

A JOYFUL NOISE!

October 2019

Hello Fellow Travelers,

Here in my office I have a deck of cards. They are a deck of Table Talk Questions put out by the United Church of Christ. I picked them up at General Synod 31, just prior to coming here. It is a deck of cards, each containing an open-ended question meant to start conversations. They cover a large spectrum of theological and community-based questions. Now when I picked them up, I thought that they would be a great tool to use as I learned about each committee and more so, as I learned more about each of you. Two years in and I have not used a single card in any given meeting.

I have, however used them to start thinking about newsletter articles. Today I sit here at my desk, checking calendars and checking boxes on all the things on my desk, one is writing this piece. I was thinking that I would write on the upcoming Stewardship campaign, but seriously... who wants to read about the upcoming pledge drive. So... to the deck I went. Randomly drawing a card, I chose:

How do new ideas actualize? How long does it take? What are the benefits and missed opportunities of how we get from the dreaming to the doing?

I am not able to circumvent Stewardship.

The theme for this year is, The Way, and the campaign letters will go out middle of next month. When you receive your letter please take time to prayerfully contemplate the above questions. As we continue to minister to the local area and reach out to the broader world, how do we get from the dreaming to the doing?

As the budget this year is getting a bit rocky, I know that we do good work in the community. We answer the call to take care of our neighbors; those we know and those we don't. Even though this upcoming year's budget may be a bit thin, based on how this year is going, I look forward to what the next year holds. I believe that as we are bold in our dreams, we will be bold in our doing.

See you along The Way,

Patty

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nancy Reynolds Elisabeth Case
 Pat Forrester Family and friends
 of Genny Bowman
 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 Atlanta 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 OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

COFFEE

NURSERY

Oct 6	Deacons	Bev Brouwer
Oct 13	Potluck	Linda Jenema
Oct 20	Work Bee	Chris Jones
Oct 27	OctoberFest	Kristi Johnson

HEAD USHER: Barry Hahn

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 John Marshall
 2 Clint Brian
 5 Phyllis Crowell-VanHammen
 8 Harriet Stone
 8 Tim Jenema
 8 Bob Rafferty
 11 Andy Case
 15 Amy Schneider
 19 RJ Rafferty
 21 Doug Rodriguez
 23 Michelle Herban
 25 Barb Riegler
 27 Jim Catts
 29 Nicole Olney



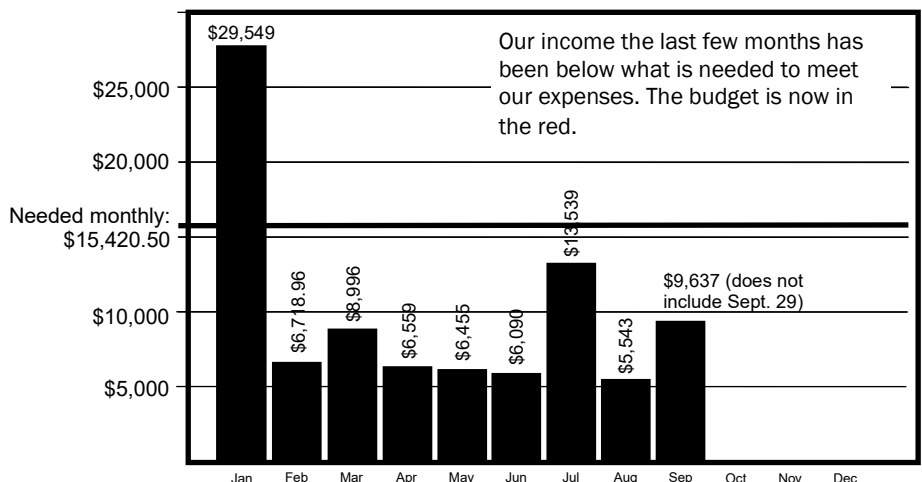
OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

6 Rob & Maria Wolowiec

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



Casserole Raffle



Sunday, October 20th



Following Worship

Sponsored by Christian Edu. Special Projects

BACN Events

Dine-Out for BACN on October 1 at Mayfair Tavern or Bradley's Pub & Grille.

The Fall Food Drive is Oct. 10-12.

Fall Fest

Sunday, October 27th



Trick or Treat for UNICEF
Costume Contest and Prizes

Bob for Apples
Decorate Cookies
Caramel Apples
And more...



Hosted by Christian Education

Stewardship Campaign

Our stewardship campaign starts with our bulletin inserts on October 6, 13, 20, & 27. Watch your mail for your campaign letter, which will be mailed October 21. Commitment Sunday is November 10.

Thirty-One Bag Fundraiser

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Catalog and Online

More details to come

Proceeds to benefit Christian Edu. Special Projects

Michigan UCC Annual Meeting

The Michigan UCC Annual Meeting is October 11 and 12 in Kalamazoo. This year's theme is "How Are the Children?" Come join the fun!

Circle I

Circle I will meet Wednesday the 16th at 1:00 a the church. Chris Gehring is the hostess.



Festival of Trees

Christian Education is collecting brand new/ hand-crafted hats, gloves, and mittens for our annual Tree with a Purpose to benefit Habitat for Humanity.



Soul Sisters & the 5th Annual Benzie County Baby Pantry Baby Shower

Sunday, November 17th

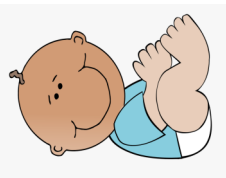
Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Desserts, and Beverages

Free Will Offering

Suggested Donations:

Diapers Size 6
Fitted Crib Sheets
Boys' Clothing Newborn—5T
(Girls' clothing also welcomed)
Shoes & Boots (sizes up to 5T)

Pull-Ups Boys 2T-3T & 4T-5T
Pull-Ups Girls 2T-3T & 4T-5T



Women's Fellowship

The first fall meeting is October 2 at 1:00, with the board meeting at 12:30. Glen Tracy will be giving the program on Habitat for Humanity. Circle I is in charge of the meeting.

Michigan Conference Happenings

Want to keep up with the happenings within the Michigan Conference, United Church of Christ? Head to <http://www.michucc.org/> and click "News" in the upper righthand corner.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BENZONIA\UCC SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019 AT 11:30 A.M.

A special meeting of the members of the First Congregational Church Benzonia\UCC will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 11:30 a.m in the Church premises, 901 Barber St., Benzonia, Mi, following the regular Sunday morning service. The meeting is called by order of the Church Council in accordance with the Church By-laws. The purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote upon an amendment to the Church By-laws by inserting the following provision into Article VI - Boards and Committees:

“Notwithstanding any provision in these By-Laws to the contrary, a non-member of this Church may be elected in the same manner as a Church member to serve as a voting member of a standing or temporary committee, excluding however Church Trustees and Deacons. A non-member so elected may not serve as chairperson of the committee.”

September 17, 2019

By order of the Church Council
Jerry W. Slater,
Moderator
First Congregational Church Benzonia\UCC

October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 10:00 Yoga (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	2 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 APT 1:00 Women's Fellowship 7:00 AA (Barn)	3 9-10:30 AA (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 4:30 Choir 5:00 MRT (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	4 3:30-4:30 Yoga (Barn)	5
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13 10:30 Worship & Church School Quarterly Potluck & Meeting (Voting on Amended By-Laws) 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	14 9:00 Trustees 9:30-10:30 Yoga (Barn) 11 Commodities Distribution 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7:00 AA (Barn)	15 10:00 Yoga (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 5:00 Council 7:00 WAA (Barn)	16 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 APT 1:00 Circle I 7:00 AA (Barn)	17 9-10:30 AA (Barn) 12N AA (Barn) 4:30 Choir 5:00 MRT (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	18 12N LOWV 3:30-4:30 Yoga (Barn)	19
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