

A Joyful Noise!

November 2025

Hello,

We are moving closer to the end of the year and the time that I set out as place to try new things. I hope that you stretched a bit and tried some of the options for contemplative practice.

I think that with Thanksgiving coming in just a few weeks, and many of us being with family and friends, that we take a look at the practice of dialogue and deep listening. Two things that should always go hand in hand.

In our fast-moving world, conversation often becomes a race — to be heard, to make a point, to respond quickly. But in the life of faith, when we are faithful, dialogue and deep listening can become sacred, contemplative acts.

True dialogue is more than exchanging opinions. The word itself, from the Greek *dia* (through) and *logos* (word, meaning, truth), reminds us that something holy passes *through* our words when we speak with openness and listen with love. In dialogue, we don't try to win; we try to understand. We trust that God's Spirit may be speaking through another's story as much as through our own.

Deep listening is the heart of this practice. It asks us to quiet our inner chatter and simply be present. To listen without planning our reply, without judgment, without hurry. Thomas Merton once wrote of listening as "hearing the divine heartbeat in all things." When we listen this way — to one another, to creation, to God — we are doing more than a contemplative practice, we are practicing in prayer.

We might begin this practice by adding small pauses into our conversations, allowing moments of silence to breathe between words. Try listening for what lies underneath another person's words: longing, fear, gratitude, or hope. We can try to respond with curiosity instead of correction. Perhaps, over time, this kind of listening can become a form of contemplation in community — a way of discovering sacred presence between us.

In dialogue grounded in love and listening shaped by prayer, we find not just understanding, but transformation. Every conversation can become a doorway into the holy. Breathe Deep. Slow our speech. Listen with intent.

See you along the Way,

Pastor Patty

Barbara, Jeff, Brad, Ed, Paula, Hank, Aiden,
Maryellen, William, Randy; family & friends of
John P Marshall

Prayers For...

Those who have lost loved ones.



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
New Waves UCC

Flowers

*If you need the assistance of the church for
Altar Flowers, please call the office 231-882-4922.*

BIG

For our **B.I.G.** donations this month,
we are collecting
toys & blankets for Toys for Tots.

Web Links

Michigan Conference News: michucc.org

Church Facebook Page:
facebook.com/BenzoniaCongregational

United Northern Association Facebook Page:
facebook.com/UnitedNorthernAssociationUCC

Church YouTube Page:
<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstCongregationalBenzoniaUCC>

Church Instagram Page: @First_Congregational_Benzonia



November

Birthdays

5	Agnes Slater
7	Mike Jones
9	Jane Gary
9	Sonny Rodriguez
10	Mark Thompson
12	Nick Kassanos
13	Jeanne Hafer
13	Evan Jones
13	Evan Milks
15	Carolina Jones
15	Dottie Hallock
17	Joe Johnson
20	Malia Jackson
23	Linda Jenema
24	Sonni Rodriguez
25	Pat Schopp
27	Larry Wolke



November Anniversaries

24	Tad and Margie Peacock
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Coffee Hour Hosts

Nov. 2	Linda Jenema
Nov. 9	Jane Gary
Nov. 16	Carolina Tábora
Nov. 23	Bev Brouwer
Nov. 30	Jane Gary

Lunch time

Soup & Conversation

The Word in the word



WHEN: Wednesdays

10:30 AM Nov 5

1:00 PM Nov 19, Dec 3 & 17



CASSEROLE & SOUP SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025



Bidding begins at 10 AM and ends at 11:50 AM

HOSTED BY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



TC STREET MEDICINE MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT [MMU] BENZIE SCHEDULE*

**schedule may change | SERVICES BEGIN IN OCTOBER*

FRIDAY

**BENZIE AREA CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS
[BACN]**
2804 BENZIE HWY, BENZONIA MI 49616
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

SERVICES FOR:

Urgent Health Concerns | Wound Care | Medication Refills |
Sprains | Cuts/Lacerations | Chronic Disease Management |
Medicaid Enrollment | Assistance with Medical Appointments |
Specialty Referrals | Health Education | Behavioral Health |
Psychiatry, etc.



Festival of Trees

Tree with a Purpose



A GOOD NIGHT TREE

Filled with new items that littles need for a
good night's sleep!

Pajamas (sizes newborn – 5T),
baby slippers, pacifiers, and teething rings

Collecting those items through
Sunday, November 16th

We're Collecting Toys for Tots...

Gift Suggestions for Teenagers

Craft Supplies



Sports
Equipment



Tool Sets



Sports Bags

Ear Buds



Blankets



Board
Games



All Donations Benefit Toys for Tots of Benzie County

Sponsored by Outreach

**Circle 1 will meet Wed., Nov.
12 @ 1:00 at the
church. Chris Stone is the
hostess. Final prep will be
done for the advent
workshop and the cookie
project. Circle 1 will not
meet in Dec.
chrisjstone47@gmail.com
231-651-0476**

Again, this year, Circle 1 is encouraging those who like to bake, to make 5-6 dozen holiday cookies or other holiday treats like fudge, peanut brittle, small breads or fruit cakes. The breads should be individually wrapped, the candy packaged in small quantities. They should be labeled cookie project with your name on them and be at the church by Friday, December 12th, or bring them at 10:00 am on December 13th.

Circle 1 and anyone else who would like to join them, are getting together on Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 am to package up the cookies for distribution to some of our members and friends.

We will also be looking for volunteers to deliver cookies on 12/13, 12/14, or 12/15. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Chris Stone.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come.
 Thy will be done on earth,
 as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and
 the power, and the glory,
 for ever.
 Amen.

**We are looking for the
 history of this banner!!
 We found it tucked in the
 corner of the
 classroom. If you know
 who made it, when it was
 made, the purpose
 behind it...really,
 anything about it, please
 let the office or Pastor
 Patty know.**

Crossword Key for October

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	1	2	3		4	5	6	7	
	R	P	M		B	O	H	A	N
8	E	N	G	E	D	I		10	I
12	P	S		13	A	T	O	L	
17	I	T	S		19	E	T	H	E
22	T	H	E	S		24	H	A	R
	27	E	L	A	M		29	H	O
31	A	R	A	R	A	T		33	Y
	35	M		H	A	G	A	R	
38	39		40	H	O	R	A	M	
44	A	D	E		46	G	E	D	O
49	M	O	T	E		51	S	I	L
	54	L	A	V	A		56	S	E
	58	M	E	L	A	H		59	G

BENZIE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB
 PRESENTS



PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

NOVEMBER 14 AND 15
 AT 7:00 PM

BENZIE CENTRAL AUDITORIUM
 9222 HOMESTEAD RD

ADMISSION
 \$15 ADULTS
 \$10 STUDENTS

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR * CASH/CHECK/VENMO

QUESTIONS? 231.882.4497

JANE AUSTEN'S PRIDE AND PREJUDICE BY JANET MUNSHIL THROUGH PLAYWRIGHTS GUILD OF CANADA

November 2025

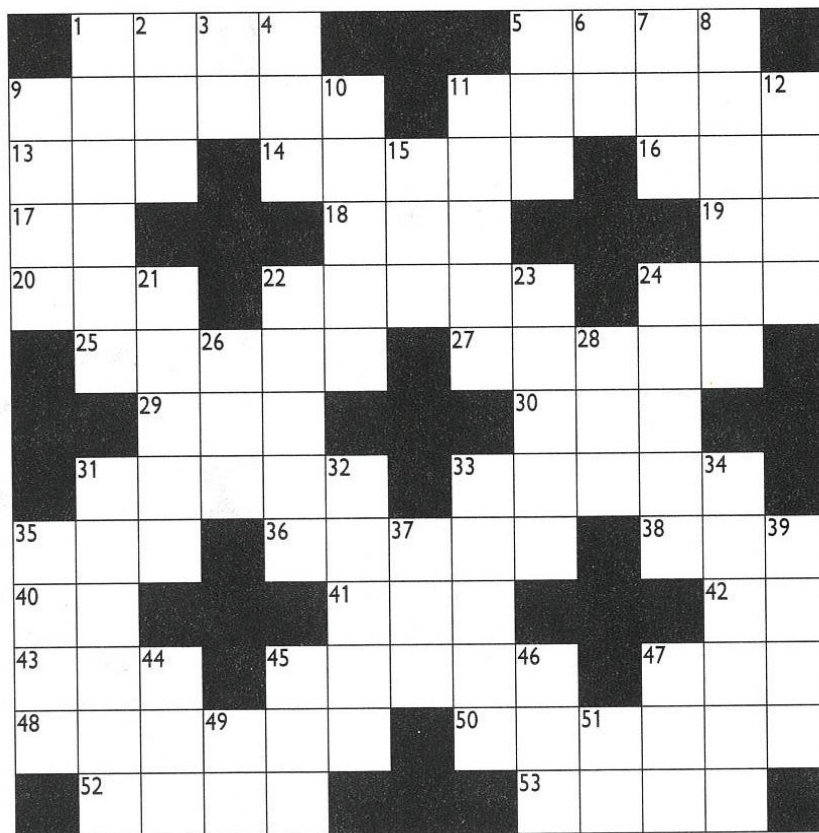
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8:30am Men's Breakfast
2 BIG Sunday 10:30am Worship & Communion	3 12pm Bridge 7pm AA (Barn) 7pm Boy Scouts	4 6pm Single MOMM 7pm WAA (Barn)	5 10:30am Soup & Conversation 1pm Women's Fellowship 7pm AA (Barn)	6 11am Single MOMM 5pm AA (Barn) 7pm NA (Barn)	7 12pm WAA (Barn) 7pm AA (Barn)	8 10-1 Mike Heller Service
9 10am Casserole & Soup Auction 10:30am Worship	10 9am Trustees 11am Commodities 12pm Bridge 5pm Deacons 7pm AA (Barn) 7pm Boy Scouts	11 6pm Single MOMM 7pm WAA (Barn) Veteran's Dinner	12 1pm Circle 1 7pm AA (Barn)	13 11am Single MOMM 5pm AA (Barn) 7pm NA (Barn)	14 12pm WAA (Barn) 7pm AA (Barn)	15 9am Benzie Zonta (Barn)
16 9:30am Christian Ed 10:30am Worship	17 12pm Bridge 7pm AA (Barn) 7pm Boy Scouts	18 5pm Council 7pm WAA (Barn)	19 1pm Soup & Conversation 7pm AA (Barn)	20 11am Single MOMM 5pm AA (Barn) 7pm NA (Barn)	21 12pm WAA 7pm AA (Barn)	22
23 Pastor Patty— Vacation 10:30am Worship	24 Pastor Patty— Vacation 12pm Bridge 7pm AA (Barn) 7pm Boy Scouts	25 Pastor Patty— Vacation 7pm AA (Barn)	26 Pastor Patty— Vacation 7pm AA (Barn)	27 Pastor Patty— Vacation Thanksgiving 5pm AA (Barn) 7pm NA (Barn) Office closed	28 Pastor Patty— Vacation 12pm WAA 7pm AA (Barn) Office closed	29 Pastor Patty— Vacation
30 10:30am Worship						

ACROSS

- 1 "The troops of ___ looked," Job 6:19
 5 "The thoughts of the diligent ___ only to plenteousness;" Prov. 21:5
 9 "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the ___; go not forth:" Matt. 24:26
 11 Son of Pharez Gen. 46:12
 13 Emergency Medical Technician (abbr.)
 14 13th or 14th book of Bible (abbr.)
 16 "And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ___ it up;" Rev. 10:10
 17 Associated Press (abbr.)
 18 "Will a man ___ God?" Mal. 3:8
 19 "For God so loved the world, that ___ gave his only begotten Son,"
 20 Illness
 22 "I will plant in the wilderness the ___," Isa. 41:19
 24 Son of Jacob by Leah
 25 "Let him seek peace, and ___ it." 1 Pet. 3:11
 27 "And descended to the stone of ___ the son of Reuben," Josh. 18:17
 29 Re-record
 30 Is either a 0 or 1
 31 Opposite of credit
- 33 "___, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad," Josh. 15:37
 35 Before Lam.
 36 Weeds
 38 Last book of Old Testament (abbr.)
 40 "Behold, ___ angel of the Lord appeareth" Matt. 2:19
 41 "And I will ___ you out of their bondage," Exo. 6:6
 42 "Except a man ___ born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
 43 Mother of all
 45 Regions
 47 Large snake
 48 Heritage
 50 4th Hebrew letter Psalm 119
 52 "To all that be in ___, beloved of God," Rom. 1:7
 53 "Draw ___ unto my soul, and redeem it:" Psalm 69:18
- 7 National Rifle Association (abbr.)
 8 "Saying, Behold, he is in ___." 2 Kgs. 6:13
 9 "The lepers are cleansed, and the ___ hear,"
 10 "After ___ days I will rise again." Matt. 27:63
 11 Son of Raguel Num. 10:29
 12 "They that are whole ___ not a physician;" Luke 5:31
 15 Was made into a snake before Pharaoh
 21 "Let the waters ___ the heaven be gathered together" Gen. 1:9
- 22 Biblical measure
 23 "And white ___ were given unto every one of them;" Rev. 6:11
 24 A son of Eliphaz Gen. 36:11
 26 Underwater ship
 28 "And an ___ of oil for an ephah." Ezek. 45:24
 31 Mile high city
 32 "___ ye here, and watch with me." Matt. 26:38
 33 "The way of Hethlon, as men go to ___;" Ezek. 47:15
 34 "And Ahab spake unto ___," 1 Kgs. 21:2
 35 Wife of Heber the Kenite Judg. 4:17
- 37 "But the wheat and the ___ were not smitten;" Exo. 9:32
 39 Sister of Rachel
 44 Conceit
 45 Expert pilot
 46 ___ Francisco
 47 "Therefore shall he ___ in harvest, and have nothing." Prov. 20:4
 49 "This is my beloved Son, in whom I ___ well pleased."
 51 Symbol for lithium.

DOWN

- 1 "And, behold, the veil of the ___ was rent in twain" Matt. 27:51
 2 Follows Neh.
 3 "If ye love ___, keep my commandments." John 14:15
 4 Segment of a circle
 5 Number of virgins in the parable
 6 After Lam.



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