

# A JOYFUL NOISE!

October 2023

From the "Substitute" Pastor

Hello Friends,

Our time together has now concluded. I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have been given and the great support I have received along the way. Being a substitute minister has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Now we are anticipating Patty Higgins' return from sabbatical. I'm sure she will have experienced refreshment and renewal. She will come with new energy to lead the congregation in the future. On Sunday, October 1, she will be sharing some of her experiences and discoveries.

As a final word, I'd like to emphasize the importance of being in a church community. It's a place where we can share our lives with one another, experience the love and care of good friends, and grow in our awareness of the Spirit of God moving among us.

I have a great measure of affection for the First Congregational Church, UCC of Benzonia. You are an important part of Benzie County. You serve the needs of many. May the future for you be exciting and rewarding. I will always cherish your friendship.

With Gratitude,

*Tim Murtaugh*

### Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds

Russ

Doris Marshall

Denise

Barbara

Kathy S.

Philip Lyman

Jim Sheets

Misha

Laura

Greg Lowry

Susan H.

Maddie

Family and Friends of  
Dan Hoeltzel

AJ

Family  
and  
Friends  
of  
Virginia  
Best

Family and Friends of  
Arnold Black

Family and Friends of  
Jeff Olney



### 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 Atlanta.

### 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



"Thank you so much for the warm "send off" you gave me after the worship service on Sunday. I am so grateful for the kindness of the congregation. The Storm Cloud gift card is much appreciated."

Sincerely,

Tim Murtaugh



### October Birthdays

2 Clint Brian  
5 Phyllis Crowell-VanHammen  
7 Todd Vigland  
8 Tim Jenema  
8 Rob Rafferty  
11 Andy Case  
13 Michelle Brian  
15 Amy Schneider  
16 Penny Smith  
19 Dianne Brian  
21 Doug Rodriguez  
23 Michelle Herban  
25 Barbara Reigler  
27 Jim Catts  
29 Nicole Olney



### Anniversaries

6 Rob and Maria Wolowiec

### Web Links

Michigan Conference News: [michucc.org](http://michucc.org)

United Northern Association Facebook Page:  
[facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC](https://facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC)

Church Facebook Page: [facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational](https://facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational)

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

Instagram: [first\\_congregational\\_benzonia](https://www.instagram.com/first_congregational_benzonia)



### Volunteers Coffee Hour

Oct 1 Women's Fellowship  
Oct 8 Christian Ed—Brown Bag Auction  
Oct 15 Quarterly Potluck  
Oct 22 Phyllis Crowell-VH  
Oct 29 Christian Education





For our BACN donations this month, we are collecting Baby Products for **Benzie Baby Pantry**. Help us help those in need by participating in our ongoing **Bring In Groceries** program.

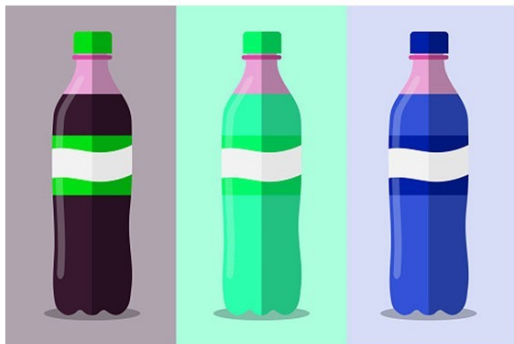
### October Musicians



Oct 1      Nena Girven  
Check the Church Family Update for weekly information

2023 Youth Sunday School Service Project

## **Returnable Bottles & Cans Collection**



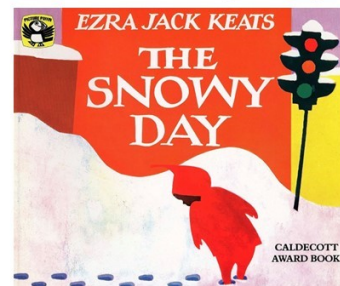
Funds raised will purchase new winter boots for the Benzie County Baby Pantry

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 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### **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)

# **Brown Bag Auction**

## **Sunday, October 8, 2023**

Directly Following Worship

**Brown Bags filled with Brand New Items**  
**The Brown Bags may contain:**

- Stormy Kromer
- Hydro Flask
- PINK
- Kitchen Items
- Stanley
- Vera Bradley
- Ryobi Tools
- Grilling Items
- Blankets
- Carhartt
- Much, Much More

**Grab Bags Available for \$1.00 Each**

Presented by:

*Christian Education*





Circle 1 will meet Wed, 10/18 at 1:00 at the Cherry Hut. Be thinking about the projects we are willing and able to do this year and what you are willing to help with. Please let Chris Stone know if you are attending.

[Chrisstone47@gmail.com](mailto:Chrisstone47@gmail.com) or Call or text 231.651.0476

## Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, Oct 15th after worship will be our Quarterly Meeting and Potluck.

## Potluck Dinner



## Fall Fun Day! Sunday October 29th

- Trick or Treat for Toys for Tots
  - Halloween Treats
  - Costume Contest

# October 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> <b>BIG Sunday Communion</b> <b>Pastor Patty's Return and Brunch</b> 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	<b>2</b> 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>3</b> 7:00 WAA (Barn)	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 Women's Fellowship</b> 6:15 Festival of Trees 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>5</b> 7:00 NA (Barn)	<b>6</b> 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 Deacon's</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> <b>11:30 Brown Bag Auction</b> 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	<b>9</b> <b>9:00 Trustees</b> 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)	<b>10</b> 7:00 WAA (Barn)	<b>11</b> 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>12</b> 9-12 PEO (Fellowship Hall) 4-6 Historical Society (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 NA (Barn)	<b>13</b> 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's</b>  9-5 Personal Use (Barn)
<b>15</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> <b>11:30 Quarterly Meeting and Potluck</b> <b>12:00 Christian Education</b>  6-8 ACOA (Barn)	<b>16 Pastor Patty Vacation</b> 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>17 Pastor Patty Vacation</b>  <b>5:00 Council</b> 7:00 WAA (Barn)	<b>18 Pastor Patty Vacation</b> 12N AA (Barn) <b>1:00 Circle I at Cherry Hut</b> 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>19 Pastor Patty Vacation</b> 7:00 NA (Barn)	<b>20 Pastor Patty Vacation</b> 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	<b>21 Pastor Patty Vacation</b>
<b>22 Pastor Patty Vacation</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> 6-8 ACOA (Barn)	<b>23</b> 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>24</b> 7:00 WAA (Barn)	<b>25</b> 12N AA (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>26</b> 7:00 NA (Barn)	<b>27</b> 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> <b>11:30 Fall Fun Day</b>  6-8 ACOA (Barn)	<b>30</b> 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	<b>31</b> 7:00 WAA (Barn) 				

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