

A JOYFUL NOISE!

August 2023

From the "Substitute" Pastor

Hello Friends,

We have now passed one month of the three month sabbatical for Pastor Patty Higgins. I am happy to be filling in while she is away. Thank you for the very warm welcome and the invaluable assistance I have received. I have greatly enjoyed being here on Sunday mornings, worshiping, renewing friendships and meeting new people. Our worship services are meaningful and lively.

Sabbaticals remind me of the creation story that is found in Genesis 1. It says that God created the world in six days. Then on the seventh day, God rested. God blessed and hallowed the seventh day and called it a day of rest.

I've always wondered about that. God is God and God doesn't need to rest. But we do and Pastor Patty needs to as well. This sabbatical time for her is a time of renewal, refreshment and nourishment. She will return to us rested and ready to continue her ministry here. She will bring with her new ideas and insights and new leadership capabilities.

The sabbatical is also a good time for the congregation. It helps the congregation grow in understanding how the church operates and allows new leadership to emerge. I know that there has been some anxiety about how these three months will unfold, but I can assure everyone that things are in good hands. The congregation's leadership is functioning very well.

Just as a reminder, my office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 10:00 - 3:00.

With gratitude,

Tim Murtaugh

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds

Maddie

Dan

Doris Marshall

AJ

Richard
H.

Barbara

Russ

Philip Lyman

Denise

Misha

Kathy S.

Greg Lowry

Jim Sheets

All those
who continue to grieve
the loss of a loved one



August Birthdays

1 Andrea Polhamus
3 Roger Weil
4 James Sheets
4 Toni Dye
7 Theodore Reed
9 Dawn Olney
9 Clara Reed
11 Amy Winters
12 James Brian
14 Doris Marshall
15 Peter Jenema
15 Toni Cadena
15 Lisa Sauer
16 Izzy Bredbanner
18 Linda Nugent
20 Sara Moorhead
20 Andy Wagner
20 Barb Myers
21 Ruth Catton
26 Shelley Thompson
31 June Hulce



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 Onekama.

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!



Anniversaries

17 Mary and Doug Rodriguez
17 Barbara and James Brian
21 Agnes and Jerry Slater
23 Pat and Earl Schopp

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

Aug 6
Aug 13 Outreach
Aug 20 Chris Jones
Aug 27 Church Picnic





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



August Musicians

August 6: Mary Ellen Wagner
August 13: Chloe McGehee
August 20: Mary Ellen Wagner
August 27: Mary Ellen Wagner

Salt City Dixie Jazz Band Performance

Wednesday, August 9 at 7 PM

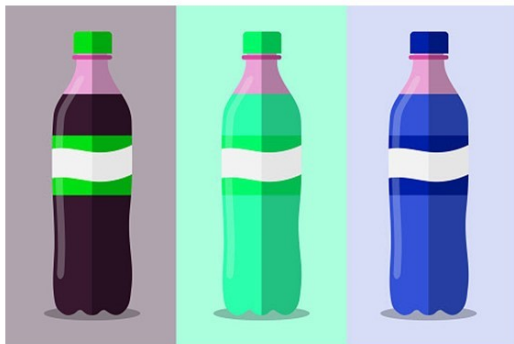
Free to the public

Donations of canned food will be collected to share with BACN and Benzie Food Partners



2023 Youth Sunday School Service Project

Returnable Bottles & Cans Collection



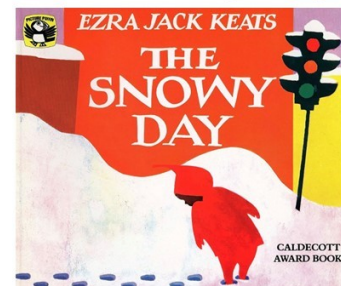
Funds raised will purchase new winter boots for the Benzie County Baby Pantry

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

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 – 12

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231-882-4922

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***Join us for the Church
Picnic after worship
on Sunday, August 27.***

ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

Only ONE Sunday left in August for leading our One Room Schoolhouse Sunday School. **August 27th**

Please consider sharing a Sunday with our youth!
Sign up sheet is posted on the
Bulletin Board.



August 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Pastor Tim out of office Noon-5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	2 Pastor Tim out of office 12N AA (Barn) 1:30 - 5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	3 3-5 Personal Use (Library) 7:00 NA (Barn)	4 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	5 9-12:30 Tutoring 11-3 Personal Use (Barn) 4:00 Memorial Garden Internment
6 10:30am Worship BIG Sunday Communion 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	7 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	8 Noon-5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	9 12N AA (Barn) 1:30 - 5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 Salt City Dixie Jazz Band 7:00 AA (Barn)	10 7:00 NA (Barn)	11 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	12 <div>8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's</div> 9-1 Crystal Ridge Condo Assn. Mtg (Fellowship Hall) 9-12:30 Tutoring (Barn)
13 10:30am Worship <div>12:00 Deacon's</div> 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	14 <div>9:00 Trustees</div> 11 Commodities 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	15 Noon-5 Tutoring (Barn) <div>5:00 Council</div> 7:00 WAA (Barn)	16 12N AA (Barn) 1:30 - 5 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	17 7:00 NA (Barn)	18 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	19 9-12:30 Tutoring
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