

203rd ANNUAL MEETING OF UCC CONGREGATIONAL

Debi Lutz, Moderator, called the Annual Meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. on October 25, 2015. Debi opened with prayer for us. There were 26 in attendance.

Motion was made by Shirley Kriedeman to accept the 202nd Annual Meeting minutes. Darwin Anneler seconded. Motion was carried. Wally Lowth motioned to accept the Budget Meeting minutes, Lois Yauchzy 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.

Council: Report stands as written.

Christian Education/Sunday School: Report stands as written.

Church Historian: Report stands as written.

Endowment Committee: Dirk Norwich inquired if the money is carried forward from the year before. Bev responded "Yes", except "mission" money must be spent each year, but all other money can be rolled over. Bev will produce an Endowment Report. She should have written an amount to roll over. She will correct that.

Stewardship: Dirk Norwich referred to "Jeremiah" not "Joshua" Bible quote paragraph 3. Change Joshua 29:11 to Jeremiah 29:11.

Memorial: Report stands as written.

Outreach: Sheila Vrenna corrected that the Food Drive for the Food Pantry will be on November 7, 2015 at Brass' Shurfine. She also stated we have served 5,953 meals since 2009 at our Free Community Dinners.

Building and Grounds: Debi Lutz asked to add Randy Lutz's name to the committee.

Worship and Music: Clarification made, under "PAC Advent Services and Luncheons", as lunch is done by each church's women's fellowship.

Vanessa Adams, referring to Pastor's report, stated that there has been some conflict in past years, in which we run to the pastor. We need to run to each other. In essence, we need to talk with the individual who is involved. A simple conversation is the easiest solution most times. Dona Roll has a pamphlet about conflict resolution she will make available.

Women's Fellowship: Report stands as written.

Workers Union: Report stands as written.

New York HELP Honduras: Gordon Comstock thanked everyone for their help for the last 26 years. He informed us that they now have a Facebook page. It costs \$160.00 per child to go to school. NY/Help is paying for 15-20 children.

Debi Lutz asked for a motion to adopt the reports as written and corrected. Dirk Norwich so moved and seconded by Wally Lowth. Motion was passed.

Debi then turned the meeting over to Jeff Mason.

Jeff drew our attention to each line of Financial Reports. Any pass-through money designated to a particular item must be spent for that purpose. In the Investment Account, we must keep track of each sub account and the insurance money received, as shown.

Dirk Norwich asked if we have used all of the insurance money we received for water damage. Jeff replied not yet. There was \$600.00 spent, which is not shown in this report.

Bev responded that Lary Schaefer is doing some work that has been covered by insurance.

Jeff advised that we will get \$1,500.00 from Western Area for the Community Dinner mission. \$400.00 for hamburger has been spent. Sheila Vrenna thanked Dona Roll for her work in getting the grant money in 24 hours. We were at rock bottom for donations and got this quickly. God is Great!

Jeff directed our attention to 2014-2015 Budget of \$143,000.00 and spent \$138,000.00 before the non-pass-throughs were expended. This year we had to take \$8,500.00 from Savings to cover deficit. He expressed we cannot keep doing this. Our deficit was actually \$7,900.

Dona Roll requested to change line 115 on page 26 from "Covenantal Share" to "WNYACIC Covenantal Share."

Jeff directed our attention to "Pledges" on page 29. We don't know why pledges are not coming in. Vanessa Adams said that Council meetings are open, except for executive sessions.

Fall Festival is our biggest fundraiser, which is almost \$4,000.00. Easter/Christmas memorial blessings are pass-throughs and have been going to the PAC Food Pantry or Crabb Oil to help heating bills for others. Cuts were made to try to lessen the deficit.

Lois Anneler stated that the amounts are guesses and it could put us in a higher deficit if the money does not come in. Jeff stated they are good estimates.

Jeff then directed our attention to page 28, please note our Pastor offered to forego a raise for another week of vacation. Council accepted.

Jeff also stated that Endowment Committee has been good with taking care of non-budget items.

Dirk addressed Page 27, Line 520 "Sunday School Activities." The amount fluctuates as National Youth event is every four years and the State Youth Event is every year. This year is also National Youth Event and that's the reason for the increase. FISH raise half the cost to go. It will be held at Disney in Orlando on July 26 to July 29, 2016. It will be costly because it is normally held on college campuses. Vanessa found flights under \$300.00 and will book them soon.

Laurie Sledge asked if gas rates were figured at last year's prices. Jeff responded, somewhat, but costs are supposed to be down due to prediction of milder winter, so a decreased amount was budgeted. The sanctuary is heated by gas and the annex by electric. Margaret Homan stated that they just raised water and sewer rates. She advised we be careful to make sure the toilet has stopped running and to make sure all water is turned off with no leaks. There are signs up. All need to be observant.

Jeff stated that even with cuts made, he can see the possibility of taking \$16,000.00 from Savings; and the pavement project is still not done.

Jeff asked if there were any questions regarding the Treasurer's Report. There were none. Deb Lutz asked for a motion to accept Treasurer's Report. Sheila Vrenna moved to accept, Ginger Comstock seconded, the motion passed.

Nominations: Gordon Comstock will be a delegate for WNYACIC; Dirk Norwich is joining Outreach; Liz Lowth is joining CEC. Stewardship should have four committee members, but there were no volunteers. Leanne Pokigo asked how do you get on a committee and what do the committees do? Deb Lutz stated you can go to Committee Chair or members for advice. Wally Lowth advised that Kathy May has a brochure with descriptions of what each committee does.

We add a special thank you to Debi Lutz for doing the work of the Nominating Committee. Originally, the By-Laws stated that the Stewardship Committee did nominating; but felt it would more efficient with only one person.

Lois Anneler stated we should revisit by-laws and make it more clear that it is not a committee for life. The Stewardship committee members left all at once because they thought their ideas were stale. We need to rotate committees and expiration of terms. Darwin Anneler motioned to accept the Nominations Report and Margaret Homan seconded. Motion passed.

Rich Vogt, as co-chair of Council, thanked everyone. Numbers are going down, but the work still gets done. He said we had to take from Savings; but be thankful we had Savings. We will try to do better this year.

Vanessa gave a special thank you to Deb Wood for Sunday School.

Pastor Bob prayed for us and stated the following: Cathy and he are still super enthused about how good this congregation is. The Holy Spirit keeps us afloat. He has not encountered this elsewhere like here, but feels it here. Let's open our hearts and minds to feel what is here. Give thanks to God, who showers us with the Spirit. Amen

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Lowth, Church Clerk

BUDGET HEARING SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Debi Lutz, moderator, called the congregational budget hearing to order at 11:45 a.m. Pastor Bob Dievendorf opened with a prayer. There were 24 present for this Budget Hearing.

Debi then turned the meeting over to Jeff Mason, treasurer. Jeff advised that this is a tentative budget.

Explanation and discussion of the proposed budget for 2016-2017 followed.

Pastor Bob commended Council for its diligence and hard work and decision making.

Income: All pledge cards are not in, but at present, pledges are at \$95,880.00. The Financial Secretary estimates the non-pledges. The final numbers will be available Tuesday. There is also "loose offering" and fundraisers, i.g. Fall Festival.

Jeff advised that he has withdrawn \$11,000.00 from savings. By Friday he will probably need more. He advised that the parsonage money will be gone in about a year at the present rate.

Council will meet Tuesday to finalize the Proposed Budget. The Annual Report will be available one (1) week before the Annual Meeting.

Debi Lutz asked if there were any questions for Jeff.

Pastor Bob said to feel free to call the office if anyone has any questions or suggestions.

Jeff asked for a motion to keep officers as is till the Annual Meeting. Sandy Deinhart motioned and Darwin Anneler seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Bob motioned and Dirk Norwich seconded to pay bills till Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

Margaret Homan motioned to close the meeting and Jo Sixt seconded. Motion passed and the Budget Hearing closed at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Lowth, Church Clerk

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND 2015-2016

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, 2015	\$ 1,210.21
Deposits	<u>2,609.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,819.71
Funds Spent for Assistance of Various Community Needs	\$ 3,100.09
ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016	\$ 719.62

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

PASTOR'S REPORT

Back in December of 2008, Cathy and I accepted your call to become your Pastor for several reasons. The wonderful facilities you had worked so hard to create - both physically and financially, the warmth and love of each of you – the congregation of Arcade UCC, the friendliness of the community, and easy accessibility to quality medical care, shopping and cultural events. But most of all, we accepted your call because of the palpable presence of the Holy Spirit in the midst of this congregation. This presence has been a prominent and important blessing throughout our 7 ½ years here in many, many ways and has been the foundation I have tried to build upon in my ministry here in Arcade. As we have just completed another year (our 203rd) – a year filled with joys and blessings as well as challenges and disappointments – I continue to be aware of the Holy Spirit's presence in every aspect of our life together.

It would be remiss of me to continue without first acknowledging the Spirit's presence in each of you!! Your love, caring and compassionate outreach to not only those who call Arcade UCC home, but to our neighbors beyond our doors has been and is a signature characteristic of this congregation. This has never been more visible to me personally than in your prayers and actions to me and my family since Cathy's passing on July 21st. Truly you have shared the riches of the Holy Spirit within you in a vast variety of ways and continue to do so.

The Spirit's presence has allowed us together to function successfully in our various committees: Worship/Music, Outreach, Stewardship, Christian Education, Women's Fellowship, Worker's Union, 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.

This same Spirit indwelling in each of you has been the impetus, I believe, for our facing the challenges during past years, but most especially throughout this past fiscal year. We once again fell short in our giving, having to take a significant amount from our savings to meet expenses. While expenses were less than anticipated, our revenues were even more deficient, mandating a critical drain on our "rainy day" fund. Having this awareness at the forefront of our preparations, it is through prayerful labors and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we present our proposed budget for 2016-2017 (attached) which decreases our deficit to \$1,689.19. I am optimistically confident that with careful spending and intentional generosity on all our parts this deficit can be eliminated in the months ahead.

As difficult as this past year has been for us at Arcade UCC, Congregational, the reality is that the future will most likely be as challenging, or even more so. Finances, dwindling numbers, diminished enthusiasm in serving our church in various roles all will

play a part in throwing us “curve balls” this coming year. But we can overcome!! With the Holy Spirit leading us – maybe even pushing us – in our commitments and undertakings, we can and, I believe, will find the energy, the resourcefulness and the finances to have a successful year of ministry in Arcade. I, the Church Council, the committees and members thereof, and the “regulars” cannot do this alone – nor should they!! It will require the assistance and work of everyone to succeed. But, just as we have for 203 years, we will prevail with the Holy Spirit as our lead. Keep our church and all her leaders in your prayers. Share your talents and time and treasures by living your faith in Jesus the Christ as best you are able. Make the success of our church a priority in your life, in whatever way you are led.

Never in our history has God abandoned us. Never does God turn His head on us. Never will God leave us stranded. Believe, with the faith of a mustard seed, that 2016-2017 will be a successful year and it shall be so!! Amen.

Shalom,

Pastor Bob

REPORT OF THE CHURCH CLERK 2015-2016

Total membership as of September 30, 2015	117
New members	1
Loss by death	4
Request for transfer	2
Withdrawals	0
Total membership as of September 30, 2016	112

Members Deceased: 4

Ronald Deinhart – January 8, 2016
 Lloyd Knose – July 11, 2016
 Catherine Dievendorf – July 21, 2016
 Donna Horning – September 2, 2016

Members Requesting Transfer: 2

Joel & Michael Ferry – May 3, 2016

New Members Received by Confirmation: 1

Nicholas Tillinghast – May 15, 2016

Infant Baptisms: 4

Olivia St. John – November 1, 2015
 Olivia Logel – November 22, 2015
 Emily and Skyle Heim – April 10, 2016

CHURCH COUNCIL

Our 2015-2016 Church Council members included Rich Vogt (Chair), Wally Lowth (Vice-Chair), Vanessa Adams, Bev Giles, Charlie Newman and Nathan Tillinghast. We are joined by Pastor Bob Dievendorf, Treasurer Jeff Mason and our Moderator Debi Lutz. Our Office Manager, Kathy May, continues as recording secretary for our meetings.

In 2015-16, church finances continued to be a challenge and were, again, a major focus of meetings. While all committee members have been very conscientious with controlling their committee spending, the passage of a deficit budget with very little "fat" at the 2014-15 Annual Meeting made balancing our budget next to impossible. This follows several years of deficit budgets where it has been necessary to borrow from savings to cover our expenses. One bright spot was the ability of our congregation to once again meet our fundraising goal of \$10,000.00 (within \$100!) for the year which was \$1,000.00 more than the previous year. Thanks to everyone in the congregation for making this possible.

Thanks to Jeff Mason for his service as our treasurer. Without his thoughtful and knowledgeable management of our church finances, our fiscal position would be even more tenuous.

Despite our financial concerns, our mission work continues through the Endowment Committee, the Outreach Committee with their Community Dinners and food collections for the PAC Food Pantry, Dr. Gordon Comstock and his work with NY/Help Honduras and the many mission works of Women's Fellowship and Workers Union. Our youth join in by donating a portion of the proceeds from their fundraisers to Dunkirk Conference Center and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Sheila and Jim Vrenna continue their quiet work on the Community Garden, donating the harvest from the garden to the Food Pantry.

On a sad note, July brought the sudden passing of our beloved Cathy Dievendorf. Many thanks goes to our Worship/Music Committee for providing pulpit supply through an anonymous donation for the six weeks following Cathy's passing to allow Pastor Bob a time to grieve and reflect. Thanks also to the many pastors who so willingly gave of their time for their friend and colleague.

The Council will continue to serve as your leaders with guidance from you, the congregation. Please feel free to share your thoughts or concerns with any one of the Council members. Your input is always welcomed and appreciated!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Members of this committee were Deb Wood (School Superintendent), Deb Scott, Barb Newman, Liz Lowth, Bob Wood and Jim Vrenna. We were also joined by Pastor Bob. These members strove to uphold the Mission of our Church as well as be responsible for the educational programs of the church for people of all ages in accordance with the Mission of our Church.

Our Superintendent, Deb Wood, continued to teach Godly Play to our youth. Godly Play has made a definite impact on the youth of our Church who attend. The Committee would like to see more youth attend. Deb is dedicated to spiritually enriching the lives of our youth.

Our dedicated teachers this year were Deb Wood, Debi Lutz, Vanessa Adams, Dona Roll, Rich Vogt, Bob Wood and Pastor Bob. Thank you to our teachers who generously gave of their time and talents this past year. Our Committee is always in search of new teachers. Please consider becoming a teacher.

The Committee hosted receptions after the Christmas and Year End Programs. Our Committee was asked to decorate the Christmas tree. The year end program in May was special with Wyn Roll bringing in 20 of his high school students to assist with the music program.

A Rally Day Continental Breakfast for the upcoming year was held in September. The theme for this year is "Love One Another" which was inspired by Trisha Prabu who talked about cyber bullying at the National Youth Event in Orlando. Deb Wood showed a video in the Sanctuary after the breakfast.

Now to our youth!

During the holiday season the youth sold wreaths and center pieces.

Our youth conducted the worship service on several occasions including the Souper Bowl of Caring to fight hunger in this country in February which raised money and food items for our local Food Pantry.

They gathered and assembled school kits for Church World Service. They assisted at our Community Dinners and helped at the Fall Festival. They continually contributed goods for our local food pantry and helped with our community garden.

On a local, state and national level our youth are well respected and well represented and active at various meetings. Quite a compliment for our small congregation!

In March, our youth once again attended the State Youth Event in Painted Post, NY. Vanessa Adams and Courtney Caldwell chaperoned with Josh Taylor and Kelly Bechdel attending.

In April, F.I.S.H. and O.C.T.O.P.I. sold pizzas as a fundraiser. F.I.S.H. sold chowder at the fishing derby

In June, two of our youth, Kelly Bechdel and Sam Tillinghast, graduated from high school.

In July, The National Youth Event was held in Orlando. Vanessa Adams and Andy Slocum were chaperones. Attending were Kelly Bechdel, Josh Taylor, Sam and Nathan Tillinghast.

A special thank you to Vanessa Adams, Courtney Caldwell and Andy Slocum who gave generously of their time to help and assist our youth on numerous occasions.

Our adults were spiritually enriched with the time they spent with Bob Wood each Sunday morning in the Adult Sunday School class discussing the numerous books that Bob narrates. This class is fun in a very relaxed atmosphere. More adults are encouraged to attend.

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the Congregation of Arcade UCC for supporting our educational programs.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Vrenna, Chairman

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In the Christian church, Stewardship is traditionally defined as careful management and sharing of the gifts and resources we have been given by our gracious and generous God. It encompasses a wide range of areas including the environment, out management of time, the sharing and use of our gifts (which in and of itself covers a variety of areas), and the treasures we have been gifted in our living. However, in reality, Stewardship generally is associated with Treasure, ie MONEY.

The Stewardship Committee is charged with inviting our congregation to think about and then act upon giving money in a generous, creative and non-threatening way to support the work of the church - from maintenance to programs or ministries which spread far beyond our doors into the community and the world. This past year we have stressed the theme which comes from Luke 10.37, "*Go and do the same.*" We hope it inspired you to think seriously of the many ways you are blessed by God as you live a life according to God's plan for you and how God wants you to use your blessings to assist others – a plan which is filled with hope. Then we hope this introspection leads you to pledge to our Stewardship campaign in the form of dollars, and to pledge to others your time and talents.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Bob and Dirk Norwich

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee, consisting of members, Liz Lowth, John and Carol Abel, Jo Sixt, Dirk Norwich, Penny Rutledge and Sheila Vrenna with Pastor Dievendorf for guidance continue to work on the mission “to render loving service toward all humankind.”

A new project that we tried this year was to offer an “**Alternatives to Violence Basic Workshop.**” Sheila has worked with this organization for the last 24 years and wanted to be able to respond to a prison request from an inmate at Collins Correctional Facility to offer the AVP program in that facility in Gowanda, NY. So after much planning and plenty of advance publicity, seven participants and 4 facilitators gathered for 15 hours of training (and fun). Among the participants were Liz and Wally Lowth and Pastor Bob Dievendorf from our own congregation. Sheila joined Vivian Waltz from the Sister Karen Klimczak Center, Shirley Way from AVP New York and David Selby from Bath, NY in facilitating the workshop. We especially thank Women’s Fellowship for the beautifully healthy lunch that they provided for the group.

These continue to be on-going projects of the Outreach Committee:

- **Shepherd Program**—John and Carol Abel have organized and encouraged a small group of people to regularly visit those in our congregation who are unable to attend services. They are also in touch by phone and mail. **Letter Writers Wanted** volunteers also help to stay in touch with shut-ins, as well as our students who are away at college. We will especially miss our dear, Cathy Dievendorf, who contacted our students. We want to thank all who have sent cards and notes as a result of the names that are listed in our weekly bulletins. People really enjoy knowing that others are thinking of them and praying for them.
- **Free Community Suppers**—This year about **750** meals were served to members of our community, bringing the total since the mission was started in February, 2009 to over **6,703** meals. Wally Lowth continues to lead this effort and has been ably assisted by Dirk Norwich.
- **Food Pantry Collection**—This annual food collection will be held at Brass’ Shurfine on Nov. 5th between 10am and 4pm.
- **Christmas Tree Tour and Cookies**—Thanks to many wonderful bakers in our church, the members of the Outreach Committee were able to again welcome over 500 elementary school children and their teachers and aides to visit “their neighbors” and have a special Christmas treat.
- **Picnic in the Park**—On August 28th our annual outdoor worship service was held in the park with Rev. Ryan Henderson, Associate Conference Minister, preaching. There was plenty of fine music and food!

Many thanks to everyone at Arcade UCC for all the outreach you do and for any ideas you may offer our committee.

Peace & Blessings,

Sheila Vrenna, Chair

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Unless otherwise specified by the donor, the principal amounts of gifts to the Endowment Fund are retained and preserved, and only the income earnings from the managed investments of the principal may be spent.

Of these total earnings, one half **may** be spent annually for a specific project or program, and at such other times as deemed necessary and/or feasible for capital improvements and/or major buildings and grounds maintenance programs of the church. The parking lot was sealed and lined (\$250). These funds may roll over from year to year. The current balance is \$3,800.23.

This Year's Disbursements:

Pastor's Discretionary Fund	\$400
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One fourth shall be spent annually for outreach into the Community, Western New York State and Overseas. These funds **must** be allocated annually.

This Year's Disbursements:

Dunkirk Conference Center	\$200
PAC Food Pantry	\$250
St. Luke's Mission	\$150
NY Help (Honduras)	\$250
Pioneer PRO	\$200
Plymouth Crossroads	\$150
Genesis House, Olean	\$150

One fourth **may** be spent annually for any purpose listed above. These funds may roll over from year to year. The current balance is \$8,595.10.

The biggest anticipated expense for 2017 is the completion of the parking lot project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Giles, Chair

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

October 2015

- Weed killer was sprayed in all of the beds.
- All of the mouse traps were baited.
- Batteries were replaced in the Wetzel Hall thermostat.
- Longer screws were put into the hinge on the front door to the church.
- The water damage in the stairway to the basement from the Dunstan room to the basement was repaired.
- Light bulbs were replaced in the sanctuary and the lights were cleaned.
- The rug in Wetzel Hall was spot cleaned.
- A piece of molding was re-attached in Wetzel Hall.

November 2015

- Preventative maintenance was performed on the boiler.
- An anti-desiccant was sprayed on the shrubs outside of the Dunstan room.
- Snow plowing was arranged with Mark Saladyga.

December 2015

- The car stops were removed to prevent them from being moved during snow plowing.
- The lock on the back annex door was repaired.
- A light switch was replaced in the great room.
- An electric heater was replaced in the great room.
- All of the walks and steps were shoveled.

January 2016

- Mortar was filled in on the front of the annex.
- Light bulbs were replaced in the sanctuary.
- The dishwasher was modified to prevent it from setting off a shutoff switch.
- The steps and walks were shoveled.

February 2016

- The sink in the annex men's room was repaired.
- The kitchen floor in Wetzel Hall was stripped.
- The walks and steps were shoveled.

March 2016

- Flashing was re-nailed to the parapet of the annex.
- The dishwasher was de-limed.
- The walks and steps were shoveled.

April 2016

- The curb stops were set back up in the parking lot.
- A light switch was replaced in the basement hallway.
- A flapper was replaced in the Wetzel Hall women's bathroom.
- Batteries were replaced in the front door alarm of the annex.
- The lawn was mowed.

May 2016

- A faucet was fixed and a toilet seat was tightened in the annex women's bathroom.
- The hot water heater in the basement was flushed and turned up.
- Leaks in the annex roof were sealed.
- Spring cleanup was done to the outside of the church.
- The lawn was mowed.

June 2016

- A faucet in the annex men's room was repaired.
- The hallway from the Dunstan room to the basement was painted.
- The rugs were cleaned.
- The lawn was mowed.

July 2016

- The bell rope was replaced in the Narthex.
- Lights were replaced in the sanctuary.
- Members of the congregation are working on replacing the pew covers.
- The lawn was mowed.

August 2016

- A flapper was replaced in the annex men's room.
- The parking lot was sealed.
- The car stops were re-set.
- All of the shrubs were pruned.
- Work is continuing on the replacement of the pew covers by volunteers.
- The lawn was mowed.

September 2016

- All of the planting beds were sprayed with a weed killer.
- The basement men's toilet was replaced.
- A new electric line and socket were installed in the basement front hallway, to plug in the chest freezer on its own circuit.
- The annex front window walls were painted black.
- The water stained ceiling tiles in the annex were re-painted.
- The pew covers were completed by volunteers in the congregation.
- The mouse traps were baited.
- The lawn was mowed.

Many thanks to members of the committee: Darwin Anneler, Gordon Comstock, Peter Roll, Randy Lutz, and Lary Schaefer for their hard work. And thanks to Debie Lutz [light bulb replacement and pew covers] ,Kathy May [pew covers], Mike Pokigo [electrical work], Jim Vrenna and Ginger Comstock [spring cleanup] for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Giles, Chairman

REPORT OF THE CHURCH HISTORIAN

I continued the ongoing process of collecting, saving and organizing new materials. Once an event takes place, it becomes part of our history. Part of my role involves writing an item for the Carillon whenever one of our members passes away. I was also one of several people from our church who went to North Tonawanda to help Pastor Emeritus Charlie Hobbs celebrate his 90th birthday.

During this past year, I've resumed contact with Rev. Dr. Douglas Strong, who is updating his research into the "perfectionists" who strongly influenced several people in our church in the 1830s-1850s to become active in social movements such as abolition and temperance. Doug was the main speaker at our 175th anniversary in 1988.

A historical subject that generated a lot of questions I was unable to answer dealt with the rope that used to extend from the vestibule up to the large bell in our belfry. When the rope broke, people wondered how long it had been there, and I could not locate any information. The bell itself was re-cast in 1896, but we'll probably never know the age of the old rope. This episode gave me the opportunity to show Lary Schaefer and Rich Vogt the way to access the belfry so they could install a new rope.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mason, Historian

NY/HELP Honduras Annual Report for 2016

NY/HELP Honduras has been working with the Mataderos tribe of the indigenous Tolupán people since 1989, and Arcade UCC has been involved since the beginning. In 2016, our work still continues, with two trips to La Laguna and continuing support of the medical clinic and school scholarships for nineteen 7th-to-9th-grade students. (To support a student in the school costs \$120 a year.)

In January, eight people travelled to Honduras for a work project on a trip led by David Makepeace of Honeoye UCC. (One of the participants was Jeff Dorfman, one of our Arcade UCC graduates now making his third trip to Honduras.) The tribal council had selected a small village nearby, where the group worked with the men of the community to build 3 houses and stucco the new kindergarten building. Judy Toner (of Salamanca and Bridgeport) worked with the primary school teachers to provide badly needed supplies. Judy's cousin Connie Houde started organizing for a sewing group training program, which she and Aracely Amaya from La Laguna plan for the next NY/HELP trip in January 2017.

In July, Dr Gordon Comstock and UCC pastor David Woodruff from Copenhagen made a short trip to La Laguna, to follow up on our NY/HELP projects. While Gordon worked in the medical clinic with our nurse Mirtila Garcia, seeing over 100 patients, David and Joel Ramirez, our local NY/HELP coordinator, went over some of the projects. Joel has been a great asset to our program, getting projects organized ahead of group trips, and supervising the student scholarship program. The last day of our trip was spent in the "county seat" of Yoro, about 30 miles away from La Laguna. We were given a tour of the new facilities at CEVER, a BOCES-like vocational school affiliated with our sister E&R churches in Honduras. CEVER may make furniture for the new kindergartens that NY/HELP has been supporting. We also found a computer store in Yoro, where young computer geeks got Joel's computer upgraded and able to make reports for our projects.



There have been many changes since NY/HELP first started our projects in La Laguna. The medical clinic has been successful, as exemplified by the sharp drop in infant mortality in the mountain communities. There are now 13 primary schools and one middle school in the tribal area where there were only 4 primary schools in 1989. Most houses have latrines for sanitation, and many have the new-model stoves with chimneys. The corn fields are now planted "on the level" contours, instead of the traditional "straight up-and-down the mountainside" way which caused severe erosion. And, showing increasing prosperity in the community, there are even solar-powered satellite dishes on adobe houses!

Your prayers, participation, and support over the past 27 years have helped make this happen. *Muchas gracias* to you all!

Gordon & Ginger Comstock, Jeff Mason, and Ryan Bechdel.

WORKERS UNION

Workers Union is funded from the O'Dell Foundation where funds have been invested to earn interest. This is the source of monies that support our many ministries (See the treasurer's report).

Members meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Great Room. Following dessert and concerns for friends and family, a short meeting is held to discuss disbursement of monies for our ministries. Everyone is involved in planning a program that is a sharing time for all. And dessert is always a treat!

All women of the church are more than welcome to join the group!

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen St. John, Secretary

WORKERS UNION ANNUAL REPORT – 2015-2016

Checking Account Balance 10/1/2015	\$	737.90
Income:		
Pennies for People	\$	16.00
Misc. Deposit		45.00
Putnam (Diversified A)		295.84
Putnam (High Yield A)		769.32
Southern Company		<u>291.06</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$	<u>1,417.22</u>
	\$	2,155.12
Disbursements:		
Upper Room	\$	69.72
NY/Help		200.00
Community Action		100.00
Friends of the NY Conference		100.00
NY Conference UCC (NIN, OGHS)		200.00
Pennies for People		80.00
Gifts		375.00
Salvation Army		50.00
League for the Handicapped		<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$	<u>1,224.72</u>
Five Star Bank Checking Account Balance 9/30/16	\$	930.40

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hawley, Treasurer

MARY HOSFORD FISHER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Total of Checking and Savings	\$7109.14
Quilt Fund Reserved for Scholarships	\$3462.75
Available Funds	\$3646.39

Women's Fellowship is comprised of women from our congregation who wish to serve God in our church, in our community and in wider missions by organizing several fundraisers each year. Our main fundraising events are the German Dinner, the Fall Festival Bazaar and the Quilt Raffle. We are grateful to many other members of the congregation for stepping up to help us in these efforts. Fifteen percent of the profits from the German Dinner and the Fall Festival Bazaar are deposited into the general fund. (The 2016 German Dinner was canceled.) The proceeds from the Quilt Raffle are used to fund college scholarships.

Lois Yauchzy donated a beautiful handmade embroidered quilt to be raffled off. She requested that the proceeds of \$600.00 be used by Women's Fellowship. Gwen St. John was the happy recipient of the quilt. Thank you to all church members who sold and/or purchased tickets.

Responding to the needs of our church family and the community, as well as missions, we have been able to provide the following in the past fiscal year:

Donations in the amount of \$1,100.00 were made to the following missions:

- NY Help – Honduras
- Mercy Flight of Western New York
- Heifer Project International
- NY Help a Child
- Make a Wish Foundation
- Wings Flights of Hope

We were also able to fund the following:

Share of Profits from Fall Festival Bazaar (Donated to the General Fund)	\$125.00
Funeral Luncheons (expenses after donations from family) Desserts and some food items were provided by Women's Fellowship members and others.	\$201.26

Kitchen staples were supplied by Women's Fellowship.

Kitchen Replacement Equipment, Supplies and Coffee Hour Staples	\$745.57
Eighty Christmas Gift Bags for Food Pantry Patrons	340.00
Christmas Gifts of Appreciation for Staff	300.00
Rental of Floor Cleaner to Strip Kitchen Floor	62.00

PAC Advent and Lenten Luncheons were provided and prepared by Women's Fellowship members.

A Western Association Luncheon was funded by a monetary donation from the Association. Kitchen staples were provided by Women's Fellowship. Desserts and various food items were provided by members of Women's Fellowship. Expenses covered by Women's Fellowship after a \$400 donation were \$35.91.

Our total expenditures for the 2015-2016 fiscal year were \$2,909.74

The total proceeds from the May rummage sale, in the amount of \$1,690.00, were directly deposited into the general fund. Vintage and antique items that did not sell were taken by Sheila and Jim Vrenna to their booth at the Arcade Junction. The Vrennas are continuing to sell them and make deposits to the General Fund of Arcade UCC as recently as last month. The proprietor is graciously not charging us anything for the separate inventory number assigned to us.

Women's Fellowship welcomes every woman from our congregation. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month from September to May at 1pm in the Great Room. We encourage all women affiliated with Arcade UCC to attend. We also welcome your input and suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Women's Fellowship

2016-2017 Officers:

Co-Chairwomen – Helen Knose and Suzanne Norton

Secretary – Margaret Homan and Liz Lowth

Treasurer – Bev Giles and Shirley Kriedeman

Devotions – Gwen St. John

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Balance as of October 1, 2015	\$ 6,338.97
Interest Earned	17.48
Deposits	<u>3,405.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>9,761.45</u>

*Withdrawals - 1,609.97

BALANCE September 30, 2016 \$ 8,151.48

*Withdrawals were made for pew cushions, sheet music and leaves for the Tree of Life.

Memorials in 2015-2016 included:

Norma Shelp, Lloyd Knose and Cathy Dievendorf

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Homan, Treasurer

WORSHIP/MUSIC COMMITTEE

“God does not call the equipped, he equips the called.” – Winston Churchill

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: Many, many people have enhanced our worship services. The Worship Committee would like to express deep appreciation for the many persons who have facilitated our worship experience. Pulpit Supply/Special Services: The talents of Rev. Amos Acree, Vanessa Adams/Friends In Service and Hope, Rev. Gary Burdick, Rev. David Donner, Rev. Ryan Henderson (New York Association Minister of Youth, Young Adults and Emerging Ministries), Jess Kacalski, Rich Vogt and Deb Wood/Godly Play brought spiritual blessings to our services.

This committee continues to strive to offer a worship environment and experience that is meaningful and accessible to all. This year, the committee has continued to focus on factors that would enhance the worship experience. Music continues to be integral to our worship, offering meditation, vocal and instrumental praise, and an aesthetic whole from prelude to postlude. Our youth have been encouraged to take part in our service as ushers and leaders of the service on many occasions.

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Bible Study:** Wednesday Evenings 7pm; Lenten studies Wednesdays (Feb.17-Mar 16, 2016) 6:30pm, light soup supper; 7 pm.
- **Baptisms:** November 1, 2015 *Olivia Gwendolyn St. John*; Parents: Keith and Elizabeth St. John, Sponsors: Amy Root and Zach Reisdorf, November 22, 2015 *Olivia Reese Logel*; Parents: Debbie and Steve Logel, Sponsors: Tamela Hayden, Rachael Becht, John Rush and Robert Ersing April 10, 2016 *Emily and Skyle Heim*; Parents: Joe Heim and Kari Kramer, Sponsors: Maggie Heim and Eric Heim.
- **Veteran's Recognition:** November 8, 2015
- **Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service:** 7th Annual November 22, 2015; 7pm, 39 in attendance; 2 children

- **Hanging of the Greens:** Nov 22, 2015 - The sanctuary was decorated as we learned about the history of our decorations. Thank you to all who participated.
- **PAC Advent Services and Luncheons:** Wednesdays, 11am at Hope Lutheran (December 2, 2016- December 16, 2015)
- **Children's Pageant:** December 13, 2015:
Participants: Kelly Bechdel, Grace and Jack Heppner, Brody and Bryson King, Payton, Adam and Jacob Romance, Ellie and Christian Lang, Josh Taylor, Sam, Nathan and Nick Tillinghast and Jordan Vogt.
- **Christmas Cantata:** December 20, 2015 at 3pm Night of the Father's Love by Pepper Choplin; Conductor: Dona Roll; Accompanist: Laurie Sledge
- **Christmas Eve:** 7pm service. Service of Lessons and Carols
- **Souper Bowl of Caring (F.I.S.H.):** February 7, 2016; \$570, 300 food items collected for the Arcade Food Pantry
- **Ash Wednesday:** February 10, 2016
- **PAC Lenten Services and Luncheons:** Wednesdays, 11am @ Hope Lutheran (February 10-March 16, 2016)
- **PAC Palm Sunday Cantata:** March 20, 2016; 3pm Walk Worthy by Joseph M. Martin; directed by Dona Roll and accompanied by Donna Warner (Organ) and Jared Burch (Keyboard). New St. Mary's Catholic Church, Arcade NY.
- **Holy Week Services:** PAC services every morning at 7am with Communion; Good Friday Service of Tenebrae, 7pm, Easter breakfast at 9 am in Wetzel Hall worship followed at 10:30 am.
- **Easter Sunday:** March 27, 2016- 9am Breakfast; 10:30 service
- **Laurie Sledge Anniversary:** April 17, 2016- Surprise service in recognition of Laurie's 25 years of service. Special words from: Margaret Homan, Wyn Roll, Rich Vogt and Dona Roll. Her children Krissie (Luann), Nathan and Jaleesa, grandson (Sullivan), sister and mom were all in attendance.
- **Network of Religious Communities Appreciation Dinner:** May 3, 2016; Mike and Bev Giles and Wally and Liz Lowth were our Service Award Honorees. They join past honorees; Margaret Homan, Marilyn Piridy, Dr. Gordon Comstock, Harvey Roll, Deb Wood, Dona Roll, Lary Schaefer and Richard Vogt, II and Sheila Vrenna.
- **Mothers' Day:** May 8, 2016
- **Confirmation:** May 15, 2016; Nicholas "Nick" Tillinghast
- **Children's Sunday:** May 22, 2016 Culmination of Sunday School Year (Draw the Circle Wide) and Reflections from 2016 State Youth Event (Heart Over Hype) Participants: Kelly Bechdel, Grace and Jack Heppner, Brody and Bryson King, Ellie and Christian Lang, Payton and Adam Romance, Josh Taylor, Sam, Nathan and Nick Tillinghast and Jordan Vogt. Teachers: Vanessa Adams, Debi Lutz, Dona Roll, Sheila Vrenna, Deb and Bob Wood and Rich Vogt. Special Musical Guests: Pioneer High School Select Choir; Director Wyn Roll.
- **53rd NY Annual Meeting "Let Justice Roll":** June 10-12, 2016; Rochester NY; 5 people attended.
- **Fathers' Day:** June 19, 2016
- **Hymn Sing-** June 12, 2016 and July 31, 2016

- **National Youth Event Recap:** August 7, 2016 “Believe” adult leaders: Vanessa Adams and Andy Slocum Youth attendees: Kelly Bechdel, Josh Taylor Sam, and Nathan Tillinghast- Disney Orlando, FL
- **Pulpit Supply During Pastor Bob’s grief absence:** With grateful appreciation we thank the following pastors: August 14, 2016; Rev. Gary Burdick, August 21, 2016; Reverend David Donner, August 28, 2016; Reverend Ryan Henderson, September 4, 2016; amos acree.
- **All-Church Picnic:** August 28, 2016 11:00am; everyone that attended enjoyed themselves. Beautiful weather, great food and great fellowship. Associate Minister of Youth, Young Adults and Emerging Ministries; Reverend Ryan Henderson special guest.
- **Concert Series:** “Good Friends Making Great Music” April 24, 2016 **Breaking Winds Bassoon Quartet**, August 8, 2015; **Pioneer Community Band** - 4th Annual concert in the park (Venue changed to Arcade UCC because of inclement weather). The concerts continue to be a great time of fellowship!
- **Senior Recognition:** June 19, 2016; Kelly Bechdel and Samuel “Sam” Tillinghast

MUSIC: Music moves us in profound ways, serving to heal and restore, to encourage, to express and reflect gratitude, and to inspire. 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. .

CHOIR: Our choir lifts their voices in praise to God, singing everything from the traditional hymns of the church to gospel to contemporary hymns and praise music. We appreciate their musical gifts so willingly shared throughout year and hope that new members feel free to join to praise God through song. We joined voices with several choirs and praise teams to celebrate the ordination and installation of Sara E. Campbell at St. Stephens Bethlehem on May 7, 2016. We were able to participate in the Festival of Choirs in Bradford, PA on May 21, 2016. We had the opportunity to meet composer and musician Marty Nystrom. Regular participants: **Sopranos:** Vanessa Adams, Kelly Bechdel, Linda Korczak, Leanne Pokigo, Helena Vogt, **Altos:** Lois Anneler, Penny Rutledge, Jo Sixt, **Tenors:** Pastor Bob Dievendorf, **Bass:** Harvey Roll, Rich Vogt. We thank all of our special friends who joined us throughout the year; Karen Mensing, Denielle Romance, Jeff Mason, Marvin, Linda, Paul, Jacob, Bekah and Emma Zehr.

FAR CRY: They are a team of artists leading people into the presence of God through music and worship. They continue to enrich our worship life on the 4th Sunday of each month. Bass Guitar/Vocals: Pastor Bob Dievendorf and Sam Tillinghast, Guitar/Vocals: Skip Tillinghast, Keyboard/Vocals: Dona Roll. Vocals: Vanessa Adams and Denielle Romance. Beat Box: Nick Tillinghast

LOOKING FORWARD: In the United Church of Christ, we are all called to be ministers to the people. The word liturgy comes from the Greek meaning “work of the people”. We will be having a liturgist share the worship leadership, working together with the Pastor as he transitions through the changes that have occurred in his life. It is an

opportunity to serve the church, connect the worship experience to each other, and experience our own growth. It is our responsibility as a congregation and a family of faith to help him as he helps us.

An ad hoc committee consisting of Dona Roll (Choir Director), Margaret Homan (Memorial Committee) and Gwen St. John (Memorial Committee), have chosen new robes for the choir. Memorial funds given in Cathy Dievendorf's memory will be used to purchase the new choir robes.

THANK YOU: One of the things that are irreplaceable is your time. You can't go back in time, you can't buy more time, you get to use time only once and then it is gone, it is past; it has that use-only-once quality. So for everyone, time is an important commodity. Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely in Christ's Peace and Love,
Vanessa Adams, Chair; Ginger Comstock, Secretary, Kelly Bechdel, Ryan Bechdel, Helena and Rich Vogt. Ex officio: Pastor Robert C. Dievendorf, and Dona Roll – choir director

2015-16 FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Beginning balance on 10/1/15		\$521.03
<u>Regular Income (see budget spreadsheet)</u>	\$136,877.13	
<u>Pass-Through Income</u>		
Benevolences	\$5,319.00	
Office/Administration	\$9,813.84	
Pastoral Administration	\$75.00	
Worship/Music Ministry	\$375.00	
Christian Education Ministry	\$4,197.61	
Outreach Ministry	<u>\$2,833.21</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$159,490.79	
<i>Our income figures are checked every month against the bank statement. Amy Tillinghast, Financial Secretary, and Jeff Mason, Treasurer</i>		
<u>Regular Expenditures (see budget spreadsheet)</u>	\$137,528.60	
<u>Pass-Through Expenditures</u>		
Benevolences	\$5,128.00	
Office/Administration	\$9,063.50	
Pastoral Administration	\$75.00	
Worship/Music Ministry	\$486.95	
Christian Education Ministry	\$4,393.36	
Outreach Ministry	\$3,232.74	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$159,908.15	
Ending balance on 9/30/16		\$103.67

Unspent pass-through money on October 1, 2015	\$1,408.30	
No longer counted as unspent pass-through	\$0.00	
Amount from 10/1/15 spent by 9/30/16	(\$946.05)	
Amount from 10/1/15 remaining on 9/30/16	\$462.25	
New unspent pass-through money from 15-16	\$1,180.16	
Unspent pass-through money on Sept. 30, 2016	\$1,642.41	

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

Account beginning balance on 10/1/15		\$42,131.06
<u>Parsonage/pastor's housing sub-account</u>		
Beginning balance on 10/1/15	\$27,606.93	
Interest income	\$283.05	
Unrealized gains in value	\$1,314.88	
Management fees	(\$219.64)	
To General Fund to cover the deficit	(\$14,222.13)	
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$14,763.09	

<u>Regular savings sub-account</u>	
Beginning balance on 10/1/15	\$8,009.34
Interest income	\$105.69
Unrealized gains in value	\$529.69
Management fees	(\$88.48)
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$8,556.24
<u>FISH (youth) sub-account</u>	
Beginning balance on 10/1/15	\$3,981.14
Interest income	\$48.29
Deposits from fundraisers & NYE payments	\$3,489.20
Payments for National Youth Event	(\$5,751.26)
Unrealized gains in value	\$223.90
Management fees	(\$37.40)
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$1,953.87
<u>Music Fund sub-account</u>	
Beginning balance on 10/1/15	\$770.32
Interest income	\$29.92
Withdrawals for music	(\$273.34)
Unrealized gains in value	\$35.19
Management fees	(\$5.88)
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$556.21
<u>Insurance claim sub-account</u>	
Beginning balance on 10/1/15	\$1,763.33
Interest income	\$17.27
Payment for repair work	(\$600.00)
Unrealized gains in value	\$83.09
Management fees	(\$13.88)
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$1,249.81
<u>Community dinner sub-account (new since November 2015)</u>	
Part of Western Area grant	\$1000.00
Interest income	\$11.46
Payment to cover dinner deficit	(\$35.21)
Unrealized gains in value	\$63.22
Management fees	(\$10.56)
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$1,028.91
<u>Community Arts grant sub-account (new since May 2016)</u>	
Grant from Arts Council	\$2,000.00
Interest income	\$2.52
Payments for bassoon concert	(\$1,809.28)
Unrealized gains in value	\$15.09
Management fees	(\$2.52)
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$206.07
<u>Memorial Fund sub-account (new since July 2016)</u>	
Closeout of M&T Bank account on July 12	\$5,957.17
Net receipts from General Fund since July 12	\$2,180.91
Interest income	\$13.40
Unrealized gains in value	\$129.55
Management fees	(\$21.64)
Ending balance on 9/30/16	\$8,259.39
Account ending balance on 9/30/16	\$36,573.59

As of September 30, 2016, the value of this account is allocated as follows:
 \$10,477.11 in cash and cash equivalents; \$6,278.00 in exchange traded funds (ETFs);
 and \$19,818.48 in socially responsible mutual funds.

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

Account beginning balance on 10/1/15		\$186,616.92
Money fund value on 10/1/15	\$3,619.32	
Money fund value on 9/30/16	\$1,260.44	
Mutual fund value on 10/1/15	\$182,997.60	
Mutual fund value on 9/30/16	\$203,092.96	
Account ending balance on 9/30/16		\$204,353.40
Value of Endowment Fund CD at the UCC Cornerstone Fund		\$40,017.17
TOTAL VALUE OF ENDOWMENT FUND ON 10/1/15		\$226,634.09
TOTAL VALUE OF ENDOWMENT FUND ON 9/30/16		\$244,370.57

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

Beginning balance on 10/1/15		\$2,000.21
Interest earned	\$22.53	
Deposited in Trubee, Collins account	(\$22.53)	
Ending balance on 9/30/16		\$2,000.21

We had a 12-month CD at 1.125 percent interest that expired on April 23, 2016.
 We now have a 12-month CD at 1.125 percent interest that will expire on April 23, 2017.
 Interest is paid quarterly and deposited in the Trubee, Collins account.

GRANTS

- Received a \$1,500 Western Area grant for the community dinners. As of September 30, \$1,102.17 remains from the grant.
- Received a \$2,000 Community Arts grant from the Arts Council for Wyoming County. Also received income and paid expenses for the Breaking Winds bassoon concert. As of September 30, \$902.30 remains from the grant.
- Returned the unspent \$66.94 portion of the 2012-13 Western Area grant for the bereavement support group.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mason, Treasurer

THE NOMINATIONS REPORT - October 2016

PASTOR

Rev. Robert C. Dievendorf

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Charles W. Hobbs

OFFICERS: (Elected Annually)

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

2014-2015

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Term Ending 2017

Vanessa Adams
Rich Vogt

Term Ending 2018

Wally Lowth
Nathan Tillinghast

Term Ending 2019

DELEGATES (Elected Annually)

UCC State Conference	Dona Roll, Ginger Comstock
UCC Western Area (4 persons)	Vanessa Adams, Ginger Comstock, Gordon Comstock, _____
Pioneer Assoc. of Churches (PAC)	Margaret Homan, Shirley Kriedeman, Dona Roll (Alternate)

COMMITTEES (Elected and/or Appointed Annually)

Endowment: 10/2017: Bev Giles, Gordon Comstock
10/2018: Randy Lutz, Gwen St. John
10/2019: Molly Holland, Paul Sanio

Memorials: Margaret Homan, Gwen St. John, Molly Holland and Debi Lutz

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

Outreach: Sheila Vrenna, Jo Sixt, Carol Abel, John Abel and Liz Lowth, Dirk Norwich
Worship/Music: Vanessa Adams, Helena Vogt, Ginger Comstock, Rich Vogt, Ryan Bechdel, Kelly Bechdel, Dona Roll (ex-officio)
Pastor/Parish Relations: Debi Lutz, Lois Anneler, Helen Knose
Christian Education: Jim Vrenna, Bob Wood, Liz Lowth, Deb Wood (ex-officio)
Stewardship: Paul Sanio, Dirk Norwich
Building/Grounds: Mike Giles, Lary Schaefer, Darwin Anneler, Gordon Comstock, Randy Lutz, Peter Roll
Finance: Jeff Mason (Treasurer), Amy Tillinghast (Financial Secretary)

OTHER COMMITTEES

Global Missions: Gordon Comstock, Ginger Comstock, Dona Roll