

# A JOYFUL NOISE!

July 2018

Hello My Fellow Travelers,

This past Sunday I spoke about peace. Not so much as to where we can find it but intentionally seeking peace, calming our hearts so that we may hear and speak more clearly. Later in the day I was scrolling through the wonderful land of Facebook and came to a post from my brother Chip. His post: What brings you peace of mind? I'd really like to know.

This kind of shocked me. This particular brother tends not to ask questions or make comments. Chip is the one that posts pictures of all the comfort food coming out of his kitchen. Intrigued I scrolled down through the responses. There were several that I could relate to. These answers ranged from walking in the woods to sitting beside water, in all forms, baking, music, sewing, and sitting quietly to watch the natural world unfold around them. One friend of his responded with going to the firing range. This led Chip to post about our family fun of firing 18<sup>th</sup> century artillery. There was one response of "family" which garnered a reply from another, "not my family!", Chip's response, "We all have one! Family of birth or family of choice. We all have one."

Out of all of these responses my brother posted a positive response. I have to admit that one of those responses was the ambiguous and vague..."interesting."

The short of this story is that we are all seeking a place of respite, of rest, of peace. It comes in so many different forms. What I appreciated from Chip's post is the positive attitude and reinforcement to the comfort that each person expressed. Even when he may have not listed the same response.

There is so much going on in our lives today. From the macro of the world and all of the politics expressed, to our communities and facing the increase of traffic from all of the people that say this space gives them comfort, to our own family and personal turmoil. What brings you peace of mind?

Find it, hold on to it. Carry it with you. Implement it.

May no one tell you that it is wrong.

See you along The Way,  
Pastor Patty



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 8 Dennis Richards
- 8 Cynthia Schnarr
- 9 Jared Milks
- 16 Darlene Gray
- 22 Nancy Call
- 24 Neil Nugent
- 25 Hannah Rodriguez
- 29 Tiana Gould
- 29 Lynn Stephens
- 30 David VanHammen
- 30 Anna Butts
- 31 Aaron Hickey

**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.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Helen Dewey
- Nancy Reynolds
- Eric Atkinson
- Ruth Blacklock
- Pat Forrester
- Helen Pickard
- Hal Bruning
- Church of the Month: Atlanta

**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 to pray this month for the ongoing mission and ministries of Atlanta UCC.

**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 \$30 to the church to make the arrangements with a local florist.



**THANK YOU TO OUR JULY VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>NURSERY</b>
<b>JULY 1</b>	Deacons	Linda Jenema
<b>JULY 8</b>	<i>needed</i>	Chris Stone
<b>JULY 15</b>	Linda Jenema	Helen Dewey
<b>JULY 22</b>	Soul Sisters	<i>needed</i>
<b>JULY 29</b>	Sarah Circle IV	Carol Dye

**HEAD USHER:** Mike Jones

## BEACH BUMS



Mark your calendars! The Deacons are once again sponsoring a Beach Bums game for all our neighbors and friends. This year we are going to try a different time and go on Sunday, July 15. The Sunday games start at 5:05pm so it will get out a lot earlier in the evening. We will have a tailgate party at church beginning at 3:30 and then carpool up to the game. Mark your calendars and invite some friends!

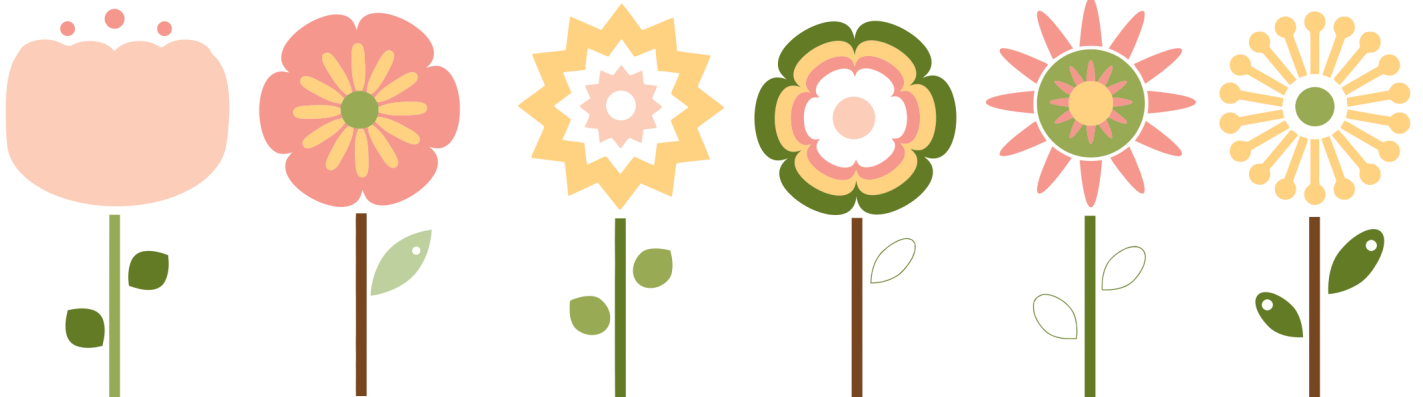
If you would like to attend a game a different night, please stop by the church office to pick up tickets from Sam, Patty, or Chris Jones.

## BACN DONATIONS & BIG SUNDAYS

We are still working toward our goal of donating 1,000 pounds of food to BACN to help provide a meal to those in need. Please help us reach our goal by bringing in groceries on the first Sunday of each month!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are limitless possibilities for you to make an impact on the faith journey of our youth...Sign up today on the bulletin board to participate in One Room Sunday School. Enjoy a group discussion, explore the outdoors, undertake a craft project, or introduce something new. We need you!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>10:30 Worship &amp; Church School</b>  <b>BIG Sunday</b>	<b>2</b> 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>3</b> 10:00 Yoga (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 1-4 HCCS 7:00 WAA (Barn)	<b>4</b> 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>5</b> 9-10:30 AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 12N AA (Barn) 1:30-4:30 HCCS (Barn) 5:00 MRT (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn) <b>7:30 Choir</b> <i>GLRYE</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30-12:00 Crystal Lake Property Rights Association
<b>8</b> <b>10:30 Worship &amp; Church School</b>  →	<b>9</b> 11:00 Commodities Distribution 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7:00 AA (Barn)  <i>Patty on vacation</i>	<b>10</b> 10:00 Yoga (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 1-4 HCCS <b>7:00 Council</b> 7:00 WAA (Barn)  <i>Tutor</i>	<b>11</b> 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)  <i>Week</i>	<b>12</b> 9-10:30 AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 12N AA (Barn) <b>4:00 Deacons</b> 1:30-4:30 HCCS (Barn) 5:00 MRT (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn) <b>7:30 Choir</b> 9-12	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 Men's                      Breakfast @                      Papa J's</b>
<b>15</b> <b>10:30 Worship &amp; Church School</b>  <b>3:30 Tailgate Party &amp; Beach Bums Game</b>  →	<b>16</b> 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club <b>5:00 Trustees</b> 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>17</b> 10:00 Yoga (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 1-4 HCCS 7:00 WAA (Barn)  <i>Tutor</i>	<b>18</b> 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)  <i>Week</i>	<b>19</b> 9-10:30 AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 12N AA (Barn) 1:30-4:30 HCCS (Barn) 5:00 MRT (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn) <b>7:30 Choir</b> 9-12	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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### Community Calendar

**Benzie County Community Chorus:** July 8 & 9, 7:30pm @ Benzie Central High School Auditorium

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## *A Joyful Noise July 2018*

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