

A JOYFUL NOISE!

January 2024

Hello,

Question: What is your favorite Christmas movie? Why is it your favorite?

This year I (re)shared that I watch Christmas movies while I do sermon prep on Saturdays. This year I found a new one, *Spirited*. I found the movie through a commercial for another movie with Octavia Spencer in it. I like her and thought that this might be a good diversion. It was!! Not only did it have Ms. Spencer in it, it also starred Ryan Reynolds and Will Farrell. And it was a musical. Nothing at all that I expected. It was really pretty good.

Within the musical Spencer sings a song called "*The View from Here*". It is reprised a few times with Farrell. It speaks of the view from the 38th floor and the things that she has had to do to get there. It speaks of the new feelings walking with Farrell. "*The View from Here*" offers lots of place to think and reflect on what we see and how we see things, what and how we do things.

This past week, the drive into church has offered some very beautiful views. Bear Lake has had a few days of being calm and clear. The reflection in the water has been tranquil. There have been three deer, several geese flying, and a hawk sitting in a tree. The view from here has been restorative.

The month of December was both busy and emotional. There was the giving tree, food baskets, death and grief. There has been weariness and rejoicing. The view from here has been life filling.

We are now in January. 2024. A new month. A new year. What will the view from here be? How will we continue to be First Congregational Church of Benzonia, United Church of Christ? What will the view be from the top of the hill? I welcome the conversation of what your view is.

Peace,

Pastor Patty

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds	Maddie	Robin N.
Doris Marshall	AJ	Family and Friends of Nick Danford
Barbara	Russ	
Philip Lyman	Denise	
Misha	Kathy S.	
Greg Lowry		



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 Charlevoix.

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.



For BACN



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

Cards and Notes



*Dear Pastor Patty, I received a beautiful box of cookies from the church yesterday. Presumably these are from Women's Fellowship or one of the circles. Please pass along my thanks to the perpetrators of my holiday weight gain! The ones I've sampled so far are scrumptious! I'm freezing many of them so I can ration my intake and weight gain over time.
Thanks again, Roger Dewey*

Web Links

Michigan Conference News: michucc.org

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

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

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



January Birthdays

4	Randy Dye
4	Janet Townsend
4	Shannon Townsend
6	Andrew Call
7	Mickey Streeter
11	Esther Rodriguez
12	Tad Peacock
18	Jean Voight
18	Dana Rodriguez
19	Mark Weaver
21	Shirley Kennard
26	Mary Rodriguez
26	Betty Workman
29	Debra Rafferty
30	Linda Joy
30	Beth Sheets
31	Chris Lowe



Anniversaries

18	Harold and Marsha Case
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Volunteers Coffee Hour

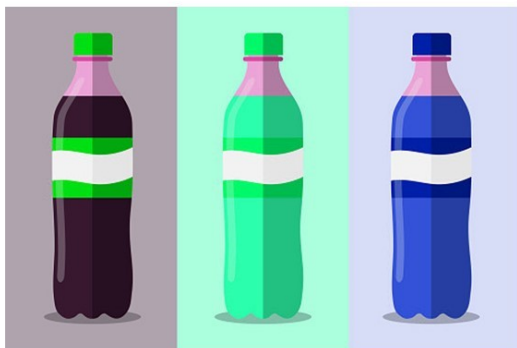
Jan 7	Jane Gary
Jan 14	C.E.—Pizza Sale
Jan 21	Barb Brian
Jan 28	Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 2024
11:30 AM

2024 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

Christian Education Pizza Sale



Sunday, January 14, 2023
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Homemade Pizza with Choice of Toppings
Order Forms Available at the Church
Or call (231) 882-4922
Deadline: Thursday, January 11th

Proceeds Support Christian Education Projects

Circle 1 will meet at Papa J's in Honor on Wed., Jan
17 @ 1:00. Please let Chris Stone know if you plan to
attend. chrisjstone47@gmail.com or 231 651 0476.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Office Closed 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7 pm Boy Scouts	2 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	3 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 6:15 Festival of Trees (Classroom)	4 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	5 7 PM AA (Barn)	6
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