

A JOYFUL NOISE!

March 2024

Hello,

This past week has been a very busy week. There have been several meetings every day. This is not common for me the last week of the month.

Most of these meetings have been full of angst, concern, and apprehension. Please note that these are not necessarily negative feelings. They are words that lead to good conversations.

In more than two of the meetings the subject of calendars came up, short term planning versus long term planning, and the like. While one meeting mentioned having to keep up several calendars another spoke to what "National Day" it was.

In the meeting that brought up the National Day, the presenter stated that it was National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, National Pancake Day, as well as National Panda Day. The place of concern and angst came when a person contradicted the presenter and said the following day would be Panda Day, not the day of the meeting. The two people gave the subject about 30 seconds of debate before agreeing that it could be both days.

In reflection, I have spent some time thinking about these calendars and calendar days. It sent me down the rabbit holes of the internet. To be focused here I will bring up days that we may hold in relationship to our 3 Great Loves.

Love of Neighbor: National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day, 5/16. It can also be 3/31 or 9/28, depending on where you get your information.

Love of Creation: National World Environmental Day, 6/5; National Water Week, March 23-29; World Emissions Day, 9/21; Wildlife Conservation Day 12/4; World Soil Day 12/5.

Love of Children: National Care for Kids Day, 9/20; or National Childrens Day, 6/9. Sunday, June 9th is our Youth Day in worship.

So, I think that all of this rabbit hole research is to say that any day can be, and I would advocate – should be, a National Day when it comes to caring for each other and our world. Why set aside one day over the other?

Now, in my looking at calendars National Panda Day is March 16th.

Happy to be traveling the Way with you.

Pastor Patty

Remember in Your Prayers

Nancy Reynolds

Denise

Family and
Friends of
Philip
Lyman



Barbara

Kathy S.

Greg Lowry

Robin

Maddie

Mike K.

Family and Friends of
Doug Wheeler

AJ

Family and Friends of
Doris Marshall



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 Clare.

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

Cards and Notes



Please see the Bulletin Board for Cards and Notes.

Web Links

Michigan Conference News: michucc.org

Church Facebook Page: facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational

United Northern Association Facebook Page:
facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC

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



March Birthdays

1 Tim Brian
1 Christine Gehring
3 Liam Jones
3 John Riegler
3 Brandon Sauer
5 Brent Strom
6 Calvin Smith
6 Carson Case
7 Beau Wagner
8 Barry Hahn
9 Jo Bahry
10 Belle Brown
11 Bev Brouwer
12 Jeffrey Maddock
15 Emily Pagan
16 Chantelle Jones
18 Hunter Brian
22 Maria Wolowiec
22 Caleb Case
24 Carol Davidson
26 Judy Herban
29 Carol Dye



Anniversaries

26 Rob and Debra Rafferty

Volunteers Coffee Hour

Mar 3 Jo Bahry
Mar 10 Mary Wulke and
Sara Moorhead
Mar 17 Cleo Finch and
Joan Harwood
Mar 24 Chris Jones
Mar 31 Doug & Mary
Rodriguez





Please Join Us for Worship

Wednesday Feb 14	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday
Sunday March 24	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday
Thursday March 28	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday with potluck
Friday March 29	7:00 PM	Good Friday
Sunday March 31	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise
Sunday March 31	10:30 AM	Easter Service

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Circle 1 will meet Wed., March 20, at Geno's in Thompsonville at 1:00. We will need to finalize plans for the Women's Fellowship meeting on 4/3. We are the hosts for the meeting and need a program and a dessert. Please let Chris Stone know if you plan to attend.

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The choir is planning to sing on Palm Sunday, March 24. If you would like to join in, we will practice in the sanctuary on Thursdays at 3 PM.

March 7th

March 14th

March 21st



Capital Campaign Committee

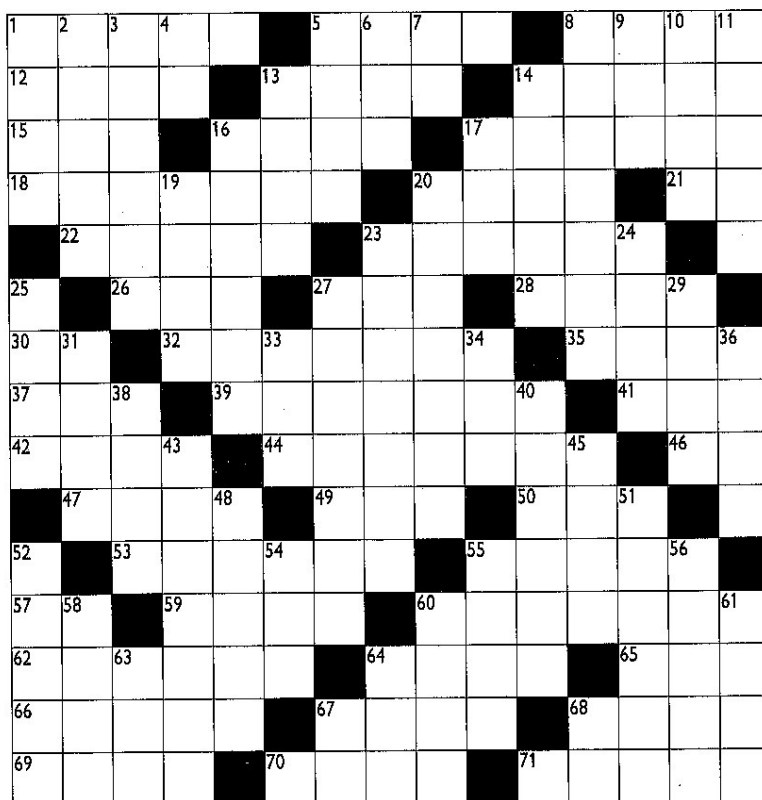
We are seeking volunteers to serve on a Capital Campaign Committee. If you are interested in hearing more about the opportunity, please contact Bill Dundon or Sara Moorhead.

ACROSS

- 1 Swallowed by a fish
5 37th book of the Bible (abbr.)
8 Nautical pole
12 Notice of death (abbr.)
13 "Where their ___ dieth not," Mark 9:44
14 Alaskan dog
15 Long period of time
16 Sunday before Easter
17 Doctrine
18 The side the wind is blowing toward
20 Done on the seventh day
21 Ourselves
22 Strides
23 Healed by Peter Acts 9:33-34
26 Aye
27 Computer "brain" (abbr.)
28 Descendant of Esau
30 Check (abbr.)
32 Big snakes
35 Fight
37 Edging
39 Son of Ahisamach Exo. 35:34
41 3rd book written by Moses (abbr.)
42 "For in due season we shall ___," Gal. 6:9
44 3rd king of Israel
46 Spanish yes
47 Confession
49 Offspring
- 50 Conquered
53 Assents
55 Naaman was this 2 Kgs. 5:1
57 Homeland of Abram Gen. 15:1, 7
59 44th book of the Bible
60 Belongs to Moses' father-in-law
62 Evil king of Israel that battled Asa 1 Kgs. 15:32-34
64 First book in Bible not written by Moses (abbr.)
65 48th book of the Bible (abbr.)
66 Son of Saul 1 Sam. 14:49
67 Tore
68 "Eloi, Eloi, ___ sabachthani?" Mark 15:34
69 Here
70 King of Sodom Gen. 14:2
71 Disease of 23 Across
- 7 General Manager (abbr.)
8 Faith seed
9 A snake
10 Oblique
11 10th US President
13 Conflicts
14 28th book of the Bible
16 Tropical fruit
17 1st book written by Moses (abbr.)
19 Cry
20 Meeting
23 Jew born at Alexandria Acts 18:24
24 1st king of Israel
25 13th book of the Bible (abbr.)
27 Decides
- 29 "They compassed me about like ___," Psalm 118:12
31 "If ye love me, ___ my commandments."
33 52nd & 53rd books of the Bible (abbr.)
34 9th & 10th books of the Bible (abbr.)
36 57 to Julius
38 39th book of the Bible (abbr.)
40 Submitteth
43 Mythological horse
45 "The princes of ___ are deceived," Isa. 19:13
48 Borders are near Ataroth Josh. 16:2
- 51 Idol of men of Cuth 2 Kgs. 17:29-30
52 Forearms length
54 Estimated time of arrival (abbr.)
55 "Take heed ___ any man deceive you:" Mark 13:5
56 Wanders
58 Impulsive
60 "Thou art Simon the son of ___:" John 1:42
61 Murder
63 Son of Abdiel 1 Chron. 5:15
64 24th book of the Bible (abbr.)
67 Prefix for again
68 Earthquake city (abbr.)

DOWN

- 1 29th book of the Bible
2 Double reed instruments
3 Age of Sarah when promised a son
4 "Sin lieth ___ the door." Gen 4:7
5 "___ fast that which is good." 1 Thes. 5:21
6 Appendage



March 2024						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 12 Noon AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	2
3 10:30am Worship and Communion	4 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7 pm Boy Scouts	5 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	6 1:00 Women's Fellowship 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn)	7 2:00 Chimes 3:00 Choir 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	8 12 Noon AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	9 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Papa J's
10 9:15 Book Study 9:30 Deacon's 10:30am Worship One Great Hour of Sharing Daylight Savings Begins	11 9:00 Trustees 11 Commodities 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7 pm Boy Scouts	12 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	13 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn)	14 4:00 Chimes 3:00 Choir 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	15 12 Noon AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	16 9-2 Zonta (Barn)
17 9:15 Book Study 10:30am Worship 12:00 Christian Education	18 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7 pm Boy Scouts	19 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 5:00 Council 7:00 WAA (Barn)	20 1:00 Circle 1 at Geno's 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn)	21 2:00 Chimes 3:00 Choir 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 NA (Barn)	22 12 Noon AA (Barn) 7 PM AA (Barn)	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:15 Book Study 10:30am Worship <div> <div>31</div> <div> 7:00 an Easter Sunrise Service 10:30am </div> </div>	25 12N New Comer AA (Barn) 12-5 Bridge Club 5-6:30 SMART Recovery (Barn) 7 pm Boy Scouts	26 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 7:00 WAA (Barn)	27 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn)	28 2:00 Chimes 3:15-6:45 Tutoring (Barn) 6:00 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 NA (Barn)	29 12 Noon AA (Barn) 7 pm AA (Barn) 7:00 Good Friday Service	30

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