



The Soo Chimes

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

"I have got ulcers from the worrying I have done and they worry too." This is a line from a rock song from 1983. It is a satirical song about how we worry. A fun fact, it mentions worrying about Afghanistan something we are still doing over 30 years later. As much as we worried in 1983, it can't hold a candle to how we as a culture worry today. A very small list of some of the things our culture worries about; the middle east, global warming, Ebola, vaccines, the economy, child predators, treatment of animals, racism, sexism, homophobia, republicans, democrats, elections, privacy, too much government influence, too little government influence, plagues, the rich, the poor, thinking robots, etc. I am getting exhausted writing all these worries of our culture and, I must admit, I am getting a little worried.

We worry more today because we have more access to information than at any previous time in history. Terrible and horrible things happened around the globe before 24 hour cable news and the internet really took hold in our culture. We did not worry about these things, because we did not know about them. The movie "Hotel Rwanda" shocked people, they had no idea of the genocide that was occurring in Africa during the 1990's. We have far more

"worrying information" available to us today than at any other time.

The effect of this "worrying information" is real. Even worrying information that is false has an effect. Hannah as a child loved dolls. One particular doll was constantly with her 24/7. Through the years she has accumulated a rather nice doll collection. In the last couple years she has heard from some of her friends how "creepy" all the dolls are in her room. The feature they found most "creepy" are all the eyes. Why would anyone consider a doll collection "creepy"? The number of horror movies that have been churned out by Hollywood in the last decade that includes "evil dolls" is too many to count. Those who have seen these movies are far more predisposed to feel a doll collection is "creepy" than those who avoided these movies. Dwelling on "worry" either real or imagined has an effect on us.

A second reason we worry more today is our culture, for the most part, has given up on God. The worry is made exponentially worse since our culture no longer believes God exists let alone is in control. Our culture believes it is humans and their abilities and wisdom that must

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The Purpose of the First United Presbyterian Church is to:
Invite people to know and glorify God
Grow together as followers of Christ
Serve others through the power of the Holy Spirit

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guide the development of our planet. It is no wonder our culture worries, if our future is no God and humans have to be their own salvation who indeed can be saved?

As Christians we are promised in Mat 28:18-20, "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. {19} Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." JESUS is in control. The fate of our world is in HIS hands. HE has promised to be with us always, forever and ever. Our culture has forgotten this. We should not.

Peace in Christ,
Mark



**SUNDAY
AUGUST 16TH**

Mary Stanaway

Church
Transportation
Deacon



Cathy Akre

Deacon

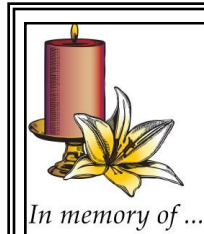


If you or someone you know are in the hospital and would like a visit from the Deacon's please contact the church office or one of the Deacons



Food Pantry

Jeanne Shibley
and
Mary Stanaway



In memory of ...

Marjean Smart
07/13/15
Lola Taylor
07/21/15

Devotions



Carol Rohweder



At Home

Bea Woodgate
1008 Johnston Street
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Tendercare— Sault Ste Marie

1011 Meridian

Violet Bjunes
Jim Schmidt
Jean Smith

**Freighter View Assisted Living
605 West Portage Avenue**

Audrey Bush
Emily Hamilton
Jane Kellan
Margaret Olson
Carmelita Schrupf

**WMH Long Term Care
500 Osborn Boulevard**

Lois Myers

**McKinley Manor
2023 West 4th Avenue**

Vera Steffens
Jeanne Gantz

**Hearthside Assisted Living
1501 W 6th Avenue**

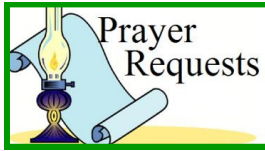
David Shaw

Out of Town

Della Porter
2920 Crystal Lane Room 426
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Dorthea Allen
Michigan Masonic Home
1200 Wright, Room 167
Alma, MI 48801

June MacInnis
900 Glen Haven Circle, Apt 2
Petoskey, MI 49770



Family of Lola Taylor, Family of Marjean Smart, Verna Campbell, Kevin Tastor, Jean Smith, Leslie Henderson, Carl Smart, Pat Whyte, Kady Love, Kalan Mason, Terry East, Jim Schmidt, Mary Lee Schmidt, Delphine Porter, Lauren Wood, Don Dagnal, Ruth Thesing, Dorothy Smart, Gina Gough, Ellen Meister, Jane Kellan, Susan Brock, Margaret Olson, Robert Jewell, Judy Knutsen, Ellen Woodgate, William Kellan, Colleen Sibbald, Bea Woodgate, Wendy (Menard) James, Margaret Vonderwerth & her family, and all members of missionaries and the U.S. Armed Forces.
Please keep us up to date on your prayer requests.



**Our Sunday
Worship Service
starts at 10:00 a.m.**
We hope to see you on
Sunday!



**FARMERS'
Market**

Every Wednesday
4 pm - 6:30 pm.
Goes through
November 18th
Ashmun & Portage



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ron Blair, Jr., who has retired from the Coast Guard after 23 years of military service. Ron is the son of Ron and Donna Blair.

Thank you for your service Ron!

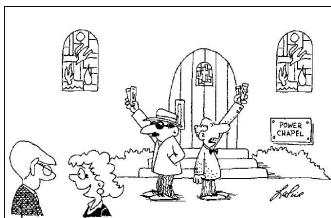


The Office will be closed every Friday in the month of August

Expectant waiting

When we shoot an arrow, we look to the fall of it; when we send a ship to sea, we look for the return of it; and when we sow seed, we look for a harvest; and so, when we sow our prayers into God's bosom, shall we not look for an answer? A sincere Christian will pray and wait and strengthen his heart with promises out of the word, and never leave till God give him a gracious answer.

—Richard Sibbes



"Oh, it must be a good church, Harry! They have scalpers!"



Jesus has asked us to look out for our neighbors, and hunger has no season. The Deacons continue to serve the community through the Food Pantry as a result of the congregation's generosity. The pantry distributes bags of groceries on Tuesday mornings from 9 am-Noon (or sooner if the groceries run out). We are looking for assistance with distributing the groceries. Deacons will have bags prepared and ready to hand out. If you are available and willing to help, please contact Jeanne Shibley at 630-1707. Groceries are double bagged and contributions of paper bags are always welcome.

Jeanne Shibley, Deacon Chairperson



David and Patricia Whyte	08/02
Gary and Angela Gorsuch	08/03
Ronald and Bonita Lawson	08/06
Julie and James Martin	08/08
Glenn and Carolyn Trumble	08/08
Chad and Janet Cardinal	08/10
Gary and Nora Nurmi	08/11
Jennie and Wayne Somes	08/11
Ruth and John Wilson	08/13
Phyllis and Earl McKechnie	08/14
Todd and Jennifer Smith	08/14
Todd and Anne Capling	08/20
Gary and Joan Hill	08/20
Michelle and James Johnson	08/28
David and Leslie Henderson	08/29
Richard and Carol Brawley	08/31



Choir Kick-off

Everyone is welcome to join in!

Choir Rehearsals begin on
Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Contact Kay Boyne for more information.

And "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!"



Kay Boyne is taking a much deserved break during August. We have three talented musicians scheduled to fill in

for Kay during her vacation.

On August 2nd and 30th, Lisa Justin will be joining us as the guest musician.

On August 9th & 16th, making her debut at the First United Presbyterian Church is Carol Symyneshan.

Carol hails from the 1st Baptist Church and has been joining us for Worship Service for several months.

On August 23rd our very own Ardith Bawks will be filling in for Kay.

Let's give a warm welcome to our guest musicians.



Ron and Donna Blair on the birth of

their new grandson

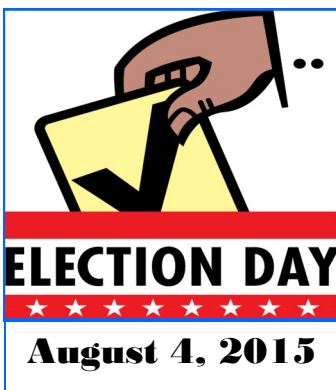
Bryce Lee Blair

born to their son Rob and Missy of Traverse City on June 10th

CONGRATULATIONS!



Deanna Musgrave	08/01	Ryan Sanderson	08/14
Brenda Corbiere	08/02	Joshua Gerrie	08/15
Jackson Gazvoda	08/04	Ronald Blair	08/16
Joel Schmidt	08/06	Donald Gerrie Sr.	08/17
Virginia Malette	08/07	Roberta Lackey	08/17
Kevin Tastor	08/07	Robert Leon	08/17
Terri Marsh	08/09	Gary Lehman	08/18
Sue Michels	08/09	Steven Lawson	08/19
Donald Myers	08/13	Kadence Gorsuch	08/21
Ralph Sarnowski	08/13	David Parker	08/23
Audrey Zane	08/13	Miranda Schomberg	08/24
Lorne Eagle	08/14	Alegra Soorus	08/25
		Corrie Rath	08/26
		Marcia Schreiner	08/26
		Donald Gerrie Jr.	08/27
		Robert Stratton III	08/28



Where Will You Be?



Some time ago I had an appointment with my Cardiologist in Petoskey and was ushered right in on time to an examination room to be questioned by a nurse who was preparing information for the doctor. You know the routine.

After the nurse left an inordinate amount of time transpired, and this gave me the opportunity to examine and read some of the outdated magazines left in the room. One particular article got me to thinking about the future.

The magazine was a publication highlighting vacation destinations and what one might experience if they were to visit the area. The message was hidden in the headlines, however, and it intrigued me, so I read on.

The headline asked the question, "Where will you be in five years, one year, tomorrow?" As you read further, the article hopes you will be in Emmet County, where beaches, woodlands, historical landmarks, and pristine waters wash upon the shores, etc. A nice article.

The catchy headline made me think about where I will be in the future and what life will bring me. This we do not know, but we are aware that we should always be prepared for the future and take the necessary steps to get where we are going, now!

The Apostle Paul stated in Colossians 3:12-17, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (NIV)

We all have certain gifts and we are encouraged to share those gifts with everyone. Time will determine how sincere we are with our love, how we express hope, and how faithful we are in serving the Lord. If we do right in the eyes of all we meet, we will live in peace with everybody.

Are you prepared for what lies ahead for you in the next 5 years, or next year, or even tomorrow. Days catch up with all of us so we must live peacefully with our neighbor, our closest friends, and our family. Think about it

Don Myers, CRE



Deacon's
Corner

The next Deacon's
Meeting will be held in
September.



Don't forget to get your reservations in for the FVPC cottage on Sugar Island. It's a beautiful place with all the comforts of home and a wonderful view. It's never too early to think about a relaxing vacation at the shore. Contact Denise for available dates and rates.



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS ... It's time for new church directory photos. We hope as many of you will participate in this activity. Information will be given out at the time you sign-up for your photo session. It's been five years since our last directory and many changes have occurred. The directory will show church members and friends as well as a section of church activities and a list of its present members. Church directory photo sessions have been scheduled for September 29, 30, and October 1. The following dates for the church directory photo registration will be on the following Sunday; August 16, 23, 30, and September 13 and 20. You may Also call the church office during the week to register. We hope you will participate. Our last directory had 94 family and individual photos. We hope to exceed this number. If you have any questions call Barb Kenn 906-2483106 or the church office.



Our scrip program is well under way and we are fundraising without even trying! Scrip is super easy and does not cost you any extra money. Nor do you have to buy things you don't need. Soup Kitchen and PW are on board and helped support the first order! So all of our church organizations can utilize it! We will be doing orders the 1st and the 15th of each month. You may bring your orders in to the office at any time and or place them with Brenda. Orders do need to be paid in advance.

Scrip is the opportunity to purchase gift cards for face value from our scrip program at the church. We deal with Great Lakes Scrip. The best part is that it does not cost you or the church extra money. It just requires a little bit of pre planning on your part, but once you get in the habit, it is so easy!

If you have any questions, feel welcome to connect with Brenda, check the church website for a link, or read the information on the board in the hall by the office. Again, this is a super way to help raise money and not over ask our members!

Brenda Ransom, elder tallulah@lighthouse.net

Bible humor

We take Scripture seriously, of course, but God also gave us the ability to laugh – and it's healthy to do so! Enjoy these Bible-based riddles:

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A: Adam. He was first in the human race.

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

A: Genesis 1:1 reads "In the big inning." Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

Q: Who was the best financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?

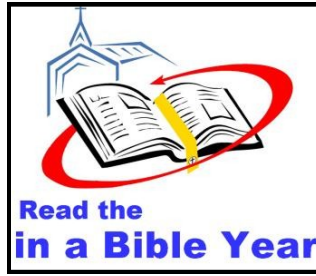
A: Ruthless.



"Sunday School is just around the corner!"

We will kick off the Sunday School season on Sunday, September 13th during our regular worship service. Children of all ages are welcome to join us! Pastor Mark will be teaching our adult Sunday School prior to our worship service. If you are interested in helping out our young children learn more about God, we are always in need of teachers and assistants! We look forward to another fun year of learning and sharing God's word!"

August

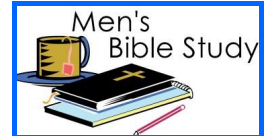


Dave Pearce

and

Doris Boogerd

1	1 Corinthians 16	2 Kings 12-13	Micah 3
2	2 Corinthians 1:1-2:4	2 Kings 14	Micah 4:1-5:1
3	2 Corinthians 2:5-3:18	2 Kings 15-16	Micah 5:2-15
4	2 Corinthians 4:1-5:10	2 Kings 17	Micah 6
5	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13	2 Kings 18	Micah 7
6	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:16	2 Kings 19	Nahum 1
7	2 Corinthians 8	2 Kings 20-21	Nahum 2
8	2 Corinthians 9	2 Kings 22:1-23:35	Nahum 3
9	2 Corinthians 10	2 Kings 23:36-24:20	Habakkuk 1
10	2 Corinthians 11	2 Kings 25	Habakkuk 2
11	2 Corinthians 12	1 Chronicles 1-2	Habakkuk 3
12	2 Corinthians 13	1 Chronicles 3-4	Zephaniah 1
13	John 1:1-18	1 Chronicles 5-6	Zephaniah 2
14	John 1:19-34	1 Chronicles 7-8	Zephaniah 3
15	John 1:35-51	1 Chronicles 9	Haggai 1-2
16	John 2	1 Chronicles 10-11	Zechariah 1
17	John 3:1-21	1 Chronicles 12	Zechariah 2
18	John 3:22-36	1 Chronicles 13-14	Zechariah 3
19	John 4:1-26	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:6	Zechariah 4
20	John 4:27-42	1 Chronicles 16:7-43	Zechariah 5
21	John 4:43-54	1 Chronicles 17	Zechariah 6
22	John 5:1-18	1 Chronicles 18-19	Zechariah 7
23	John 5:19-47	1 Chronicles 20:1-22:1	Zechariah 8
24	John 6:1-21	1 Chronicles 22:2-23:32	Zechariah 9
25	John 6:22-59	1 Chronicles 24	Zechariah 10
26	John 6:60-71	1 Chronicles 25-26	Zechariah 11
27	John 7:1-24	1 Chronicles 27-28	Zechariah 12
28	John 7:25-52	1 Chronicles 29	Zechariah 13
29	John 8:1-20	2 Chronicles 1:1-2:16	Zechariah 14
30	John 8:21-47	2 Chronicles 2:17-5:1	Malachi 1:1-2:9
31	John 8:48-59	2 Chronicles 5:2-14	Malachi 2:10-16



Men's Bible Study every Friday morning at 9:00 am.

All men are welcome to join us!

Deacon's



Prayer Chain

Carol Rohweder



Women's Bible Study

Summer is here and the Woman's Bible Study is taking a break.

Study will start back up on September 9th.



PW NOTES



Circle 3 Meetings will resume in September
Enjoy your summer!



QUILT RAFFLE

This year's quilt is a king size diamond pattern quilt made by Carolyn Shaw and Annie Hillman
Quilt will be on display at the August 4th Summer Art Show
Tickets are available from P.W. Ladies and in the church office
\$1 each or 6 for \$5
The drawing will be held on November 7, 2015

Wanted

The PW are in need of Ticket Sellers for the Art & Craft Show (August 4th) and the Downtown Sidewalk Sales (August 7, 8 and 9).
Please let Diane or Denise know if you are able to help us out.



The next P.W. meeting will be on September 13th



November 7, 2015 Tea & Bazaar "Frozen In Time"



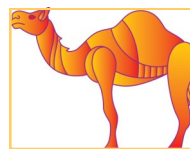
This is the theme for our Bazaar. There will be a work bee on Tuesday, August 11 starting at 9 am. Please consider helping for this huge project. Everyone is needed and welcome to help in any way. Be thinking of items to donate for our Booths (knitting & crafts, bake, Grammas attic, and raffle table).

Contact Diane McMeeken, Doreen Gordon, or Denise in the office.



**Tuesday at 9:30 am
August 18th
(the 3rd Tuesday),**

All ladies are welcome to join us for an informal gathering.

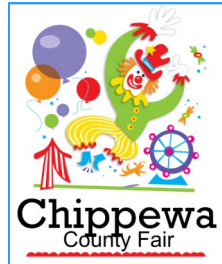


Bible Quiz

Before Job's great misfortune, how many animals did he own?

- A. 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen and 500 donkeys
- B. 70 sheep, 30 camels, 50 yoke of oxen and 50 donkeys
- C. 2,000 oxen and 4,000 camels
- D. 250 sheep and 250 goats

A LAST BLAST OF SUMMER!



6430 w. M-80
Kinross, MI Exit 378
09/1 thru 09/7




43rd Annual Sault Summer Arts Festival
Tuesday, Aug 4, 2015 10 am - 8 pm
Sault City Hall Grounds
225 Portage Ave
Hosted by the Sault Area Arts Council & Alberta House Arts Center



Slashin' Ashmun "Antique Car Show"
As a part of Downtown Days, August 8, please join us for the Annual "Slashin' Ashmun" Antique Car Show – Hosted by the International Antique Auto Club, cars will line up on Ashmun Street.



Answer to Bible Quiz page 8
A (See Job 1:3.)

Downtown Days
August 7 & 8

Sidewalk Sale

Join us in downtown Sault Ste. Marie MI for two full days of activities, deals, and fun for the whole family. Enjoy the sidewalk sales of our downtown stores who will be offering up great deals.




OUR GIVING	
Year-to 7/31/15 offerings	\$94,558
Year to 7/31/15 expenses	\$99,392



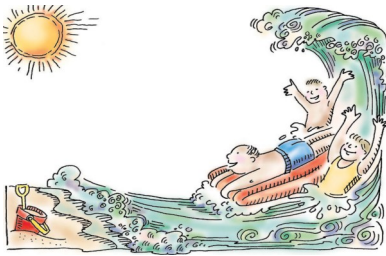
Soo Theatre Presents
Mozart's "Don Giovanni"
August 5 & 7 at 7:30 pm
and
August 9 at 3 pm



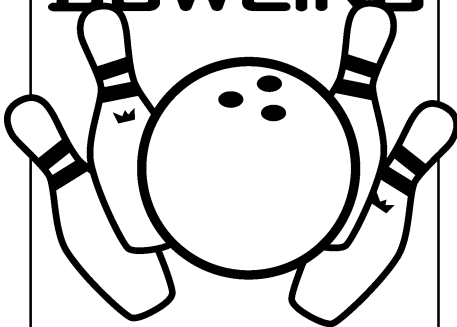
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
7 PM - 8:30 PM.

MUSIC IN THE SOO LOCKS PARK EVERY WEDNESDAY BRING A LAWN CHAIR FOR BLANKET AND ENJOY THE VARIETY OF PERFORMERS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

AUGUST 5 - THE BAND BROOKS
AUGUST 12 - THE BANJO PICKER AND FRIENDS
AUGUST 19 - HAWK JUNCTION
AUGUST 26 - THE COOKIES



GLOW- IN-THE- DARK BOWLING



Make this fun summer game to play at the beach, a park or in your yard.

What you need:

- 10 empty plastic bottles (same size)
- 10 or more glow sticks
- Water (optional)
- Star stickers (optional)
- Hamster ball (or regular ball)
- Tape

What you do:


1. Place one or two activated glow sticks in each bottle. Fill bottles with water and decorate with star stickers, if desired. Screw on lids.
2. Put some glow sticks inside the hamster ball. Screw the halves together, and secure sides and lid with tape.
3. Challenge someone to a game of bowling. For the best glowing effect, play after dark.



Summer's gifts

Summer brings longer days, warmer nights and – for many people – time spent near water. Complete this puzzle to find out who's behind all those summertime joys.



Directions: Read Jeremiah 31:35 (NIV) below. Draw a around words describing God's actions. Draw an around words that describe day. Underline words that describe evening. Draw  under words that describe the ocean.

He who appoints the sun to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar ...



Directions: Circle the capital letters. Then write them from left to right on the lines below to reveal God's name in this Bible verse.

i t T w H s p j E k e m a b L f g O h b c R d
e D q r s t c e a t o n a h f z z v u A w y L
a v n M q z l s k y z G u w H h m o T k j k Y





Answer: The LORD Almighty



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
2 9:00a Early Social Hour 9:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Worship Service 10:00a Sunday School 12:00p Soup Kitchen	3 7:00p Boy Scout Mtg (SH) 7:00p ACT Study Grp	4 Election Day 9:00a-12:00p Food Pantry 	5	6	7 9:00a Men's Study Grp	8 9:00a N.A. 7:00p A.A.
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Monday through Friday

(closed 11:30-12)

Sunday Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all grades) 10:00 a.m.

Church Staff

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Minister

Don Myers, CRE

Brenda Ransom, CRE

Kay Boyne, Music Director

Denise Goldade, Financial/Administrative Assistant

Jesse Witte, Sexton

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**Deadline for September issue:
August 19th**

August

Wednesdays: Music in the Park, Soo Locks Park, 7 p.m.

Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m., corner of Ashmun & Portage



August 4 Sault Summer Arts Festival, City Hall lawn

August 4 Election Day



August 5, 7 & 9 Soo Theatre, Mozart's "Don Giovanni", Wed & Fri 7:30 pm, Sun 3 pm

August 7 & 8 Downtown Days/Antique Cars

August 21 - 23 Wild Blueberry Festival, Paradise, Michigan

August 28 Lakerpalooza



Lakerpalooza