



1st Congregational UCC

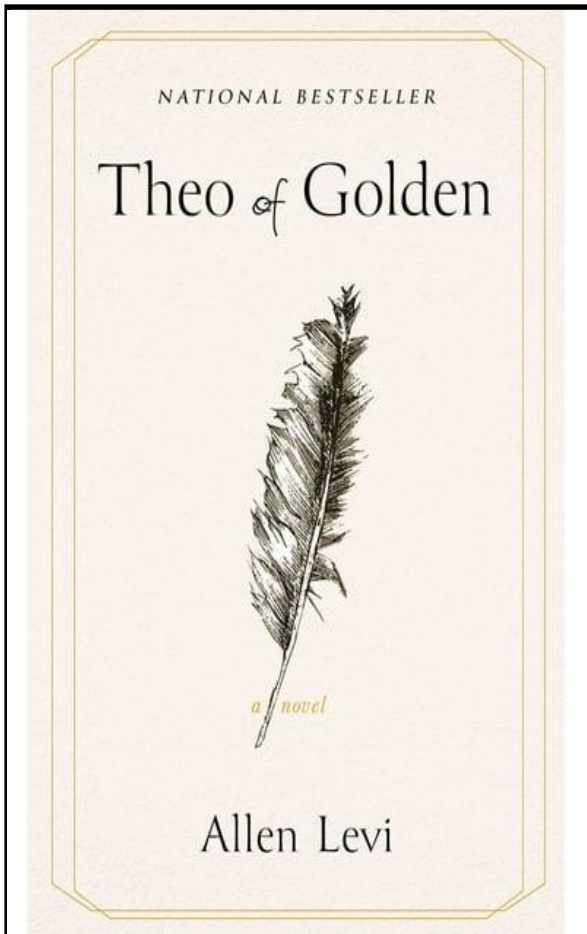
Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, June 14, 2026

(May/June Reaching Out Focus: Community Youth)



Theo says to Basil "I want to tell you what I saw when I looked at your portrait...I saw a boy in the smile. It's a face that hasn't forgotten playfulness. I think children would be drawn to this face. But I also see a man. There is wisdom here, I believe. In the eyes, I see a young man with a tender heart; a wise, old soul. That's a good combination - wisdom and playfulness. There is the possibility of a saint in this face. This could well be a portrait of St. Basil."

- Theo of Golden

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music - “Learning to See What You See,” *offered by Toby Jones*

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #23 “All Creatures of Our God and King,” (*vs. 1, 2, & 4*)

1st Scripture Readings - Matthew 9:9-13 & Philippians 1:3-6,
Offered by Hugh Hansen

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Luke 22:54-62 & Acts 3:1-13a, *offered by Hugh Hansen*

Morning Message - “A World Where EVERYONE is Capable of Saintliness”
Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - “Our God, You Called to Moses” (*see insert*)

Offering

Offertory - “Amazing Grace,” arranged by Fred Bock
Featuring Ellen Kendall, piano

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 - “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” (*see insert*)

Benediction

Postlude “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty,” arranged by Fred Bock
Featuring Ellen Kendall, piano

Crop Walk Sponsorship Sought

1st Congregational UCC is seeking a volunteer to represent our congregation in the 22nd Annual Little Traverse CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, June 27, 2026, in Bay View. For the past 21 years, this meaningful community event has brought people together to help fight hunger both locally and around the world.



Lucy Witthoef
Cropwalk Recognition

Last year's three-mile walk welcomed more than 100 participants and raised over \$28,000. Twenty-five percent of funds raised support the Manna Food Project, serving Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet Counties, while the remaining proceeds support global hunger relief efforts through Church World Service.

In 2024, Lucy Witthoef, who faithfully represented the Charlevoix CROP Walk on behalf of our church for many years, accepted a CWS Legacy Congregation Award from Church World Service. We are deeply grateful for her dedication and commitment to this important ministry. As Lucy steps away from this role, we are hoping someone from our congregation will step up to continue this meaningful tradition.

If you would be interested in being a part of a team walking on behalf of our congregation, please contact the church office. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a generous and caring community working together to make a difference.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Little Traverse
CROP HUNGER WALK

JUNE 27, 2026

PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

<https://www.bayviewassociation.org/events/crop-hunger-walk-2026>

1. [Find an Existing Team to Join](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/teams) (<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/teams>)
2. Enter 1st Congregational UCC of Charlevoix

Sunday 6/14	Mon 6/15	Tues 6/16	Wed 6/17	Thurs 6/18	Fri 6/19	Sat 6/20	Sunday 6/21
10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation <i>Hosted by Janet VanAlsten & Bob Dion</i> <i>Special Guest: Chief Jill McDonnell, CPD Active Assailant Awareness & Preparedness</i>	6p Personal Pantry	11a-2p CMA Hours 10a Prayer Group	5:30p Uke Group Rehearsal	11a-2p CMA Hours 6:30p Choir Rehearsal			10:30a Worship 11:30a Coffee & Conversation Hour <i>Hosted by Judy Seibert, Patricia Dilworth, Ellen Zienert, Michelle Babcock, & MaryAnn Borths</i> 11:45a Council Meeting

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

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving Celebration on the occasion of Miriam Crump's graduation from 6th grade.

Please continue to pray for Alice Pletz-Miller, who is recovering from surgery, the first step in her ongoing cancer treatment.


Please continue to pray for Delores Cain during this final phase of her journey.

Please continue to pray for Lual Deng Awan, for safe travel home from Uganda, and for all the healthcare workers tirelessly caring for the sick, and all those affected by the Ebola outbreak.



Hosted by:

Janet VanAlsten & Bob Dion



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