

# Steepleviews

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## November 2014 Anniversaries & Birthdays

03 Marjorie Porter  
05 Ezra Church  
06 Larry Neuhardt  
07 Jaxon Grant  
13 Jen Whiting  
17 Mike Morris  
19 Al Bryant  
Jim & Robin  
MacKenzie  
24 Tom Richmond  
28 Jason Kolehmainen  
Marti Mollema

## Catch These Coming Events!

**November 01** Celebration of Life for  
Isaac Ryan McKinnon  
**November 02** Daylight Savings Ends  
All Saints Sunday  
**November 04** Dine Out for BACN  
**November 08** Celebration of Life for  
Jack Frost  
**November 25** Community Thanksgiving  
Worship  
**November 29** Free Kids' Movie  
at 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 2. Please  
submit all names from the last year to the  
church office before Worship that day.



**Daylight Savings Ends  
November 02, 2014**  
Don't forget to turn your clocks  
back before you go to bed on  
Saturday, November 1 &  
enjoy an extra hour of sleep.



# Pastor's Page

November.

- Every year it arrives sooner than I can imagine.
- Every year it means the “cranking up” for the holiday season, which seems to be over all too soon.
- The days growing shorter at twice the speed of their lengthening.
- The darkness creeping in, not just in weather, but in house and heart and mind.
- The big season of gratitude, regardless of whether you feel it or not.
- The reminder that life is not really about what we eat, but about all the blessings, large and small, young and old, purchase and homemade.
- The month that honors the veterans and victims of all wars, replacing Armistice Day in 1954.
- The month that voting reminds us that ours is not a country like all others.
- When we reminisce about the traditions that surround our celebrations – from recipes to tableware.
- Holder of the evening that brings people of the county together to worship – as an entire community, rather than a single church family.
- Baseball games come to an end and football is in its heyday.
- No more boat fishing for the year – for reals.
- Changing the mower for the blower, the garden hose for the shovel.
- Halloween candy hang-overs.
- The reading of the dead is crossed by the reading of the Cradle Roll.
- Switching t-shirts for turtlenecks, sandals for wool socks and iced tea for hot tea.
- Sometimes experiencing three seasons in one day.
- No more mosquitoes this year.

- The end of some allergies, the beginning of others.
- Planning for the coming year, but not really wanting to.
- Naps become alluring.
- Inside encounters last a little longer because it means not having to face the cold just yet.
- Wood fires never smell so sweet any other time of year.
- You cannot really sneak up on anyone, because the crunching leaves give you away.
- A brisk walk in the woods is equally tempting as snuggling in with a good book.
- Shopping in Christmas laden stores is a little easier than before Halloween.
- Remembering to keep the door closed so the little mice don't sneak in when we're not looking.
- How blessed is the pastor of this church family.

November.

Merry fall, everyone.

Pastor Dinah

## The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service

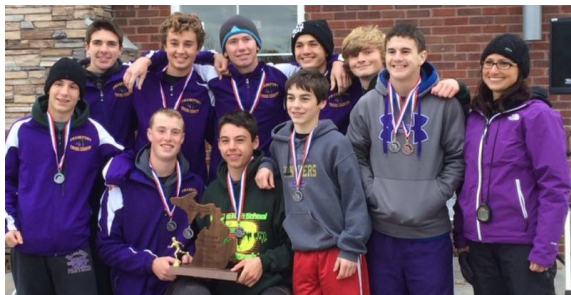
Will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Join family and friends in this time honored event of thanksgiving and worship.



# Congratulations!

- Cristian Ku Yang Cortes' baptism. Welcome to the family!
- Sally and Larry Artibee on their Oct. 11 wedding downstate. Sally is Shelby Anderson's daughter.
- Carla Mendoza for being chosen as a winner in a coloring contest, and therefore a participant in the Fall Festival Parade. Atta girl, Carla!
- Jimmy MacKenzie for winning a cake at the Fall Festival Cakewalk! How awesome is that?
- Fredrick David Kolehmainen's baptism. Welcome to the family!
- To the entire Frankfort Cross Country Team! Both the boys and girls teams were runner Up at the Class D State Championship meet. An unbelievable performance with ten runners setting their personal records for the season. (For us, that means Bennett Schmitt!)



Free Children's Movie at  
the Garden Theater  
Sat. Nov. 29, 2014 at 2 p.m.

Cooper will let  
us know the  
title as soon as  
possible!

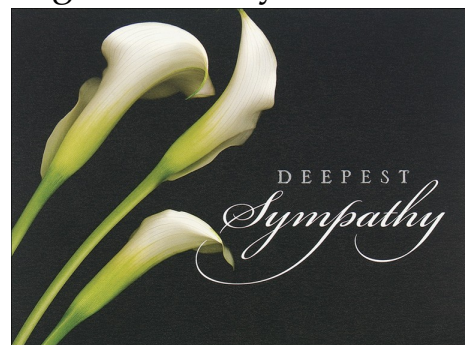
## *Our Deepest Sympathies go to:*

Sue Oleszczuk's Family. Sue passed on to eternal life Mon., Oct. 20. and is Nena Bonderencko's sister. Their mother passed on to eternal life this last September.

Jack Frost's Family. Jack entered into eternal life Wed., Oct. 22.

A celebration of his life will be held at the church Sat., Nov. 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Isaac Ryan-McKinnon's Family. Isaac entered eternal life on Sat., Oct. 25. A celebration of his life will be held Sat., Nov. 2, 6:00 p.m. at Frankfort High School Gymnasium.



# Council Notes

**There were 12 Council members at the October 08, 2014 Council meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Neuhardt

Income for September: \$ 6,039.00

Expenses for September: \$ 7,259.58

YTD Expenses \$76,392.06

YTD Income: \$67,745.52

YTD Budget: \$75,395.55

**Memorials:** Judy Welch

During the month of September there were no donations to the Memorials or CIF accounts.

**Missions:**

All mission commitments were met.

**Outreach:** Judy Grant

Upcoming events include: 1) Fall Festival Cake Walk on October 11; 2) five women from our Church will be attending Win-some Women on Mackinac Island October 14-16; 3) The Ladies' Luncheon at Crystal Café is October 21 at 12 noon; 4) the "Gathering" at MacKenzie's is October 24 at 6 p.m.; and 5) the Halloween Open House on October 31 beginning at 5 p.m..

**Property:** John Walthorn

1) overgrown shrubs on the south side of the Church and Parsonage have been cut back and brush has been removed; 2) the oven on the left kitchen stove does not work; 3) the toilet for the men's restroom is here and needs to be installed; 4) John Walthorn will close the steeple; 5) the women's restroom downstairs needs sprucing up; and 6) light bulb on one of the sconces in the Sanctuary needs replacing as well as an outside light on the east side of the Church.

**Pastor's Report:**

Report was submitted to all those present.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn

1) upcoming events include: baptism on October 19 and All Saints Sunday on November 2; 2) Head Ushers are set for all months ; 3) we have an estimate for the sound system improvements in the Sanctuary.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

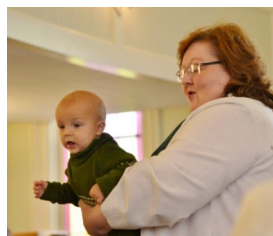
Referring to #2 under miscellaneous from the Pastor's Report, the Worship Committee agreed to allow their portion of the Brawner monies to be "sent" to the Property Committee since the Sound System work for the Sanctuary falls under the Property Committee's purview. After viewing the bid from Sound Environments and discussion, the motion was made to approve the Sound System upgrade in the Sanctuary and Nursery with the amount of monies expended not to exceed \$3,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

**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.



## A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Liz Acklin for washing the French door curtains at the church - and the windows. Sparkly!
- Paul Robinson for hauling away the old bushes from the church and parsonage grounds. Awesome job!
- John Walthorn for changing some light bulbs and closing up the steeple for the winter. 'Tis the season to button up - all that lives and breathes.
- Those who helped with the Fall Festival Cakewalk. From bakers to haulers to sign-putter-uppers to ticket sellers, you brought a lot of smiles to many faces - some of whom even won a cake!
- Jim and Robin MacKenzie for hosting The Gathering last month. It was a delightful evening with wonderful food and great people.
- To Liz Acklin, Doris Clark, Myra Elias, Ann Osborn, Mary Reed and all the others for baking up cookies to share after the Wild Rose Concert. So yummy, thank you ladies!
- Judy Welch for addressing envelopes for All Saints Sunday. Big job, well done.
- All who helped with the Halloween Open House. Once again, it was a spectacular job done by amazing teamwork and heart. So much goodness....
- Marti Mollema for all the décor moving that she's done to accommodate the seasons and the occasions around the church lately. You are a God-send!

The Operation Christmas Shoebox Brigade needs to assemble again on Sun., Nov. 16 following Worship. Box by box, blessing by blessing, we share God's love with those who need to hear it.



## 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. 28, 29 (12-8:00) and Nov. 30 (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.

## Cookie Decorating For the Silver Tea

is just around the corner!

That means Mary Reed will be baking cookies that will need decorating.

So join us for a Cookie Decorating Marathon on Wed., Dec. 3.

We will have a light supper at 5:30 p.m. and start decorating at 6:00 p.m. It's free and a lot of fun!



The **Benzie County Players** will present the Pulitzer Prize winning drama *PROOF* at the Mills Community House Theatre in Benzonia. The play, directed by Steve Elrick, features local theatre performers Donna Kennis, Pat Cote, Cory Bissell and Andy Mollema. Performance dates are Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15 and Friday and Saturday November 21 and 22 at 7:30 pm. There will be a Sunday matinee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 2pm. Tickets for the show are \$10 and may be purchased on the dates of performance. Due to adult language, this play is recommended for mature audiences.



## Please Remember in Prayer

Ernie Balcueva  
Ed Baldwin  
Joanne Brown  
Saul Christiansen  
Alex Forrest  
Eliza Forrest  
Jerry & Lois Hammond  
Polly Herscher  
Nora Hirschfeld  
Lucy House  
Danny Kinney  
Evie Knottnerus  
Jimmy Kolehmainen  
Erika Lewis  
Lois Martindale  
Susie Middleton  
Pat Minca  
Olivia & Steve Mitchell  
Cheryl Noll  
Tim Ruddy  
Joan Watkins  
John & Peter Young

**Those serving in the Military:**  
Matt Conrad  
Mike Porter  
Ryan Ruddy  
Tim Welch

**The Families of:**  
Janet Arnold  
Evelyn Brown  
Marjorie Call  
Alice Fewins  
Jack Frost  
Janet Fuksa  
Ester Kitchen  
Gordy LaGuire  
Don Lassard  
Issac McKinnon  
Margaret Olszczuk  
Sue Olszczuk  
Jeff Paplinski  
Derek VanKoeingsveld  
Dr. Robert Winterton




**Dine Out For  
Benzie Area  
Christian  
Neighbors**

at The Fusion in Frankfort or The Roadhouse in Beulah on Tue., Nov. 4th and 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN.

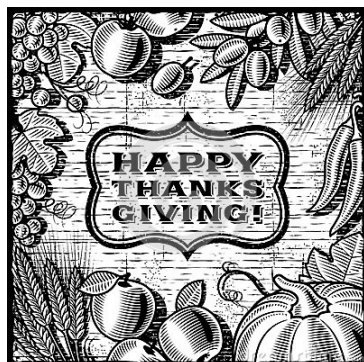
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<div>1</div> <div>6:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for Isaac Ryan McKinnon at High School</div> <div>Turn back your clocks 1 full hour!</div>
<div>2</div> <div>10:30 a.m. All Saint's Sunday, Worship, Sunday School</div>	<div>3</div> <div></div> <div>Marjorie Porter</div>	<div>4</div> <div>9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic  Dine Out for BACN: Fusion and The Roadhouse</div> <div>Election Day</div>	<div>5</div> <div>4:00 p.m. Worship Comm.</div> <div>Ezra Church</div>	<div>6</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Yoga  5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg.  7:30 p.m. Choir</div> <div>Larry Neuhardt</div>	<div>7</div> <div></div> <div>Jaxon Grant</div>	<div>8</div> <div>2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life Service for Jack Frost</div>
<div>9</div> <div>10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing, Worship &amp; Sunday School</div>	<div>10</div> <div></div>	<div>11</div> <div>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</div> <div></div>	<div>12</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Council Meeting</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Yoga  7:30 p.m. Choir  Jen Whiting</div>	<div>14</div> <div></div>	<div>15</div> <div></div>
<div>16</div> <div>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School  OCC Shoebox Brigade after Worship</div>	<div>17</div> <div></div>	<div>18</div> <div></div>	<div>19</div> <div>Al Bryant Jim &amp; Robin MacKenzie</div>	<div>20</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Yoga  11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg.</div>	<div>21</div> <div></div>	<div>22</div> <div></div>
Operation Christmas Child Collection Week						
<div>23</div> <div>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>Tom Richmond</div>	<div>25</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Ann's Catholic Church</div>	<div>26</div> <div></div>	<div>27</div> <div>Happy Thanksgiving!!</div> <div></div>	<div>28</div> <div>Festival of Trees Nov. 28 &amp; 29 12-8:00 p.m. Dec. 1 12-4:00 p.m.</div> <div>Jason Kolehmainen Marti Mollema</div>	<div>29</div> <div>10-4:00 p.m. Holly Berry Art Fair  1:00 p.m. Mr. &amp; Mrs. Claus at Sleeping Bear Inn</div> <div>2:00 p.m. Free Children's Movie @ The Garden Theater</div>
<div>30</div> <div>10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Sunday School First Sunday in Advent  Hilda &amp; Tim Quist</div>			7			

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers</b> <b><u>Head Usher:</u></b> <i>Ann Osborn</i>	
2	Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Jill Smeltzer, Larry Neuhardt	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!!
9	John & Kathy Walthorn, Nora Bungard, Marti Mollema	
16	Betty & Fred Milliron, Signe Ruddy, Alma House	
23	Ann & Paul Osborn, Donna & Ron Phillips	
30	Maggie Baker, Bill Hirschfeld, Barb & Frank Ikens	