

Steepleviews

First Congregational Church of Frankfort
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December Anniversaries & Birthdays 2016

- 01 John McElduff
- 02 Jeff Frostic
- 03 Jim Buzzell
Kathy Crosby
Daniel Jewell
- 05 Denis Crosby
- 09 Becky Hubbard
- 10 Peggy Jackson
Marv Prepejchal
- 11 Dan & Sandy Gill
- 15 Stuart Scripps
- 16 Missi & Randy Gilbert
- 18 David & Melissa Koenig
Clark & Sarah Robinson
- 19 Joanne Brown
Olivia Buzzell
Judson Rath
Carol & Doug Ehle
- 20 Rosemary Abbett
Genevieve Pomerleau
- 22 Doug Ehle
- 23 Joel Buzzell
- 25 Joe Hubbard
- 26 Barb Ikens
- 29 John Walthorn
- 30 Nathan MacKenzie
- 31 Billee & Ron Wardwell

Catch These Coming Events!

- Dec 01 Supper & Cookie Decorating
- Dec. 03 Annual Silver Tea
- Dec. 06 Dine Out for BACN
- Dec. 12 Poinsettia Orders Due
- Dec. 14 Christmas Caroling & Party
- Dec. 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve
Worship Service

Our Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be

Saturday December 24th
at 7:00 p.m.

Join friends, family and
neighbors for a traditional
time of worship to reflect
on the greatest of all
Christmas gifts.



You are cordially invited to our Annual Silver Tea

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Join your friends and neighbors at this festive
start to the holiday season. There will be tea, coffee
and many delectables that will be served along with a
Christmas Cookie and Bake Sale.

Bring your family & friends.

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Pastor's Page

Congratulations

- Laurits Nikolaj Petersen - his honorable mention to the All District Soccer Team. Laurits is Becky and Matt Addis' exchange student from Denmark.
- The Buckley volleyball team registered a four-set win over host Bear Lake in a Class D district opener on Monday. (Coached by Crystal Rath)
- Marti Mollema for becoming a great aunt to Marley Sol Hallquist, new daughter to Craig and Maxine Halquist. All are doing well.
- Emily Lepke and Dane Colby on the birth of their son, William Stuart, on Nov. 8. He is also Mary Reed's 6th great grandchild.
- Jason Johnson on coming in 3rd in his age group in the Ice Man Cometh race last month. There were some 5,000 entrants, and another 10,000 people came to watch. The race is from Kalkaska to Timber Ridge, a mere 27 mile bike ride. Jason is Randy and Katherine Johnson's son.

Cookie Decorating For the Silver Tea

On Thursday, December 1, we will start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and then on to decorating at 6:00 p.m. The cookies are baked and ready!



Meals on Wheels falls under the umbrella of **Benzie Senior Resources**, the result of combining Benzie Home Health Care and the Council on Aging. Each year, on a day close to Christmas, the Meals on Wheels people deliver a gift bag with the meal. For some, this is the only gift they will receive. Our church has been asked to provide boxes of tissues and Christmas ornaments that will be added to the bags when they are packed by the volunteers. They gave away roughly 200 bags last year, so that is a help to us in determining what we can do. So, if you'd like to donate to the cause, please bring your unwrapped gifts to designated table in the church dining room before Monday, December 12. Thank you so much for your help!



Christmas Caroling and Holiday Party!

Join us! We will meet at Paul Oliver Memorial Hospital near the front desk **Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.** After serenading the Long Term residents, we'll head over to The Maples, and then to the Pines and various homes as we make our way over to Andrea Frost's for some good food and togetherness. This is a fun night, and it spreads such good cheer. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors; bundle up and join us! Come for the whole evening or whatever part fits in your schedule! The more—the merrier! If you would like to bring a little something to nibble on, that would be great. Beverages for all ages will be provided.

First Congregational Church's Sesquicentennial Report

9th Publication

The following excerpt was taken
from the annals of our church:

November 11, 1930

*It was suggested that the church be
heated Saturday afternoons so
Mrs. Fairchild could practice the
music for Sunday. As she has refused
to accept any recompense for her
services, this was thought to be a
very reasonable request and was
ordered carried out.*

Jessie A. Storr, Clerk

Myra's Carmel Corn Recipe



Cook 2 cups brown sugar with 1 cup real
butter and 1/2 cup light Karo syrup,
bring to a boil for 5 minutes. Remove
from heat and add 1 teaspoon baking
soda stirring carefully. Tends to boil up.

Pour over 3 gallons of popcorn mixing
carefully and place into preheated oven
@ 200 degrees for 1 hour. Stirring
mixture after the first 1/2 hour. Enjoy!

Let cool and place into air tight container.
Enjoy!

Poinsettia Order Form

_____ @ \$7.50 / 6.5" plant = _____

Available in **Red & Novelty**
(Circle color choice)



In loving memory of _____

Or

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Please return to the Church Office by **Monday, December 12th.** Thank you for your gift..

Council Notes

There were 10 Council members at the November 9, 2016 Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Larry Neuhardt for John McElduff

Offerings for October:	\$8,050.12
Expenses for October:	\$9,415.27
Carry Over for October	-\$1,365.15

A first draft of the proposed 2017 Budget was reviewed and discussed at length, with several items to be examined before December's meeting. Following the discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Memorials: John McElduff – the balance in this account is \$7,418.00.

Investment: Denis Crosby – Denis distributed handouts which showed our Investment Portfolio at a Glance. The total in funds, as of November 9, 2016 is \$632,000.00 compared to last years total of \$625,000.00 While the Portfolio shows much up and down movement this past year, our Fund still is doing well.

Missions Committee: Myra Elias – Total balance in this account, as indicated in the Treasurer's Report, is \$926.33

Outreach Committee: Judy Grant – The Church is sponsoring a free movie, "Norm of the North", at the Garden Theatre on Saturday, November 26 at 2 pm.

Sesquicentennial Committee: Myra Elias for Andy Mollema

- The commemorative calendars are almost ready.
- There was further discussion on the shape and size of the time capsule with a decision coming soon.
- Myra will be getting in touch with the First Congregational Church of Traverse City for a possible joint concert for our 150th Celebration.

Women's Fellowship: Mary Reed – Mary is baking 17 dozen cookies for decorating on December 1 and then to be sold at the Silver Tea on December 3.

Worship Committee: Ann Osborn

- Jeff Cobb has to reschedule the Anthem Commissioning visit to November 10
- Marti Mollema is still in the process of photographing the Church banners
- Advent bookmarks and children's booklets have been ordered
- Upcoming "events" include: Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrews Presbyterian on November 20 at 3 pm, Sanctuary decorating on November 22 at 1 pm, the first Sunday in Advent is November 27, Communion Sunday is December 4, and there will be a regular Sunday worship service on Christmas Day.

Pastor's Report: Dinah Haag – report submitted.

Unfinished Business:

- Tee Shirts for our 150th Celebration – still pending
- Area rugs for the Parlor – still pending
- Christmas ornaments – still waiting for a response before the actual sale

New Business:

The "Buddy System", as proposed by Judy Grant at one of our previous meetings, is still something Council wants to pursue and will be addressed in the Spring.

No reports: **Finance & Stewardship, Constitution & By-Laws, Nominating, Personnel, Property, Religious Education, & Historian:**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Osborn, Church Council Clerk

MERRY CHRISTMAS

December is First Congregational Church's Choir Appreciation Month

We want to take this month to be mindful of our Choir and let them know how very much they are appreciated, enjoyed and loved.

JOHN Q. CUSTOMER
1234 ANYWHERE LANE
SMALL TOWN, GA 12345

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Pay To The
Order Of _____ \$

Dollars

If you wish to make a year end gift to the church, it would be helpful if it were postmarked by Dec. 26. All gifts are truly appreciated and treated with the respect with which they are given. Thank you.

Monthly Grief Group

The holiday season is here. For most it is a season of joy, but to those who are grieving a loss it can be a very difficult time. Please join us on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 PM at Carol and Doug's home (104 George ST, Frankfort). We can talk about a variety of holiday "issues" and enjoy some peaceful holiday time together. If you need more information about the group, have questions, or need directions, call us at 399-0141. Let us know if you plan to attend. We hope to see you.

Carol and Doug Luther, Group Leaders

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

- Matt Addis for clearing out the watering systems and looking at a zone valve that was having issues on the boiler at the church. He also checked out the entire heating system, making sure that the pressure was up and all was well. When that white stuff is flying and the temps are falling, we will all do well in giving thanks to God for such people as Matt.
- Andrea Frost for putting hardware cloth over the vent in the boiler room. Hopefully no more mice!
- All who helped with the Halloween Open House. Each and everyone of you were necessary in greeting and welcoming our guests, of which there were 1,532 - a new record! So many people said, "Thank you for hosting this. It really is great."
- Becky and Matt Addis for pumpkin carvings. It wouldn't be the same without your gifts of time and round orange things.
- All who helped to decorate the sanctuary and church dining room. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!
- Katherine Johnson and Marti Mollema for assembling the outdoor Christmas baskets. They are lovely and a delightful new addition.

Bear Lake's "12th Annual Sparkle in the Park"

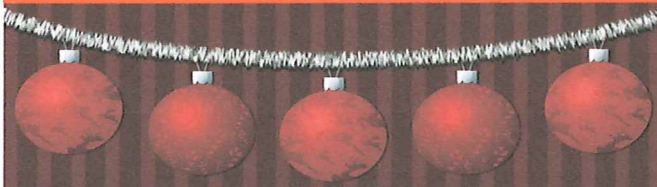
Opening Night Festivities

At Hopkins Park Campground in the Village

On Opening Night we served our World Famous Tailgate Chili, Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Cookies which was FREE to all visitors compliments of the Bear Lake Community.

Santa & Mrs. Claus visited with boys & girls at Toyland Bear Lake with treats for the kids.

Sparkle in the Park will be open from **Nov 26th thru Dec 31st, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.** nightly. Admission is free. A **donation box** is available near Toyland Bear Lake.



Benzie County Community Chorus

Presents Our 2016

Christmas Concerts

Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
8190 Lincoln Rd., Beulah

Saturday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
8190 Lincoln Rd., Beulah

Sunday, December 11, 3:00 p.m.
Frankfort United Methodist Church
537 Crystal Ave., Frankfort

A freewill offering will be taken.

Please Remember in Prayer

Prayer Concerns

John Abbett
Roy Acklin
*Gordon Banks
Evan Bennehoff
Skylar Brodbent
Kerry Buzzell
Sharon Campbell
Greg Cobb
*Bob Conrad
Annaleesia Frieholtz
Ted Furber
Bill Frostic
Janet Grajcar
Melissa Grant
Bill Hirschfeld
Julie Hirschfeld
Travis Holland
Gail Jones
Marvelee Kneisel
Sue Koekel
Tina Larson
Erica Locicero
Steven McHug
*Marti Mollema
Jim Murray
Jessica Niesen
Cindy Olmstead
Charlie Ottinger
Paul Patterson
Dan Rayner
Marilyn Reed
Michael Richards

Dana Robins
Julie Robinson
*John Ruckrich
Don Rummelhart
Steve Salveter
Kristin Schauger
*Heidi/Adelaide Schulz
*Josh Schulz
Tamara Stokes
*Susie Vigland
Andy Wagner
Doc Wagner
Art Weringa
Jim Wrede
Jeremiah Young

Continued Prayers:

Carolyn Levis
Alyssa Lone
Lois Martindale
Helen Postema
Vern Reed
Ward Van Houghten
Kay Van Order
Chia Yang

Young Adults:

Cameron Penfold-McCool
Bennett Schmitt
Elizabeth Steigerwald
Paula Steigerwald
Kelsey Travato



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors



at The Fusion in

Frankfort or The Mayfair in
Elberta, Tuesday, December 6th,
and 10% of your dinner bill will be
donated to BACN.



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December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<div>John McElduff</div>	1 9:30 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Sesquicentennial Mtg. 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Supper & Cookie Decorating	2 Jeff Frostic	3 <div>1-3:00 p.m. Annual Silver Tea</div>  Jim Buzzell Kathy Crosby Daniel Jewell
4 10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School & Communion Sunday	5 Denis Crosby	6 4:00 p.m. Property Meeting <div>Dine Out for BACN: The Fusion &</div>	7 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting 7:30 p.m. No Choir	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga <div>Becky Hubbard</div>	9 11:00 a.m. Periwinkle Garden Club <div>7:30 p.m. Benzie Community Chorus Christmas Concert</div>	10 <div>3:00 p.m. Benzie Community Chorus Christmas Concert</div> Peggy Jackson Marv Prepejchal
11 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School <div>3:00 p.m. Benzie Community Chorus Christmas Concert</div>	12 <div>Poinsettia Orders Due</div> <div>Dan & Sandy Gill</div>	13 7:30 p.m. Choir	14 9:30 a.m. Human Services Meeting 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting <div>6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling & Party</div>	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga Stuart Scripps	16 Randy & Missi Gilbert	17
18 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School David & Melissa Koenig Clark & Sarah Robinson	19 Joanne Brown Olivia Buzzell Judson Rath Carol & Doug Ehle	20 Rosemary Abbett Genevieve Pomerleau	21 10:00 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir	22 9:30 a.m. Yoga Doug Ehle	23 Joel Buzzell	24 <div>6:45 p.m. Open Communion</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</div> John Nuske
25 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School Joe Hubbard	26 Church Offices Closed Barb Ikens	27 Church Offices Closed 7	28 10:30 a.m. BalA VisX Group Class 7:30 p.m. Choir	29 John Walthorn	30 Nathan MacKenzie	31 Billie & Ron Wardwell

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