions made the evenings delightful.
- to Katherine Johnson and Randy for delivering the pumpkins and corn stalks to the front of the church It's beginning to look a lot like Thanksgiving....
- Randy Johnson for disconnecting a live wire in a church kitchen outlet! Thanks to our cleaner, Chris, Etc. for discovering the sparking outlet in the first place! And thanks for rehoming the finance office air conditioner to the closet for the winter. And for cleaning the faucet screens at the church. Wow! Who knew that much sand comes with our water?



Welcome to the world, Randall Hurricane Kelly! He was born on Wed. Oct. 11, weighing in at 8 lbs., 12 oz. and 20 3/4 inches long with blond hair and blue eyes. It has been said that he looks just like a Norwegian. He is the little brother to Jetta, the son of Jordin and Jared Kelly and the grandson of Missi and Randy Gilbert. Congratulations, one and all.

Congratulations to the Pop Warner cheerleaders who won first place in the Fall Festival parade. The great effort in preparing the float was well spent.



November is First Congregational **Church's Ancestors** We Are Family Appreciation Month

Although we spent much of the year celebrating our 150th anniversary, implicit within that celebration is an underlying gratitude for all those who put great prayer, effort, time, talent, gifts and more, to hand down to us the church home we have. May what we pass on be equally precious and loved.



Please Remember in Prayer

Praver Concerns: *=Added last week Roy Acklin Portia Young Butler Ed Carter Owen Chownyk William Colby Austin Crew *Betty Croft *Karen Grant Karen Hagan Pat Hessler Gaylord Jowett Daniel Kinney David Kinney Ruth Lentz Jacob MacKenzie Sallie Nelson Brian Neuhardt Bob Newberry Marjorie Porter Jeff Reed *Kyah Robinson Roger Schultz Jason Schulz Josh Schulz Phil Shepherd Cindy Welch

The Families of:

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Military:

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

Senior Living:

<u>POLAR</u> John Abbett Brenda Case Charlie Holtrey

<u>The Maples</u> Jan Condon Bea Gray June Roen

Orchard House Gordon Banks Pat Hessler Susie Vigland

The Homesteader Moore Peregrine



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

At The Roadhouse in Benzonia & Stormcloud

Brewing Co in Frankfort on Tuesday, November 7th and 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN.



First Congregational Church of Frankfort November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 4:30 p.m. Outreach Mtg Tamara Stokes	3 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group 1 on 1 Marjorie Porter	4 Turn Clocks Back One Hour! Daylight Savings Tin Ends
5 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School All Saint's Sunday: Necrology & Cradle Roll	6 9:30 am. Yoga Class	7 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. Dine Out for BACN: The Roadhouse & Stormcloud Brewing Co.	8 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group	10 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX	11 VETERANS DAY
Ezra Church 12 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	Larry Neuhardt 13 9:30 am. Yoga Class Jen Whiting Kennedy	Jaxon Grant 14 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. Matt Reed	15 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Roy Acklin	16 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group James Daniel Luanne Elwell	17 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Michael Morris	Ohio Yang 18
19 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Community Thaniksgiving Worship	20 9:30 am. Yoga Class Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie	21	22 9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative Mtg. 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. No Choir	23 Happy Thanksgiving!	24 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Tom Richmond	25 2:00 p.m. Free Movie at the Garden Theater: Cars 3
26 9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School John Nuske	27 9:30 am. Yoga Class	28 Jason Kolehmainen Martha Mollema	29 10:00 a.m. M.O.B.B.I Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Mike McNamara	30 9:30 a.m. Yoga Group 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Christmas Decorating		

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Birthdays	1,7	5 Addis		Bill Hirschfeld, Denis Crosby	Greeters and Ushers: Please arrive
Calendar	7		Rob	Judy Grant, Lori Dougherty	at church by <u>10 a.m.</u> to
Greeters	8	12 Burch		Leslie McElduff, Alma House	greet and welcome all
Prayer List	6				who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts in
Congrats & Thank You's	5	19	Naomi Kolehmainen	Larry Neuhardt, Paul Osborn Jim MacKenzie, John Walthorn	
Ushers	8		T. 1: -		greeting our folks and
		26	Julie Hirschfeld	Sue King, Mary Ann Harness Betty & Fred Milliron	guests.