

A JOYFUL NOISE!

January 2023

Hello Fellow Travelers,

Happy New Year!! Well, almost Happy New Year. And that would be Happy New Calendar Year as the Christian calendar starts in November with the first Sunday of Advent. I digress, sorry, but there is a lot of fluidity that happens with the first of any year. Do you have places that December 31st is a hard stop? Is January 1st a soft open? Many of our projects, both physical and financial, carry over year to year.

Moving into 2023 what do you see as new and exciting for church? New Outreach? More community involvement? Perhaps spiritual and prayer time with each other? An increase in family/fellowship time around meals in Fellowship Hall? Please share where and what moves you to be part of First Congregational Church of Benzonia, UCC.

As we close out 2022, let us remember the things that may be unfinished. Have you prayerfully considered and returned your Stewardship Pledge? The 2023 budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting January 22, following worship. Part of Stewardship is caring for the work of the church. There are several open spaces on committees that would like to have your help. Please consider where your time and talents can be best used in showing and sharing God's love.

Thank you to all who have made 2022 a terrific church year, reaching out into the community and caring for each other.

Blessings for the coming year that Light and Love fill you and yours.

See you along The Way,

Pastor Patty

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds	Maddie	Paula
Doris Marshall	AJ	Cathy
Barbara	Russ	Jackie
Philip Lyman	Denise	Bob
Misha	Kathy S.	Jean V.
Greg Lowry	George Bailey	Family and Friends of Rowena Oligney



UCC Church of the Month

As part of our continuing efforts to work together with our fellow United Northern Association churches as a community of faith, we invite you to pray this month for the ongoing mission and ministries of Harrison.

Flowers

If you would like to supply flowers for the altar, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office. You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$30 to the church flower fund for an arrangement to be purchased from Victoria's Floral.



For BACN



For our BACN donations this month, we are trying to collect **Pet Food**. Help us help those in need by participating in our ongoing **Bring In Groceries** program.



Cards and Notes

Check out all our notes on the bulletin board!

Web Links

Michigan Conference News: michucc.org

Church Facebook Page: facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational

United Northern Association Facebook Page:
facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGpQiU7ggXa7tT6vhTHRw>



January Birthdays

4	Randy Dye
4	Janet Townsend
4	Shannon Townsend
6	Andrew Call
7	Mickey Streeter
7	Connie McCauley
11	Esther Rodriguez
12	Tad Peacock
18	Jean Voight
18	Dana Rodriguez
19	Mark Weaver
21	Shirley Kennard
26	Mary Rodriguez
26	Betty Workman
29	Debra Rafferty
30	Linda Joy
30	Beth Sheets
31	Chris Lowe



Anniversaries

18	Harold and Marsha Case
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Volunteers Coffee Hour

Jan 1	Beth Sheets
Jan 8	Jane Gary
Jan 15	Pizza Sale
Jan 22	Annual Meeting
Jan 29	Barbara Brian



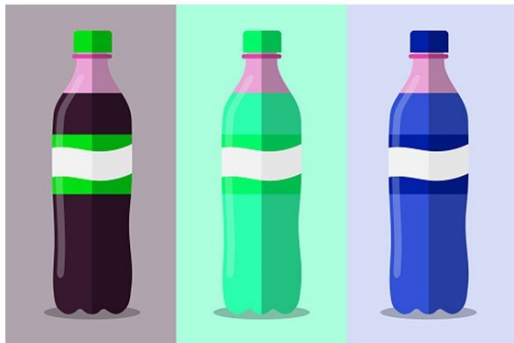


Musicians

Jan 1: Mary Ellen Wagner
Jan 8: Nena Girven
Jan 15: Mary Ellen Wagner
Jan 22: Nena Girven
Jan 29: Nena Girven

2023 Youth Sunday School Service Project

Returnable Bottles & Cans Collection

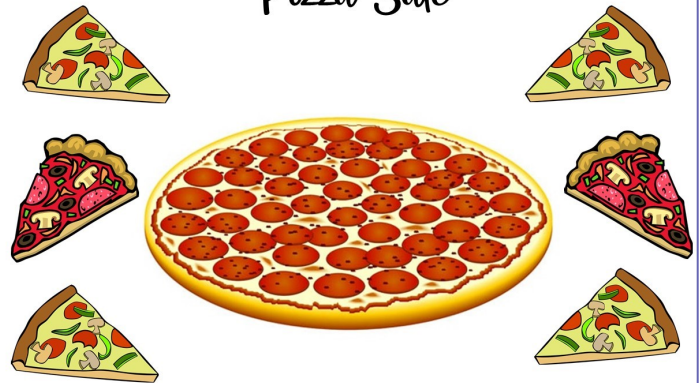


Funds raised will purchase new winter boots
for the Benzie County Baby Pantry

Drop off at church or contact Beth
at 231 645 2164 for pickup arrangements

#bootsforbabies

*We're Bringing Back the
Pizza Sale*



Sunday, January 15, 2023

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Homemade Pizza with Choice of Toppings

Order Forms Available at the Church

Or call (231) 882-4922

Deadline: Thursday, January 12th

Proceeds Support Christian Education Projects

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10:30am Worship BIG Sunday Communion	2 Office Closed 9:45-11:15 Barn Personal Use 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7 pm Boy Scouts	3 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	4 3-6 Tutoring (Barn)	5 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	6 7 PM AA (Barn)	7
8 10:30am Worship 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	9 9:00 Trustees 9:45-11:15 Barn Personal Use 11 Commodities 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7 pm Boy Scouts	10 Pastor Patty out of office 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	11 11:30 Ministerial Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 3-6 Tutoring (Barn)	12 12N AA (Barn)? 5:00 Deacons 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	13 7 PM AA (Barn)	14 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's
15 10:30am Worship 12:00 Christian Education 12:00 Pizza Fund Raiser 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	16 Office Closed 9:45-11:15 Barn Personal Use 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7 pm Boy Scouts	17 12N AA (Barn)? 5:00 Council 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	18 3-6 Tutoring (Barn)	19 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	20 7 PM AA (Barn)	21 9-Noon Zonta (Barn) 12:30—5 Personal Use (Barn)
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29 10:30am Worship 12:00 Family Movie 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	30 9:45-11:15 Barn Personal Use 12N AA (Barn) 7 pm Boy Scouts	31 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)				

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