Steepleviews

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November 2013 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 02 Marjorie Porter
- 05 Ezra Church
- 06 Jen Whiting
- 07 Jaxon Grant
- 08 Norma Robinson
- 13 Tracy Haigh Jacki Roberts
- 15 Jane Brawner
- 17 Michael Morris
- 19 Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie
- 24 Tom Richmond
- 28 Jason Kolehmeinen

Daylight Savings Ends November 03, 2013

Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2 & enjoy an extra hour of sleep.



Catch These Coming Events!

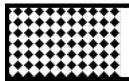
November 03	Daylight Savings Ends
November 03	All Saints Sunday
November 05	Dine Out for BACN
November 10	Hymn Sing Sunday
November 15	The Gathering @
	Jean & Larry Neuhardt's
November 30	Holly Berry
November 30	Children's Movie @ the
	Garden Theater

All Saints' Sunday

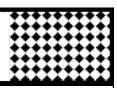
We will celebrate the circle of life by reading the Necrology (those who have passed on to eternal life this past year) and the Cradle Roll (those born into our earthly life this past year) as part of our Worship Service on November 3. Please submit all names from the last year to the church office by

Wed., Oct. 30, 2013.





Pastor's Page



A Thanksgiving Proclamation

from the

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Whereas, years ago the old world met the new world – from Corinth to Rome, from Rome to England, from England to Cape Cod – navigating oceans and deserts, overcoming principalities and powers, meeting hardships and sustained by blessings from God; and

Whereas, since those days the Gospel has been spread from East to West, North to South, surrounding the globe with the story of God's love; and

Whereas, our Congregational history includes the pilgrimage of a group of émigrés who traveled from English shores to Plymouth to start a new life; and

Whereas, were it not for the goodness of the native population on the New England shores who taught the émigrés how to hunt, fish, and grow corn, the pilgrims would not have survived; and

Whereas, that first harvest festival was a day of giving thanks, shared by the native people and the pilgrims; now

Therefore, on Thursday November twenty-eighth, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and thirteen, let us recall that historic time and recount all that it meant to the spirit of adventurous faith and the costs of religious freedom; and let us come together as torchbearers of that pilgrim spirit, which is found most completely in Jesus Christ.

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In gratitude for the journey thus far and in trust for that of the future, Pastor Dinah



Bob Conrad went to an air show last month, and the Pilot of a B-17 let him sit in the cockpit and go through the start up procedures. He did them perfectly! Way to go Bob!!

Would you like ours to be your official church family?

If you are interested in becoming



a member in this wonderful Church Family, please let Pastor Dinah know. Or if you'd like to know more about this Church

family, just let her know that too.



To Dana and Rob Burch on the birth of their newest granddaughter, Evelyn Francis Smith. Evie was born on Sept. 13 to Brad and Annie Smith (Dana's oldest daughter.)

To Missi & Randy Gilbert on the marriage of their oldest daughter Kendra to John Nuske on September 28, 2013.



Spread the news: We're sponsoring a free movie at the Garden Theater on Sat. Nov. 30 at 3:00 p.m. (Parents, here's your chance to hit the Holly Berry Fair or other Frankfort businesses.) Kids-bring a friend, bring your grandparents, a neighbor, and prepare to have a great afternoon!



The Gathering

Join us for the fourth Gathering of this year at the home of Jean & Larry Neuhardt on Friday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m. Bring a light snack to pass and your own beverages. Ice and dinnerware will be provided. And in honor of opening deer season, go ahead and wear your hunting threads!

> Jean & Larry Neuhardt's: 4085 North Scenic Highway, Honor, MI

The Annual Community **Thanksgiving Service**



Will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. Join family and friends in this time honored event of thanksgiving and worship.

Council Notes

There were 13 Council members at the October 09, 2013 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Neuhardt

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Income for September:	\$ 8,384.01
Expenses for September:	\$ 7,282.67
YTD Expenses	\$72,195.08
YTD Income:	\$65,728.54
YTD Budget:	\$72,135.00

Memorials: Judy Welch

During the month of September there were \$166.85 in donations to the Memorials account and no donations to the CIF account.

Missions:

Income was \$674.05 from the congregational offerings, \$120.00 designated income for BACN and \$400.00 from the Investment Fund. Checks were written to all our designated mission projects and to NACCC. We did make \$100.00 disbursements to BHHC, Community Spirit Meals and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund from investment monies. The Missions account retained \$100.00 from the \$400.00 investment monies to help cover any shortfall.

Outreach: John Walthorn

Upcoming events include the Halloween Open House on October 31, letters to be completed for All Saints Day on November 3 and the next Gathering at the Neuhardt's on November 15. Continuation of updating the Church Directory, planning a children's movie on the day of the Holly Berry Craft Fair, and a possible New Year's Eve Service.

By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Investment, Nominating, Personnel, Religious Education, and Women's Fellowship: no reports

Property: Mary Reed

All trees have been inspected. The root system of the pine in the front of the church looks good, with the soil needing potassium this fall and nitrogen in the spring. A new hot water heater has been installed in the Parsonage. Andrea Frost met with Jim Vanderley for a quote on replacing the old siding/insulating/entrance remodeling on the east side of the Church; this would be done during the next year upon further discussion and approval.

Pastor's Report:

Report was submitted, with the addition of a motion made by Signe Ruddy that the Council give approval for a four week sabbatical for Pastor Dinah from February 3–March 3, 2014.

Unfinished Business:

The change in worship time is still being discussed and Council members will continue to ask the congregation for its input. The vote will be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting in January after Council's approval.

<u>New Business:</u> None

Respectfully submitted, Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

The 2013 Cake Walk was awesome!



A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Michael Grajcar for making the blackboard frame for the end Sunday School room, and Andrea Frost for painting the "board." It's awesome!
- Nora Bungard and Mary Reed for completing the final stages of our newsletter. They are such delightful helpers!
- All those who helped with the Fall Festival Cake Walk. It was a great day, and although the money isn't the main point, we made around \$240 dollars! What a great community!
- Al Bryant for representing our church at the Fall Meeting of the Michigan Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.
- Andrea Frost and Marti Mollema for transforming the church Dining Room for the fall season. (And to Ann Osborn, who tried to help.)

Over (+)/Under (-) Budget: The Bottom Line

	Received	Over/Under
January	\$4,771.00	- \$3,913.49
February	\$10,757.25	+ \$1,793.77
March	\$9,768.67	+ \$1,251.54
April	\$5,557.75	- \$2,376.15
May	\$5,318.50	- \$2,873.23
June	\$7,955.25	+ \$788.87
July	\$6,601.61	- \$646.10
August	\$6,614.50	- \$1,592.92
September	\$8,384.01	+\$1,101.34

November is First Congregational Church's Ancestors 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 to come.



Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County <u>Habitat Holds Annual</u> <u>Festival of Trees</u>

Mark your calendars for the Annual Festival of Trees and Silent Auction on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29, 30 (12-8:00) and Dec. 1 (12-4:00). Decorated trees and wreaths by community businesses, organizations and individuals receive bids at the silent auction. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County. The event takes place at the Benzie Area Historical Museum. Free will donations at the door are shared by Habitat and the Museum.

To pass along as needed: Dearly Beloved, Grace and Peace to you. The Beloved says: You are no lowly sinner, and no great saint. Confess: you don't even know the difference. I don't care. I only want you.

Your prayers are ordinary and distracted, neither base nor lofty, and more for you than for me.

I don't care. I like the sound of your voice.

Your desire for me is weak and impure, but it is the heat of my lips upon your heart. Your keening for me is the very song I sang you; your love is mine, not yours, not yours at all.

But I don't care. I only want you to return, my heart in yours, my body burning inside yours. I want you to take off your price tag and be mine.

Let this mountain rise in you, a thousand angels singing; this bright sun burn within you, burn away your paper prayers, until your shadow disappears and you are light, my light.

Forget yourself. I want you.

Deep Blessings, Pastor Steve Steve Garnaas-Holmes Unfolding Light www.unfoldinglight.net

Please Remember in Prayer

Don Bonderenko Nena Bonderenko Shane Bonderenko **Bill Bruinsma Christine Clevenger Bonnie Kincher** Esther Kitchen Marvelee Kneisel Ginny & Philip Lavendar Jill Levis Nicholas Malevitz Tatiana Matskevych Artha Marmaduke Paul May Dave McCord Sandy Nuske Helen Perkins Stan Petingill Larry Reed **Bev Schmitt** Stapleton Family Susie Vigland Dawn Walker Charlie Yost John Young

Peter Young Virginia Young

Paul Oliver Long Term Care Suzanne Gum Cheryl Popp

Those serving in the Military: Cody Bates Steve Chownyk Matt Conrad **Devin Gokey** Amber Holmgren **Ryan Kingsinger** Mike Porter Ryan Ruddy Tim Welch Brittney Wood

The Families of:

Mary Collins Merrywilliam Hermansen Lance Smith Ron Wick



Dine Out For Benzie Area **Christian Neighbors** at The Fusion in Frankfort or The Roadhouse in Beulah on

Tuesday, November 5th and 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to Benzie Area Christian Neighbors.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Oct. 30 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group	Oct. 31 5:30-7:30 p.m. Halloween Open House	1	2 Turn back your clocks 1 full hour tonight before going to bed!!
3 11:00 a.m. All Saint's Day, Worship, Sunday School Marjorie Porter	4	5 9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic Ezra Church	6 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group 4:00 p.m. Worship Comm. Jen Whiting	7 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Personnel Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir Jaxon Grant	8	9
10 11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing, Worship & Sunday School	11	12 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.	13 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group 6:00 p.m. Investment Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting Tracy Haigh Jacki Roberts	14 9:30 a.m. Yoga 12:00 p.m. Dining Room Reserved 7:30 p.m. Choir	15 6:00 p.m. The Gathering @ the Neuhardt's	16
17 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	18	19 Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie	20 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group Bea Gray	21 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir	22	23 Hilda & Tim Quist
Mike Morris	Operation Christmas Child Collection Week					
24 11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	25	26 7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Ann's Catholic Church	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!! Jason	29 Festival of Trees Nov. 28 & 29 12-8:00 p.m. Dec. 1 12-4:00 p.m.	30 10-4:00 p.m. Holly Berry Art Fair 1:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Claus at Sleeping Bear Inn 3:00 p.m. Free Children's Movie @ The Garden Theater 7:00 p.m. Frankfort
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	Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Usher:</u> 3 and 10 Mary Ann Harness 17 and 24 Leslie McElduff		
	3	Betty & Fred Milliron, Signe Ruddy and Mary Ann Harness	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by	
	10	Connie Bennehoff Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Mary Reed	<u>10:30 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to	
	17	Myra Elias, Doris Clark, John & Leslie McElduff	worship. Thank you for your extra efforts	
8	24	Donna & Ron Phillips, Lori Dougherty and Sue King	toward welcoming them!!	