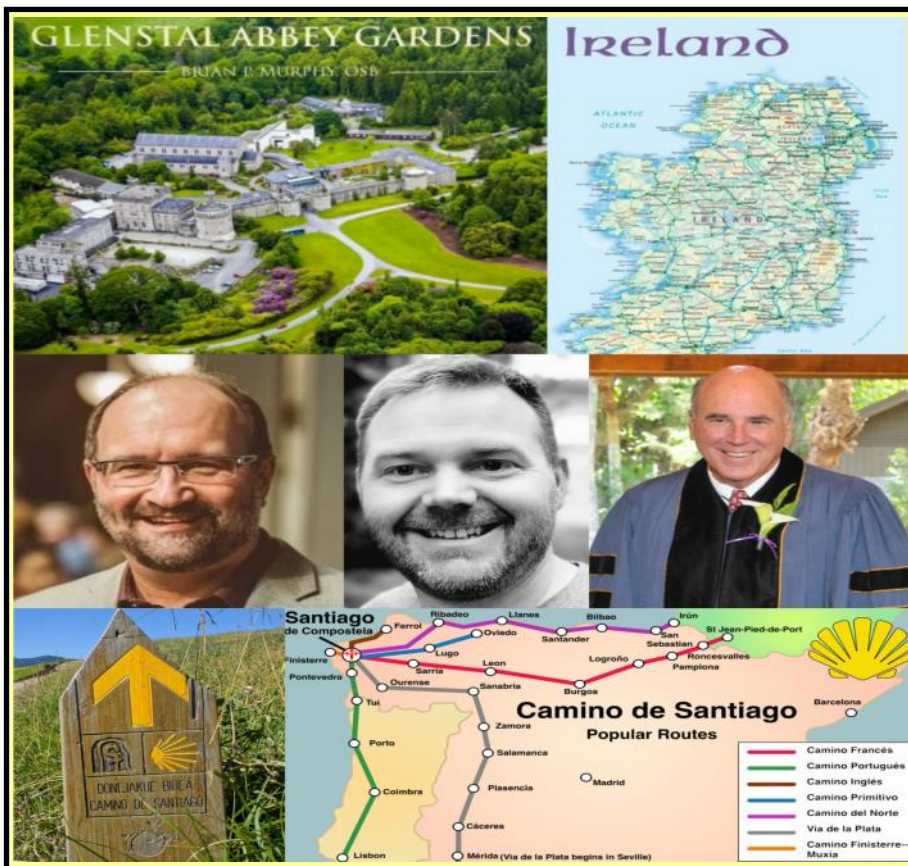




**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

***(July/August Reaching Out Focus: Exploring Immigration, Migration & the Displaced)***



"For six years, sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. But in the seventh year, the land is to have a sabbath rest, a sabbath to the Lord..."

*- Leviticus 25:3-4*

# **Welcome to our church family!**

## **Gathering Music**

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

## **Welcome**

**Opening Hymn** - #35 “Morning Has Broken”

**1st Scripture Readings** - Exodus 20:8-11 & Leviticus 25:1-7, *offered by Denise Fate*

## **Music for Reflection**

**2nd Scripture Reading** - I Kings 19:1-13a, *offered by Denise Fate*

**Morning Message** - “**Our Sabbatical—Yours & Mine,**” *offered by Toby Jones*

**Message Hymn** - #587 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

## **Offering**

**Choral Offertory Music** - “Give Me a Song,” *by Heather Sorenson*

## **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”***

## **Farewell to A Dear Friend**

**Morning Prayers** - The Lord’s Prayer

**Closing Hymn** - #712 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

## **Charge & Benediction**

## **Postlude**

## ***Special Coffee & Conversation Guest: Amy Ketner***



Join us after worship in Ransom Hall as we welcome **Amy Ketner**, Director of Leadership Development for *Strangers No Longer*, a grass-roots network inspired by Catholic Social Teaching that works for humane immigration policies through education, support, and advocacy.

While *Strangers No Longer* began in southeast Michigan, it has expanded into northern Michigan over the past five years. From her home base in Detroit, Amy facilitates *Belong: Northern Michigan Immigrant Inclusion Network*, an active collaboration of secular and religious groups dedicated to making the Northern Lower Peninsula an inclusive and welcoming region for immigrants and refugees.

A Michigan native with experience in community ministry and international service, Amy brings both professional expertise and personal passion to her work. Please join us for coffee and conversation as Amy helps us better understand the experiences, challenges, and contributions of immigrants, migrants, and guest workers in Charlevoix and throughout northern Michigan.

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## **🎵 Gospel, Grace & a Touch of Motown 🎵**

**Sing-Along with Maestro Ralph Herndon**

**Friday, August 29 | 7:00–8:30 PM**

**First Congregational UCC, 101 State Street, Charlevoix**



An evening of soul-stirring music with Maestro Ralph Herndon — a gifted pianist, powerful vocalist, and masterful arranger. Expect gospel favorites, spontaneous joy, and maybe even a Motown classic or two — all delivered with grace, groove, and heart.

Free and open to all.

Donations to the Charlevoix Ministerial Association will be accepted.

Organized by Bill and Betty Wadland and Maestro Herndon's generosity.

| Sunday<br>8/17   | Mon<br>8/18           | Tues<br>8/19                               | Wed<br>8/20               | Thurs<br>8/21   | Fri<br>8/22                          | Sat<br>8/23 | Sunday<br>8/24   |
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| 10:30a<br>In-Person &<br>Live-Streamed<br>Worship<br><br>11:30p<br>Coffee &<br>Conversation Hour<br>with Amy Ketner<br><br>11:45a<br>Council Mtg | 6p<br>Personal Pantry | 11a-2p<br>CMA Hours<br><i>By Appt Only</i> | 9a<br>Church<br>Gardening | 11a-2p<br>CMA Hours<br><i>By Appt Only</i><br><br>4p<br>Kerkstra/Olsen<br>Rehearsal<br><br>5:15p<br>Centering Prayer<br><br>6:30p<br>Choir Practice | 11a<br>Kersktra/<br>Olsen<br>Wedding |             | <i>Blessing of the<br/>Pets Service!!!</i><br><br>10:30a<br>In-Person &<br>Live-Streamed<br>Worship<br><br>11:30p<br>Coffee &<br>Conversation Hour<br><i>Hosted by<br/>The Morris Family</i><br><br>11:45a<br>Trustees Mtg |

**Prayer Requests/  
Celebrations:** To submit a  
Prayer Request  
please visit our website at  
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at 231-547-9122

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

Please continue to pray for Lani Ochs and family after the passing of her daughter-in-law, Carol Ochs.

Please continue to pray for Bill Mosher and family after the loss of his son in a fire.

Please continue to pray for Marilyn Dumbauld's sister, Doris Weesner, after suffering a stroke.

Please continue to pray for Kathy Krueger in hospice care.

Please continue to pray for Ellen Zeinert who is recovering from knee replacement surgery.



*Hosted by:*

*Janet VanAlsten, Bob Dion,  
& Denise Cruz*

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