

A JOYFUL NOISE!

April 2023

Hello,

I know that Holy Week is this coming week.

I know that Easter is just a week away.

Through this time of Lent, we have each carried our own thoughts on fasting and walking with Jesus to Jerusalem, to the Cross.

Perhaps this year we might carry some of these thoughts through Easter, through the Resurrection, through the year.

Words to ponder as we journey through life.

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

– Pope Francis

See you along The Way,

Pastor Patty

HOLY WEEK



Please Join Us for Worship

Wednesday, Feb 22	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday
Sunday April 2	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday
Thursday April 6	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday potluck
Thursday April 6	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday April 7	7:00 PM	Good Friday
Sunday April 9	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise
Sunday April 9	10:30 AM	Easter Service

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds	Maddie	Family and Friends of Susan Dehnke
Doris Marshall	AJ	
Barbara	Russ	
Philip Lyman	Denise	Family and Friends of Jackie Patterson
Misha	Kathy S.	
Greg Lowry	Earl	Family and Friends of Marilyn Russell
	Aaron	



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 Manistee.

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.



Circle 1 is hosting the Women's Fellowship meeting on Wed., 4/5 @ 1:00 at the church. Carol Dye and Chris Jones are going to do a program about Easter brunch ideas and tips.



April Birthdays

4	Joan Harwood
5	Anna Nordbeck
5	Maridee Cutler
6	Scott Neveu
9	Earl Schopp
12	Sheila Dinger
12	Tim Johnson
13	Steve Davidson
15	Barbara Brian
16	Amanda Williford
18	Jean Bowers
22	Olivia Brian
27	Mary Wulke
27	Jim Stephenson
30	Jaxon Brown
30	Cheryl Dundon



Anniversaries

23	David and Phyllis Van Hammen
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Volunteers Coffee Hour

Apr 2	Barbara Brian
Apr 9	Phyllis Crowell-VanHammen
Apr 16	Quarterly Potluck
Apr 23	Doug & Mary Rodriguez
Apr 30	Bill & Kay Bos



Web Links

Michigan Conference News: michucc.org

United Northern Association Facebook Page:
facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC

Church Facebook Page: facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational

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

Instagram: [first_congregational_benzonia](https://www.instagram.com/first_congregational_benzonia)



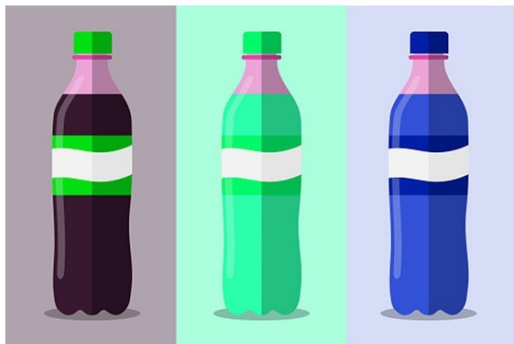
Musicians



Palm Sunday, April 2 - Mary Ellen Wagner
Maundy Thursday, April 6 - Mary Ellen Wagner
Good Friday, April 7 - Mary Ellen Wagner
Sunrise Service, Easter Sunday, April 9 - Sara Moorhead
Easter Sunday, April 9 - Mary Ellen Wagner
Sunday, April 16 - Nena Girven
Sunday, April 23 - Nena Girven
Sunday, April 30 - Nena Girven

2023 Youth Sunday School Service Project

Returnable Bottles & Cans Collection



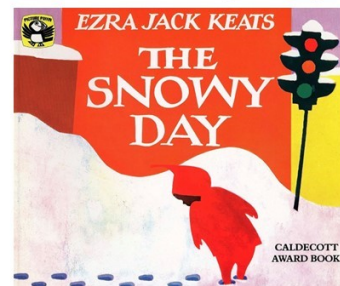
Funds raised will purchase new winter boots
for the Benzie County Baby Pantry

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

#bootsforbabies

2023 Festival of Trees

The Snowy Day



COLLECTING THROUGH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

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)

Socks for Students
Ankle Socks for Benzie
County Students



SIZES

2T-3T through Men's 9-12

Everything in Between

Supporting

Father Fred Foundation

Now through July 30th

CPR Training



Come to the CPR Training Day for information and compression training at no cost. CPR certification is available for \$20. This is open to everyone that thinks they will ever need to know CPR. Caregivers, babysitters, scouts, volunteers, over all good people.

Tim O'Connor from heartbeatllc.com will be the instructor.

The class will be on **May 13th from 9 am to 12 noon**. Registration is required. Please call the church office at 882-4922. **Deadline for sign up is May 1st.**

Beyond your name, please let us know if you will want to be certified.



Dear all,

The best way, I guess, is just to say thank you so very much for the beautiful blanket and kind words. To say that I was totally surprised is putting it nicely.
(or mildly)

I love helping with the music of the church and so special thanks is not necessary. We each have our own talents to give—mine is just music, I guess.

Thanks, too, for the gift certificate to Birch and Maple. I'll use it when Sarah Circle meets there.

Love you all,
Mary Ellen



May Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at 5



For our donations this month, we are collecting for **Frankfort HS Food Pantry**. Help us help those in need by participating in our ongoing **Bring In Groceries** program.



APRIL IS



Frankfort Student Pantry Month

Bring in groceries during the month of April to support the Frankfort Student Pantry and Mobile Elementary School Pantry

NEEDS LIST

Easy Meals

Pancakes: Mix (add water) & Syrup
Spaghetti: Sauce and Noodles
(Canned sauce is better for student transport)
Pizza Kit
Shells & Cheese (no milk needed)
Pasta

Individual Meals for Displaced Students

Easy Mac
Instant Oatmeal Packets
Velveeta Shells (in containers)
Ramen Noodle Cups
Single Soups (in containers)
Non-perishable meal bowls
Oatmeal cups
Individual Pasta Roni
Individual Mashed Potatoes (in containers)

Healthy Snacks

Fruit Cups / Apple sauce
Peanut Butter
Jelly / Jam
Crackers
Granola / Protein Bars
Trail Mix
Beef Sticks / Jerky

For Fun (A special treat)

Cake Kits (include pan, oil, frosting and candles)
Muffin Mixes
Fruit Snacks
Little Debbie's

Beverages

Gatorade
Flavored Waters
Water Bottles

April 2023

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2 Palm Sunday 10:30am worship BIG Sunday Communion 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	3 12N AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 Centra Wellness (Barn) 7 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	4 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	5 1:00 Women's Fellowship 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	6 12N AA (Barn)? 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 6:00 Maundy Thursday Potluck 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 NA (Barn)	7 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 Good Friday Service 7 PM AA (Barn)	8 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's
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