

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
PO Box 892
Cadillac, MI 49601

“The Tie that Binds”

MARCH 2017

Newsletter of First Congregational Church UCC Cadillac, MI

Margie Annis, Music Director

Patrick Delaney, Treasurer

Penny Phelps, Administrator

Marie Linn, Clerk

Rachel Whiteman, Secretary/Organist

Carol Nilsson, Chair of Trustees

Church service is Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School and childcare available.

The church is open on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Thoughts from Linda Baynes

ONA Committee



March 31st is the 7th Annual International Transgender Day of Visibility created by transgender advocate Rachel Crandall. This day, which is observed every year on March 31, is intended to raise awareness about transgender people, bring attention to the discrimination and violence transgender people face – and also to celebrate our successes.

Rachel Crandall, the head of Transgender Michigan, created this day after recognizing that many media outlets only report on stories of violence experienced by transgender and gender non-conforming people. She hoped to create a day where people could focus on celebrating success and help transgender people feel empowered.

Visibility is especially important for the transgender community. Recent polls show that 90% of Americans say they personally know someone who is lesbian, gay, or bisexual. But only 16% of Americans think they personally know someone who is transgender. Therefore, for the vast majority of people in the U.S., everything they know about transgender people - they learn from the media. It's imperative that transgender people who are able to do so safely, tell their stories.

Outspoken advocates and celebrities like Laverne Cox, Janet Mock, Jazz Jennings, Tiq Milan, Caitlyn Jenner, and many more, are bringing the stories and experiences of transgender people to audiences everywhere. However, visibility on its own is not enough, and the ongoing struggles and violence facing transgender people around the world demand continued advocacy and organizing from LGBT people and their allies.

April 2nd, Reverend Julie Nemecek will provide the sermon during our worship service as we celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility. She will also lead our program during fellowship hour after the church service which will be a Potluck. In addition, there will be opportunity for questions and answers during this time.

*Linda Baynes, Chair
ONA Committee*

CHURCH EVENTS IN MARCH

COVENANT CLASSES



Covenant (Confirmation) classes continue after church from **11:45am -12:45pm**. The remaining dates are: **March 5th** and **March 19th**. Open to all grades 6 through 12.

There will be a pizza party and movie for the group at the March 19 class (final class).

Covenant class participants will join the church on May 21 during Children and Youth Sunday.



SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY MOVIE: Sponsored by the ONA Committee. The topic will be about the transgender community - Tuesday, **March 28th**, 6:00 p.m., in the Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. Stay tuned for details.

MOVIE NIGHT



There will not be a Movie Night in March. Stay tuned for April and May movie features.

Our Church Mission for March is *One Great Hour of Sharing*. You may use envelopes provided in the pews for your donation if you wish.



We will have New Member Sunday on March 5. We have a couple people planning to join at this time. If you would like to join our church family, please contact Rev. John Doud (231) 313-6053 or call the church (231) 775-7632.



LIFE IN THE CHURCH



We still hope to have someone, or a group, sign up to do the Easter “Son-rise” breakfast on April 16. Please let the office know if you are interested.

We have a new addition to the church family. Dan and Beth Lakin welcomed baby Harvey in December. Congratulations to them, Grandpa John Smith and great-grandpa Don Lakin!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Our church will sponsor the Lenten breakfast for the community on March 22, 7:00-7:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Easter falls on April 16 this year. If you would like to order Lilies for the Easter Service, please fill out the form below and return to the church.

Easter Lily Time!

Nothing is more appealing than to see the cross filled with white Easter lilies. If you wish to contribute one or more plants, please fill in the form below and either bring it to church or mail it to the church at P. O. Box 892. Deadline **April 9th**.



Easter Lily Order

I/We _____ (name)
wish to order _____ (number) Easter Lilies at \$8 each.

In memory/honor (circle one) of _____.

Enclosed is my/our payment of \$_____.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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New Board of Trustees members: Carol Nilsson, Chair * Patrick Delaney, Treasurer * Sara Keinath, Moderator * Marie Linn, Clerk * Bill Cinco * Richard Harvey * Bob LeVand * Karen Smeltzer * Angie Brugger * John Doud, Pastor

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Our church now has a Covenant - voted on and approved by the congregation in attendance at the Annual Meeting. This will be recited by the congregation at times such as New Member Sunday or special events.

Covenant of the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ Cadillac, Michigan

We, the faith family of the Cadillac First Congregational United Church of Christ, on our spiritual journey, gather as a Christian church *to learn* from the teachings of Jesus; *to encourage* a consciousness of our relationship with God; *to inspire* truth and passion for enthusiastic service; and *to give* generously and willingly to the congregation and beyond.

We walk in fellowship *to express* God's spirit of hospitality, *to pray*, and *to work* for unity. With heartfelt inclusiveness, our doors are open. We actively build a community of unwavering compassion and courageous hope, where all are seen and known, and the God of Extravagant Love is revealed...

God is still speaking...

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The only change to the church by-laws was an addition, Section 7, as stated below. Voted on and approved.

Section 7.

Any member of the church who is not able to attend a regular or special meeting of the congregation may appoint a proxy to vote in his or her absence. ***The proxy must be a member of the church. The proxy vote shall be part of the quorum*** count. Forms are available from the church office and must be received by the chairperson of the Board of Trustees one week prior to the date of the meeting. ***One a proxy is received it becomes irrevocable. It can not be changed. Each proxy is good for one designated meeting only.***

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Nominations for 2017

These offices required a congregational vote:

Moderator (one year term)

Clerk (one year term)

Sarah Keinath (3rd year)

Marie Linn (2nd year)

Treasurer (one year term)
Financial Secretary (one year term)
Board of Trustees (three year term):
 through 2017

 through 2018

 through 2019

Patrick Delaney (2nd year)
Ralph Annis (2nd year)

Carol Nilsson (2nd term)
Bob LeVand (2nd term)
Bill Cinco (1st term)
Richard Harvey (1st term)
Angie Brugger (1st term)
Karen Smelzer (1st term)

Office and Functions not requiring a vote:

Deacon
Communion
Delegates (one year term)
 United Northern Association
 Michigan Conference
Committees
 Bequests and Gifts

 Christian Education

 Building & Maintenance

 Stewardship/Missions

 Nurture & Care Team

 ONA

 Pastoral Care

 Budget
 Nominating

Linda Johnson
Marie Linn

Sara Keinath & Ann Lockwood
Linda Baynes & Sara Keinath

Karen Anderson (2nd term - three years)
Bob LeVand (1st term – one year)
Joyce Oatley (1st term – two years)
Pat McCurdy, Karen Anderson,
Brittany Isaacs
Richard Harvey, Bob LeVand,
Penny Phelps
Karma Capo, Sperry Claypool,
Tom Jobson, Jerry Nilsson, Joyce Oatley
Pat McCurdy, Diane Jobson,
Charlotte Barfield, Mary Shaw,
Diane Larson
Linda Baynes, Karma Chabo, Bob LeVand,
Carol Nilsson
Pat McCurdy, Mike Oatley, Laura Porter,
Al Snyder
Pastor, Treasurer, plus one Trustee
Members of the Board

Request from the Church Clerk, Marie Linn -

To ensure that church records are up to date, please fill out the form below and drop off at the church or mail to the office, attn: Marie Linn. It is vital to have your current information for many reasons: ability to send news, contact you in times of need, etc. Thank you for your help.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

Profession: _____

Passions: _____

Interests: _____

Special Talents: _____

Are you willing to serve in a leadership capacity in the church? Where would you like to serve?

Are you interested in serving on a committee? If so, which one(s)?

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

City-State-Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Birthdate & Place of Birth: _____

Baptism Date & Place: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Previous Church Relationship: _____

Spouse & Date Married: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: (Name and phone)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Membership Date:

Transfer of Letter:

Reaffirm. Of Faith:

Confession of Faith:

Confirmation:

Friend:

Date removed/reason:

CHILDREN: Name – Birthdate – Baptism Date – Current Address: (use back for additional information)

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

NAME: _____

I prefer to receive church communications via:

____ email email address: _____

____ phone phone number: _____

____ text cell phone number: _____

____ snail mail address: _____

I prefer to receive EMERGENCY church messages via:

____ email ____ phone ____ text ____ facebook messenger




Sunday Morning Schedule

Date	Greeter/ushers	Liturgist	Fellowship Hour	Sexton	Preacher
March 5	Bill & Sue Cinco				
March 12	Carol & Jerry Nilsson		<i>Volunteers needed</i>		
March 19	Tom & Diane Jobson		<i>Volunteers needed</i>		
March 26	Sperry & Gert Claypool				



MARCH 2017 CALENDAR

* denotes non-church activities that occur in the church.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		LENT STARTS MARCH 1	1 10:30 am - 1pm Office *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm 7pm Choir practice	2 Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm	3 Jazz.8:30 am	4 Jazz.8:30 am
5 9:30 am Choir Worship 10:30 am COMMUNION (Pews) Confirmation Class  11:45am-12:45pm	6 10:30 am -1pm Office *Jazz 5:45 pm *Symphony Board 7pm	7 *Jazz.8:30 am	8 10:30 am - 1pm Office *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm 7pm Choir practice	9 *Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm	10 *Jazz.8:30 am	11 *Jazz.8:30 am Change clocks – move ahead 1 hr.
12 9:30 am Choir Worship 10:30am "Purim Service" <i>Children stay in worship service (No Sunday School)</i>	13 10:30am -1pm Office *Jazz 5:45 pm	14 *Jazz.8:30 am	15 10:30am -1pm Office *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm 7pm Choir practice	16 *Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm	17 *Jazz.8:30 am 	18 *Jazz.8:30 am
19 9:30 am Choir Worship 10:30am NOISY OFFERING Confirmation Class <i>Pizza Party & Movie</i>  11:45am-12:45pm	20 10:30am -1pm Office *Jazz 5:45 pm Board Meeting 6:30 pm Newsletter items due	21 *Jazz.8:30 am	22 7:00-7:50 AM Lenten breakfast in Fellowship Hall. 10:30am - 1pm Office *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm	23 *Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm	24 *Jazz.8:30 am	25 *Jazz.8:30 am
26 Worship 10:30 am	27 10:30am -1pm Office *Jazz 5:45 pm	28 *Jazz.8:30 am TRANSGENDER DOCUMENTARY 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall	29 10:30am -1pm Office *Strength 4:30pm *Jazz.5:45 pm 7pm Choir practice	30 *Jazz. 8:30am, 5:45 pm	31 *Jazz.8:30 am	

Please be sure to have all articles for the April Newsletter into the office **No Later Than March 20th** Thank You 😊

2017 Missions - Jan.: Our Church's Wider Mission, Feb.: After 26 Project, **March: One Great Hour of Sharing**, April: Love, INC, May: Strengthen the Church, June: New Hope Shelter, July: Back Pack Program, August: Shepherd's Table, Sept.: Feeding America, Oct.: Neighbors in Need, Nov.: Salvation Army, Dec.: Christmas Fund