

# Steepleviews

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## November 2015 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

## Daylight Savings Ends November 01, 2015

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



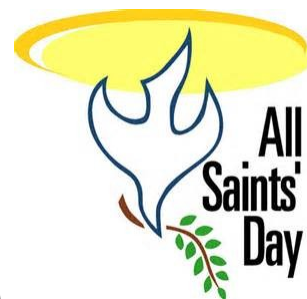
## Catch These Coming Events!

- Nov. 01 Daylight Savings Ends  
All Saints Sunday  
Monthly Grief Group
- Nov. 03 Dine Out for BACN & Election Day
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 19 Genesis Bible Study Begins
- Nov. 22 Community Thanksgiving Worship
- Nov. 27-29 Festival of Trees
- Nov. 28 Free Kids Movie at The Garden

## 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 1.  
Please submit all names from the last year to  
the church office before Worship that day.



# Pastor's Page

All are invited to gather in gratitude  
and to worship at the  
Benzie County Ministerial Association

## Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22, 2015  
3:00 p.m.  
Benzonia Congregational Church, UCC  
901 Barber Street  
231-882-4922

A freewill offering will be taken to assist  
Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County.

"Let us come before God with thanksgiving  
and extol God with music and song."  
Psalm 95:2



Collection Week for Operation Christmas Child is always the third week of November. That means thousands (11,176 last year) of filled shoe boxes from North West Michigan will be taken to Traverse City from November 16th through the 23rd. You can go on line (Operation Christmas Child, Shoebox Stories) and read/hear many, many touching stories of lives changed because of one of these boxes. Each comes with a Gospel booklet printed in the child's language (over 130). For the past eight or nine years, our church has been a Relay Center. Blaine Christian Church has now taken on that responsibility. We will be delivering the boxes from FCCF to Traverse. You are welcome to pack boxes, and the MacKenzies will transport them.

Many thanks to those of you who have donated shoeboxes, toys, books, pencils, school supplies, soap and washcloths, jewelry and other goodies to delight a child's heart. This year filled boxes (304 and counting) are being stored at the MacKenzies, so we won't be having our traditional box brigade and songs. But, do pray for the little ones for whom God has destined each box, that their hearts are encouraged and turned toward Him; also for their families. Delivery costs are \$7 per box. Six more dollars provides a 12 class called The Greatest Journey, and kids get their own New Testament (again in their own language). Checks may be made out to OCC, Samaritan's Purse or to First Congregational Church of Frankfort.

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## Congratulations

to Sgt. Matthew Conrad! He was promoted ahead of schedule, and in the Marines, that's pretty awesome. Yes, there is a very proud Pappa Conrad in this announcement, too!



## Genesis Bible Study

Beginning Oct. 29, Bill Hirschfeld will lead us and offer insights into this important book for four weeks. The first week, Robin MacKenzie has offered to make soup for us, so come by about 6:30. Other evenings will begin at 7:00 p.m.



## New Addresses!

John Abbett is now at Paul Oliver Living and Rehab (POLAR)  
224 Park Ave., Frankfort  
(as is Charlie Holtrey)



Lois Anderson is now at  
The Pines  
119 Airport Rd., Frankfort 49635  
(as is Bea Gray)

Mary Jane Murray is still at  
The Maples  
210 Maple Ave., Frankfort 49635

Bea Stone is now at  
The Homesteader  
7953 Love Rd., Benzonia 49616

Susie Vigland is still at  
The Orchard House  
2123 Grace Rd., Frankfort 49635



## A Free Movie for the Family at The Garden Theater!

Sat. Nov. 28

2:00 p.m.

Yes!

Thanksgiving  
Weekend!

Small popcorns  
and sodas are  
also free, so bring  
the relatives and  
neighbors and  
enjoy the  
adventure of  
Paddington.



## Our Deepest Sympathies go to:

The Michael Farmer Family  
Dana Burch's father

The Todd Bone Family  
Paul Robinson's cousin

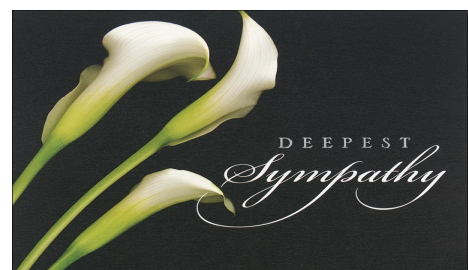
The Allisa Bell's Family  
Benzie High School student

The Fisher Simon's Family  
Lake Ann Kindergartner

The Margaret Miller Family  
Mollemas' mentor

The Billie Baker Family  
Maggie Baker's sister

The Tim Ruddy Family  
Signe Ruddy's former spouse



# Council Notes

**There were 12 Council members at the October 14, 2015 Council meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report:** John McElduff

Income for September:	\$11,253.00
Expenses for September:	<b>\$ 7,475.54</b>
YTD Expenses	<b>\$72,094.47</b>
YTD Income:	<b>\$77,012.07</b>

**Investment:** Denis Crosby

1) Met with Invest. Company: all is going well so no changes anticipated.  
 2) Recommendation to the Council is that all funds withdrawn for use by the Property, Christian Education and Mission Committees shall be used in the calendar year the disbursements are made. All unused funds shall be returned to the Investment Committee and deposited into the Investment Fund. Motion approved, to go to a vote of the Congregation in January.

**Memorials:** Leslie McElduff

There was a \$25 donation in September.

**Missions:**

All mission commitments were met.

**Outreach:** Judy Grant

1) The Gathering at the Kings was great!  
 2) The Fall Festival Calk Walk cleared \$160.  
 3) Sunday Potluck following the Oct. 13 service.  
 4) Halloween Open House is on a Sat. this year.  
 5) Committee Budget request will be ready at the next meeting.

**Personnel:** Andy Mollema

Two new employees have been hired since the last council meeting: Katherine Johnson is the new secretary and Emily Lepke is our new Nursery Attendant.

**By-Laws, Finance & Stewardship, Historian, Nominating, Religious Education:** no reports

**Property:** Andrea Frost

1) Two motions were brought from the Committee: #1 to accept W. Church's bid to remove and rebuild the front porch of the church at \$4,000 and #2 to accept W. Church's bid of \$12,000-\$16,000 to remove and rebuild a parsonage front porch. First motion voted down and replaced by one for \$5,000 (passed) and the second approved to not exceed \$16,000. Bids are still coming in for the remodeling of the church restrooms and Red Room.

**Women's Fellowship:** Mary Reed

A generous check was received from the Larry Miller family for the memorial luncheon.

**Worship:** Ann Osborn

1) All Saints Sunday is Nov. 1, 2) The Community Thanksgiving Service is Nov. 22 at 3:00 p.m., 3) Sanctuary decorating will be Nov. 24 at 1:00, 4) Discussed budgetary needs.

**Pastor's Report:**

Report was submitted to all those present.

**Unfinished Business:**

A. Mollema clarified that Sesquicentennial budgetary requests be made in the 2016 Budge.

**New Business:**

(See Investment Report)

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

## The Monthly Grief Group

Will meet Sun. Nov. 1, 3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran church. The topic of the day will be how to survive the holidays and some time will be spent on "The Grieving Person's Bill of Rights." All are welcome.

## A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Bob and Sue King for hosting The Gathering last month. It's always a good time to Gather!
- Andrea Frost and Mary Osborn for hosting the Wild Rose Concert reception. It was delightful!
- All who baked or contributed cakes and other goodies for and/or helped with the Cake Walk last month. You would know how your efforts are appreciated by seeing the joy on the faces of those who win!
- Those who contributed in "kind" to the Halloween Open House. Whether it was candy or actual help, the whole event could not be the great success that it is without you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- Tom Osborn for fixing the burned out ballast on the light by the church offices. And there was light!
- Those who determined, nigh until 150 years ago, that a church would be a good part of the community. And thanks to all those between then and now, who gave of their time, treasure and talents to make our spiritual home the great place that it is.

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

	Received	Over/Under
January	\$ 5,279.00	- \$3,469.35
February	\$13,512.00	+\$6,422.07
March	\$ 5,795.61	- \$2,955.73
April	\$ 9,035.62	+\$1,687.42
May	\$ 9,215.00	+\$1,755.53
June	\$10,798.58	+\$2,803.01
July	\$ 7,932.00	- \$2,552.35
August	\$ 9,207.00	+\$1,810.60
September	\$11,253.00	+\$3,777.46

## Gifts for Seniors



The Council on Aging is asking area churches to help with Christmas gifts for those who receive Meals on Wheels. In order to help spread the blessings, they have asked if our church could focus on lotion and throw blankets (\$4 at Walmart), Word Search or Crossword puzzle magazines. They would welcome any other

toiletries, calendars or even toilet paper or paper towels. The items will be collected the first week in December, so we will gather them in the church dining room. As always, thank you for all you do to help those in need.



## Habitat for Humanity of Benzie County

### Habitat Holds Annual Festival of Trees

Mark your calendars for the Annual Festival of Trees on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 27, 28 (12-8:00) and

Nov. 29 (12-4:00). Decorated trees and wreaths by community businesses, organizations and individuals receive bids at a 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.



## Holly Berry Art Fair: Sat. Nov. 28

20th Annual Indoor Holiday Art Fair with over 100 artists! Get some holiday shopping started or finished at this annual popular arts & crafts fair at Frankfort High School from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



## 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 Gathering on Wed., Dec. 3.

We will have a light supper at 6:00 p.m. and start decorating at 6:30 p.m.

It's free and a lot of fun!



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Our church and personal email addresses are included in each box along with a note. We get many thank you notes and sweet stories. Did you know that a young mom in slums of Nairobi, Kenya was praying for Robin's "health and long life," the very day she was hit by a car? One of her sons had gotten a shoebox. We are as blessed as are the recipients!



## Please Remember in Prayer

Lori Abbett  
Dodee Bodell  
Jenny Bovard  
Joanne Brown  
Robin Brunette  
June Coolman  
Eliza Forrest  
Kate Garza  
Dick Godsy  
Jenny Hale  
Carol Hartman  
Hugh Hessler  
Lucy House  
Nancy Knopf  
Alyssa Lone  
Diane Macy  
Gavin MacKenzie  
Dale McLaughlin  
Paul Moyer  
Sarah Nostrandt  
Don Nugent  
Vern Reed  
Paul Robinson  
Jewel Symington  
Arthur Theleo  
Robin Tyler-Miller

### Continued Prayers

Roy Acklin  
Gordon Banks  
Bill Bruinsma  
Tyler Grant  
Carolyn Hershey  
Jim Lalas  
Lori Lalas  
Diane Macy  
Doc Wagner

### The Families of:

Billie Baker  
Allisa Bell  
Todd Borne  
Jenny Burlew  
Geri Dotson  
Margaret Miller  
Tim Ruddy  
Fischer Simon




## Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

at The Fusion in Frankfort or The Roadhouse in Beulah on Tue., Nov. 3th and 10% of your dinner bill will be donated to BACN.

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## November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Turn back your clocks 1 full hour!
1 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>All Saint's Sunday: Necrology &amp; Cradle Roll</b> </div>	2 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	3 <b>Election Day</b> 9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Dine Out for              BACN:              Fusion and              The Roadhouse           </div> Marjorie Porter	4 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Comm. 7:30 p.m. Choir	5 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. 150th Ann. Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Genesis Bible Study Ezra Church	6 Larry Neuhardt	7 Jaxon Grant
8 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	9 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	10 <b>4:00 p.m. Property Mtg.</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             7:30 p.m.              Choir              Ohio Yang           </div>	11 Veterans Day 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:00 p.m. Genesis Bible Study	13 Jen Whiting	14
15 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	16 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	17 7:30 p.m. Choir Michael Morris	18 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	19 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Genesis Bible Study	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Al Bryant              Jim &amp; Robin              MacKenzie           </div>	21
22 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>3:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ Benzonia Congregational Church</b> </div>	23 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>9:30 a.m. Dining Room Red Room</b> </div>	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Christmas Decorating</b> </div> Tom Richmond	25 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class	26 Happy Thanksgiving!! 	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Jason              Kolehmainen              Marti Mollema           </div>	28 10-4:00 p.m. Holly Berry Art Fair <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>2:00 p.m. Free Children's Movie @ The Garden Theater</b> </div>
29 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School First Sunday in Advent	30 9:00 a.m. New to BalA VisX 9:30 a.m. BalA VisX		7			

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters/Ushers</b> <b><u>Head Usher:</u></b> <i>Ann Osborn</i>	
1	Mary Ann Harness, Mary Reed, Jim & Robin MacKenzie	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by <u>10:0 a.m.</u> ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. Thank you for your extra efforts toward welcoming them!!
8	Donna & Ron Phillips, Bill Hirschfield, Candace Nostrandt,	
15	Michael & Sharon Grajcar, Betty & Fred Milliron	
23	Marti Mollema, Jill Smeltzer Andrea Frost, Sue King,	
29	John & Kathy Walthorn, Chris & Marjorie Porter	