

A Joyful Noise!

July 2026

Summer Greetings,

At our last Council meeting, we discussed our weekly and monthly news updates and how we share information with all of you. We are considering making some changes moving forward, so I wanted to offer you a glimpse into what we've been thinking.

If you receive electronic communications from the church, you may have noticed that we have a new look and feel to the Church Family Update on Fridays!

Thanks to Brittany, our new administrative assistant, for re-designing and updating the CFU! She is revising our electronic correspondence and giving us a fresh, more modern look.

It has also been brought to our attention that much of the information we share in the Joyful Noise has already been repeated from the Church Family Update. So, we are evaluating how we share information and the best way to keep it relevant.

With that said, the Joyful Noise and the Church Family Update will be undergoing more changes. We don't have all the details worked out yet, so stay tuned!

For those of you who receive the Joyful Noise by mail, worry not. We will continue to mail you an update from the church.

If you have suggestions for streamlining our communications, please share them! I would love to hear your ideas for the best way to get the church's news to you.

Blessings to your summer,

Sara

Barbara, Anna, Sheila, Heather, Lu, Patrick, Sally,
Mary, and Joy

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
First Congregational UCC Charlevoix

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
Baking Ingredients
to donate to BACN.

happy birthday

- 1 Cleo Finch
- 8 Angie Haase
- 19 Laura Kassanos
- 22 Nancy Call
- 25 Hannah Rodriguez
- 25 Brad DeLauter
- 28 Neil Marshall
- 29 Tiana Gould
- 30 David VanHammen
- 30 Anna Wear



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: [@benzoniuacc](https://www.instagram.com/benzoniaucc)



Coffee Hour Hosts

July 5 Mary & Sara

June 12

June 19 Quarterly Mtg
& Potluck

June 26

If you would like to host,
contact the office or
Chris Stone.

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KAY FISCHER

SUNDAY, 5 JULY, AT 12:30 PM
CONGREGATIONAL SUMMER
ASSEMBLY MEETING HOUSE
2128 PILGRAM HWY, FRANKFORT

The memorial service for Kay Fischer will be held at the Meeting House of the Congregational Summer Assembly on Sunday, July 5 at 12:30 PM.

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CYNTHIA SCHNARR

WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY, AT 3:00 PM
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF BENZONIA UCC
901 BARBER ST, BENZONIA

We are still looking for assistance with setup and cleanup for Cynthia Schnarr's Memorial Service on Wednesday, July 8th at 3 PM.

If you are available to help, please reach out to Linda Jemena at 231-633-6023.

CAMPFIRE & S'mores

26
JUL



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PM

Please join us for an afternoon of fun
and fellowship hosted by Steve Walton.

2648 CRYSTAL DRIVE, BEULAH



TAKE ME
OUT TO THE
BALL GAME

TRAVERSE CITY
PIT SPITTERS

VS

ROYAL OAK
LEPRECHAUNS

FRIDAY, JULY 17
MEET AT THE BOX OFFICE

6:30 PM

TICKETS \$17

FIREWORKS AFTER THE GAME!



JULY
IS



Baking
ESSENTIALS MONTH
FOR B.I.G

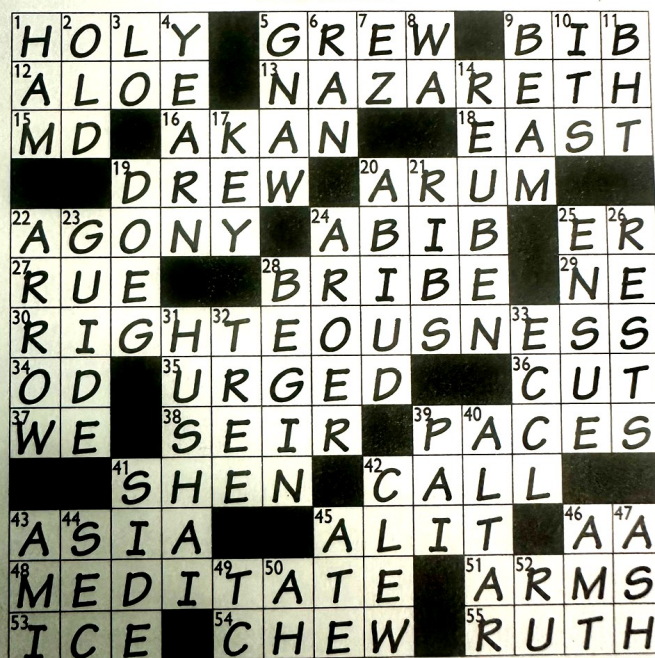
FLOUR. SUGAR. BAKING SODA. SALT.
CHOCOLATE CHIPS. TOGETHER, THEY
BECOME SWEET MEMORIES.

- Cake Mixes
- Cookie Mixes
- Brownie Mixes
- Muffin Mixes
- Pancake / Waffle Mix
- Cornbread Mix
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Flour
- Sugar (White, Light, Dark, & Powdered)
- Baking Powder
- Baking Soda
- Cornstarch
- Cocoa Powder
- Salt

DON'T FORGET THE OILS, EXTRACTS,
CHIPS & FLAKES. EVERY GREAT BAKE
NEEDS THE FINISHING TOUCH!

June Crossword Key

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BACK TO SCHOOL SHOES



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. **CLICK THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:**



EVENT INCLUDES:

New shoes and socks for toddlers through high school (grade 12)

Eye exams and glasses (if needed)

School supplies (while supplies last)

All services offered at no cost

EVENT DATES: August 3: Benzonia
August 5: Kalkaska
August 7: Mancelona
August 11-14: Grand Traverse (Father Fred Foundation)



Registration ends 7/27 and is required. Scan code or register online at fatherfred.org.
Walk-ins will be limited to a specific time and shoes will not be guaranteed.

THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SUPPORTERS!



TO VOLUNTEER: Email:
mwilliams@fatherfred.org
Or call: 231-221-4003

To learn more or donate visit:
fatherfred.org



THE
Father Fred
Foundation™

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Traverse City, 49686
Questions? Call:
231-947-2055

Our Mission: Based on the founding belief that each of us is created in God's image,
we offer help, hope, and compassion to anyone with essential needs.



**Volunteers Needed
on Monday, August 3rd!**

**We are looking for folks
to make sandwiches from
7:30 — 8:30 AM .**

**We are also looking for people to
fit shoes on kids during the event.**

**If you are interested in
volunteering for the Father Fred
Back to School Shoe Event,
please contact Sara.**

SOCK COLLECTION CONTINUES !



**We will continue to collect ankle
socks through the month of July for
the Father Fred Back to School
Shoe Event.**

**If you are still looking to donate,
these are the sizes we need the most:**
Boy's and Girl's Small and Medium
Women's
Men's



**Quarterly Meeting &
Potluck**

Sunday, July 19th

**Immediately following
worship**





We had a very successful Attic Treasures Sale! We made a little over \$3000.00. This is the major fundraising event for Women's Fellowship. We would like to thank all those who donated and a special thanks to all those who came to help set up on Thursday and helped pack up on Saturday.

Updates from the Trustees:

- ♦ We have updated the Building Use Form, increasing a couple of the fees.
- ♦ We have added a timeclock for use by the hourly paid staff.
- ♦ We have a bid for painting the Barn, and are waiting for another.
- ♦ The Barn windows have been cleaned and the electrician has made some minor repairs.
- ♦ We have a new lawn care and snowplowing service.
- ♦ We are reviewing the cost of the church insurance.
- ♦ We are working on creating a new evacuation policy.

JOIN US
FOR A MARSH WALK



SUNDAY
AUG 9, 2026
GATHER 2:00 PM

ARCADIA MARSH
PARKING LOT ON M-22

IF YOU NEED A RIDE, PLEASE CONTACT A DEACON

ICE CREAM TO FOLLOW AT THE ICE HOUSE

JULY '26

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
28 10:30am - Worship	29 12pm - Bridge 5pm - SMART Recovery 7pm - AA (Barn) Patty - Vacation	30 5pm - Craft (Barn) 7pm - WAA (Barn) Patty - Vacation	1 7pm - AA (Barn) Patty - Vacation	2 5pm - AA (Barn) 7pm - NA (Barn) Patty - Vacation	3 12pm -WAA (Barn) 7pm - AA (Barn) OFFICE CLOSED Patty - Vacation	4 Patty - Vacation
5 BIG Sunday 10:30am - Communion 10:30am - Worship Patty - Vacation	6 12pm - Bridge 5pm - SMART Recovery 7pm - AA (Barn)	7 5pm - Craft (Barn) 7pm - WAA (Barn)	8 3pm - Cynthia Schnarr Memorial 7pm - AA (Barn)	9 5pm - AA (Barn) 7pm - NA (Barn)	10 12pm -WAA (Barn) 7pm - AA (Barn)	11 8:30am - Men's Breakfast 9am - CLPRA Annual
12 9:30am - Deacon's 10:30am - Worship	13 9am - Trustees 12pm - Bridge 5pm - SMART Recovery 7pm - AA (Barn)	14 5pm - Craft (Barn) 7pm - WAA (Barn)	15 8am - Community Chest 7pm - AA (Barn)	16 5pm - AA (Barn) 7pm - NA (Barn)	17 7am - Private Use (Kitchen) 12pm -WAA (Barn) 6:30pm - Pit Spitters 7pm - AA (Barn)	18
19 9:30am - Christian Education 10:30am - Worship	20 12pm - Bridge 5pm - SMART Recovery 7pm - AA (Barn)	21 5pm - Council 5pm - Craft (Barn) 7pm - WAA (Barn)	22 7pm - AA (Barn)	23 5pm - AA (Barn) 7pm - NA (Barn)	24 12pm -WAA (Barn) 7pm - AA (Barn)	25
26 10:30am - Worship 2pm - Campfire & S'mores	27 9am - Private Use (Library) 12pm - Bridge 5pm - SMART Recovery 7pm - AA (Barn)	28 9am - Private Use (Library) 5pm - Craft (Barn) 7pm - WAA (Barn)	29 7pm - AA (Barn)	30 9am - Private Use (Library) 5pm - AA (Barn) 7pm - NA (Barn)	31 12pm -WAA (Barn) 7pm - AA (Barn)	1 8:30am - Men's Breakfast

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