

**First Congregational United Church of Christ
Sunday, September 22, 2019
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Noisy Offering—Neighbors In Need
“Building Good Credit”**



Every member is a minister in the community

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Welcome to our church family!

You are invited to join us today for refreshments in our Fellowship Hall following the worship service. If you are a guest, please feel free to use the welcome cards available in the pew and place in the offering plate.

(indicates that all who would like and are able are invited to stand. **Bolded** text is to be read by the entire congregation. Traditional unison prayers are in italics and are also read in unison.)*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome, Announcements, and Signing of the Fellowship Pads
Ringing of the Steeple Bell and the Lighting of the Candles

NOISY OFFERING — Neighbors In Need (see insert for more information)

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision” Arr. Hal Hopson

INTROIT Choral Introit

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Worldly pursuits of wealth and notoriety lead to dead ends;

All: The way of Christ leads by love.

One: Worldly measures of success lead us to busier, hectic lives;

All: The way of Christ leads to justice and peace.

One: Slow down, consider what you are living for;

All: Live for God and for others, and you will find yourself.

One: Come, join the way of Christ, love one another, care for other's needs;

All: Come, worship God, who leads us into true life.

* **GATHERING HYMN #480** Open My Eyes, That I May See

* THE MORNING PRAYER

Caretaking Creator, instill in us the desire to care for one another and for this earth. Help us to cultivate our relationships, understanding the interconnected nature of creation and our neighbors. Call us away from the fleeting desires of this world and into the intention You instilled in us: to love the earth, to love one another, and to love You. Help us to find our sense of purpose and meaning rooted in the love You have given us, so that we can transform the world to be part of Your reign forever. And help us to remember that You are still caring for us, and have given us all we need to change the world for Your beloved community. Amen.

WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING

Invitation

Offertory “Amen” Arr. Jack Schrader

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

(Reminder, we are singing new doxologies for the next few Sundays)

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low.

Praise Holy Spirit evermore: One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

ANTHEM “I Pray For This” Phil Schairbaum (text by Rosa Nettleton) - see insert

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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Luke 16:1-13

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THE MESSAGE “Building Good Credit”

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

* **HYMN OF REFLECTION** #345 Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult

* **GOD’S PEOPLE IN PRAYER**

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of our Savior

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.

* **HYMN OF PARTING** #621 For the Healing of the Nations

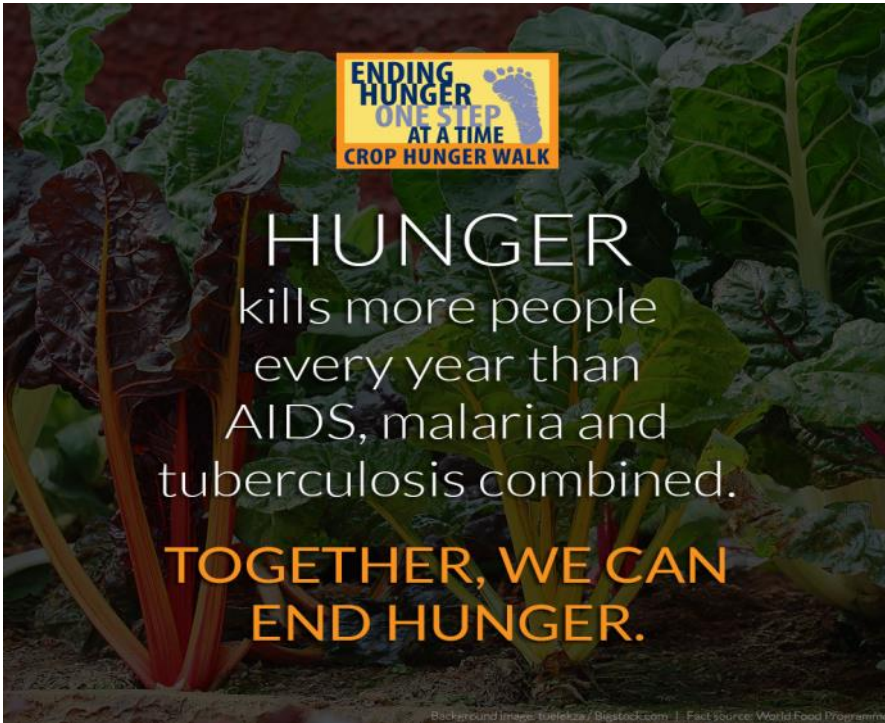
* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “God the Almighty” Gary Davidson

WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art—<https://www.pexels.com/photo/master-card-visa-credit-card-gold-164501/>
- Call to worship and Morning Prayer—Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell <http://rev-olution.org>
- Doxology #781 New Century Hymnal, Pilgrim Press

Charlevoix County CROP Hunger Walk Saturday, September 28, 2019



The Charlevoix County CROP Hunger Walk will take place Saturday, September 28. The walk will start at St. Mary's Catholic Church with registration starting at 8:30am and the walk at 9:00am. There are 1 mile and 5K routes.

You may also sign up to sponsor Lucy Witthoeft or other walkers.

To reduce costs until church giving catches up to pledges, we've started printing the bulletins in black and white. This will save us over \$200 a month. You can help out by catching up on your pledge if you are behind on your giving. Thank you!

Church Budget Update

The church's August financials showed a noticeable improvement. Though it was a higher expense month (there were five pay periods in August), giving was up \$1,400 over budget for the month, and the net balance was over \$1,750 above budget!

Year to date we are still behind budget by another \$7,800, but we are making strides. Thanks for your additional support and continuing efforts.

- The Trustees



Rainbow Shoppe Volunteers Needed

As many of you already know, the Rainbow Shoppe is Charlevoix's local resale shop that is supported by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association, which includes our church. They fund many of the local community charities. Supporting them is a great way to give back to many parts of the community.



We are looking for additional volunteers to serve one reoccurring three hour shift per month. There is a greater need for volunteers from our church during the second week of the month and for half year opportunities. **Please call Joanne Curtis at 231-675-3327 for more information.**

We also want to thank the ongoing volunteers from the church, Lois Lewis, Archie Wright, Judy Clock, Joanne Curtis, Carrie Minch, Dianne Picotte, Lucy Witthoeft, Lily Matye, Diane Haughton, Linda Cousino, and Corrine Russell.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday 09/22	Mon 09/23	Tues. 09/24	Wed. 09/25	Thurs. 09/26	Fri. 09/27	Sat. 09/28	Sunday 09/29
<p>9:00 am First Light Service</p> <p>10:30 am Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>Music Committee meeting</p> <p>Noisy Offering</p>	<p>6:00 pm Baby Diaper Pantry & Personal Care Pantry</p>	<p>10:00am Bible Study</p>		<p>7:00pm. Choir Practice</p>	<p>10:00am Men's Chorus Practice</p>	<p>8:30am Crop Walk</p>	<p>9:00 am First Light Service</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">  <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin: 0;">Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering</p> </div>							

Harbor Light Newsletter Deadline

The October/November Harbor Light publication will soon be in the works. If you have something you would like included, please contact the office no later than Tuesday September 24th.

Office@chxucc.org

	THIS WEEK SEPTEMBER 22ND	NEXT WEEK September 29th
Gifts of Serving		
GREETERS/USHER:	Susan Fowler & Lucy Witthoeft	Ron and Linda Moore
COFFEE HOUR:	Joyce & Bruce Herbert	Diaconate
LAY READER:	_____	Julia Heddle
Altar Flowers:	Given in Honor of the New Search Committee	Lucy Witthoeft
Bulletin Sponsorship:	Bruce & Joyce Herbert	Bruce & Joyce Herbert

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUEST LIST

Healing Diagnosed with Cancer	Jan Smith Loretta Hasley (Julia Heddle) Don Wadlund (Bill Wadlund) Ted Dumbauld Jack Lehmkuhl Robert Rowe Ruby Hayward Tina Bowen Michelle James	Evelyn Schwartz (continued healing) Ann Chappelle Olsen (Alice P.M.) Rev. Ginny Titus Donna Waters Jill Ostrum (Alice P.M.) Elaine Drury (MaryAnn Chew) Brody Roberts Amber Theriault (Lani Ochs)
Healing	Donna Waters Marty Merz Betsy Tate Anne Banfield Verna Truman Mira Hobson Robin Messing Carol Mackenzie Caitlyn Cruzak (John Young) John McKown	Tyler Steffey Jerry Corley Judy Willey Aurora Sargent Brook Bixby (Gay Kiteley) Connie Doan (Chris Gengle) Chris Kenney (Betty Renton) John Peterman Amy Meyer (Alice P.M.)
Prayer	For our congregation Immigrants and Refugees Faith Leaders and World Leaders Victims of Natural Disasters	Those living with Mental Illness Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland) Jarrett Frye Sharon Himebaugh
Prayer	U.C.C. Church of the Month	First Congregational UCC—Benzonia Pastor Patty Higgins
Grieving	Family of Ken Wojan Jr. Family of Dana Gibbons-Amley	Family of Rev. Edwin Remaly
Military	Joshua Wojan Wesley Moulden SGT Ian Tompkins SFC Alex Weller	SGT Adam Soldan Captain David Knowles Jr. EMN3 Cary Tompkins (Linda Moore)

Please be sure to sign any Care Letters in the vestibule outside the Sanctuary. This is a tangible way to share our care, concern, and love with those who could use it.



Office Hours: Monday– Thursday 9:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.
You can contact the office via email at office@chxuucc.org

**Worship Attendance September 15 ~ First Light Service: 8 Sanctuary Service: 69
 Bible Study, September 17–9**

