

Steepleviews

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September 2015 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Dan Lautenbach
- 03 Signe Ruddy
Doug & Robin Somero
- 04 Carlisle Clevenger
- 05 Will Church
Julie & Mike Morris
- 06 Nora Bungard
Kyah Robinson
- 7 Eric Buzzell
Frank Ikens
- 10 Tom Marshall
Denis & Kathy Crosby
- 11 Mary & Tom Osborn
Colin Adams & Rick Porter
- 12 Bob & Sue King
- 14 Betty & Fred Milliron
- 16 Carol Ehle
- 17 Melissa Gilbert
- 18 Hannah Frary
Sandra Grant
Moore Peregrine
Doug Rath
- 19 Katie Robinson
Mark Steigerwald
- 20 Saskia Von Wolferen Buzzell
Ron Wardwell
Chris & Marjorie Porter
- 22 Devin Gokey
- 25 Bea Gray
- 26 Sarah Chownyk
- 27 Tom Osborn
Naomi & Jason Kolehmainen
- 28 Johnny & Kendra Nuske
- 29 Mary Osborn
Cecelia Schmitt

Catch These Coming Events!

- September 04 The Gathering @
Hirschfelds
- September 07 Happy Labor Day!!
- September 13 Blessing of the Backpacks
Eva Strom's Baptism
First Day of Sunday School
Happy Grandparent's Day
- September 16 The Ladies Lunch
@ The Cherry Hut
- September 20 Dan Straubel Memorial
Golf Outing



September 13th
will be our yearly
**Blessing of the
Backpacks and
First Day of
Sunday School.**

Please join us as
we bless our youth and wish them
well as they head back to school. If
you know kids that don't have a
church home, feel free to
invite them to join us!

Pastor's Page

One of my seminary professors once said that God gave us things like the Ten Commandments and the Bible not because God was all about having power over people, but to help humans know how to respond to a being as great as our God. It's not unlike parents teaching children to say please and thank you – not because the parents are on a power-trip, but because that is how we communicate rightly with other human beings.

I recently came across a little list of helpful hints in communicating with Alzheimer (and dementia) folks. I wonder if sometimes these folks are more lonely because we don't know how to speak to them in ways that make sense to them, while maintaining their dignity. So I thought this little list might be helpful for more than one individual.

Alzheimer's Communication

1. Never argue, instead agree
2. Never reason, instead divert
3. Never shame, instead distract
4. Never lecture, instead reassure
5. Never say "remember", instead reminisce
6. Never say "I told you", instead repeat/regroup
7. Never say "You can't, instead do what they can
8. Never command/demand, instead ask/ model
9. Never condescend, instead encourage
10. Never force, instead reinforce.

Congratulations, Great-Grandparents, Liz and Roy Acklin! Maverick James Somero was born Fri. Aug. 21, weighing in at 4 lbs, 15 oz. and 17" long! Parents Amber and Mike Holmgren are pretty pleased, too!

Just last week, I had the honor of presiding at Larry Miller's memorial service. Larry was a "keeper," surrounding himself with things that inspired him to become the man that he was. Several folks asked for the poem that had yellowed over the years on his desk bulletin board, so I thought I'd include it here, too. I've tried to find out the author, but since I can't find one – or the title – I've now called it "Larry's Poem."

Larry's Poem:

Outside my window, a new day I see
And I only can determine
What kind of day it will be.
It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay,
Or boring and cold, unhappy and grey.
My own state of mind is the determining key.
For I am only the person I let myself be.
I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help,
Or be selfish and think just of myself.
I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun,
Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone.
I can be patient with those who may not understand,
Or belittle and hurt them as much as I can.
But I have faith in myself, and believe what I say,
And I personally intend to make the best of each day.

Go ahead and tape it to your bulletin board or bathroom mirror. Larry would like that. Keep on a-trying to be the best you can be. Only God knows who needs our "best" each and every day! Pastor Dinah

Don't forget – if you're out Shop 'n Save way – to take a few more minutes to go up and see the Homestead Dam this fall – especially on beautiful weather days! You'll be glad you did!

HELP WANTED

It is bittersweet that we must say goodbye to **Candace Nostrandt as our secretary**. The sweet part is that she has found a job that will bring home more bacon. The bitter part is that we need to **find a new secretary**. So if you or someone you know is looking for a part-time job, here are the details. Applicant must possess basic communication and secretarial skills. Experience with computers, spreadsheets, software file management, Microsoft Word, and office machines is preferred. The position is part time at 20 hours/week, 4 hours/day. Letters of interest will be accepted until Sept. 10, 2015, at: Rev. Dinah Haag, 431 Forest Avenue, Frankfort, MI 49635 or pastor431@gmail.com.

Don't forget about using Amazon Smile when you are ordering online. They pay back a percentage of your order and you can designate our church as the recipient!



It's time for a Gathering!

Come on September 4th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to the home of Bill & Julie Hirschfeld at 1006 Hall Street in Frankfort (by the High School). Come casual, bring your own beverage and a dish to share and we'll have the opportunity to infuse their new home with joy and great fellowship!
Please bring a chair or two!!

Bringing back the Ladies' Lunch!!

On Wednesday, September 16, at noon, let's meet up at **The Cherry Hut** in Beulah for a Ladies' Lunch.

Dutch-treat, and bring someone along to share with us! A sign-up sheet is in the dining room so we can give the restaurant a heads up on a head count.



A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

We are in need of some Altar Flower folks to help provide arrangements for the altar each week. You need not necessarily provide the actual flowers, but making sure there is something nice would be greatly helpful. If you would like to help out please let Marti Mollema or Pastor Dinah know.

- Candace Nostrandt for cleaning out the church pantry. Even though it has lost it's gleam over the last weeks, it was highly appreciated and helpful!
- The person who wishes to remain anonymous for painting the back parsonage deck. It looks wonderful!
- All who covered the bases while I was on vacation. It was good to get away and it's good to get home.
- John McElduff and Andy Mollema for helping out in the pulpit.
- Myra Elias and Candace Nostrandt for caring for the outdoor plants.
- Marti Mollema & Sue King for all the beautiful flower arrangements.
- Myra Elias for freshening up flowers pots at the side door entrance here at the Church.
- All who helped with the Celebration of Larry Miller's Life luncheon. It was greatly appreciated by the family and many guests!

It's not just serving coffee...

it's ministry! A few cookies and a little lemonade and coffee are ways to welcome those who are new to the church family. Yes, it's a way to catch up with friends, but it is much more about welcoming and hosting the stranger. Sign up sheets are in the Dining Room for anyone interested in hosting our weekly Coffee Fellowship. Sign up with a friend or another couple. We enjoy all the variety-donuts to cookies to crackers and cheese, store bought and homemade. Beverages will be provided along with paper products.



Don't forget to check our website at fccfrankfort.org or our Facebook page every so often There are some interesting things coming now that summer is nearing the end!

Godspeed To

- Mary Jane Franklin. She sold her home here and has moved to Grand Rapids. We will miss you and wish you all the best!
- Lois Martindale and Margo Allen. Lois also sold her house and has moved into an apartment with her daughter, Margot in Lansing. We wish both of them all the best in their new home, too!
- We will pass along addresses as they become available.



Betty and Les Webb are proud to welcome their sixth grandchild, fifth granddaughter, Sophie Khady-Badji. She was born Mon. Aug. 24. 9lbs., 3 oz., 20.5 in. All are doing well.



Please Remember in Prayer

Lori Abbett
Billee Baker
Nora Bungard
Jenny Bovard
Carol Brown
Bob Conrad
Geri Dotson
Jen Flatt
Tyler Grant
Phyllis Kuhlman
Kareen Lewis &
Family
Diane Macy
Dale McLaughlin
Jean Neuhardt
Ann & Paul
Osborn
Jim Piper
Jill Robinson
Paul Robinson

Our Prayers are extended to the families of:

Ryan Bowens
Fred Guetschow
Jim Lannin
Ethyl Mix
Tom Moore
Pat Young

Those serving in the Military:

Matt Conrad
Mike Kinney
Ryan Kingsinger
Clark Robinson
Ryan Ruddy

September is First Congregational Church's Children and Youth Appreciation Month.

You keep us young. You brighten our day with your energy, smiles, laughter and youthful spirits. You are all so very special to us!!



Dan Straubel
Memorial Golf Outing

Sunday, September 20, 2015,
1:30 p.m. at
Mistwood Golf
Course in
Lake Ann.
4 Person
Scramble.



Men's, Women's
or Co-ed Teams.

Cost is \$70 per player. 18 holes of
golf with cart. Pizza and pop
before golf and barbecue dinner
after golf. Contact Jeff at
Mistwood, 231-275-5500.

**A Benefit for Habitat for
Humanity of Benzie County.**



**Dine Out For
Benzie Area Christian
Neighbors**

On Tuesday, September 1, 2015,
eat dinner at one of the partner
restaurants,

**Mayfair in Elberta or
Geno's Sports Bar and Grill in
Thompsonville** and 10% of your
bill will be donated to **BACN**.

**Monthly Grief Support
Groups Still Meeting**

Fridays from 11:00-12:00 p.m.
(except the first Friday
of the month)
at Paul Oliver Hospital
on the second floor.

Everyone is welcome, no matter
how long you lost your love,
and there is still no need
to register.


**Welcome to
(your new) home**

Denis and Kathy Crosby and
Jean and Larry Neuhardt!
Denis and Kathy have fulfilled
their seven year dream and
moved up here from Comstock
Park. They are renting the house
just east of Bay Port Lodging.
Jean and Larry have moved to
town from a home on Long Lake
just off M-22. They bought
Soderquist's house. We will have
new addresses and any phone
changes as soon as they
become available.

We're Going Back To School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Choir rehearsals begin again this Wednesday. If you've been thinking about joining us, we'd love to have you!	1 Dine Out for BACN Dan Lautenbach	2 11:00 a.m. Wild Rose Comm. Meeting 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30 a.m. Yoga Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero	4 The Gathering @ Hirschfeld's 5-7 p.m. Carlisle Clevenger	5 Will Church Julie & Mike Morris
6 9:30 a.m. Choir 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a.m. Worship Nora Bungard Kyah Robinson	7 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class Happy Labor Day! Eric Buzzell Frank Ikens	8 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	9 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30 a.m. Yoga Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby	11 Colin Adams & Rick Porter Mary & Tom Osborn	12 Bob & Sue King
13 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship, Eva Strom's Baptism & Blessing of the Backpacks First Day of Sunday School Happy Grandparents Day	14 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class Betty & Fred Milliron	15	16 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class The Ladies' Lunch @ noon @ The Cherry Hut 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Carol Ehle	17 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assn. Melissa Gilbert	18 4:00 p.m. Adams/Mascone Rehearsal Hannah Frary Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath	19 4:00 p.m. Adams/Mascone Rehearsal Talk like a Pirate Day! Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald
20 9:30 a.m. Choir 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Saskia Buzzell Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter	21 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class	22 Devin Gokey	23 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 9:30 a.m. Human Serv. Coll. Mtg. 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Class 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	24 9:30 a.m. Yoga	25 Bea Gray	26 Sarah Chownyk
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Pastor Dinah out of town						

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Date	Greeters/Ushers <i>Head Usher:</i> <i>Bill Hirschfeld</i>	
6	Andrea Frost, Alma House, Judy Grant and MaryAnn Harness	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:00 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. (Greeters and Ushers are the front line people in welcoming visitors and new church family members!)
13	Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Naomi Kolehmainen and Mary Reed	
20	Sue King, Betty & Fred Milliron and Marti Mollema	
27	Ann & Paul Osborn, Donna & Ron Phillips	