

A JOYFUL NOISE!

January 2022

Hello,

Here we are, on the cusp of a new year. How are you feeling?

I offer a place of renewal and reflection as we move into 2022. May we leave our anxieties and worries behind and offer our best selves going forward, knowing full well that this is easier to say than to do.

Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing.

Believe in yourself. And believe that there is a loving Source -

a Sower of Dreams -

just waiting to be asked to help you make your dreams come true.

~ Sarah Ban Breathnach

I arise, facing East,

I am asking toward the light;

I am asking that my day

Shall be beautiful with light.

I am asking that the place

Where my feet are shall be light,

That as far as I can see

I shall follow it aright.

I am asking for the courage

To go forward through the shadow,

I am asking toward the light.

~ Mary Austin

May 2022 have your dreams beautiful and your face always in the light.

Peace,

Pastor Patty

January Birthdays

- 1 Bill Workman
- 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
- 18 Les Finch
- 19 Mark Weaver
- 21 Shirley Kennard
- 25 Helen Dewey
- 26 Mary Rodriguez
- 26 Betty Workman
- 29 Debra Rafferty
- 30 Linda Joy
- 30 Beth Sheets
- 31 Chris Lowe



Anniversaries

- 18 Harold and Marsha Case

Flowers

If you would like to supply flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board. You may then bring in your own flowers or donate \$30 to the church for an arrangement.

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds	Maddie	Family and Friends of R.J. Rafferty
Pat Forrester	Mary T.	Family and Friends of Alan Appelhof
Doris Marshall	AJ	Family and Friends of Angie Gill
Barbara	Russ	
Philip Lyman	Denise	
Misha	Ann Y.	
Greg Lowry	Brad S.	



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 Trinity UCC Northport.

Cards and Notes

Please see the Bulletin Board for notes and letters

"Hi to all, Nice weather here in good old Florida. Wish I could enjoy the goings on at the Church. I talked to Ann Nordbeck, and she is doing better. She said she really enjoyed the Church these past Sundays and it was nice to get to talk to her. Pastor Patty, you do a good job. I enjoy your sermons. Thanks for all the cards that are sent to me."
 ~ Love, Larry Czap

"Dear Pastor Patty and 1st Congregational UCC Friends ~ Thank you so much for the special Christmas card which you send me. The past year has been different. I missed seeing all of you this past summer. However, both my sons were able to spend time in Benzonia. John and Emily had their 4th child— a girl; Hannah, in May. David and his new wife, a flutist from Costa Rica, are expecting their 1st baby; a girl, this winter. You are all in my daily prayers. God bless you all."
 ~ Love in Christ, Joan Cooper

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/UCOGrpQiU7ggXa7tT6vhTHRw>



BIG

for BACN

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



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting is coming up! It will be held on January 23 at 11:45 after Church service.



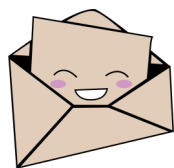
Greetings to all. We welcome the New Year with hope, anticipation and faith. Our Church annual meeting is on January 23, immediately following the morning service. Please mark your calendars for this important annual event. At the meeting we will have question and answer for our committee chairs and an opportunity for you to express your ideas and concerns. We also need volunteers. Whatever your talent or interest, I am sure we can find a spot for you. Your By-law committee is working hard on revamping our governance procedures in hope of making them simpler and making volunteering somewhat less demanding of your time and resources. So, happy New Year and see you there. Jerry Slater, Moderator

Coffee Hour

- Jan 2 Deacons
- Jan 9 Build a Burger with Christian Education
- Jan 16 Mary Rodriguez
- Jan 23 Annual Meeting Potluck
- Jan 30 Chris Gehring



Envelopes We are not issuing 2022 giving envelopes, in an effort to continue being resourceful. Feel free to keep using old envelopes, your own envelopes, or whatever works for you!



Cindy Schnarr, 83, is looking to move out of her house and in with a senior who spends a lot of time at home. Physically she's doing pretty good for 83, she just really doesn't like to be alone. Her daughter will take care of her doctors appointments etc., and will pay a small stipend. Please contact her daughter, Barb, at 231-882-6942. Thank you!

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