



# 1st Congregational UCC

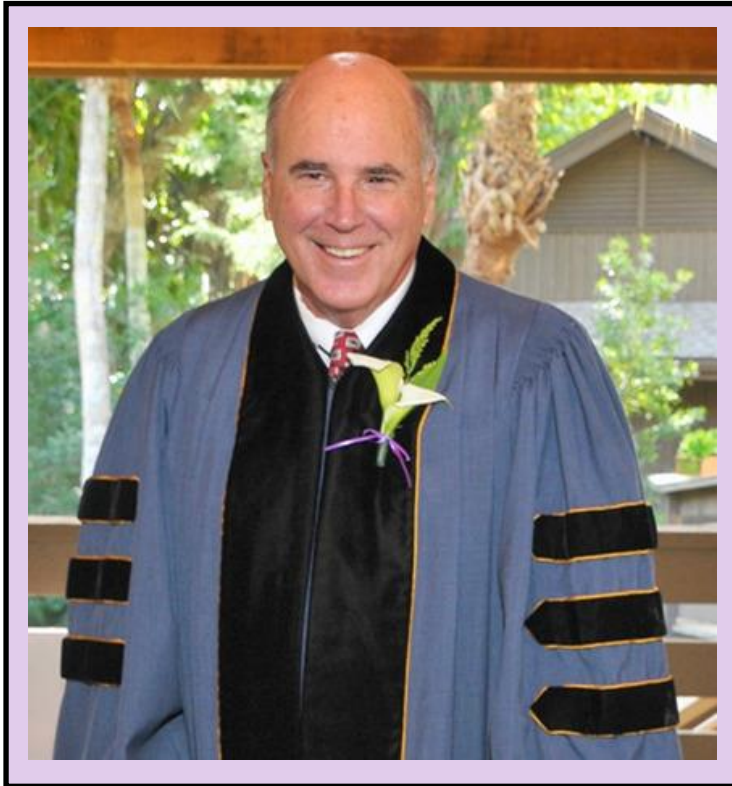
*Opening the Doors of Possibility*

*An Open & Affirming Church*



**Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025**

***(Jan/Feb Reaching Out Focus: Developing Our Guatemala Mission)***



***Guest Pastor:***

***Rev. Thomas Cook***

# Welcome to our church family!

**Tolling of the Bell**—our reminder to quiet ourselves inside & out for worship

**Gathering Music**

**Call to Worship - Psalm 139**

*Minister: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
You discern my thoughts from far away  
You search out my path and my lying down.  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high and I cannot attain it.  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

**All in Unison: “Let us worship this God who cares so much for us”**

**Opening Hymn - #87 “Come Christians, Join to Sing”**

**1st Scripture Reading - Revelations 3:15-22, offered by Suzanne Balter**

**Music for Reflection**

**2nd Scripture Reading - John 15:9-17, offered by Suzanne Balter**

**Morning Message - “The Intimate Connection,” offered by Rev. Thomas Cook**

**Message Hymn - #623 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”**

**Offering**

**Offertory 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 - The Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn— #719 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (v. 1, 3, & 4)**

**Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

# TODAY!!!



**NORTHERN MICHIGAN BRASS BAND**

**Sunday, February 23  
3:00 P.M.**

**First Congregational Church UCC  
of Charlevoix**

an afternoon of wonderful music played by twenty-nine of northern Michigan's finest brass players

\$10 General Admission  
All Students Admitted Free

*for further information*

[www.northernmichiganbrassband.org](http://www.northernmichiganbrassband.org)



Sunday 2/23	Mon 2/24	Tues 2/25	Wed 2/26	Thurs 2/27	Fri 2/28	Sat 3/1	Sunday 3/2
<p>Guest Pastor: Rev. Tom Cook</p> <p>10:30a In-Person &amp; Live-Streamed Worship</p> <p>11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by Ellen Kendall &amp; Karen Joy</i></p> <p>11:45a Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>6p Personal Pantry</p>	<p>NO CMA HOURS</p> <p>NO SCRIPTURE GROUP</p>	<p>5p Uke Band Practice</p> <p>5p Centering Prayer/ Meditation Group</p>	<p>NO CMA HOURS</p>			<p>Communion</p> <p>Guest Pastor: George Davis</p> <p>10:30a In-Person &amp; Live-Streamed Worship</p> <p>11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by The Trubilowicz's</i></p>

### Toby - Out of Office for the Guatemala Mission

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

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

Please continue to pray for Lani Ochs daughter-in-law, Carol, as she goes through cancer treatment.

Please be sure to pray for our 7-person Guatemala Team every day between Feb. 22 & March 1

Please continue to keep Jennifer Carroll's family in your prayers as their son-in-law, Craig, remains in hospice care.

Please continue to pray for Dolores Cain as she remains in hospice care.



**Please join us for  
Coffee Hour in  
Ransom Hall  
immediately after  
the service.**



***Ellen Kendall & Karen Joy***

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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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