

**First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Sunday, November 17, 2019**



***Infinite Possibilities***  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

***Every member is a minister in the community***

*Greg Briggs, Interim Pastor   Leah Dice, Office Manager*  
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**Office Hours 9 a.m.— 3:30 p. m. Mon—Thurs**

## 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

### PRELUDE

INTROIT Choral Introit

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God says:

Many: **"I am about to create a new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered."**

One: We say:

Many: **"Yes, God, that's good, but does it have to be quite so difficult? This creation of your new heavens and new earth? It's hard right now. We are tired."**

One: God says:

Many: **"You do not labor in vain. Before you call out to me, I answer. I am."**

One: We say:

Many: **"Yes, God, that's good. Thank you for being with us. We need you now. We really need you. Tell us again about your vision? We need your words of hope."**

One: God says:

Many: **"The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like an ox. In this new place – this new place we are creating together – no one will hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain."**

One: We say:

Many: **"Yes, God, that's good. Let's worship together now. We need to remember who we are and who you are and that we belong to each other. "**

\* GATHERING HYMN #27 God of Creation, All-Powerful

**\* MORNING PRAYER**

We are glad and rejoice forever in you, O God. With joy we draw deeply from your well of salvation and pray that you may fulfill our story—the story of your love.

Though the world has been gripped by trouble since early days, and life has often been short and tormented, you have given us a vision of a day beyond the terrors:

a day when the heavens and earth will be new again,  
a day when the sound of weeping will give way to delight,  
a time when all creation will live in peace and people will long enjoy  
the fruits of their labors.

Help us to hold to that vision when the temples about us are falling and our world is shaken. Strengthen us for the telling of your truth and for keeping to your path, that we might not weary in doing what is right, but through endurance may gain our souls, even as you desire for us to do. Amen.

**WE PRAISE GOD AND GIVE THANKS THROUGH OUR GIVING**

Invitation

Offertory “I Surrender All” arr. Stan Pathel

**\* Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 65:17-25

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Luke 21:5-19

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**THE MESSAGE**

Interim Pastor Greg Briggs

**\* HYMN OF REFLECTION #621 For the Healing of the Nations**

**\*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** # 179 Joy to the World

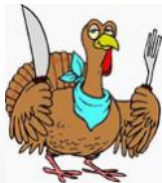
\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

## Harbor Light Newsletter Article Submission Deadline

The December/January Harbor Light Publication will soon be in the works. If you have something you would like included, please contact the office no later than Thursday November 21st. [Office@chxucc.org](mailto:Office@chxucc.org)



### 13th Annual

## Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 28, 2019 - Noon – 3:00 pm

**This years location: St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 1003 Bridge Street**

**\*ALL ARE WELCOME\***

*(Meal provided at no charge)*

Sponsored by the Charlevoix Ministerial Association

To help, call Donna at 231-622-2062





Advent is a season of waiting, but is idle waiting what God wants of us?  
In preparation for the coming Messiah,  
we wonder together—what things can't wait?  
What demands our immediate attention?  
What requires our work and preparation?  
What is it that God can't wait for?

Is it our praise, reconciliation, and proclamation?  
Is it the end of suffering, isolation, and fear?  
This Advent, we invite you to join us in imagining,  
prioritizing, and preparing.  
As we wait, what can't?

**Advent Daily Devotionals - *Two Options*: (Deadline to order is November 24, 2019)**

What Can't Wait—A daily devotional with: scripture, poetry prayers, visual art, coloring, written reflections, action and journaling prompts.

*Or*

A New Earth UCC Devotional—A devotional with a daily biblical text, written reflection, and prayer.

**Cost for each is \$5. Sign up for either (or both) on sign up sheet in fellowship hall Pay when you pick them up, and if you can't afford one, sign up and take one anyway.**



**Advent Weekly Conversations and Soup Supper**

Thursday, December 5, 12, 19

5:30-6:30 Conversation—6:30 Soup Supper



Inspired by our Advent Theme and Daily Devotions, we will explore ways to end our suffering, isolation, and fear in these trying times, as we wait for the coming of our messiah.

**\*If you are interested in attending, sign up in the Fellowship Hall.\***



**Advent Workshop- December 1, 2019**

Bring your family to decorate tables and the church Christmas tree. Lunch will be served after worship. To inquire, please speak to Julia Heddle



# This Week's Schedule

Sunday 11/17	Mon 11/18	Tues. 11/19	Wed. 11/20	Thurs. 11/21	Fri. 11/22	Sat. 11/23	Sunday 11/24
<p><b>9 a.m.</b> First Light Service</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Sanctuary Worship</p>	<p><b>5:15pm</b> Trustee Meeting</p> <p><b>6:00pm</b> Baby Diaper Pantry &amp; Personal Care Pantry</p>	<p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Bible Study</p> <p><b>3:00pm</b> Search Committee Meeting</p> <p><b>6:30pm</b> Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>6:30pm</b> Diaconate Meeting</p>	<p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Church Choir practice</p> <p><b>Harbor Light Article Submission Deadline</b></p>			<p><b>9 a.m.</b> First Light Service</p> <p><b>10:30 a.m.</b> Sanctuary Worship</p>

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

## Search Committee Update

The committee is continuing to move forward in the search process, working on several things at once.

We are currently interviewing several candidates with our zoom video conferencing. We are still accepting new profiles for review.

We are also starting to work on arrangements for a “neutral pulpit” for when we reach that stage in the interview process. A neutral pulpit is when a candidate is invited to come to our area to plan and conduct a service in a nearby church so the Search Committee can observe their worship leadership first hand.

Please hold us in your prayers - Joan Robinson, Chair

## *Gifts of Sewing*

	THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 17TH	NEXT WEEK NOVEMBER 24TH
GREETERS/USHER:	Ron & Linda Moore	Bruce & Joyce Herbert
COFFEE HOUR:	Bill & Betty Wadland	Ted Dumbauld
LAY READER:	Diaconate	Julia Heddle
Altar Flowers:	Bill & Betty Wadland	_____
Bulletin Sponsorship:	Mike & Mary Ann Ogden	Mike & Mary Ann Ogden

## *Praise and Prayer Request List*

<b>Healing</b>  Diagnosed with Cancer	Rev. Ginny Titus Jan Smith Loretta Hasley (Julia Heddle) Jack Lehmkuhl Robert Rowe Ruby Hayward Tina Bowen	Michelle James Evelyn Schwartz (continued healing) Ann Chappelle Olsen (Alice P.M.) Donna Waters Jill Ostrum (Alice P.M.) Elaine Drury (MaryAnn Chew) Brody Roberts Amber Theriault (Lani Ochs)
<b>Healing</b>	<b>Marilyn Knapp</b> (Lani Ochs) Delores Cain Jesse Wilcox Rev. Leroy Sutfin Donna Waters Marty Merz Betsy Teeuwissen Anne Banfield Verna Truman Robin Messing 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.)
<b>Prayer</b>	For our congregation Immigrants and Refugees Faith Leaders and World Leaders Victims of Natural Disasters	Those living with Mental Illness Roger & Donna Waters Susan Denomy (Betty Wadland) Sharon Himebaugh
<b>Prayer</b>	U.C.C. Church of the Month	First Congregational UCC—Charlevoix, MI
<b>Grieving</b>	Family of Don Wadland Family of Dana Gibbons-Amley	Family of Carolyn Mackenzie Family of Ken Wojan Jr.
<b>Military</b>	Nate Powell 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.*

**Worship Attendance November 10 ~ First Light Service: 00 Sanctuary Service: 82**

**Bible Study, November 12- 04**

### WORSHIP RESOURCES USED TODAY:

- Cover Art- Cole, Thomas, 1801-1848. After a Thunderstorm -The Oxbow, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56674>
- Call to worship— Rev. Caela Simmons Wood <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/11/call-to-worship-isaiah-65.html>
- Morning Prayer, - Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on Kir-shalom. <http://www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/c-or33sn.php>

