



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, October 26, 2025

(Sept/Oct Reaching Out Focus: Emergency Preparedness)



Welcome to our church family!

Guest Pastor: Alice Pletz-Miller

Gathering Music

Tolling of the Bell - our reminder to quiet ourselves inside *and* out for worship

Choral Introit

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #471 “As the Deer”

1st Scripture Reading - Psalm 42, *offered by Bill Wadland*

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Hebrews 11, *offered by Bill Wadland*

Morning Message - “The Reluctant Traveler: A Journey Though Grief & Faith”
Offered by Alice Pletz-Miller

Message Hymn - #451 “Be Still, My Soul”

Offering

Offering Music

A-B-C-D Award

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Her above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen*

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn - #444 “Rain Down”

Choral Benediction

Postlude

Please remain seated after Postlude for the Annual Church Meeting

TODAY!!!



CHURCH
Meeting

immediately after service
to elect leadership for 2025

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Handling the Holidays During Coffee & Conversation Nov. 9



Reaching In committee is planning on hosting a “Handling the Holidays” meeting after the service on November 9th, in Ransom Hall, and all are welcome. The presentation will be delivered by Erin Gray, Bereavement Coordinator, Munson Hospice in Traverse City. She will be attending our service, as well.

Join us for a thoughtful discussion on navigating grief during the holiday seasons. Traditions & routines can feel overwhelming when someone is missing, & it’s often hard to know where to begin. This event is open to ALL - those grieving & those supporting someone through loss. Together, we’ll explore ways to prepare for & find meaning during this time. You don’t have to do it alone.

Sunday 10/26	Mon 10/27	Tues 10/28	Wed 10/29	Thurs 10/30	Fri 10/31	Sat 11/1	Sunday 11/2
<i>Guest Pastor:</i> <i>Alice Pletz-Miller</i> 10:30a Worship 11:30a All-Church Meeting 11:45a Potluck Snacks	6p Personal Pantry	10a Scripture Discussion Group		6:30p Choir Rehearsal		DST Ends	<i>Toby's Back!</i> 10:30a Worship Q&A Service 11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by Judy Seibert & Michelle Babcock</i>

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday!

It's early this year! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday.



**Prayer Requests/
Celebrations:** To submit a
Prayer Request
please visit our website at
chxuucc.org or call the office
at 231-547-9122

Please be sure to get
permission from the person
needing prayers.

Please keep Ted & Marilyn's son, Richard, in your prayers as he faces surgery in December for a recurring benign pituitary gland tumor.

Please continue to keep Ron Moore in your prayers as he deals with serious health issues.

Please continue to keep Bob Chapman & his family in your prayers. Bob is in hospice care for an inoperable tumor on his pancreas.

Please continue to pray for Toby as he returns from Sabbatical on October 23. Please pray for easy and safe travels for him.



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