

A JOYFUL NOISE!

September 2023

From the “Substitute” Pastor

Hello Friends,

We are now two thirds through this “interim” time and we look forward to Patty’s return from her sabbatical leave on October 1. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be with you and am excited about the next four weeks.

But I have my work cut out for me. The upcoming Gospel passages are very challenging. They include topics like “taking up our cross and following Jesus,” “the struggle to be a forgiving person,” and “God’s blessings are not just for the righteous, but for all.”

Sometimes I get the feeling that Jesus is asking more of me than I am able to deliver. His words call me out of a complacent life style into a life of self-sacrifice and generosity of spirit. This is especially true when I read the words of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6-7.). What am I to do? I suppose it would be easy to just give up and say “I can’t do it.” But I would rather keep trying even though I’m sure my efforts will be incomplete and inadequate.

This is one reason I think it is important to be a part of a church community. When we walk side by side, we gain insight and courage to be the people Jesus calls us to be. Together, we can lean on each other and share in the struggle to be people of faith, hope and love.

With gratitude,

Tim Murtaugh

Remember in Your Prayers

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

Family
and
Friends of
Patricia
Delonay



Anna Nordbeck

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



September Birthdays

3	Kay Fischer
3	Mary Thompson
7	Connie Marshall
8	Jerry Slater
9	Andrew Wolowiec
10	Mike Sheets
10	Patricia Swanson
14	Shaun Johnson
16	Jennifer Olney
16	Bill Dundon
17	Patrick Johnson
19	Ed Deering
20	Henry Crooks
22	Gregory Reed
24	Julie Bretzke
29	Nate Stone
30	Mary Ellen Wagner



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 Alpena.

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.



Anniversaries

5	Tim and Dianne Brian
6	Clint and Michelle Brian
19	Randy and Carol Dye

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

Sep 3	
Sep 10	Christian Education
Sep 17	Chris Jones
Sep 24	Linda Jenema





For our BACN donations this month, we are trying to collect non-perishables for **Benzie Central Schools**. Help us help those in need by participating in our ongoing **Bring In Groceries** program.

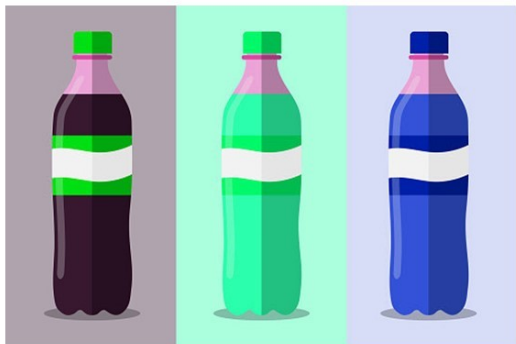
September Musicians



Sep 3	Mary Ellen Wagner
Sep 10	Nena Girven
Sep 17	Nena Girven
Sep 24	Mary Ellen Wagner

2023 Youth Sunday School Service Project

Returnable Bottles & Cans Collection



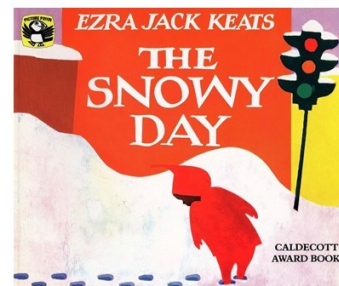
Funds raised will purchase new winter boots for the Benzie County Baby Pantry

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)



Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Breakfast 9 am – 10:15 am
Silent Auction 9 am – 12:00 pm

All Proceeds Support
Christian Education Boots for Babies
and Toys for Tots Service Projects

Summer Contacts

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9 – 12

Office Phone Number:

231-882-4922

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Tim Murtaugh

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Buildings & Grounds

Earl Schopp 231.864.2097



**May God's
Peace
Be Yours**



HAPPY
Labor Day

SUPPORT

Benzie Central Schools Clothing Closets

Brand New Items Requested

Sweatpants

Leggings

Short and Long Sleeved T-Shirts

Socks

Underwear

Ages: K-12

Sizes: Child's XS – Adult XXL



Monetary Donations Accepted

Collection Bin Located in the Narthex

Sponsored by: Outreach



Benzie Central Schools Month

Bring in groceries during the month of September to support the Food Pantries at BCHS/BCMS, Betsie Valley, Homestead Hills, and Lake Ann Elementary

NEEDS LIST

Easy Meals

Shells & Cheese (no milk needed)
Spaghetti and Sauce (canned)
Pizza Kit
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Soup with Pop Tops
Pasta

Individual Meals

Soup with Pop Tops
Chef Boyardee Meals with Pop Tops
(Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Beefaroni, etc.)
Individual Pasta Roni
Individual Mashed Potatoes
Easy Mac Cups
Oatmeal Packets
Non-perishable meal bowls
Ramen Noodles/Cups

Healthy Snacks

Granola / Protein Bars
Peanut Butter
Jelly / Jam
Crackers
Trail Mix
Fruit Cups / Applesauce
Beef Stick / Jerky

Beverages

Gatorade
Flavored Waters
Water Bottles
Crystal Light Packets

September 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	2
3 10:30am Worship BIG Sunday Communion 9:00 Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	4 Office CLOSED—Labor Day 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	5 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	6 12N AA (Barn) 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	7 3-5 Personal Use (Library) 3-6 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	8 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	9 <div>8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's</div> 9-12:30 Tutoring (Library)
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