

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
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“The Tie that Binds”

2014

Newsletter of the First Congregational UCC
Cadillac, MI

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From Your Summer Pastor, Pat Ponczek August, 2014



It has been a good month at church. Rachel, our church secretary, is home visiting in England and is recovering nicely from her recent very serious illness. Meanwhile, members of our church family have jumped in and are taking care of things. Penny is taking care of the office; Pat McCurdy is doing the Newsletter.

There are helpers with Pastoral duties as well. Dave Gaunt is serving as Pastoral Counselor. Diane Jobson, Pat McCurdy, Charlotte Barfield, Karen Anderson and Linda Johnson are visiting the sick and shut in. Church members have been wonderfully helpful and have made it possible for Bill Bryan to attend worship services every week. Also, our Board of Trustees (who not so obviously) devote a lot of their time and energy in keeping things up and running.

On Sunday, July 20th, our church served as a neutral pulpit for a pastor to do a service which could be attended and evaluated by a church search committee. Reverend Brenda Clark was our preacher and the search committee was from the Harrison First Congregational Church. Reverend Clark spoke to us about the "Thin places," those places where we feel close to God.

I will be away on August 24th and Reverend Bill Lyons from St. Johns Church in Grand Rapids will be our visiting minister. Reverend Lyons is a dynamic guy. He presented a very interesting and enlightening ONA workshop for us three years ago.

Our 10:15 sing-a-longs are irresistible. Even tuneless me can't resist joining in!

Please keep trying on the green prayer slips. Change is never comfortable.

Bring your smile to church. It's time for pictures for the new directory.

I have been Summer Pastor for a month now. It is a challenging and rewarding time (especially getting up to date on all the electronic stuff).

bles us as we continue on this journey.

Pat

Missions

The Stehouwer Free Medical Clinic provides medical care to those who are not able to afford care due to loss of employment, insurance coverage or just low income. In addition, they provide assistance in helping individuals to find their way to Medicare or other insurance to cover their needs and help with their prescriptions. The Stehouwer Clinic has been recognized as one of the best in Michigan in providing these services. Call (231) 876-6150 for an appointment and to access the medications program. There is a lot more information on their website (stehouwerfreeclinic.org)

The Shephard's Table at the First Baptist Church of Cadillac, 125 Stimson Street, Cadillac, on every Tuesday and Thursday, at 5:00pm, provides a free hot meal and fellowship to those who need the food and a chance to get out and be with others. They also deliver meals to those who are homebound by infirmity, disability or age.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer List

Please hold these members, friends, and family in prayer: **Dorothy Campbell, Brian Belleville, Margaret Leemon, Ruth Pitts, Adam Keinath, Aaron Eckert, Miguel Monge, Terry Oss, Jim & Sharon Thompson, Dorothy Kunkel, Bill Bryan, Bill Allinder, Charles Raymond, Rachel Whiteman, First Congregational UCC, Onekama**

PASTORAL CARE

The Rev. Paul Tomlinson, pastor at the Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Ed Gilbert, chaplain at Mercy Hospital, have agreed to respond to pastoral emergencies . If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Diane Jobson (**775-7367 or 920-8764**), chair of the Care and Nurture committee. If you are unable to contact Diane, call Penny Phelps (775-4069). Diane or Penny will contact a pastor.

Due to HIPAA privacy rules, hospitals do not notify pastors when parishioners are hospitalized. When in doubt, please assume the pastor is unaware of a hospitalization and pass the word along.

EVENTS



4th A.S. & S.S.F. Pool Party August 10th



COME ONE ... COME ALL!! It's time again to grab your floaties, rubber duckies, flip flops and kids and come on down to the cement pound for the **4th ANNUAL SPLASH & SYNCHRONIZED SWIM FESTIVAL!**

The First Congregational Synchronized Swim Team will proudly present their 4th annual, wildly anticipated, standing room only, just back from the Ester William's school of choreography encore of encores. Members of the team who need some additional rehearsal time may contact Bob or Troy about pool time availability to hone their craft (practice makes perfect – don't ya know)



***Please bring a dish to pass** (suitable for 10 people) and **a folding lawn chair**.

***We'll provide hamburgers/hot dogs & fixins**, as well as **soda/water**. (Rumor has it that the "mixology" machine, and its "smoothie" pal, has been longing for its old friends to return)

***Time:** Directly following church service – till? Feasting will begin at 1:00pm – listen for the dinner bell. (Perhaps an outdoor dive-in movie at dusk?)

***Place:** Twin Falls Resort of Cadillac (Bob & Troy's) A "Sunday Funday" production.

GARDENS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We are enjoying the harvests of our multi-generational sharing garden built, planted and cared for in front of the church. As the garden ripens, packs of vegetables are available during coffee hour on some Sundays. We hope everyone has the opportunity to sample the organic, non-GMO produce during this cultivating season. The produce is handpicked, fresh and should be washed at home before eating. Thanks to our gardeners of all ages for making this happen!



COMMUNITY EVENTS

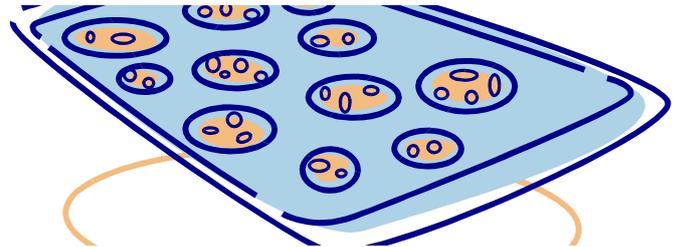
FRIENDS MINISTRY, LAKE CITY

Because of an innovative “barter labor program,” Friend’s Ministry of Lake City has been selected as the Midwest region’s winner of the WORLD’S Hope Award for Effective Compassion. The national winner will be chosen in October. Friends Ministry Garden is a 61 acre nonprofit environmental certified CSA that grows berries and 18 varieties of vegetables in a community garden to help the poor. Friends Ministry provides financial assistance to local residents willing to work in the garden in exchange for financial assistance. If you haven’t seen the gardens, this would be a great time to see their sky-high tomato plants! Questions? Call Karen Anderson.

Friends Ministry also has a booth on Tuesdays and Fridays at the Cadillac farmers market.

To celebrate their 20th Anniversary, Friends will be hosting a **FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND GARDEN TOUR ON AUGUST 2 FROM 9 – 11AM**. Join us for a free pancake breakfast and take a farm tour (ride or walk). Participate in a “Map Maze” for a chance to win a prize! (Bring your lawn chair.)

Located at: 3728 S Morey Road, Lake City, MI. Phone: (231)839-8816.



American Red Cross blood drive will be held at St. Ann’s Catholic Church, 800 W 13th Street, Cadillac, on Monday, August 4 from **1:00 – 6:45pm** and Tuesday, July 22 from **11:15am – 5:00pm**.

To schedule an appointment, log into redcrossblood.org, sponsor code:

CrystalFlash or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Must have photo ID or donor card to donate.

The Red Cross has asked our church to provide 20 dozen cookies for this blood drive. If you can contribute some cookies, please bring them to church on Sunday, August 3rd.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We said goodbye to Pastor Forrest last month with a wonderful reception after the service on Sunday. He was given a commemorative brick to be placed in front of the After 26th Project Café. The children's gift was golf balls and tee's to help him with his golf game during his retirement.

(Excerpt from Forrest's last email.)

Shari and I want to thank you for the cards, the corsage, the many kind words and expressions of thanks for my brief time as your interim pastor. Thanks to Pat McCurdy and our church school children and youth for the practice golf balls and real ones as well. I think my playing partners in the Love INC golf outing in May let it be known that I need a lot of practice.

The brick paver that will be installed in front of the After 26 Depot Café was a great surprise. What a thoughtful way to recognize the end of my ministry with the church. For those of you not present a paver has been donated to the Depot and will be inscribed "in honor of Rev. Dr. Forrest Hoppe & Shari Hoppe with thanks FCCUCC."

I had to ask Dave Gaunt to read the inscription because of the emotion in my voice. Thank you for honoring us in such a positive and public way. Your support of the After 26 Project over the years has been outstanding and we are so pleased to now be a part of that support.

Once more I want to thank you for the privilege of sharing ministry with you these past 17 months. I want to close by paraphrasing the liturgy of farewell in the UCC Book of Worship. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. And as I leave, I carry with me all I have learned from each of you. The First Congregational Church United Church of Christ of Cadillac will always have a special place in my heart because of each you.

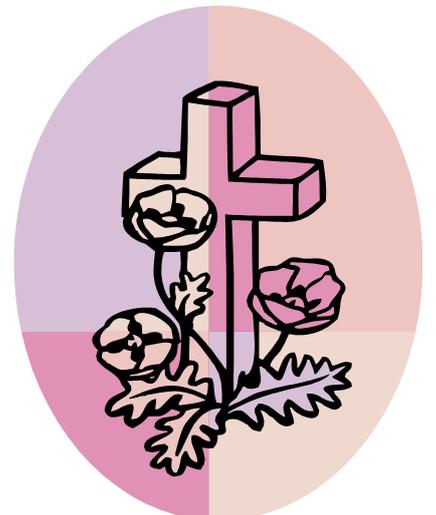


SPECIAL EVENTS TO COME



August 17th, 2014 the Diversity Celebration will be held in Cadillac's Pavilion/ Fountain Park. Guest speakers along with a performances and food will be available during the festival. The church will be having a informational booth, and is looking for volunteers.

August 24th, there will be a memorial service at 2pm at the First Congregational Church for Harold Hodgson. Judy Coffey will be officiating. Refreshments will be following the service.



SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Date	Usher/Greeters	Liturgist	Fellowship Hour	Sexton	Guest Preacher
8-3	Carol & Jerry Nilsson	Sue Wachowski	Diane Jobson	Sue Wachowski	
8-10	Gert & Sperry Claypool	Joyce Oatley	Sara Keinath	Sperry Claypool	
8-17	Laura Jacobson & Sam Pentces	Penny Phelps	Karma Chapo	Tom Jobson	
8-24	Sue Wachowski & Karen Anderson	Karen Anderson	Linda Baynes	Bob LeVand	Rev. Bill Lyons
8-31	Ann Lockwood & Ginny Donley	Karma Chapo	Pot luck	Laura Jacobson-Pentces	

AUGUST 2014 *Non-Church activities that occur in the church.						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>1</u> *Jazz. 8:30am	<u>2</u> *Jazz.8:30am
<u>3</u> Worship 10:30 am Communion	<u>4</u> *Jazz. 5:45 pm *5:30pm Sympho-ny Board	<u>5</u> *Jazz.8:30 am	<u>6</u> *Jazz.5:45 pm	<u>7</u> *Jazz. 8:30am 5:45 pm	<u>8</u> *Jazz.8:30 am	<u>9</u> *Jazz.8:30am
<u>10</u> Worship 10:30 am	<u>11</u> *Jazz.5:45 pm	<u>12</u> *Jazz.8:30am	<u>13</u> *Jazz 5:45 pm	<u>14</u> *Jazz8:30 am 5:45 pm	<u>15</u> *Jazz.8:30am	<u>16</u> *Jazz.8:30am
<u>17</u> Worship 10:30 am Diversity Event	<u>18</u> *Jazz. 5:45 pm	<u>19</u> *Jazz 8:30am	<u>20</u> *Jazz.5:45 pm Newsletter items due	<u>21</u> *Jazz.8:30am 5:45 pm BoT 6:30 pm	<u>22</u> *Jazz.8:30 am	<u>23</u> *Jazz.8:30am
<u>24</u> Worship 10:30am Noisy Offering Harold Hodgson Mem <u>31</u> Worship 10:30am	<u>25</u> *Jazz. 5:45 pm	<u>26</u> *Jazz.8:30am	<u>27</u> *Jazz.5:45 pm	<u>28</u> *Jazz.8:30am 5:45 pm	<u>29</u> *Jazz 8:30am	<u>30</u> *Jazz8:30am