

# A JOYFUL NOISE!

February 2023

Hello,

As the winter chill carries on, chilling wind and bones, keeping us from being together, remember, you are not alone.

Wild Geese

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees

for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting –  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.

Mary Oliver

Peace to your day. Peace to your journey

*Pastor Patty*

## Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds	Maddie	Mary T.
Doris Marshall	AJ	Mike H.
Barbara	Russ	Chris L.
Philip Lyman	Denise	Family and Friends of Julie Marshall
Misha	Kathy S.	Family and Friends of Phoebe Vance
Greg Lowry	Joan C.	



## February Birthdays

1	Judy Polhamus
2	Peter Moss
2	Leah Johnson
2	Barry Hahn
4	Ryan Strom
8	Christy Case
8	Mary Gehring
8	Elizabeth Neiger
9	Chris Jones
13	Kim Weaver
13	Shelley Marshall
14	John Gehring
14	Delores Jones
16	Lynn Hopkins
21	Will Jones
23	Donna Knox
25	Wyatt Brown
29	Marsha Case
29	Marilee Strom



## 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 Ironton.

## 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 **Soup**. Help us help those in need by participating in our ongoing **Bring In Groceries** program.



**Anniversaries**  
(none)



## Cards and Notes

*Check out all our notes on the bulletin board!*

*Thank you for the beautiful arrangement and card. Your love and kindness are greatly appreciated!*

*Ron & Nena Girven and the Family of Rowena May Oligney*

*Church Members and Friends, I don't know who is responsible, but I want to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers, my favorite—all white, and the generous gift. It was quite a surprise. I am sorry I wasn't there to accept in person and enjoy the wonderful food at the pot luck.*

*I enjoyed my years as Treasurer up until the latest conversion and the problems it has caused with my payroll reports. Hopefully it will be rectified soon so I can final 2022. - Chris Stone*

## Volunteers Coffee Hour

Feb 5	Jo Bahry
Feb 12	Soul Sisters
Feb 19	Carolina Tabora
Feb 26	Deacon/ Soul Sisters



### Web Links

**Michigan Conference News:** [michucc.org](http://michucc.org)

**Church Facebook Page:** [facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational](https://facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational)

**United Northern Association Facebook Page:**  
[facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC](https://facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGrpQiU7ggXa7tT6vhTHRw>

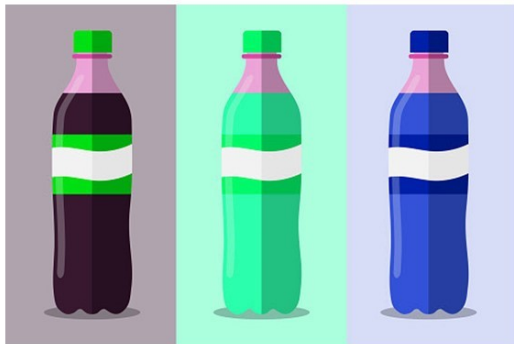


### Musicians

Feb 5	Mary Ellen Wagner
Feb 12	Nena Girven
Feb 19	Mary Ellen Wagner
Ash Wednesday Feb 22	Mary Ellen Wagner
Feb 26	Nena Girven

2023 Youth Sunday School Service Project

## Returnable Bottles & Cans Collection

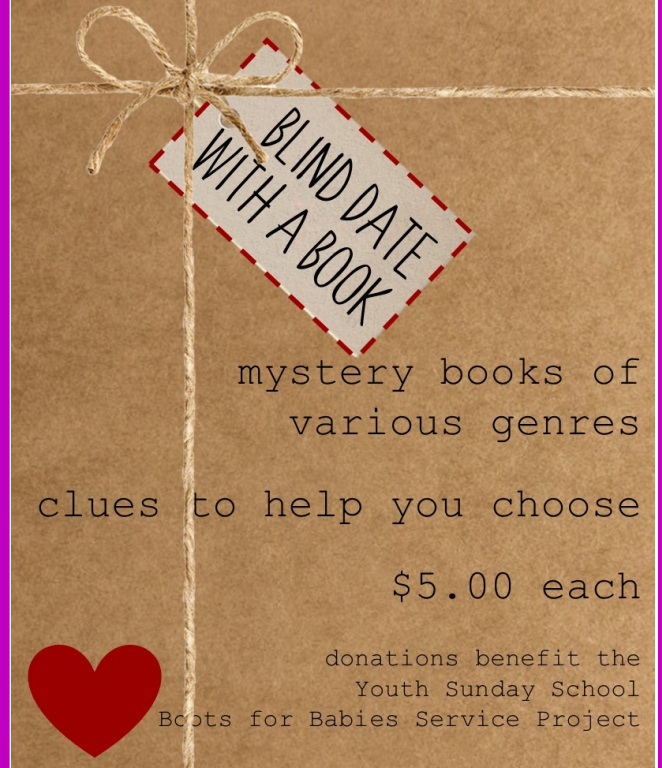


Funds raised will purchase new winter boots  
for the Benzie County Baby Pantry

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

**#bootsforbabies**

### Christian Education Event



# SOUPER BOWL

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP SERVICE

## MENU

Choice of 8 Soups

Bread

Dessert

Beverages

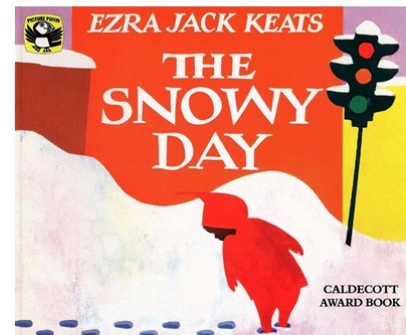
\*PLUS\*

1 Cup Containers and Quarts Available To Go

PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE 2023 BLANKET PROJECT

2023 Festival of Trees

The Snowy Day



COLLECTING THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

### The Snowy Day

- Board Book
- Paperback
- Hardcover

### Snow Suits and Snow Pants

- Snow Suits  
(Sizes 3 months – 24 months)
- Snow Pants  
(Sizes 2 T – Kids XL)

# SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Now Thru February 12th



Soup Can Collection  
Benefitting BACN

NFC vs AFC

Blue and Red bins in  
the Fellowship Hall

Sponsored By Outreach



# February 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	2 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	3 7 PM AA (Barn)	4
5  <b>10:30am Worship BIG Sunday Communion</b>  6-8 ACOA (Barn)	6 9:45-11:15 Barn Personal Use 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 7 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	7 <b>Pastor Patty out of office</b> 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	8 11:30 Ministerial Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	9 12N AA (Barn)? <b>5:00 Deacons</b> 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	10 7 PM AA (Barn)	11 <b>8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's</b>
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