



# 1st Congregational UCC

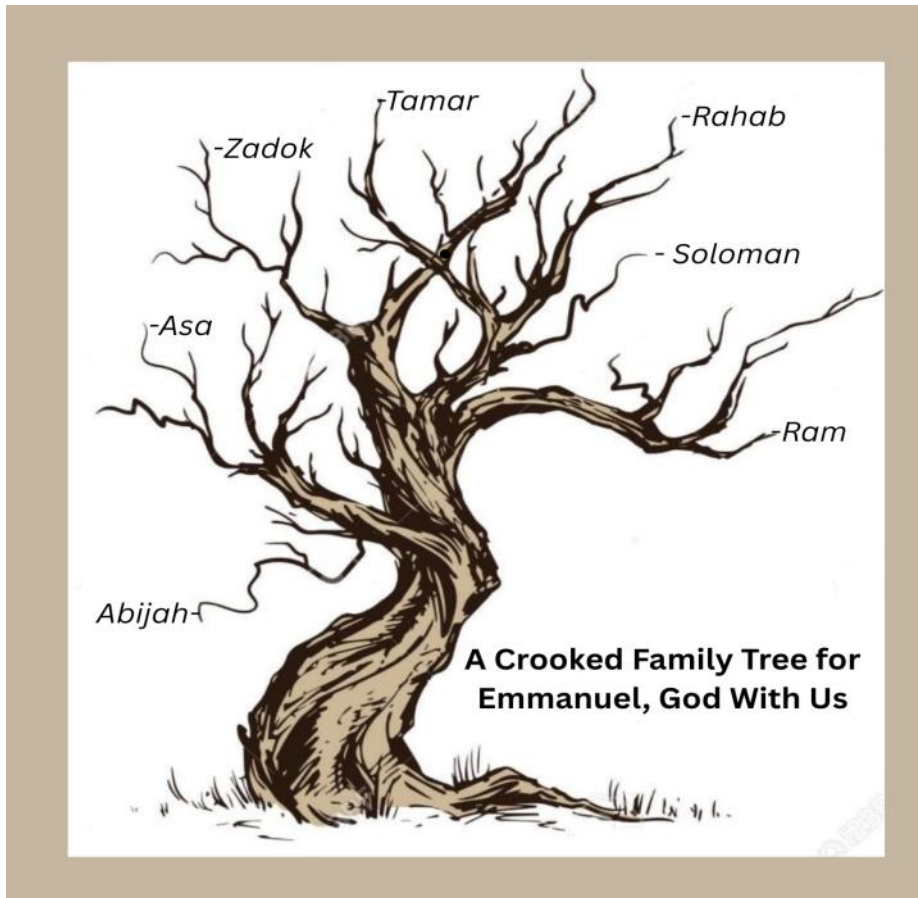
Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

***(Nov/Dec Reaching Out Focus: Care & Advocacy for the Incarcerated)***



"Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David,  
fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah."

- Matthew 1:17

# Welcome to our church family!

**Gathering Music** - *Offered by Ellen Kendall & Shelley Fisher*

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

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** - #188 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

**1st Scripture Reading** - Genesis 38:6-26, *offered by Hugh Hansen*

**Music for Reflection**

**2nd Scripture Reading** - Matthew 1:1-23, *offered by Hugh Hansen*

**Morning Message** - “A Crooked Family Tree for Emmanuel - God With US”  
*Offered by Toby Jones*

**Message Hymn** - #225 “I Wonder as I Wander”” (*v. 1 & 3*)

**Offering**

**Offering Music**

**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** - #228 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks,” (*v. 1, 3, & 6*)

**Benediction**

**Postlude** - “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee,” *by L. von Beethoven, arrgd. by Fred Bock*

**This Wednesday!**

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# Christmas Eve **CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

**Please join us for a  
beautiful candlelit evening of  
Lessons & Carols**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**24th** | **7 PM**  
**Dec, 2025**  
**Wednesday**

101 State Street  
Charlevoix, MI  
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## **From the Personnel Team...**





Near the end of each year we ask you to consider making a contribution to the Church Staff Christmas Gift. Toby, Stacey, Shelley, and Larry serve us very well throughout the entire year. They are the unsung heroes who keep things running smoothly for the Church.

We hope that you will make this donation to show our appreciation for all that they do. This year's gift for Larry will also serve as a special retirement "Thank You."

Just indicate "Staff Gift" on your checks. Streaming Participants can also make a gift using the "Online Giving" tab on our website. Thank you!

*- Charlotte Koger, Bruce Herbert,  
Tim Watts, & Jeff Kloiber*

Sunday 12/21	Mon 12/22	Tues 12/23	Wed 12/24	Thurs 12/25	Fri 12/26	Sat 12/27	Sunday 12/28
10:30a Worship  11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by Bill &amp; Betty Wadland</i>  <i>Altar Flowers placed by The Wadland Family</i>  11:45a Trustees Mtg	6p Personal Pantry	10a Prayer Group	<i>Christmas Eve</i>  7p Candlelight Christmas Eve Service				10:30a Worship  11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Potluck– Please bring a snack of choice</i>
				<div>Church Office Closed</div>			

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

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

Please pray for Archie Wyatt who is recovering at Boulder Park from surgery. Visitors welcome, T-Th-F, after 1 p.m.

Please pray for Hudson Shail who at 1.5 years old has lost both kidneys and is on dialysis. Prayers that his targets are met to qualify for a kidney transplant. Requested by Lani Ochs.

Please pray for the victims of gun violence, especially at Brown University in Rhode Island and at Bondi Beach in Australia.

Please pray for all victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse.

Please continue to pray for Toby Jones for quick healing from his ankle surgery.



*Hosted by:*

***Bill & Betty Wadland***

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*Toby Jones, Pastor \* Shelley Fisher, Music Minister  
Stacey Luoma, Office Manager \* Larry Minch, Custodian  
Lynette Webb, Childcare Supervisor*

  
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