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**First Congregational Church**

On January 26, 1868, twenty-three early Frankfort residents founded First Congregational Church of Frankfort. They received guidance from an established Congregational Church in Benzonia, Michigan. In accordance with the practices of Congregationalism, the founders adopted a seven-article confession, covenant and by-laws to form the basis of church governance. The first elected Deacons were Richard Ball and W.H. Marsh. The Reverend A.H. Fletcher was the first pastor.

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In 1871 the members of First Congregational Church of Frankfort built this church with its eighty-seven-foot-high steeple on land donated by the Frankfort Land Company. The company's manager, Eugene B. Frost, was a charter member of the church. Donations from Frankfort residents and a loan from the Congregational Church Building Society financed the \$5,000 building cost. The church completed the rear addition, built to house offices and Sunday school classrooms, in 1960.

**Significant Date:**

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

**Registry Year:** 2017    **Erected Date:** 2017

**Marker Location**

**Address:** 431 Forest Avenue

**City:** Frankfort

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:** 49635

**County:** Benzie

**Township:**

**Lat:** 44.63372300 / **Long:** -86.23805000

**Web URL:**