

A JOYFUL NOISE!

December 2023

Hello and Merry Christmas to you!

As there is a message here every month; something for you to ponder, consider, or contemplate, this month I thought we could try something a bit different.

I love reading poetry. Writing it, not so much, but to listen, to see, the world and our surroundings through someone else's perspective is something I enjoy.

I offer you a place to write an easy Christmas acrostic poem. Side note.... The psalms are full of acrostics. If you are not familiar with the pattern, you write a word beginning with each letter of the word Christmas that has a meaning to you.

C – Children, H – Homemade treats, R – Reflections of smiles in the ornaments.

Get the idea???? Now you try!

C _____
H _____
R _____
I _____
S _____
T _____
M _____
A _____
S _____

If acrostics are not your thing, how about a Haiku? A three lined poem, no more than 17 syllables. Three lines, first line is five syllables, second is seven, and the third is back to five.

May this season be full of all the things your heart needs.

Parker Paffy

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds

Russ

Doris Marshall

Denise

Barbara

Kathy S.

Philip Lyman

Herbie H.

Misha

Wendy H.

Greg Lowry

Gladys P.

Maddie

Friends and Family of
Jim Sheets

AJ

Friends
and
Family
of
James
Wolfe

Friends and Family of
Joan Cooper

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



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 Cadillac.

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.



Did You Notice??
You have the opportunity to serve!!

As you can see by the Coffee Hour list that there two days that offer you the space, place, and time to help serve your permate. See Beth to volunteer



December Birthdays

1 Keith Brian
3 Dick Haase
5 Courtney Sauer
10 Izzy Bredbanner
12 Emily Rafferty
12 Blair Moss
12 Gary Brouwer
14 Margie Peacock
15 Cathy Hahn
18 Emmeline Wolowiec
18 Michael Call
19 Johnna Milks
20 Rosemary Abbett
20 Mia Jones
27 Steve Walton
28 Tyler Moss
29 Kay Bos
30 John Milks
30 Danielle Plumstead
31 David Call
31 Wayne Strom
31 Edward Shigwadja



Anniversaries

7 Sonny and Esther Rodriguez
21 Mike and Carolina Jones
22 Andrew and Christy Case

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/UCOGrpOiU7ggXa7tT6vhTHRw>

Instagram: [first_congregational_benzonia](https://www.instagram.com/first_congregational_benzonia)

Volunteers Coffee Hour

Dec 10—Advent Workshop
Circle 1 Brunch
Dec 10—Kay and Bill Bos

Dec 17—Available

Dec 24—Beth Sheets

Dec 31—Available





For our B.I.G. donations this month, we are collecting for **Benzie Food Partners.**

Help us help those in need by participating in our ongoing **Bring In Groceries** program.

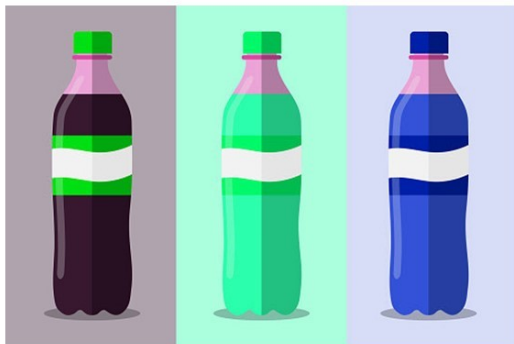
December Musicians



December 3—Nena Girven
December 10—Nena Girven
December 17— Mary Ellen Wagner and Nena Girven
December 21—Nena Girven
December 24—Mary Ellen Wagner and Nena Girven
December 32—Nena Girven

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

Circle 1 needs more cookies, breads or candy for their packages they are making on 12/16. If you have not signed up yet and would like to participate, please call or email Chris

Stone @

231 651 0476 or

chrisjstone47@gmail.com.



December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	2 1:00 Jim Sheets Memorial
3 10:30am Worship Advent Workshop	4 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	5 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	6 12N AA (Barn) 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	7 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	8 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	9 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's 9-12 Zonta (Barn)
10 9:30 Deacon's 10:30am Worship	11 9:00 Trustees 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)	12 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	13 10-10:30 am Piano Tuning 12N AA (Barn) 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	14 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	15 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	16
17 10:30am Worship 12:00 Christian Education	18 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	19 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	20 12N AA (Barn) 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	21 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn) 7:00 pm Longest Night Service	22 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	23
24 10:30am Worship 9:00 Christmas Eve Service	25 OFFICE CLOSED 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 AA (Barn)	26 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	27 12N AA (Barn) 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 AA (Barn)	28 3:15-6:45 pm Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	29 12N WAA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	30
31 10:30 am Worship						

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