

A JOYFUL NOISE!

August 2019

Hello my Fellow Travelers.

Have you seen the news yet? The movie on Fred Rogers, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, is due to be released on November 22. I grew up watching Mr. Rogers and being invited to his neighborhood. Personal note: I loved that show. I still sing his opening song:

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor,
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

Fred Rogers showed generations of us how to be neighbors to all different kinds of beings. This man spent years teaching us how to get along with each other and that we can rely on one another to get out of the places and situations that we did not understand. There was great diversity in his neighborhood, and everyone was there to help along the way.

We, as part of the United Church of Christ, claim the statement of the Three Great Loves; Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, Love of Creation. We are called to care for all things created by God, neighbor, child, and creation. We all have different strengths in engaging in these spaces.

Fred Rogers is quoted as saying, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers--so many caring people in this world." (*The World According to Mister Rogers* - Kindle Locations 645-647).

We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. We know that we are to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. In light of all the things that are happening to our neighbors; from the person needing a warm meal that lives next door, to the person wading in flood waters in the next state, to the person knocking on the border or walking through the airports, how are we individually and collectively being the helper? Don't get me wrong. I know that this is hard work. I also know that it is good work. It is work that we are called to in following Jesus' footsteps.

Fred Rogers said, "I hope you're proud of yourself for the times you've said 'yes,' when all it meant was extra work for you and was seemingly helpful only to somebody else." (*The World According to Mister Rogers* - Kindle Locations 390-391).

So, in anticipation of the movie, I invite you to think about the ways we are a neighborhood and what we do as neighbors.

See you along The Way,

Patty

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Andrea Polhamus
- 3 Roger Weil
- 4 James Sheets
- 4 Toni Dye
- 7 Theodore Reed
- 9 Dawn Olney
- 9 Clara Reed
- 11 Amy Winters
- 12 James Brian
- 14 Doris Marshall
- 15 Peter Jenema
- 15 Lisa Sauer
- 18 Linda Nugent
- 20 Sara Moorhead
- 20 Andy Wagner
- 21 Ruth Catton
- 26 Shelley Thompson

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Doug & Mary Rodriguez
- 17 James & Barbara Brian
- 21 Jerry & Agnes Slater
- 23 Earl & Pat Schopp
- 26 Jim & Marilyn Sheets

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Nancy Reynolds Elisabeth Case
- Pat Forrester Corinna
- Helen Pickard
- Hal Bruning

UCC SISTER CHURCH OF THE MONTH

As part of our continuing efforts to work together as a community of faith, we pray for UCC churches in our United Northern Association. You are invited to pray this month for the ongoing mission and ministries of Onekama UCC.

FLOWERS

If you would like to supply flowers, please sign up on the sign posted on the bulletin board. You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$30 to the church to make the arrangements with a local florist.

THANK YOU TO OUR AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

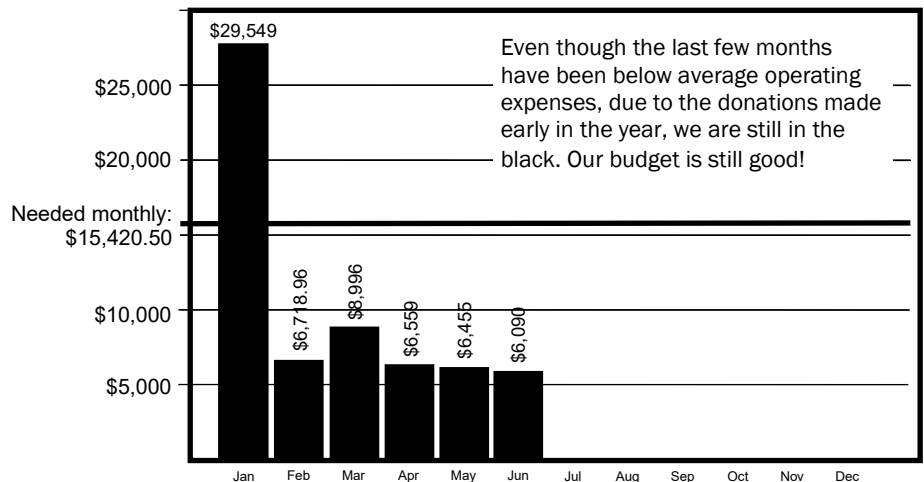
	COFFEE	NURSERY
August 4	Deacons	Chris Gehring
August 11	Mary T. & Ann N.	Chris Jones
August 18	Bill & Kay Bos	Pat Schopp
August 25	Church Picnic	Mary Wolke

HEAD USHER: Bill Bos

What is BIG Sunday?

BIG stands for Bring In Groceries; groceries brought in on BIG Sundays are donated to Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) to help provide a meal to those in need. BIG Sundays are the first Sunday of every month — as are Holy Communion Sundays — and are a great way for us to share the love and feast of communion and community.

2019 Monthly Unified Budget Report



Sam's Great Adventure

Sam returns from her Great Adventure on Monday, August 19. If you'd like to help in the office between now and then, let Patty know! None of it is as terrifying as it seems :)



Want to keep up with the happenings within the Michigan Conference, United Church of Christ? It is as easy as following this link:

http://www.michucc.org/index.php?option=com_sppagebuilder&view=page&id=68&Itemid=432

Nursery & Coffee Hour

It is time to do the nursery and coffee hour schedules for 2020. If you have not been volunteering for one or both of these church services and would like to, please call Barb Brian about coffee hour and Chris Stone about the nursery. If you have been helping but a different time of year might be more convenient, please let us know.

Barb Brian: 231-352-4929, the_brians@charter.net
Chris Stone: 231-882-5205, chrisstone47@gmail.com

Join us as Christian Education hosts a book discussion on *The Giver*, August 4th. Discussion will be at 9:15 and a viewing of the movie will be after worship. *The Giver* is a 1993 American young adult dystopian novel by Lois Lowry. It is set in a society which at first appears to be utopian but is revealed to be dystopian as the story progresses. The novel follows a 12-year-old boy named Jonas. A light lunch will be provided.

BACN Bacon Cookoff

The 5th Annual BACN/Bacon Cookoff is August 24, 11am to 1:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Frankfort. The cookoff features creative small plate dishes containing bacon or pork, from 13 area chefs. There will also be a silent auction of some great area adventure items, including a 2-night stay at Point Betsie Lighthouse, a hand-made wooden canoe, and a round of golf for two at Crystal Downs Country Club. Bring your friends, enjoy some delicious food and vote for your favorite appetizer, entree and dessert! Tickets are \$3 per small plate, and are available at the door (beverage provided).

Thank You Notes

"Thank you for allowing the LWV Benzie Unit to meet in your library! I was only able to come a few times this past year, but each time appreciated it SO much!"

"Thank You so much for the use of your library for our LOWV meetings. It is very appreciated!!"

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4 10:30 Worship & Church School <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> The Giver book discussion & movie </div> 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	5 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7:00 AA (Barn)	6 10:00 Yoga (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	7 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 APT 7:00 AA (Barn)	8 9-10:30 AA (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 4:00 Deacons </div> 4:30 Choir 5:00 ECHO 5:00 MRT (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	9	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's </div> 9-2 Crystal Ridge Condo Assoc.
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