

A JOYFUL NOISE!

September 2019

Hello My Fellow Travelers,

How are you feeling these days? Excited for school to start? Yearning for one more good boat ride or hike? Ready for the next book club read? Anticipating family in before the leaves change color? Looking forward to a new baby? Fearing the next surgery and healing time?

Beyond the daily things of life happening, how are you feeling? Too anxious to turn on the news? Crying or hollering at the tv when you do turn it on? Frustrated with everyone from your neighbors to Congress? Wondering where the next environmental disaster will happen?

Lots to think about; lots of things to do and lots to yearn for.

Sometimes we are overwhelmed by all that we see and encounter in a day.

I encourage you to take a moment and breathe deeply.

And then repeat.

Every Sunday I say, "We are God center, Christ formed, Spirit led, and as such we are called to make a difference in our world." I know that these can be words that both challenge us as well as comfort us.

I offer words by Shari Arison, "Doing good is a simple and universal vision. A vision to which each and every one of us can connect and contribute to its realization. A vision based on the belief that by doing good deeds, positive thinking and affirmative choices of words, feelings and actions, we can enhance goodness in the world."

In this crazy, mixed up, sometimes overwhelming, world today, with lots to think about, lots of things to do and lots to yearn for, I encourage you to do one good and simple deed today. Walking and working together, using both speaking and listening skills, leaning on each other for support, always offering encouragement, we can make a difference.

Take a moment. Breathe deeply. Do a good deed. God-centered, Christ-formed, Spirit-led.

See you along The Way,

Patty

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nancy Reynolds	Elisabeth Case	Joyce Barnes
Pat Forrester	Mike & Anna	
Helen Pickard	Carl & Debbie	
Hal Bruning	Deb Birchard	

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 Alpena 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 SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

COFFEE

NURSERY

Sept 1	Deacons	Chris Stone
Sept 8	Sunday School	Carol Dye
Sept 15	Barb Brian	Agnes Slater
Sept 22	Sarah Circle IV	Chris Gehring
Sept 29	Bev Brouwer	Barb Brian

HEAD USHER: Andy Wagner

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Kay Fischer
 3 Mary Thompson
 8 Jerry Slater
 9 Andrew Wolowiec
 9 Mike Sheets
 10 Patricia Swanson
 13 Joyce Barnes
 15 Samantha Weaver
 15 Patricia Forrester
 16 Jennifer Olney
 18 Muriel Williams
 19 Ed Deering
 19 Cath Kelder
 22 Gregory Reed
 29 Nate Stone
 30 Mary Ellen Wagner

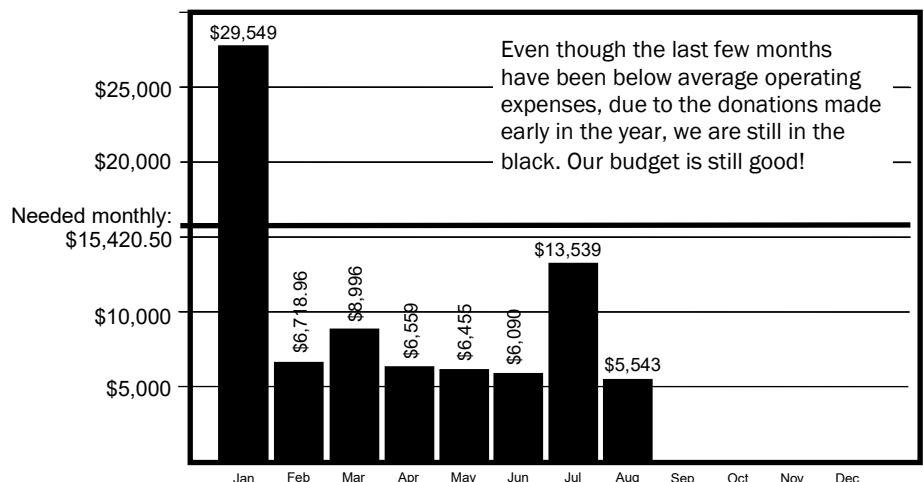
SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9 Bill & Cynthia Schnarr
 11 John & Doris Marshall
 13 Mark & Kim Weaver
 19 Randy & Carol Dye

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



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?" We are still in need of one delegate! Come join the fun!

Michigan Conference Happenings

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

Women's Fellowship Directory

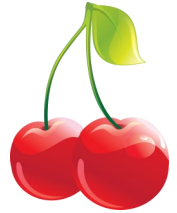
If you haven't gotten the new Women's Fellowship



Directory for 2019-2020 and would like one, stop by the office to pick one up!

Circle I

Circle I will meet Wednesday, September 18 at the Cherry Hut at 1:00. See you there!



Book Discussion

The *Bad Girls of the Bible* book discussion is happening! Wednesdays at 6pm, all September long!



Rally Sunday!!!

Rally Sunday is September 8th. You are invited to wear your favorite team rally gear to church and bring your backpacks, briefcase, satchels and tote bags. We will be blessing them as a new school year begins as we cheer on the learners of all ages among us.



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, September 1st

9:00 – 10:15

**pancakes, sausage,
fresh fruit, and beverages**

hosted by Christian Education

Northern District Gathering

Sunday, September 22 at Crystal Camp and Conference Center, 4pm - 7pm

Picnic Supper (burgers, brats, cherry pie) and Vespers Service w/ special guest Rev. Jeanette Sallie, Global Mission Partner

\$7/person (12 and under free)

RSVP: Tim Murtaugh (502-352-8882, timdmurtaugh@gmail.com) or Terry VanHeyningen (231-275-1070)

Flyer on bulletin board

The Journey Program

The Journey Program is a 10-week cancer patient exercise and wellness program that works to bridge the gap between cancer diagnosis and treatment to a healthy, happy, post-cancer life. The program is held four times a year at Betsie Hosick in Frankfort, and all ages, cancer types, and physical abilities are welcome. Visit thejourneyprogramtc.com for more information!

Pancake Breakfast

< Be there! Bring your appetite, bring a friend! :)

Thank You Notes

“Just want to express my appreciation to you for the kindness toward Tori, and the opportunity to use the church these past two years. It’s proximity to the library worked wonderfully. ...My very best, Karen Olsen, Tori’s mom” (Tori is the young lady who meets here with her tutor during the summer!)

We have several thank you notes on our board right now—be sure to stop by and read them all!

September 2019

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