

November 2015

The Tie That Binds

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Cadillac, Michigan



A Day with the Pope

Pat Erlander McCurdy



It was a bright fall day in Rockville Maryland on September 23rd. Pope Francis was in Washington D.C. on his tour of America. I was visiting my daughter Kelly, who works in D.C. So we decided to brave the crowds and go see the Pope. It's a 1 hour commute to D.C. from Rockville, so we needed to start early. Surprisingly, the metro was nearly empty. Most people stayed home from work that day and worked from home.



In my faith journey years ago, I was a baptized and confirmed Catholic. In fact my confirmation name was Frances, after Saint Francis of Assisi. That was before my adult journey began.

We arrived with the happy and generally good-spirited people walking to where the Pope would circle in his popemobile near the south lawn of the White House. Vendors were selling flags, and even stuffed dolls of the Pope, but I resisted. But I must confess I did purchase a plaque to hang on my refrigerator. There was a genuine excitement in the air. Legions of security, Honor guards dressed in their finest, flags flying, and a polar bear holding up a sign "The Pope gives me Climate Hope". It wasn't all peace and love. There were a few loud-speakered protesters, but nothing could spoil the goodwill felt by all. Even the security people had a cordial attitude, as each piece of our paraphernalia was scrutinized.

When we finally found our spaces where we were going to stand, the people waiting with my daughter and I were from a mixture of cultural backgrounds, representing the areas in the world where there is a strong Catholic influence, college students that had camped out since 4 a.m., and people who were wanting a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many that I spoke to thought the Pope was doing a good job of bringing down barriers, listening to the gay community, and bringing women's issues to the forefront. I believe he is a pope of the common people, and nothing is swaying him from his mission to serve the poor, help the homeless, and to be an advocate for the environment.

And when the Pope finally came, it was fast, but thrilling, and I think I caught his eye. Was I blessed by the Pope that day? You betcha!

- Pat



NOVEMBER EVENTS

Rev John Doud's Installation Service Sunday November 8th at 4pm

Everyone is invited to attend John Doud's installation service on November 8th at 4pm, with dinner immediately following the service.

Please sign up if you are planning to attend, because we need to know numbers for the dinner afterwards – see sheet at the back of the church if you have not already RSVP'd.

CHILDREN'S TIME AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Time is a short, age appropriate message or story during the worship service.

Sunday School is separate from the worship service, in the classroom, with assigned teacher(s).

Children are dismissed from the worship service for Sunday school after The Lord's Prayer, or after children's time.

NOVEMBER 1 Karen (Music/ Magnet Story/Artic Mural)

NOVEMBER 8 Pat - Children's Time. KAREN/PAT (Make winter birdfeeders)

NOVEMBER 15 Marie – repurposing

NOVEMBER 22 John - Children's Time.

Catherine- recycling

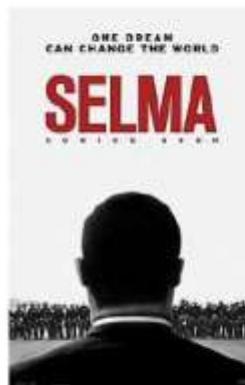
NOVEMBER 29 Laura



Movie Club

Join us

for a night of drama,
as the First Congregational Church
Movie Club presents:



Tuesday November 10th 2015
7:00pm

This Academy Award winning film, featuring the best original song "Glory", chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights.

Location: First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall,
200 E. Harris St, Cadillac.

\$5 donation

Proceeds will go towards Fellowship Hall technology upgrades.

Snacks are provided

Movie Night is on the fourth Tuesday of each month,
through May, 2016

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the greens will take place during the service on Sunday November 29th.

Meeting of the ONA Coalition

On 7th Nov 10am – 12 pm the ONA Coalition of UCC churches is meeting here on 7th November. All UCC churches are invited. There will be representatives of churches who are interested in the ONA process, or who have already done so. If you would like more information, please contact Bob Levand.

Pledge Cards

The Stewardship Committee would very much appreciate it if everyone would submit their pledge cards. This enables the committee to plan for the future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Handmade Holiday Sale

December 5, 2015, 10:30 – 3:00 pm

Cadillac Congregational Church

200 E. Harris St., Cadillac, MI



Shop a variety of Local Artists
and Crafters for your
High Quality, Handcrafted items
for this Holiday Season



*The Church will have lunch
available for a small fee*

Keeping it Local



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Several accomplished musicians have donated their talents recently.

Thanks to:
Ginny Donley,
Steven Jackson,
Dorothy Kunkel,
The Cadigirls (Janet Kass, Rachel Whiteman and Connie Zolynsky),
Lucy Daveridge and Cassidee Desmond.

Thanks for the Donations Received!



\$105 was taken in donations for the technology fund from October's Movie Club.

October's Pancake Brunch raised \$487 for the Stehouwer Free Clinic.



Fall Cleanup

The Fall Clean-up was a great success. Thanks to everyone who participated, and to Troy Knight who provided a wonderful luncheon.



New Members

We welcomed 11 new members during the service on October 25th.



Here they are, standing with their sponsors. Please note Sue Cinco's head-shot!

Harvest Feast

Thanks to all for contributing to our Harvest Feast, and for everyone cleaning up so willingly, making the effort so enjoyable. Many hands make light work! Happy Pastor Appreciation Month! You are Our Sunshine.



Conference

Pastor John Doud, Catherine Doud, Bob Levand, Troy Knight, Linda Baynes, Pat McCurdy and Donna Debney attended the UCC Annual Conference in Grand Rapids. The theme was "We are overjoyed".



Here are some of the results of our group discussions. (See picture below.)

- Clergy and congregants have a clear sense of what makes for a healthy church and it includes laughter, spontaneity, kindness, compassion, commitment to Christ, music, multiple generations present, many leaders in worship, and a lot of outreach beyond the church walls.
- Participants shared about a variety of people who have helped them to grow spiritually, including Sunday School teachers, youth ministers, family members, someone who believed in them, Confirmation mentors, clergy, and well known leaders and people of faith - to name just a few.
- People were very clear about the skills and aptitudes needed in our leaders today - humor, kindness, grounded in faith, bravery, courage, fearlessness, adept with technology, experience of other cultures, outreach oriented, etc.
- There was great hope expressed for the future of the church. People wanted to see a woman General Minister and President, renewed commitment to social justice, the environment, ecumenism, interfaith dialogue, and ending poverty, racism and human trafficking.

See anybody you know?



COMMUNITY

Symphony



Cadillac Area Symphony Orchestra presents "Horns of Plenty" on Sunday 22nd November 3pm, featuring Bach's Concerto in C Minor for Violin and Oboe with Ann Lockwood and Leilani Kitler.

<http://cadillacsymphony.org/>

Footlitters



*The Footlitters Junior Players presents
Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.*

Story: Based on the Disney movie "Alice in Wonderland" and the novels of Lewis Carroll

Performances:

7:00 – November 13, 14, 20

2:00 – November 14, 15

Directed by Laura Porter

MISSIONS

Our mission for the month of November is our local Salvation Army. The Salvation Army supports people in need without discrimination through a range of social services: providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, clothing and shelter for the homeless and other services. Please give generously so that they can continue to help our neighbors in crisis.

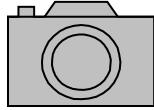
The monthly Missions collection is now being collected in baskets on the 3rd Sunday. If you miss the 3rd Sunday and want to give to the month's mission, please use the designated envelopes.

November: Salvation Army, December: Christmas Fund

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayer List

Please hold these members, friends, and family in prayer: **Brian Belleville, Jenny Freese, Ruth Pitts, Aaron Eckert, Terry Oss, Jim & Sharon Thompson, Marge Mattison, Christine Barton, Jeanne and Bill Vander Molen, Janet Raymond, Donna Debney, Roger Whiteman, Patrick Delaney, Laura Stewart, Marjorie Wicks**



**Photo contributions are always welcome! Please email yours to
office@firstcongcadillac.org**

Thanks to all the photo contributors to this issue: Sara Keinath, Catherine Doud, Pat McCurdy, Rachel Whiteman, Linda Baynes.

Sunday Morning Schedule

Date	Usher/Greeters	Liturgist	Fellowship Hour	Sexton	Preacher	
NOV 1	Robin Corbin +1	Penny Phelps	Birthday Sunday Penny Phelps	Tom Jobson	John Doud	
NOV 8	Joyce & Mike Oatley	Karen Anderson	(No Fellowship Hour)	Bob LeVand	John Doud	Mission Moment Karma
NOV 15	Carol & Jerry Nilsson	Karma Chapo	TBA	Laura Jacobson-Pentces	John Doud	
NOV 22	Karma Chapo & Donna Debney	Tom Jobson	Virgil and Joan Butler	Linda Baynes	John Doud	
NOV 29	Ann Lockwood & Ginny Donley	Robin Corbin	Margie and Ralph Annis	Penny Phelps	John Doud	

NOVEMBER 2015 *Non-Church activities that occur in the church.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>1</u> Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am COMMUNION Birthday Sunday *Footlitters 3pm	<u>2</u> *Jazz 5:45 pm *Symphony Board 7pm	<u>3</u> *Jazz 8:30am *Footlitters 7pm	<u>4</u> *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm Choir 7pm	<u>5</u> *Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm Footlitters 7pm	<u>6</u> *Jazz.8:30am	<u>7</u> *Jazz.8:30 am 10am-12pm ONA Coalition Meeting
<u>8</u> Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am 4pm John's installation	<u>9</u> *Jazz 5:45 pm	<u>10</u> *Jazz 8:30am Movie Club "Selma" 7pm	<u>11</u> *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm Choir 7pm	<u>12</u> *Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm	<u>13</u> *Jazz.8:30am	<u>14</u> *Jazz.8:30 am
<u>15</u> Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am	<u>16</u> *Jazz 5:45 pm Board Meeting 6:30 pm	<u>17</u> *Jazz.8:30am	<u>18</u> *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm Choir 7pm	<u>19</u> Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm	<u>20</u> Jazz.8:30 am	<u>21</u> Jazz.8:30 am
<u>22</u> Choir 9:30am Worship 10:30am	<u>23</u> *Jazz 5:45 pm	<u>24</u> *Jazz.8:30 am	<u>25</u> *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	<u>26</u> Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm THANKSGIVING	<u>29</u> Jazz.8:30 am	<u>28</u> Jazz.8:30 am
<u>29</u> Worship 10:30am Hanging of the Greens	<u>30</u> *Jazz 5:45 pm					

Looking ahead: Holiday Bazaar December 5th