

A JOYFUL NOISE!

February 2017

Goodbyes and Hello

January saw many changes for our church.

January 13th was the last day for our church secretary Nancy Eggleston. She resigned to have more time for family. She has been in the church office more than six years, and we will miss her cheerfulness and many talents. Currently volunteers are attempting to fill in with office duties while we search for a new secretary.

January 29th was the last Sunday for our Interim Pastor, Dr. Charles Guerreno. We bid him goodbye at a delicious dinner after the worship service. We will miss Chuck's thoughtful sermons and his caring for all, always reminding us that "God loves you."

We look forward to the Reverend Timothy Murtaugh serving as our pastor for the month of February. Tim will be leading Sunday worship and in the office on Tuesdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. And, he will be available in cases of emergency or hospitalization.

Tim is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served many churches as an Interim Pastor over eight years, including one that had standing in both the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Tim and his wife Jennifer live in Frankfort.

Welcome, Tim!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Judy Polhamus
 - 2 Peter Moss
 - 2 Leah Johnson
 - 4 Ryan Strom
 - 8 Christy Case
 - 8 Mary Gehring
 - 8 Elizabeth Neiger
 - 9 Chris Jones
 - 13 Kim Weaver
 - 14 John Gehring
 - 14 Delores Jones
 - 16 Lynn Hopkins
 - 23 Donna Knox
 - 25 Wyatt Brown
 - 29 Marilee Strom
 - 29 Marsha Case
- (no wedding anniversaries in February)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE FACING HEALTH CONCERNS:

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| Brenda Case | Ruth Blacklock |
| Judy Herban | Jean Bowers |
| Tom Kennard | Nancy Reynolds |
| Gary Brouwer | |

THOSE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES:

- Pink Rearick** who is at the Culver Meadows.
- Mary Hopkins** who is at Frankfort Senior Care.
- Rosemary Miller** who is at The Pines
- Helen Pickard, Pat Forrester, and Hal Bruning** who are in Traverse City.

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 February to pray for the ongoing mission and ministries of First Congregational Church, UCC, of Alpena.

Flowers

If you would like to supply flowers, please sign up on the sign posted on the bulletin board, and indicate who the flowers honor or memorialize. You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$25 to the church to make the arrangements with a local florist.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS -

	<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Feb 5	Deacons	Mary Rodriguez	
Feb 12	Roxane Miner	Jo Bahry	
Feb 19	Chris Stone	Chris Gehring	
Feb 26	Soul Sisters	Phyllis Van Hammen	

HEAD USHER Andy Case

CHILI AND GAMES ON FEBRUARY 26: The Deacons will be hosting a chili and games get-together on Sunday, February 26, after worship. This will be sure to cure your cabin fever. Join us for some fun.



FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
			1 12 N - AA - Barn 7:00 AA - Barn	2 12 N - AA - Barn 5:00 MRT 7:00 NA - Barn	3 9 Centra- Wellness Barn 12 N - LOWV Library	4
5 10:30 Church School 10:30 Worship	6 10:00 Central Wellness - Barn 11:00 Commodities Distribution 12 N - AA - Barn 2:00 Centra Wellness - Barn 12-5 Bridge Club 5:00 Love, INC 7:00 AA - Barn	7 10:00 Yoga-Barn 12 N - AA - Barn 7:00 WAA - Barn	8 12 N - AA - Barn 7:00 AA - Barn	9 12 N - AA - Barn 5:00 MRT 7:00 NA - Barn	10 9 Centra- Wellness Barn 12 N - LOWV Library	11 9-1 BACN Re- treat- Barn
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Mary Rodriguez.. ..	Financial Secretary
Jerry Slater.....	Church Moderator
Carolina Jones	Christian Ed Coordinator
Rose DuFrane	Custodian
Mary Ellen Wagner.....	Organist

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