

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 Kolehmainen

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.



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.



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.

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.

Congratulations!

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 busi-
nesses.) Kids—bring
a friend, bring your
grandparents, a
neighbor, and pre-
pare 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

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.

New Business:

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 Habitat Holds Annual Festival of Trees

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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November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<div>Oct. 30 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group</div>	<div>Oct. 31 5:30-7:30 p.m. Halloween Open House</div>	1	<div>2</div> <div>Turn back your clocks 1 full hour tonight before going to bed!!</div>
<div>3</div> <div>11:00 a.m. All Saint's Day, Worship, Sunday School</div> <div>Marjorie Porter</div>	4	<div>5</div> <div>9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic Ezra Church</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group 4:00 p.m. Worship Comm.</div> <div>Jen Whiting</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Personnel Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir</div> <div>Jaxon Grant</div>	8	9
<div>10</div> <div>11:00 a.m. Hymn Sing, Worship & Sunday School</div>	11	<div>12</div> <div>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</div>	<div>13</div> <div>10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group 6:00 p.m. Investment Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting Tracy Haigh Jacki Roberts</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Yoga 12:00 p.m. Dining Room Reserved 7:30 p.m. Choir</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6:00 p.m. The Gathering @ the Neuhardt's</div>	16
<div>17</div> <div>11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</div> <div>Mike Morris</div>	18	<div>19</div> <div>Al Bryant Jim & Robin MacKenzie</div>	<div>20</div> <div>10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study Group Bea Gray</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir</div>	22	<div>23</div> <div>Hilda & Tim Quist</div>
Operation Christmas Child Collection Week						
<div>24</div> <div>11:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday School</div> <div>Tom Richmond</div>	25	<div>26</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Ann's Catholic Church</div>	<div>27</div> <div>7</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Happy Thanksgiving!!</div> <div></div> <div>Jason Kolehmainen Marti Mollema</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Festival of Trees Nov. 28 & 29 12-8:00 p.m. Dec. 1 12-4:00 p.m.</div>	<div>30</div> <div>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 Tree Lighting</div>

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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Usher:</u> <i>3 and 10 Mary Ann Harness 17 and 24 Leslie McElduff</i>	
3	Betty & Fred Milliron, Signe Ruddy and Mary Ann Harness	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:30 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts toward welcoming them!!
10	Connie Bennehoff Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Mary Reed	
17	Myra Elias, Doris Clark, John & Leslie McElduff	
24	Donna & Ron Phillips, Lori Dougherty and Sue King	