

200th ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2012

Debi Lutz, Moderator, called the Annual Meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. on October 28, 2012. Debi wanted it to be known that this was the first time there has been a woman moderator in the 200 year history of the church. She asked Pastor Bob to open with prayer for us. There were 39 people in attendance. Tom Scott requested that we sign an attendance list for this, our 200th Annual Meeting.

Wally Lowth motioned to accept the 199th Annual Meeting minutes. Jo Sixt seconded. Motion was carried. Ginger Comstock motioned to accept the September 30, 2012 Budget Hearing Meeting minutes, Harv Roll seconded. This motion also carried.

We then reviewed reports from:

Pastor: Report stands as written.

Church Clerk: Liz Lowth reported that it stands as written.

Endowment: Bev Giles reported that it stands as written.

Council: Report stands as written.

Outreach: The report stands as written.

Building and Grounds: Report stands as written.

Church and Ministry: Report stands as written.

Christian Education/Sunday School: Report stands as written.

Workers Union: Report stands as written.

Womens Fellowship: Report stands as written.

NY Help/Honduras: Gordon Comstock shared with the congregation a hand-made plaque presented in gratitude to NY/Help by a Honduras craftsman.

Stewardship: No questions, but Wally Lowth commented that Sam Tillinghast is already making contributions.

Worship/Music: Dona Roll advised that Mission 1 was an Outreach mission. Dona also provided a revised copy of her report, which is attached and made part of the 200th Annual Meeting and Report. Dona advised that Vanessa wanted to add a special thank you to Margaret Homan and Molly Holland for their past and present contribution of their time and talents.

Church Historian: The report stands as written.

Memorial Fund: This report stands as written.

Debi Lutz asked for a motion to adopt the reports as amended. Helen Knose so moved and Sheila Vrenna seconded. Motion was passed.

Rich Vogt advised that Council requested that we change Kathy May, Church Secretary, to Kathy May, Office Manager. Ginger Comstock seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Mason directed attention to the 2012-2013 Pass Through Account and asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised.

Jeff then directed our attention to the Building Fund and Loan Account with a zero balance, because of a donation, and the account is now closed.

Jeff then directed us to the Church Investment Accounts as handled by Trubee, Collins. Annex roof repair was paid out. The Endowment Account is also with Trubee, Collins. Our Church had an historical number of pledges (51) and givers (16). Tom Scott moved to have Financial secretary add this historical event to the Annual Report. Harv Roll seconded. The motion was passed

Jeff Mason asked for a motion to adopt the financial reports as revised. Skip Tillinghast moved and Tom Scott seconded. The motion was carried.

Bev Giles moved to recognize Randy Lutz for his longtime dedication to the position of Financial Secretary. "Having served in that capacity, I know what a commitment of time it requires. He has converted hand record keeping to a computer program. Our statements are professional, easily read and informational. Randy has faithfully and confidentially served this congregation and is gratefully appreciated." Jeff Mason attests to his confidentiality. Debi attests to that also. Our Church has a checks and balances system with two signatures on all checks and two people counting the money.

2012-2013 Budget - Expenditures: Changes are attached and as revised are made a part of the 2012-2013 Budget.

Debi Lutz called for a vote on the 2012-2013 Budget. Wally Lowth made a motion to accept the 2012-2013 Budget. Ginger Comstock seconded and the the 2012-2013 Budget was passed.

The Moderator, Debi Lutz, called the meeting closed at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Lowth, Church Clerk

BUDGET HEARING - SEPTEMBER 29, 2013

Debi Lutz, moderator, called the congregational meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. She then asked Pastor Bob Dievendorf to open with a word of prayer. Forty-two members were in attendance.

Debi then turned the meeting over to Jeff Mason, treasurer.

Explanation and discussion of the proposed budget for 2013-2014 followed.

Benevolence: Jeff stated they increased OCWM by 10%.

Office/Administration: There is a decrease in insurance premium due to a higher deductible and we should see a decrease in telephone expenses.

Pastoral Administration: We are increasing Pastor's salary.

Worship/Music Ministry: There is an increase in salary for organist and choir director. The copyright license has been upgraded. The line for pulpit supply has no dollar amount due to a previous donation.

Christian Education Ministry: There is an addition of \$500.00 for VBS. Bob Wood donates the books for Adult Education.

Outreach: Increase in Advertising & Promotions.

Building/Grounds: The cleaning service has a new line 715, due to the death of one of the custodians.

Pastor/ Parish Relations: New name, but still at zero.

Stewardship: Line 840, mailings, is a new line transferred from office/administration.

Expenditures: Self Explanatory.

Income: Miscellaneous Income – 15% of the profit from the German Dinner is counted as miscellaneous income.

The Council will announce what the expected income is on October 6 and 13 and the Annual Report will be available October 20. The Annual Meeting will be October 27.

If anyone has any questions, please speak to any Council Member.

Wally Lowth made a motion to adjourn; Bill Hall seconded, and motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was closed at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Lowth, Church Clerk

PASTOR'S REPORT

It has been quite a year for UCC, Congregational at Arcade, NY!! Among all the "regular" events and things going on in our community of faith, this past year we have celebrated our **200th Anniversary** – can you imagine? 200 years of ministry, service, evangelizing, fellowship and community leadership within our congregation. We have gleaned, during these 200 years, from our many ancestors the best of lifestyles and faith practices as well as learning from the less than totally successful attempts of service to God and God's kingdom locally, regionally and worldly. We owe our forbears an enormous sense of gratitude for setting the stage for our 21st century church.

Part of that stage, I believe, is the presence in our midst over our entire 200 year life of God's Holy Spirit! When I first came to Arcade in November 2008 to interview with the Search Committee, both Cathy and I felt a concerted presence of the Spirit in the people and structure of the church. It was a powerful thing for both of us and became one of the reasons I accepted the call to be your pastor. As I began my ministry in Arcade, I noticed ever more clearly the Spirit's presence and leading in our church family. Yet, I felt that many of our church family did not recognize this presence. As time has progressed and as I face in the coming months my 5 year anniversary at Arcade UCC, I am witnessing a marvelous thing happening. I see ever so clearly the slow but steady recognition by all of you of the Holy Spirit's enlivening presence – a presence that leads and allows us to do the many great things we are doing!

This recognition has allowed us together to function successfully in our various committees: Worship/Music, Outreach, Stewardship, Christian Education, Women's Fellowship, Worker's Union, Pastor/Parish Relations, Building and Grounds, Endowment, NY/Help Honduras, Memorial and Council. Each of these committees have, under dedicated leadership, met and carried out many activities/events which have shared our church's sense of hospitality, mission and Christian love to not only our own congregants but to the community-at-large here in Arcade and beyond. And for each church officer, each and every committee, members of these committees and programs carried out throughout this past year, I give thanks to God.

I see the Spirit at work in each of you not only through the committees which form our lifeline here at Arcade UCC, but in each of you as individuals, as well. I rejoice and give thanks for you who step forward to support our church's ministries – be it working at one of our several dinners or reading/participating in worship services or attending in support of our many functions which promote mission work, fellowship, and fund raising. You are not afraid to step out of your "comfort zone" and lend your talents and gifts (both of which are God-given) to the church in a variety of ways.

I would certainly be remiss if I did not mention the Spirit's activity in YOU during our anniversary celebrations. For all your suggestions which were combined to form our slogan for the anniversary: Celebrating-Living-Embracing 200 Years and Beyond, and to Courtney Taylor for the logo used regularly throughout the events, a special thanks. To the Anniversary Committee (Sheila Vrenna, Penny Rutledge, Liz Lowth, Jeff Mason, Debi Lutz, Ginger Comstock), a hearty thanks for their work in

bringing to reality meaningful and memorable occasions for celebrating. These include bi-monthly anniversary worship concentrating on 25 year increments of our 200 years; a fantastic banquet at which four current/former pastors were present as well as Rev. Marian Shearer (our NY Conference Associate Conference Minister); a special Anniversary Worship on July 21 with many of you participating as well as Rev. David Gaewski (our NY Conference Minister) preaching followed by a terrific reception hosted by our Women's Fellowship; and our culmination Anniversary Worship on September 15 with many more of you participating and Rev. Geoffrey Black (our National UCC President and General Minister) preaching followed once again by a fabulous reception hosted by the Women's fellowship. It has certainly been, and will continue to be, a 200 Year Celebration to remember.

In reflecting on our year 2012-2013, I can truthfully say it was a year in which our recognition of the Holy Spirit in our midst and in which we have turned ourselves over to the working of that Spirit has taken hold. For this and for each and every one of YOU, I give thanks to God. May you each continue in recognizing God's Spirit within you and may you be blessed into service of God, the Church of Jesus Christ and our local congregation always.

Shalom,

Pastor Bob

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND 2012-2013

This fund is used at the Pastor's discretion to assist folk in times of special need and/or special circumstances (including prescriptions, gas, food, legal fees, study materials, household expenses etc.).

Balance beginning October 1, 2012	\$	100.09
Deposits	\$	<u>5,447.50</u>
TOTAL	\$	5,547.59
Funds Spent for Assistance of Various Community Needs		5,499.42
ENDING BALANCE SEPT. 30, 2013	\$	48.17

Thank you to ALL who have so generously donated this past year to the Pastor's Fund. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and used in the spirit of God's unconditional love to assist our sisters and brothers in their time of need.

Shalom,

Pastor Bob

REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK 2012-2013

Total membership as of September 30, 2012	179
New members	1
Loss by death	3
Request for transfer	1
Total membership as of September 30, 2013	176

Members Deceased: 3

Jean Stokaylo – December 18, 2012

Thomas Vogt – June 12, 2013

Arline Martin – July 2, 2013

Members Requesting Transfer: 1

Barbara Comstock-King – January 17, 2013

New Members: 1

Dirk Norwich – July 21, 2013

Infant Baptisms: 4

Cheyenne Phillips – October 28, 2012

Griffin Parker Camp – November 25, 2012

Carter Jeffrey Camp – November 25, 2012

Jacob Romance – August 25, 2013

Weddings: 2

Stacey Neamon Lund and Robert Fudella – July 4, 2013

CHURCH COUNCIL

Our second year with a smaller number of council members (6) went well once again. I can't express how inspired I am to be able to work with a group that is so dedicated, engaging, and willing to tackle all subjects. New members this year were Wally Lowth and Lary Schaefer. Bev Giles, Vanessa Adams, Rich Vogt (voted vice-chair), and myself Bill Hall (voted Chair) continued from the previous year. We again are joined by Pastor Bob Dievendorf, Treasurer Jeff Mason and our Moderator Deb Lutz as voting members. Kathy May is our Office Manager and recording secretary for our meetings, but also continues to be an important contact regarding the "happenings" in and around the office and community. Congratulations and a huge "thank you" to Kathy on her 10 year anniversary with Arcade UCC in her current capacity.

We will be saying goodbye to Lary as he filled a 1 year position, and saying hello to Charlie Newman as he joins us following the annual meeting. A special thanks to Lary as we were able to benefit from his building and grounds knowledge and expertise.

I continue to be inspired by our experiences and the atmosphere of our meetings. We make a conscious effort to connect with our Lord at every meeting, raising up those that are in need as well as celebrating the power of prayer in the lives of our congregation and beyond. Our shared devotions have been powerful and thought provoking. Prayer time is critical as we realize how much we need our Lord's guidance and direction.

Council meetings are traditionally long and involve difficult topics. We attempt to be time conscious by reviewing committee reports in advance of our monthly meetings. Issues are addressed by exception. Expectations for our Council are to work together, express our concerns clearly, and be helpful and caring toward each other. Committee chair meetings were established by Pastor Bob and are beginning to meet his expectations.

The church finances continue to be our major focus and responsibility. Important and urgent expenditures, as well as assisting the treasurer with controlling our monthly expenses take up a large portion of our time. During this past year, and looking forward as well, we will be challenged by budget deficits that make cost control critical. We appreciate the support you have shown to the Council and ask for your patience and understanding as we make difficult decisions regarding our church finances. I can't say enough about the tremendous job Jeff Mason has done to control spending. He is truly a valued and blessed steward of the Lord.

So many highlights from last year, I hesitate to list any for fear of not remembering them all. Our 200th anniversary has to be placed firmly at the top. Fundraising efforts have been fantastic. Concerts are now regular events in our calendar. New technologies continue to help us grow into the future, making us more attractive to those who are looking for an exciting place to worship. Outreach is critical, led by our Community dinners which are supported by so many.

The future holds a few new major projects for the Council including updating our policy manual, a look at our by-laws, our membership lists, the possible formation of a men's group, and many other opportunities for us to work together doing God's work. Thanks to all the committees for their great work this past year, and their forward thinking as they look for new opportunities in the coming year.

My statement from last year's report still resounds in my head. I read and listen to all that is happening in and around our church and am impressed and inspired by the level of service. This is still a great place to worship and serve God. Find the spot where you fit in, you don't have to wait to be asked. We, the Council, thank you for the opportunity to serve this past year. Praise be to God!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hall, Council Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CEC met monthly throughout this 2012-2013 year. The members of this committee strive to uphold the Mission of our Church as well as the responsibility of the education programs for people of all ages in accordance with the Mission statement. We strongly believe in the promises made by all members to those who are baptized and confirmed.

Christian Ed provided breakfast for Rally Day, hosted Coffee hours following the Christmas Service as well as the Youth Service in June. They continued to assist in the youth fundraising efforts.

Teachers this last year included:

Vanessa Adams

Debi Lutz, Dona Roll, Rich Vogt, Sheila Vrenna, Deb Wood
Book Review for Adult Class

F.I.S.H.

Godly Play
Bob Wood

We are grateful for the tireless dedication of Deb Wood as Sunday School Superintendent and for all teachers who give so generously of themselves for the education ministry of this Church.

The mission work of our youth included gathering supplies and assembling school kits for Church World Service, serving at our Community dinners, helping with the Fall Festival and participating in the Spring Community Clean-Up. They continued contributing goods to their food pantry which are delivered to the PAC pantry. They again took part in the Souper Bowl of Caring, a national initiative to fight hunger in this country. They collected for our local food pantry

Our 2013 UCC State Youth Event in March was again held in Painted Post, NY. The theme for this event was "Not Lucky, but Blessed." Vanessa Adams, along with Kelly Bechdel, Kelsey May, Syd and Josh Taylor and Sam Tillinghast reconnected with old friends and made new friends from across New York State while deepening their understanding of their role as the UCC youth.

During July, three of our youth, Josh and Syd Taylor and Sam Tillinghast, under the guidance of Vanessa Adams, traveled with Lighthouse to Staten Island where they spent a week helping the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Thank you to these youth for giving their time and effort to this Mission Trip. Special thanks to Vanessa Adams for giving so generously of her time (vacation time!) to our youth. They are not lucky, but blessed by her influence in their lives!

Respectfully submitted

Denielle Romance, CEC Co-Chair

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Annual mission disbursements were made as follows:

New York Help	\$200
PAC Food Pantry	\$250
Dunkirk Conference Center	\$200
Pioneer PRO	\$200
Ronald McDonald House	\$100
Free Methodist World Missions	\$100
Buffalo City Mission	\$100
St. Luke Mission	\$100

Disbursements to UCCC at Arcade as follows:

UCC Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$700
Dona roll's Airfare to UCC Conference in Germany	\$902
Vacation Bible School	\$300
Partial payment for Pew Bibles	\$156

Received \$16,273.44 from the Ruth O'Dell Trust.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Giles, Co-chair

REPORT OF THE CHURCH HISTORIAN

I continued to serve as an ex-officio member of the Bicentennial Committee and attended most of the committee meetings. I provided articles for the *Arcade Herald*, our own *Carillon*, and for Western New York Area Churches in Covenant publication, *In the Vineyard*.

Several of us attended the spring meeting of the WNYACIC at the Dunkirk Conference Center in May, so I arranged for a short detour on the way home so we could visit the grave of our founding pastor, Rev. John Spencer, in Sheridan. I arranged a display of historical photos and other items for the Bicentennial banquet in July and provided some of the items that were placed in the "time capsule" on our actual anniversary date of July 24. Due to a family wedding, I was unable to attend the anniversary worship service on July 21.

I also provided some of the photos that were used in the PowerPoint shown at the start of the culminating worship service on September 15. My remarks during that service were based on the "comma" theme of the United Church of Christ. Our 200-year milestone should be viewed as a comma, not a period, in our church history.

In August, I spent a day in the small community of Peterboro, located between Syracuse and Utica. In the years before the Civil War, this was the center of abolitionist activity in upstate New York, so the abolitionists in our church had close connections with Gerrit Smith, whose home and office were at the heart of this movement. I gained some useful information that should come in handy as I continue working on an update of our written church history in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mason, Historian

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

October 2012

- Railings were installed on the stairs going to the upper rooms of the main church building.
- The church boiler room was cleaned out of old materials to bring it up to code.
- The electrical outlet next to the big sink in the kitchen was replaced with a ground fault outlet.
- An emergency light and exit sign were installed in the Narthex.
- Preventative maintenance was done to the dishwasher.
- The men's toilet in Wetzel hall was repaired.

November 2012

- The mouse traps were baited inside and outside of the church building.
- The dishwasher was repaired.
- The boiler was inspected.
- Exit signs were installed in the sanctuary.

December 2012

- The church street door was caulked, new weather stripping was installed, and a new door brush was added to the bottom.
- A light switch was replaced in the sanctuary.
- The rails on the dishwasher were straightened out.

January 2013

- A cabinet handle in the great room kitchen was repaired.
- The top step of the church street stairs was screwed down.
- The adjustable switches for the sanctuary fans were replaced.
- Preventative maintenance to the dishwasher was performed.
- The walks and steps around the church and annex were shoveled, and will continue to be done all winter.

February 2013

- An outlet between the annex and the church was repaired.
- Pastor Bob's office fan was repaired
- A pew bible rack was replaced.
- A light fixture was installed above the big sink in the basement kitchen.
- Lights were replaced in the Sanctuary.

March 2013

- The faucet in the men's room basement sink was repaired.
- An infrared heater was purchased for Pastor Bob's Office.
- Preventative maintenance was performed to the dishwasher.

April 2013

- The light switch in the basement men's room was replaced.
- More shelving was installed in the Wetzel hall closet.

May 2013

- The toilet in the annex men's room was repaired.

- A light switch in the sanctuary was replaced.
- The lawn was cut and will continue to be done all summer.

June 2013

- The yearly maintenance to the outside of the church was completed.
- Plants were replaced in the garden next to the annex rear door.

July 2013

- The ceiling fan in the great room was repaired.
- A projector and screen were installed in the sanctuary.

August 2013

- The back church street door was painted.
- All of the shrubs around the church and annex were pruned, and all of the planting beds were weeded.
- All of the stained ceiling tiles in the annex were painted.

September 2013

- Carpet cleaned in Wetzel Hall.

Many thanks to all of the members of this committee: Darwin Anneler, Gordon Comstock, Lloyd Knose, Peter Roll, and Lary Schaefer for their hard work. Also, thanks to Mike Pokigo for the many repairs that he made!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Giles, Chairman

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONS

The Pastor/Parish Relations Committee has been re-activated and newly staffed by Madeline Hall, Debi Lutz, Frank Wood, Lois Anneler and Pastor Bob (ex-officio). The name has been changed from Church and Ministry Committee to the present Pastor/Parish Relations Committee to better relate what the committee does and is all about. This committee serves as a means whereby members of the congregation can bring concerns and/or joys to the committee, as well as the Pastor, for their discussion, discernment and subsequent action, if necessary, in order to maintain a sense of love and harmony in our faith community. The PPR (as it is referred) has met twice to discuss a concern brought to it as well as to begin discussion on evaluation forms for Pastor and employee evaluations. If you have any joys or concerns you would like to share with the PPR, please feel free to contact any member of the committee for we are here to serve you!

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Bob

NY/HELP Honduras - 2013 Annual Report

A Project of our church and the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ

The year 2012 went well for **NY/HELP**, and we started 2013 with high hopes, but soon we learned that our coordinator in Honduras, Yovany Munguía, had problems, lost his day job, and had several serious illnesses in his family and was no longer functioning as our coordinator. This meant that our nurse at the La Laguna Clinic, Mirtila Garcia, was not getting paid. However, she continued to faithfully work at the clinic, using what people could pay in order to buy medicines.

We were very concerned about this, but being thousands of miles away, we found it difficult to do anything. This May, however, we were able to get Mirtila a partial payment of her salary, thanks to the assistance of Rev Bill Briggs (who founded **NY/HELP** in 1989, and now is working with another group, HONDURAS HOPE). When we went in August, we were able to bring her remaining salary with a MoneyGram. (MoneyGram is a money transfer service, which is widespread in Honduras. We think this will finally be the solution to our problems in getting money to Honduras to pay salaries and fund projects!)

By the grace of God, we were able to re-establish communication with Yovany, who had done superb work on community development in the past. The major aims of our August trip were to confirm our contract with Yovany, and to continue and expand the programs of community development we started in 2012. We had very productive meetings with the Tribal Development Committee of the Tolupán Indian tribe of Mataderos (which consists of the people of La Laguna and eleven other villages on the mountain). Joel Ramirez is the President of this committee, and did an excellent job of chairing the meetings. Plans were developed for training the leaders of local communities in basic leadership and accounting skills, learning to assess the needs of their communities, and organizing for self-empowerment.

Additionally, a Health Committee is being formed to assist with the running of the La Laguna Clinic. Five members from the community will be joined by our nurse Mirtila and a representative from **NY/HELP**. Their job will be to make policy for the Clinic and to improve outreach efforts to the rural communities.

Yovany will be working with both groups to help guide them through the processes. We were quite impressed with the recognition and respect he receives from the people of the tribe.

And, of course, we got in some projects. The four of us – “Profesor Jeff” Mason, “Dr. Gordon” Comstock, and Ginger Comstock from the Arcade UCC, and translator Dan Beyer from the Tabernacle in Orchard Park – participated in the meetings, visited schools, and had two days of clinics. In the week we were there, we met old friends and made new ones.

All this would not be possible without the prayers and support given us by you, the people of the United Church of Christ, Congregational in Arcade, and by the people and churches around the New York State UCC Conference. **NY/HELP** says, **“MUCHAS GRACIAS!”** ***Showing our faith by our acts (and your acts as well!),***

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon F. Comstock, MD

Picture at left: Jeff Mason, Gordon & Ginger Comstock, & Dan Beyer, with nurse Mirtila Garcia & cook Aracely



WORSHIP/MUSIC COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW: This year, the Worship/Music Committee assisted Rev. Robert Dievendorf and the supply pastors/speakers with the arrangement for Sunday services and special worship services. The Worship/Music Committee includes Vanessa Adams, chair; Ginger Comstock, secretary; Harvey Roll and Helena Vogt and is responsible for planning and overseeing all aspects of worship, including the music programs, the sacraments, and special services. Pastor Bob and Dona Roll as choir director are *ex officio* members of the Worship/Music Committee.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: This committee's ministry is the weekly preparation of the paraments, candles, flowers, and music; recruitment of volunteers to assist as greeters, readers, acolytes and ushers; and monthly preparation and serving of communion. Many, many people have enhanced our worship services; with so many participating, the true spirit of Congregationalism is alive and well in our worship service. We thank everyone for their participation and commitment to using the "calendar of talents" as an opportunity to serve during worship. A special "thank you" goes to Gwen St. John for coordinating altar flowers and Margaret Homan, Helen Knose, Lary Schaefer, Sheila Vrenna and all others who brought in fresh flowers to adorn our altar and windows. Pulpit Supply/Special Services: The talents of Vanessa Adams/**F**riends **I**n **S**ervice and **H**ope, Jeff Mason, Ginger and Gordon Comstock, Dona Roll, Rich Vogt/**O**lder **C**hildren **T**eaching **O**thers **P**eace **I**nspirationally, Deb Wood/Godly Play, Reverend Ken Neal, David Gaewski, New York State Conference Minister and Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, brought spiritual blessings to our services.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: We thank Margaret Homan, Molly Holland, Mike Pokigo and Tom Scott, who moved on from the committee this year. Whether your time was long or short we truly appreciate your time and talents.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- **A Healing Service:** October 28, 2012; 4pm; 4 in attendance
- **200th Anniversary services:** October 14, 2012(1863-1888), November 18, 2012 (1888-1913 - Centennial Hymn written by the Rev. Vernon C. Harrington, LHD, Middlebury VT used also sung July 20, 1913 and May 18, 1963), January 13, 2013 (1913-1938), April 14, 2013 (1938-1963), June 2, 2013 (1968-1988), July 14, 2013 (1988-2013). These were great services as we learned more about our history and how those who came before us worshipped God and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- **Time Capsule:** July 24, 2013 at 7pm. An informal service, in the Dunstan Room to entomb the time capsule in recognition of 200 years!
- **Bible Study:** Wednesday Evenings 7pm; Books of the Bible, Lenten studies Wednesday 6pm, light soup supper; 7 pm "The Seven Last Words of Christ". Thank you to the following who provided soup and bread: Pastor Bob, Vanessa Adams, Ginger Comstock, Margaret Homan, Helen Knose, Shirley Kriedeman, Liz Lowth, Kathy Miller, Leane Pokigo and Harv Roll.
- **Veteran's Recognition:** November 11, 2012; 5 veterans present to be recognized
- **Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service:** 4th Annual, November 18, 2012, 7pm; 55 attended
- **Hanging of the Greens:** December 1, 2012; thank you Pastor Bob, Harv Roll, Dona Roll, Denielle, Payton and Adam Romance, Sheila Vrenna and Rich Vogt.
- **Dedication Advent Wreath:** December 2, 2012; a memorial bequest of Margaret Tanner
- **PAC Advent Services and Luncheons:** Wednesdays, 11am at Hope Lutheran (November 28, 2012- December 21, 2012)
- **Children's Pageant:** December 16, 2012: The 13 Symbols of Christmas

- **Christmas Cantata: A Night for Rejoicing** written by Lee and Susan Naus Dengler and orchestrated by Phillip Keveren , directed by Dona Roll and accompanied by Laurie Sledge and the Pioneer Community Band (directed by Jared Birch); December 16, 2012, 3pm
- **Christmas Eve**; 7pm service. Carols and Lessons with short reflections.
- **Souper Bowl of Caring(F.I.S.H. and O.C.T.O.P.I.):** February 3, 2013; \$450 and many food items collected for the Arcade Food Pantry
- **PAC Easter Cantata: Come Walk With Me** by Pepper Choplin; directed by Dona Roll and accompanied by Laurie Sledge(Keyboard), Sue Anderson(Flute), Anne Fountain(clarinet), Renee Hanley(Hammered Dulcimer), Gary Hanley(Upright Bass), Larry Roll(Guitar) and Michelle Holmes(Organist); March 24, 2013; 7pm
- **Holy Week Services:** Journey to the Cross March 25 &26, 2013 (24 people chose to take the journey); PAC services every morning at 9am with Communion; Maundy Thursday-simple soup and bread with service; Good Friday Service, 7pm (The Seven Last Words of Christ) 32 adults and 2 children in attendance; Easter Sunrise at 8:30 am in Wetzel Hall with a continental breakfast-21 adults and 2 children in attendance; Easter Service 10:30am.
- **Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner:** May 2, 2013 - Dona Roll and Sheila Vrenna were our Service Award Honorees. They join past honorees- Margaret Homan, Marilyn Piridy, Dr. Gordon Comstock, Harvey Roll and Deb Wood.
- **Mothers' Day:** May 12, 2013; the men served breakfast at 8:30 am; all women received "Woman of God" zippered ID card case and scripture card
- **Better Days Youth Mission Trip:** July 22-28, 2013, Vanessa Adams, Josh Taylor and Sam Tillinghast participated with 7 other Western Area Churches. They stayed in Middletown NJ at Old First Church and worked on Staten Island NY with Occupy Sandy, for hurricane relief.
- **Fathers' Day:** June 16, 2013; all men received a "God's Direction is Always Best" lapel pin.
- **Children's Sunday/State Youth Event:** June 9, 2013; culmination of Sunday school and service adapted from the State Youth Event " Not Lucky but Blessed"
- **Graduation Sunday:** June 16, 2013; Jessica Craig, Kelsey Lund, Kelsey May and Sydney Taylor were presented the book Dear Graduate by Charles R. Swindoll: picture PowerPoint in honor of their faith journey "Through the Years."
- **Baccalaureate:** PAC sponsored 6:00pm.
- **Hymn Sing:** June 30, 2013; Thank you, Lois Anneler(Jesus Calls Us) and Penny Rutledge(Sweet Sweet Spirit)
- **200th Culmination Anniversary services:** July 21, 2013-special guest speaker Reverend David Gaewski, New York State Conference Minister; September 15-special guest speaker Reverend Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Special thank you to participants-The Choir, Far Cry, Vanessa Adams, Ginger Comstock, Bill Hall, Margaret Homan, Debi Lutz, Jeff Mason, Dona Roll, Harvey Roll, Debi Scott, Laurie Sledge, Nathan Tillinghast, Nick Tillinghast and Deb Wood. Thank you to Dona Roll for the original music "Surely" based on our anniversary verse Jeremiah 29: 11-13; lyrics for "200 Years" with music from I Adore You and Lyrics for "The Might Fire of the Arcade UCC" with music by Jimmy Driftwood, Johnny Horton and SONY Music Entertainment.
- **All-Church Picnic:** August 25, 2013, 11:00am; everyone that attended enjoyed themselves. Beautiful weather, great food, fun games and great fellowship. It was wonderful to have an outside baptism; thank you Romance Family.
- **Concert Series:** "Good Friends Making Great Music" November 3, 2012; To The Sky-Christian Rock Band, February 2, 2013; Grass Act- Bluegrass (with our very own Skip Tillinghast), May 4, 2013; Simple Faith -Folk, Humor and More, August 3, 2013; Pioneer Community Band (with our own Kathy and Kelsey May). We are creating great community recognition and the ice cream socials are delicious.

MUSIC: We are grateful for the gifted musicians through whom God has blessed us. Again, Dona Roll, choir director and Laurie Sledge, our organist led us through a meaningful musical year. Pianos and organ are maintained as necessary. We thank all of the guest musicians who added to our music ministry this year: Kelsey May and Penny Rutledge.

CHOIR: Music continues to be a very active ministry. The Arcade UCC Choir is vibrant and busy! It continues to bring inspiring anthems and singing leadership to worship services. This year, in addition to Sunday morning worship, they presented their fourth Christmas Eve Cantata under Dona's direction and participated in the PAC Palm Sunday Cantata. The choir participated in the annual Festival of Choirs USA in Port Allegany, PA. This was our second year in attendance. We appreciate their musical gifts so willingly shared throughout the year and hope that new members feel free to join to praise God through song. We thank all of the guest singers who joined us throughout the year-Marvin, Linda, Paul and Jacob Zehr, and Jeff Mason.

FAR CRY: Our praise team continued full-force this year performing monthly for our worship services. They also participated at the 200th Anniversary services on July 21, 2013 and September 15, 2013.

MAIN STREET WINDOWS: Thank you Vanessa Adams, Ginger and Gordon Comstock, Sharon Hawley, Liz Lowth, Women's Fellowship, Deb Wood and others for taking a turn at decorating the windows and bringing items for the window displays. We extend special recognition to Liz Lowth and the anniversary committee for the "windows of history", in honor of our 200th anniversary. We also thank everyone for lending all the wonderful items for display!

MEMORIAL BLESSINGS PROJECT: We continued to benefit local families (Christmas \$585.00), through Crabb Oil and Propane and the Superstorm Sandy Relief Mission Trip (Easter \$410.00) in memory and honor of loved ones and reminding us of God's gifts to us.

NEW THIS YEAR/LOOKING FORWARD: In February the Memorial Committee approved a monetary request to fund the purchase and installation of a screen and projector for the sanctuary. We also have WiFi that reaches to the sanctuary. Stangtek Services was hired to complete the job. As of this moment we are still discussing when and how we would like to integrate the use into our Sunday worships. The most popular option is having an "alternative worship experience" one Sunday a month. This would probably be the 4th Sunday of the month when Far Cry participates. We may call it our A.W.E.some Sunday. Pastor Bob started greeting people, after service, at the church street door due to the proximity to the elevator. As a committee we will be focusing on our vision for the next few years of our 3rd century. We rejoice that God has blessed us with so much! We continue to keep an Attitude of Gratitude; looking forward to another year in service.

THANK YOU: Without behind-the-scenes volunteers we could not accomplish all the preparations necessary for weekly worship. Skip has been instrumental in keeping our in-house sound system in working order. Margaret has continued to create our service "talent" calendar which has been a huge blessing. We especially thank everyone who has served in any capacity this year and invite those with a desire to serve to communicate their desire to the Stewardship Committee or directly with any member of the Worship and Music Committee. We are honored to have served with many talented, dedicated and caring friends.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Adams, Chair

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee, consisting of members, Carol Abel, John Abel, Liz Lowth, Madeline Hall, Jo Sixt, Penny Rutledge and Wally Lowth, with guidance from Pastor Bob, we continue to work on the mission "to render loving service toward all humankind".

The following are some of the projects we worked on this year:

- Mass Mailing--This project was started a couple of years ago as a way to reach out to our local area, with two mailings last year and two this year. Our first mailings were to Arcade residents with following mailings to Arcade and other local mail routes.
- Shepherd Program-- Outreach continues to have volunteers who will go out to visit with shut-ins and/or those of our congregation who are ill.
- Free Community Suppers-- This year was another good year for our community suppers. We have served over 4400 meals since this mission began in February of 2009.
- Thanks to all the folks in our congregation for their support in baking cookies for the Christmas Tree tour. We had over 500 elementary school youngsters come through our doors.
- Picnic in the Park-- Our annual worship in the park was enjoyed by all, with great music, great weather and great food.
- Hats and Mittens-- We are again requesting hats and mittens or cash to help youngsters in our area prepare for the cold weather.

The members of the Outreach Committee are thankful to the congregation for all the support that is given to our ideas. As a result of the talents of the Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational, this has been a very successful year!

Respectfully Submitted

Wally Lowth, Chair

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance as of October 1, 2012	\$ 4,277.46
Interest Earned 1.99	
Deposits	<u>1,530.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,809.45
*Withdrawals	- <u>3,346.98</u>
BALANCE October 1, 2013	\$ 2,462.47

Memorials in 2013 included:

Jean Stokaylo, Gerda Sanio, Thomas Vogt

*Withdrawals were made to pay for remaining balance on the Advent Wreath, projection system and to add 6 leaves to the "Tree of Life" and a small tree honoring our 200 Year Celebration of Arcade UCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Homan, Treasurer

WORKERS UNION ANNUAL REPORT – 2012-2013

Checking Account Balance 10/1/2012 \$ 865.18
Cash 122.15

Income:

Dues	\$ 12.25
Sunshine	40.00
Pennies for People	20.00
Putnam (Diversified A)	358.92
Putnam (High Yield A)	914.04
Southern Company	263.34
Deposit – cash on hand	<u>47.75</u>

TOTAL INCOME \$ 1,656.30

\$ 2,521.48

Disbursements:

Upper Room	\$ 57.00
NY/Help	200.00
OGHS	200.00
OCWM	250.00
Neighbors in Need	200.00
Pennies for People	40.00
Gifts	850.00
Camp Scholarship	<u>150.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 1,947.00

Five Star Bank Checking Account Balance 9/30/13 \$ **574.48**
Cash \$ **35.40**

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hawley, Treasurer

WORKERS UNION

Workers Union members meet eight of the twelve months of the year on the second Wednesday of the month, usually at the church, at 1:00pm. A short meeting is held with concerns for the church and its family along with the spending of our monies derived from the O'Dell Foundation years ago. Our concerns are local and away. Members of the group present a short program and we enjoy a delicious dessert each meeting. All women of the church are invited to be a part of the group.

Come and join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Homan, Secretary

2013-2014 Officers:

Co-Chairwomen – Shirley Kriedeman, Lois Yauchzy
Treasurer – Sharon Hawley
Secretary – Margaret Homan

MARY HOSFORD FISHER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship meets the first Monday of every month at 1pm in the Great Room. Whether they choose to attend or not, all women of the Church are members. It is a time of fellowship and a time to make plans to do God's work. (Women's Fellowship is totally self-sufficient and receives no money from the church budget.)

Some of the ways in which we do this is through donations as follows:

- Scholarship money for graduating high school seniors attending college.
- Sponsoring needy families through Angel Action and Help-A-Child.
- Support of NY/Help Honduras.
- Purchase of livestock for families in Third World Countries through Heifer International.
- Food Pantry donations.
- Scholarship money to youth attending Dunkirk Camp.
- PAC Lenten and Advent Luncheons.
- Meals for parishioners needing help due to health issues.
- Funeral lunches, as well as other functions as requested or needed.
- Special receptions for Rev. David Gaewski and Rev. Geoffrey Black.
- Buying supplies and keeping the kitchen stocked for Coffee Fellowship.
- Funding kitchen item replacements – two new stainless kettles, coffee carafes and coffee mugs.
- Providing cake and ice cream for "Birthday Sundays" fellowship.
- Monetary gift to PAC Food Pantry for Thanksgiving turkey dinners.
- Filling Christmas bags with goodies for Food Pantry during the Christmas season.
- Monetary gifts to parishioners in need during trying times.
- Christmas gifts of money to pastor and office manager.
- Participating in Winterfest through window displays and Chili Cook-Off.

To fund these activities, we hold fundraisers throughout the year, our main fundraiser being the German Dinner (15% of which is donated to the General Fund), as well as a bazaar/baked goods sale during the Fall Harvest Festival, Quilt Raffle, Pie Social and Soup and Chili luncheon.

We also provide all our own advertising for our events at no cost to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Knose, Co-chair

2013-2014 Officers:

Co-Chairwomen – Liz Lowth, Helen Knose

Treasurer – Shirley Kriedeman

Assistant Treasurer – Bev Giles

Secretary – Marilyn Piridy

Devotions – Gwen St. John

MARY HOSFORD FISHER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
2012-2013 Treasurer's Report

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 10/1/12	\$ 6,645.91	
Deposits	5,747.75	
Interest paid for 2012	4.48	
Balance		\$ 12,398.14
Transfer to checking account	\$ 3,923.34	
Cash Withdrawals	1,050.00	
Balance 9/30/13		\$ 7,424.80

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance 10/1/12		\$ 104.51
Transfers from savings		\$ 3,923.34
Deposits		\$ 455.50
TOTAL		\$ 4,483.35

Expenses:

Luncheons and coffee hours	\$ 597.58
Quilt materials	136.19
Kitchen expense (supplies)	681.20
German dinner expenses	702.96
Pies	12.50
TOTAL	\$ 2,130.43

Missions and Donations:

Ronald McDonald House	\$ 100.00
Heifer International	300.00
NY/Help	200.00
Dunkirk Camp (1/2 camper registrations and donations)	300.00
UCC from Fall Festival (Share of profits)	125.43
Scholarships	500.00
UCC from German Dinner (Share of profits)	258.50
Gifts	650.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
NY Help-a-Child	120.00
PAC	150.00

Total **\$ 2,803.93**

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Kriedeman, Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship committee is comprised of: Darwin and Lois Anneler, Kimberly Common, Wally Lowth, Dirk Norwich, Sam Tillinghast, Rich Vogt, and Pastor Bob Dievendorf.

Everyone has worked diligently this year to accomplish our primary objectives of organizing the financial campaign and the filling of open positions for the various church committees.

A big thank you to Debi Lutz for her tireless efforts to make sure that the committee vacancies were been filled. She has done a wonderful job this year for which the committee is especially grateful!

With Debi accepting the challenge of filling the open positions as mentioned above, the committee was better able to focus on this year's financial campaign and also to continue to help raise awareness of stewardship as a whole. This year, as we celebrated our 200th anniversary, all were encouraged to "Share in God's Abundance" as we prayerfully made our financial commitment. This culminated on Commitment Sunday, September 22, 2013.

We were able to offer this spring a short program called "Handling Money God's Way". This was only the beginning of a more encompassing program, which may be offered at a later date. The program had followed a potluck dinner and both were well received.

The committee is presently planning two more programs, one for spring and one for fall, which will highlight different aspects of stewardship.

This committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our church family for their continued support. It is with everyone's efforts and prayers that our church continues to grow and serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Common, Secretary

2012-13 FINANCIAL REPORTS

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT #xxx-xx532-8 AT FIVE-STAR BANK

Beginning balance on 10/1/12		\$222.76
<u>Regular Income</u> (see budget spreadsheet)	\$138,761.27	
<u>Pass-Through Income</u>		
Benevolences	\$5,725.00	
Office/Administration	\$8,230.29	
Pastoral Administration	\$255.00	
Worship/Music Ministry	\$4,791.15	
Christian Education Ministry	\$3,338.15	
Outreach Ministry	\$4,549.28	
Buildings and Grounds	<u>\$3,029.51</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$168,679.65	
<u>Regular Expenditures</u> (see budget spreadsheet)	\$140,153.38	
<u>Pass-Through Expenditures</u>		
Benevolences	\$5,475.50	
Office/Administration	\$8,037.89	
Pastoral Administration	\$255.00	
Worship/Music Ministry	\$4,904.03	
Christian Education Ministry	\$4,476.71	
Outreach Ministry	\$3,350.65	
Buildings and Grounds	<u>\$0.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$166,653.16	
Ending balance on 9/30/13		\$2,249.25
Unspent pass-through money on October 1, 2012:	\$3,642.69	
Pass-through money received:	\$29,918.38	
Pass-through money spent:	\$26,499.78	
Unspent pass-through money on September 30, 2013:	\$7,061.29	

*Our income figures match to the penny.
Amy Tillinghast, Financial Secretary, and Jeff Mason, Treasurer*

CHURCH INVESTMENT ACCOUNT #xxxx-6141 AT TRUBEE, COLLINS CO.

Account beginning balance on 10/1/12 **\$60,943.08**

Parsonage/pastor's housing sub-account

Beginning balance on 10/1/12	\$50,233.32
Interest income	\$606.56
Unrealized losses in value	(\$852.51)
Management fees	(\$327.24)
To General Fund to cover the deficit	(\$3,000.00)
Ending balance on 9/30/13	\$46,660.13

Regular savings sub-account

Beginning balance on 10/1/12	\$7,703.61
Interest income	\$94.47
Unrealized losses in value	(\$135.70)
Management fees	(\$51.20)
Ending balance on 9/30/13	\$7,611.18

FISH (youth) sub-account

Beginning balance on 10/1/12	\$2,369.55
Interest income	\$28.77
Unrealized losses in value	(\$41.24)
Management fees	(\$15.56)
Ending balance on 9/30/13	\$2,341.52

Music Fund sub-account

Beginning balance on 10/1/12	\$636.60
Interest income	\$30.62
Part of choir festival prize	\$262.70
Unrealized losses in value	(\$15.90)
Management fees	(\$6.00)
Ending balance on 9/30/13	\$908.02

Account ending balance on 9/30/13 **\$57,520.85**

As of September 30, 2013, the value of this account is allocated as follows: \$1,434.26 cash and cash equivalents; \$10,829.00 exchange traded funds (ETFs); \$14,733.30 certificates of deposit; and \$30,524.29 socially responsible mutual funds.

ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT #xxxx-0023 AT TRUBEE, COLLINS & CO.

Account beginning balance on 10/1/12 **\$114,852.69**

Money fund value on 10/1/12	\$16,305.99
Money fund value on 9/30/13	\$6,883.08

Mutual fund value on 10/1/12	\$98,546.70
Mutual fund value on 9/30/13	\$146,973.76

Account ending balance on 9/30/13 **\$153,856.84**

Much of the principal in the Endowment Fund came from the will of Ruth C. O'Dell, who died in 1993. Several years before she died, Mrs. O'Dell created trusts for her nieces. Upon the death of one of her nieces, Alice C. Blenman, in 2012, the remainder of her trust was divided among quite a few beneficiaries, including the Arcade UCC. Our share of \$16,273.44 was received in the summer of 2013 and has been placed in the Endowment Fund.

Value of Endowment Fund CD at the UCC Cornerstone Fund	\$40,017.17
TOTAL VALUE OF ENDOWMENT FUND ON 10/1/12	\$154,869.86
TOTAL VALUE OF ENDOWMENT FUND ON 9/30/13	\$193,874.01

ELLIS COOPER MUSIC FUND CD #xx-xxxx8002
AT UCC CORNERSTONE FUND

Beginning balance on 10/1/12		\$2,000.21
Interest earned	\$19.99	
Deposited in Trubee, Collins account	(\$19.99)	
Ending balance on 9/30/13		\$2,000.21

We had a 12-month CD at 1.00 percent interest that expired on April 23, 2013. We now have a 12-month CD at 1.00 percent interest that will expire on April 23, 2014. Interest is paid quarterly and deposited in the Trubee, Collins account.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mason, Treasurer

THE NOMINATIONS REPORT - October 2013

PASTOR PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Robert C. Dievendorf
Rev. Charles W. Hobbs

OFFICERS: (Elected Annually)

Moderator:
Clerk:
Assistant Clerk:
Treasurer:
Assistant Treasurer:
Financial Secretary:
Assistant Financial Secretary:
Historian:

2013-2014

Debi Lutz
Liz Lowth
Helena Vogt
Jeff Mason
Margaret Homan
Amy Tillinghast
Randy Lutz
Jeff Mason

CHURCH COUNCIL

Term Ending 2014

Vanessa Adams
Rich Vogt

Term Ending 2015

Bill Hall
Wally Lowth

Term Ending 2016

Bev Giles
Charles Newman

DELEGATES (Elected Annually)

UCC State Conference
UCC Western Area (4 persons)
Pioneer Assoc. of Churches (PAC)

Dona Roll, Ginger Comstock
Vanessa Adams, Dona Roll, Sheila Vrenna,
Ginger Comstock
Margaret Homan, Shirley Kriedeman,
Helen Knose (Alternate)

COMMITTEES (Elected and/or Appointed Annually)

Endowment 10/2014: Bev Giles
10/2015: Randy Lutz, **Gwen St. John**
10/2016: Bill Hall, **Paul Sanio**

Memorials: Margaret Homan

STANDING COMMITTEES (at least 4 elected annually, each for maximum of 5 years)

Outreach: Liz Lowth, Wally Lowth, John Abel, Carol Abel, Sheila Vrenna, Penny Rutledge, Jo Sixt.

Worship/Music: Vanessa Adams, Helena Vogt, Ginger Comstock, Dona Roll

Church & Ministry: Lois Anneler, Madeline Hall, Debi Lutz, Frank Wood

Christian Education: Jim Vrenna, Deb Wood, Bob Wood, Deb Scott, Madeline Hall, Frank Wood

Stewardship: Lois Anneler, Kim Common, Darwin Anneler, Wally Lowth, Sam Tillinghast, Rich Vogt

Building/Grounds: Mike Giles, Lloyd Knose, Lary Schaefer, Darwin Anneler, Gordon Comstock

Finance: Current treasurer and financial secretary

OTHER COMMITTEES

Global Missions: Gordon Comstock, Ginger Comstock, Dona Roll