



1st Congregational UCC

Opening the Doors of Possibility

An Open & Affirming Church



Sunday, August 24, 2025

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



"And God said, 'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.' And it was so ... and God saw that it was good."

-Genesis 1:24-25

Welcome to our church family!

Gathering Music

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn - #31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

1st Scripture Readings - Genesis 1:20-25 & Luke 14:1-6, *offered by Hugh Hansen*

Music for Reflection

2nd Scripture Reading - Job 12:7-10, *offered by Hugh Hansen*

Morning Message - "Ask the Animals and They Will Teach You"
Offered by Toby Jones

Message Hymn - #30 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Blessing of the Pets

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Offering

Choral Offering Music - "Umoja Tunaimba (United We Sing)"
By Victor C. Johnson

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*

Benediction

Hymn of Dismissal - #38 "Touch the Earth Lightly"



Free Concert Next Friday!

🎵 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 8/24	Mon 8/25	Tues 8/26	Wed 8/27	Thurs 8/28	Fri 8/29	Sat 8/30	Sunday 8/31
<i>Blessing of the Pets Service</i> 10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30p Coffee & Conversation Hour <i>Hosted by The Morris Family</i> 11:45a Trustees Mtg	6p Personal Pantry	11a-1p CMA Hours <i>By Appt Only</i>	6p Choir Rehearsal	11a-2p CMA Hours <i>By Appt Only</i> 5:15p Centering Prayer			10:30a In-Person & Live-Streamed Worship 11:30a Coffee Hour <i>Hosted by Ron & Linda Moore</i>

**Prayer Requests/
Celebrations:** To submit a
Prayer Request
please visit our website at
chxuucc.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 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 Kathy Krueger in hospice care.



Hosted by:

The Morris Family



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