

A JOYFUL NOISE!

October 2014

Our association's Fall meeting was on Friday and Saturday, the 19th and 20th of September in Clare (that's the United Northern Association of the Michigan Conference of the UCC, if we're being formal). The Saturday morning session had to do with churches and social media, the long and short of which was this: churches need to be on Facebook, especially if they want much (if any) chance to reach younger people not already part of the church family.

Sigh.

I'm not much for Facebook myself, but sooner rather than later I guess I'm likely to be. As I said in the first quarterly report of my interim ministry, interim ministers have two basic duties: keep things going, and move toward the next settled minister.

Hello, Facebook.

The trustees and I will kick this around at their next meeting (briefly, I suspect) on October 20, soon after which my hunch is we'll be putting together a group of folks (a Facebook Team) to get us up and running well in front of the holidays.

Anyone interested?

God is good. See you in church (and bring someone with you!).

~ Dr. Charles Guerrero

NEIGHBORS IN NEED Sunday, October 5

On Sunday, October 5, we will be taking up a special offering for Neighbors in Need (NIN). This is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministries. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. With your support, Neighbors in Need is imagining a world where literacy is no longer a concern.

THIRD ANNUAL CROP WALK

One of the lesser observed needs in our nation is that of hunger. Certainly world-wide hunger is a daily struggle. So to both raise awareness and financial support, our church will again be participating in the Crop Hunger Walk scheduled for **Sunday, October 5**. Those who would like to walk may join us at the Beulah Pavilion Park at 1pm. Those who would like to offer support may do so for the walkers on Sunday mornings. Checks may be made out to Crop Hunger Walk (with Benzie County) in the memo section. 25% of all money raised is given directly to BACN. We walk, because they walk for food.

Annual Special Olympics Fajita Dinner Fundraiser

Dear Congregation,

Again this year, we are having our 6th annual Fajita dinner to support our Special Olympics program here in Benzie County.

Our Fajita dinner will be held here at the church on Friday October 3 from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm.

Menu: Grilled Beef or Chicken Fajitas with Pico De Gallo, Bean Soup Rice, Fried Potatoes, Tortilla Chips and Salsa and Mexican Sweet Bread.

Tickets are \$8 or Free Will Offering

Come and join us for a delicious dinner and help support Special Olympics.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support. This church has great support system where we help each other. A big thanks to all the volunteers who have helped in the past and for the ones that will help us this year.

God Bless

Sincerely

Sonny Rodriguez



SUNDAY OCTOBER 26



Fall Festival

START PLANNING YOUR COSTUME NOW!

TRICK FOR A TREAT FOR UNICEF BY OUR YOUTH

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

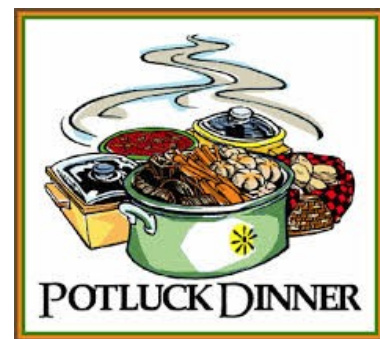
COSTUMES

HAY RIDE?

SEE YOU THERE

YOUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12



In the hope of fostering open communication within our parish, we will be gathering in the fellowship hall after worship for a potluck meal together on October 12. Following the meal, there will be an opportunity for open discussion about what sort of church we want to become, and how it is we want to get there. Please bring a dish to pass and your place settings and join us for lunch on Sunday, October 12.

News from the Board of Trustees

At their September meeting the trustees started preparing for the Stewardship Campaign for 2015. It was noted that the carpets need cleaning and more insulation is needed in the ceilings. Estimates for both of these jobs will be received soon.

A letter will be sent to all groups using The Barn reminding them of the rules and regulations. There will soon be a training session for those interested in learning how to run the sound system. A Church By-Law change will be presented at the annual meeting in January, stating the pastor should report to the Church Council instead of the Board of Trustees.

Women's Fellowship News

October 1st at 1:00 is our first general meeting this year. The program is a kitchen shower for our kitchen at the church. The items have been purchased and will be on display for the meeting. You may purchase any one of the items or go together with another member. All of the women of the church are welcome to join us. We also want to thank everyone who helped this past month with all of the funerals. The lunches are greatly appreciated by the families.

Circle 1 will meet on Wednesday, October 15, at 1:00 at The Cherry Hut. We have important winter projects to discuss.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS -

	<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
October 5	Deacons	Helen Dewey	Mickey Austin and Bill
October 12	Potluck	Linda Jenema	John and Barb Riegler
October 19	Chris Jones	Emily Wagner	Joann and Alan Appelhof
October 26	Fall Fest	Shar Patterson	Jean Bowers and Harriet

Head Usher: Mark Thompson

Memorial Garden

On the north side of our church property is a beautiful memorial garden for members and friends of the church who would like their cremated ashes interred on our sacred grounds. For \$500 you may reserve a one-square-foot plot. The price covers future opening and closing as well as a memorial plaque to be placed on the stone located along the walkway. Donations for perpetual care are also welcomed.

Living With Loss

All of us carry and process the burden of grief from time to time in life. This group is now meeting monthly on the last Sunday of the month. If you or someone you know could benefit from being with others on this journey, please join us on the last Sunday of the month in the Library after worship.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 John Marshall
- 5 Phyllis Crowell
- 6 Mona McElderry
- 8 Rob Rafferty
- 8 Harriet Stone
- 11 Andy Case
- 15 John Abbett
- 19 R.J. Rafferty
- 21 Doug Rodriguez
- 23 Michelle Herban
- 25 Barbara Riegler
- 29 Nicole Olney

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Rob and Maria Wolowiec
- 14 Pete and Sally Moss

Flowers



There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office for altar flowers. If you are interested in supplying flowers, sign up for a certain date (if you are unable to be in worship call the church office so that arrangements can be made). You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$25 to the church to make the arrangements with a local florist. If you would like the bulletin to reflect your donation, please let the church office know who the flowers honor or memorialize as well as identifying yourself as the donor.

Reminder: If you, a loved one, or a church member you know is in the hospital, please let the church office know so that our minister may visit. Due to privacy laws, hospitals no longer contact the churches to let them know church members are hospitalized. The church wants to know so that we can support you during this time of need.

UCC Sister Church of the Month

As part of our continuing efforts to work together as a community of faith, in worship we pray for UCC churches in our United Northern Association. You are invited in October to pray for the ongoing mission and ministries of **Old Mission Congregational, UCC in Old Mission.**

Church Family Update

You are invited to remember in your prayers some of our members who are home-bound, in assisted-living, or are facing health concerns. This month please remember:

Pink Rearick at the Homesteader;

Mary Hopkins at Frankfort Senior Care Home

Gordon Nordbeck at The Maples

Rosemary Miller and Susan Lutes at the Pines

Helen Pickard and Pat Forrester in Traverse City

Homebound: Marjorie Call, Buck Hall, Mona McElderry, Brenda Case, Jean Voight, Doii Burget, and Jerry Richardson.

We share our sympathy as Myrtice Maddock and Dee Lyons passed from this life to the next. Our prayers are with these families.

From the Family of Myrtice Maddock

Myrtice Maddock, three weeks short of being 97 years old, died peacefully on August 28, 2014 in Greenville, Michigan. Her family - Pat, Lynn and Pam, Neil and Judy, Mary and Larry and grandchildren - were with her as she joined her husband, Neil, and son-in-law, Don Rankin, Jr., in their heavenly home.

She considered this church, her church. All the sorrows and good times will be cherished by her family: funerals, baptisms, weddings where everyone worked together, giving comfort and support when needed. We thank you for being a big part in her life.

OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			1 12 Noon - AA 1:00 Women's Fellowship 2:00 MS Support Barn 6:00 Bible Study	2 10 Central Wellness Exercise - Barn 5:30 NA - Barn 6:30 Kiwanis 7:30 Choir Practice	3 12 N - LOWV Library 5-7 pm Fajita Dinner Benefit	4
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