



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, April 5, 2026

(Mar/Apr. Reaching Out Focus: Guatemala Partnership)

*Easter Sunday
&
Communion*



"When they came back from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven...they did not believe the women, because their words seemed like nonsense to them."

- Luke 24:9-11



Welcome to our church family!

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #298 “The Day of Resurrection”

1st Scripture Reading - Luke 24:1-12

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 1:18-25

Morning Message - “**The ‘Nonsense’ of Easter**”

Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - #288 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music - “I Have Not Seen, Yet I Believe,” by *Sally DeFord*

Offered by Jamie Platte

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

Closing Hymn - #317 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Benediction

Postlude - “Because He Lives,” by *Sally DeFord*, offered by *Jamie Platte*

Guest Musician: Jamie Platte



Originally from Petoskey, Jamie Beth Platte graduated from EMU with a degree in Vocal Music Education and studied acting at the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco. She has been a frequent soloist at events and church services, and was the soprano soloist in Poulenc's *Gloria* with the Northern Michigan Choral Society.

Jamie has appeared in many productions locally and in California; Some favorite roles have included "Mother" in *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, "Belle" in *Beauty and the Beast*, "Agnes" in *Agnes of God*, "Mother Abbess" in Bay's View's *The Sound of Music*, and most recently, "Golde" in Bay View's *Fiddler on the Roof*. Jamie is the founder and director of Noteable Chamber Choir and owns A.R. Pontius Flower Shop in Harbor Springs.

Guatemala Partnership Donation List – must be received by April 12


FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

- Children's books in Spanish (emotions, values, nature, science)
- Educational board games and puzzles (teamwork, problem-solving)
- Art and creative materials (colored pencils, markers, paints, paper, glue, scissors, craft kits)
- Sports equipment (soccer balls, jump ropes, cones, bean bags, frisbees)
- Social-emotional learning tools (emotion cards, story cubes, puppets, fidget tools, mindfulness dice)
- Building and logic toys (LEGO sets, wooden blocks, marble runs, construction kits)
- School supplies (notebooks, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, rulers, folders)

FOR THE MEDICAL CLINIC

- Digital thermometers
- Gauze pads and rolls
- Medical tape and bandages (various sizes)
- Alcohol pads and antiseptic wipes
- Cotton balls and swabs



Sunday 4/5	Mon 4/6	Tues 4/7	Wed 4/8	Thurs 4/9	Fri 4/10	Sat 4/11	Sunday 4/12
 <p><i>Communion</i></p> <p>10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship</p> <p>11:30a Coffee & Conversation</p>	<p>6p Personal Pantry</p>	<p>10a Prayer Group</p> <p>11a-2p CMA Hours</p>	<p>9a Reaching Out Meeting</p> <p>5:30p Uke Group Practice</p>	<p>11a-2p CMA Hours</p>			<p>10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship</p> <p>11:30a Coffee & Conversation Hour <i>Hosted by Guatemala Group</i></p> <p>FINAL DAY FOR GUATEMALA DONATIONS!!</p>

**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 Marcia Bingham, a friend of both Toby and Mary Duggan, who is recovering from a bone marrow transplant.

Please pray for those about to go to Guatemala and participate with our partnership with Healthy Communities Guatemala, and for the success of our supply drive.



Hosted by:

Potluck Collaboration

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


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