

A JOYFUL NOISE!

July 2023

Hello,

The sounds of engines leave the air. The Sunday morning silence comes at last.
At last I know the presence of the world made without hands, the creatures that have come to be out of their absence.
Calls of flicker and jay fill the clear air.
Titmice and chickadees feed among the green and the dying leaves.
Gratitude for the gift of all the living and the unliving, gratitude of which is the greatest gift quietest of all, passes to me through the trees. ~ XI, Leavings – Poems, Wendell Berry

It is Sabbath Time. Sabbath, to take a break and cease working. The word comes from the Bible, the book of Genesis, when God rested after the six days of work with creation. As religious people we are called to take a break, to rest, to cease work, once a week in recognition of God's rest on the seventh day.

Now we can really get into the weeds as to whether or not that is Saturday or Sunday. It all depends on your faith tradition. I think that we can go even further into the weeds when we stop to think that the world no longer works on the Monday – Friday work week, not that is did for some. There were many in my family that worked either in the medical field or the mills where there is no Saturday/Sunday sabbath. My sabbath day is Friday. Today there is no defined space, date, or time designated as sabbath. We are left to our own devices and decisions.

We are now at Sabbath Time. As you read this, I will be leaving Indianapolis and heading to Maine to spend time with my family. You too are ready for sabbath. A time to rest, to cease working. A time to reflect. A time to welcome family back to the lake or the golf course. Time to go to The Dunes or Interlochen. Time to pick up your book and sit on the back deck.

May your summer be restorative. May you know sabbath.

Peace,

Pastor Patty

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds	Maddie
Doris Marshall	AJ
Barbara	Russ
Philip Lyman	Denise
Misha	Kathy S.
Greg Lowry	Jim Sheets



July Birthdays

1	Cleo Finch
8	Cynthia Schnarr
8	Angie Haase
9	Jared Milks
16	Darlene Gray
19	Laura Kassanos
22	Nancy Call
24	Neil Nugent
25	Hannah Rodriguez
28	Neil Marshall
29	Tiana Gould
30	David VanHammen
31	Aaron Hickey



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 Old Mission.

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.



Cards and Notes



Check out all our notes on the bulletin board!

I am grateful for all of your birthday wishes, the fellowship following Sunday's service, and the love given within this church.

You all made my birthday a wonderful day.

Peace and Love, Pastor Patty



Anniversaries
(none)

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)



Volunteers Coffee Hour

Jul 2	Mary Wulke & Sara Moorhead
Jul 9	Chris Gehring
Jul 16	Linda Jenema
Jul 23	Soul Sisters
Jul 30	Quarterly Potluck



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

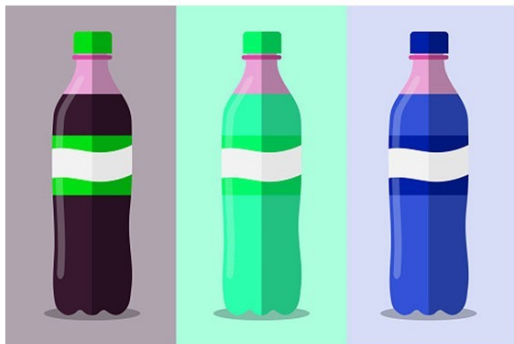
July Musicians



July 2—Nena Girven
July 9—Nena Girven
July 16—Mary Ellen Wagner
July 23—Mary Ellen Wagner
July 30— TBD

2023 Youth Sunday School Service Project

Returnable Bottles & Cans Collection



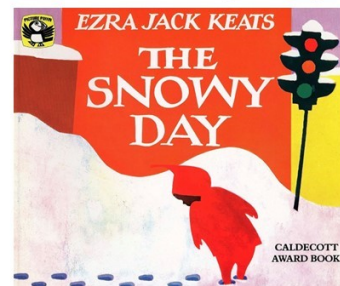
Funds raised will purchase new winter boots
for the Benzie County Baby Pantry

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

Summer Contacts

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Monday – Friday: 9 – 12

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Tim Murtaugh

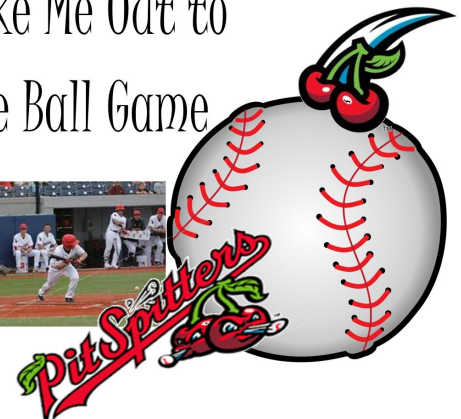
502.352.8882

Office Hours: T,W,TH 10-3

Buildings & Grounds

Earl Schopp 231.864.2097

Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Sunday, July 30th 5:05 PM

Tickets are \$14

Carpool to the game



Pastor Patty
will be on
sabbatical
July, August
and
September.



Christian Education's
One Room Schoolhouse
Sunday School Sign Up

Volunteers Needed!

June 18 _____ Beth Sheets _____

June 25 _____ Chris Stone _____

July 2 _____

July 9 _____ Kay Bos _____

July 16 _____

July 23 _____

July 30 _____

August 6 _____

August 13 _____

August 20 _____ Chris Jones _____

August 27 _____

If you need ideas for a lesson or project,
contact Beth Sheets or Carolina Jones

July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8:30-1 Fellowship Hall Use 9-12:30 Tutoring
2 10:30am Worship BIG Sunday Communion 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	3 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	4 12 AA (Barn) 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	5 12N AA (Barn) 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	6 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	7 12N AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	8 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's 9-12:30 Tutoring
9 10:30am Worship 12:00 Deacon's 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	10 11 Commodities 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	11 9:00 Trustees 12 AA (Barn) Noon-5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	12 12N AA (Barn) 1:30 - 5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	13 7:00 NA (Barn)	14 12N AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	15 9-12:30 Tutoring
16 10:30am Worship 12:00 Christian Education 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	17 9-11:30 Kitchen Use 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	18 12 AA (Barn) Noon-5 Tutoring (Barn) 5:00 Council 7:00 WAA (Barn)	19 12N AA (Barn) 1:30-5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	20 7:00 NA (Barn)	21 12N AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	22 Memorial Garden Internment
23 10:30am Worship 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	24 12-5 Bridge 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	25 12 AA (Barn) Noon-5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	26 12N AA (Barn) 1:30-5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	27 7:00 NA (Barn)	28 12N AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	29 9-12:30 Tutoring
30 10:30am Worship with Guest Pastor Alex McCauslin 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	31 8-5 Father Fred Foundation Shoe Event 12-5 Bridge (Barn) 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)					

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