

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational

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May 2014

Remember Bob Hope and all his traveling with the USO to our troops literally all over the world for so, so many years? He would travel with an entourage of stars and perform shows for our men and women in uniform to try to bring a little bit of “home to them, wherever they might be stationed. And do you remember his theme-song for these trips as well as wherever he performed? *Thanks for the Memories!* For me, the month of May is about memories because it includes several days that invoke for me (and many more) thoughts of days past in a variety of ways. Let me share my reasoning, and perhaps you will agree.

May 1 is *May Day* – originally a day to remember the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, Illinois. Even though the riot occurred on May 4, it was the culmination of unrest which began on May 1, thus it was remembered as a day of anarchy and socialist unrest. As time has progressed, however, May Day has become a day to commemorate the social and economic achievements of all the working class. Thus, we remember.

Then, on May 11, we come to one of America’s favorite holidays – Mother’s Day. On this day we honor our mothers – those persons who either by birth or by their actions are as mothers to us through love, kindness, compassion, caring, encouragement, and so much more. It’s on this day we acknowledge our mother’s influence on our lives, whether they are yet in our midst or have gone before us to God’s heavenly realm. On this day also, we celebrate the blessing of the Christian Home, which for many has been influenced by our mothers or “adopted” mothers. It’s a special day, indeed.

Then, on May 26, we celebrate yet another day of tribute and remembrance – Memorial Day. Originally called Decoration Day, instituted to memorialize those who gave their lives in the Union Army during the American Civil War, the day was expanded after World War I to include all who have died in any war or military action. In more recent years, Memorial Day has morphed, by tradition, into a day to fondly keep in mind all those who have died by decorating their graves with

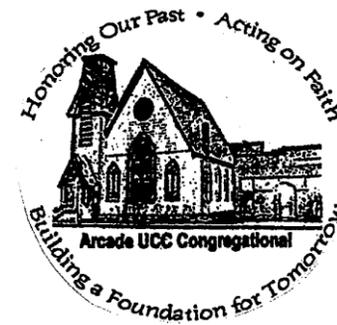
flowers and ornaments. Remembering is what Memorial Day is all about!

Then a little farther along in the month (on May 29) we remember again, this time commemorating the *ascension* (or heaven-bound raising) of our Lord Jesus, the Christ. From the *Book of Acts* we can deduce that Jesus proceeded to the right hand of God’s heavenly throne from the Mount of Olives, a place within a day’s journey from Jerusalem and from which many gospel accounts occurred (Jesus’ procession into the Holy City on Palm Sunday, his teaching of the disciples, the agony and betrayal on Thursday evening of Holy Week in the Garden of Gethsemane among others). Occurring 40 days after Jesus’ resurrection at Easter, Ascension Day is a time of joyful affirmation of his promise to his disciples (and to us) being fulfilled. The Book of Acts tells us Jesus told his disciples just before his ascension: “*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” Hearing these words of our Savior and recognizing his rising into God’s heavenly realm, Ascension Day truly **IS** a day to remember!

WOW! That’s a lot of remembering, isn’t it – at least for one month? But remembering is not just something we should do on special days set aside for that reason. It’s something we should do, according to scripture, everyday!! Just as the Psalmist reminds us that God **remembers** His covenant (special promise) each day to be our God (Psalm 105.8) so must we – *just as often* – **remember** our special promise to be His people (Psalm 95.7) – to talk with God, listen to Him, be obedient in His directions, and put our full trust in Him (John 14.1). It’s when we do this (to our fullest abilities) that our lives then become blessings – for God, for others, and for ourselves! And that’s what **I** believe life is all about.

Shalom,

Pastor Bob





If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please let Kathy in the church office know. You may reach the church office at 585-492-4530 or via email at arc-ucc@juno.com.



Anyone from 9th grade up is invited to share with us in our music ministry. Rehearsal is at 8:45am on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm.

May Bible Readings

4	Acts 2:14a, 36-4 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Pet 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	18	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Pet 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
11	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Pet 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	25	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Pet 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

May Greeters

4	Tillinghast Family	18	Gordon & Ginger Comstock
11	Romance Family	25	Jeri Hobin & Donna Horning

May Readers

4	Justin Romance	18	Rich Vogt
11	Lary Schaefer	25	Bev Giles

May Nursery Schedule

4	Kathy May	18	Shannon Hobin
11	Amy Tillinghast	25	Gwen St. John

May Worship Coordinators

4	Bill Hall	18	Bev Giles
11	Molly Holland	25	Shirley Kriedeman

May Birthdays

1	Rachel Boldt	16	Katie Roll
4	Ginger Comstock	17	Debi Lutz
6	Adam Slocum	19	Harv Roll
6	Andy Slocum	22	Caitlin Sopic
8	Kelly Bechdel	24	Barbara Newman
11	Gary Bray	29	Karen Schaper
11	Mike Giles	30	Kellie Schaefer
12	Sandy Deinhart	31	Nathan Tillinghast
15	Alison (Wood) Camp		

May Anniversaries

1	John & Kim Common – 4 yrs.
1	Liz & Wally Lowth – 44 yrs.
10	Mick & Molly Holland – 45 yrs.
22	Will & Audrey Erick – 32 yrs.

Worship in May:

May 4:	3 rd Sunday of Easter The Sacrament of Holy Communion Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35 Meditation: Philoxenia!
May 11:	4 th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day Festival of the Christian Home Scripture: 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10 Sermon: YOLO!
May 18:	5 th Sunday of Easter Sunday School Program
May 25:	6 th Sunday of Easter Memorial Day Sunday Scripture: 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21 Sermon: Orphan? Not Me!

Pastor's Fund

Donations received during the month of April to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund of UCC, Congregational have been given by an anonymous donor, and Pastor Bob.

This fund is used at the Pastor's discretion to help area folk in times of special need, of which there have been many this year. All contributions are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, just send your check to the church, designated for the Pastor's Fund.

July Youth Mission Trip Planned

“Helping Hands” is the theme for this year’s youth work trip. Youth from our Western Area will travel by motor coach to Long Island July 14-20. Our host is the Mt. Sinai Church who will be setting up our job sites in Mastic, a nearby community. There is a common misconception that all of Long Island is affluent, which simply is not the case. The people in Mastic are still in need of assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, which devastated the area nearly two years ago.

Traveling from our church will be: Kelly Bechdel, Brenna Kephart, Jocelyn Roll, Josh and Syd Taylor, Nate and Sam Tillinghast along with Vanessa Adams. Because we are traveling by motor coach, we have the luxury of transporting foods to help defray the cost of meals. If you would like to help, there will be a tree of hands indicating our needs or see Vanessa Adams or Deb Wood.

MARY HOSFORD FISHER WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Women’s Fellowship ladies met in the great room on April 7 at 1pm. The meeting was opened by Co-chair Helen Knose with cares and concerns for many within our church community. This was followed by prayer and devotions led by Gwen St. John.

Next was reading the minutes from the last meeting and the financial report. Both were voted on and accepted as read.

Our quilt to be raffled at the Fall Festival this year is being made by Deb Scott and Madeline Hall. The proceeds from this goes to the scholarship fund.

We will be shopping for a new refrigerator to replace the oldest one in the kitchen.

Don’t forget the German dinner to be held on September 19 this year.

WORKERS UNION

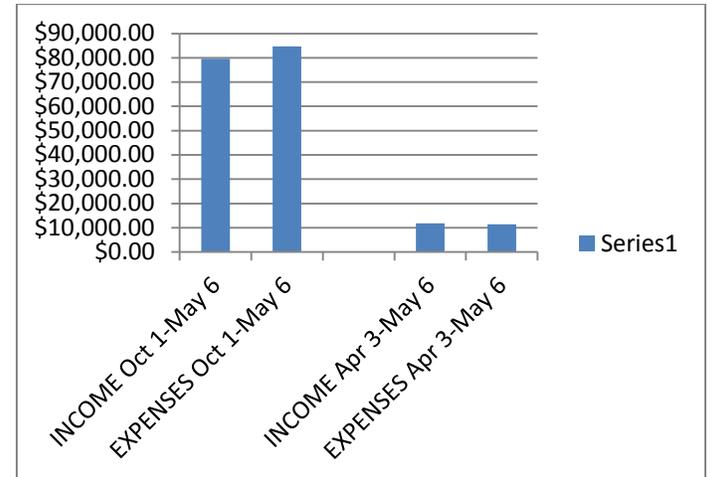
Workers Union meets from March through December each year. This is not a fund raising group thanks to income from an endowment.

The meeting opened with a dessert served by this month’s hostess followed by a blessing by Chairperson Shirley Kriedeman. The meeting attendees spoke of cares and concerns. Prayer was offered for those named and those in our thoughts.

The previous meeting’s minutes and financial reports were read and accepted. Thank you notes for our Christmas gifts were also read.

Each meeting we have a program following our business meeting presented by a different person each month. This month we enjoyed and learned from a program given by Gwen St. John on “Toasts.”

All ladies of the Church are considered members of both Women’s Fellowship and Workers Union, so please join us!



FINANCIAL NEWS

Our total non-pass-through expenditures for April 3-May 6 included \$5,662.03 pastor’s salary and benefits; \$2,476.38 other salaries on April 15 and 30; \$1,020 workers compensation premium; \$519.22 copier lease; \$431.50 travel; \$362.50 cleaning; \$356.56 village utilities; \$337.50 plowing; \$315 gas; \$291.73 Sunday School curriculum; \$80.90 palms and lilies; \$62.91 phones; \$39.20 postage; \$34.99 online service; \$28.11 Sunday School supplies; \$23.98 communion cups; and \$20 pastor’s discretionary fund.

Our members gave generously to the Easter Memorial Blessings this year. The entire \$800 has gone into the pastor’s discretionary fund.

Choir Rehearsals

Do you like to sing? Is your heart full of praise for our Lord? Have you ever considered being a part of our choir at UCC, Congregational? We are always looking for additional voices in our choir, so why not consider coming out to our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6pm and sharing the joy of praising God through song?

STEWARDSHIP SCOOP

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all those who were able to stay after the Potluck Luncheon on March 9 for a short presentation focused on stewardship of ourselves. The presentation was centered on the verse from 1 Corinthians 3:16 which says, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?"

Following a short talk, those present were encouraged to take advantage of the many materials made available to them on a variety of subjects relating to health and health-related decisions. If you had not previously considered your own health as a service in stewardship, perhaps this is the time to see yourself in a new light. We encourage everyone, no matter where they are in life, to begin making better health decisions. Although we cannot undo poor decisions from the past, it is never too late to begin a new future.

The materials are still available for review to anyone who was unable to attend. If interested, please contact Pastor Bob or someone from the Stewardship Committee.



The Network of Religious Communities is an ecumenical group in Western New York comprised of all faiths, working in unity for programs emanating from God's unbiased love for *all* His children.

Each year, the NRC celebrates an Annual Appreciation Dinner, at which women and men are honored for their service to their respective religious and wider communities. This year, UCC, Congregational in Arcade has nominated **Rich Vogt** and **Lary Schaefer** for this honor.

The Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 8 at Salvatore's Italian Garden, beginning at 6pm. Be sure to congratulate Rich and Lary.

New York State UCC Annual Conference

The Annual Meeting of our New York Conference, United Church of Christ will be May 30-June 1 at Niagara Falls, New York (right in our own back yard!!)

From our church this year, Gordon Comstock and Deb Wood will be presenters for workshops. Please

keep the entire conference in your prayers that a meaningful and spiritually uplifting time might be had.

EVERYONE in our Western Area is invited to attend the Sunday morning closing worship at the conference beginning at 10:30am. Because of this invitation, we are NOT having services at Arcade UCC on Sunday, June 1. We are providing car pooling for everyone who wants to attend this special worship in Niagara Falls.

MATT ROLL

We extend our sympathy to Wyn and Debbie Roll, Megan Brown, and all of their extended family on the death of their son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, nephew and cousin, Matthew Reinhart Roll, who died on April 9. Matt was confirmed into membership in 1996, but he was an important part of our church for his entire life. He served on the search committee that called Rev. Neil McClelland, was the worship coordinator for several years, and was always ready and willing to serve his church and his Lord in any capacity.

Matt never let his physical limitations put a damper on his outgoing, upbeat personality. The amazing outpouring of emotion by the whole community after his passing provided evidence of the ways he touched the lives of literally thousands of people, some of whom he never met in person. As Rev. Dievendorf noted during the celebration of Matt's life, held in our church on April 16, he showed the entire community how people should live and treat each other.

Also officiating at the celebration of Matt's life were our former pastor, Rev. Sue Hodges, and Pastor Jon Horton of the Yorkshire Free Methodist Church, where our Women's Fellowship provided the luncheon afterward.

PAT AND FRANK VADNEY

As reported in the March Carillon, Pat Vadney passed away in Florida on February 18. Her husband, Frank, died on April 18, shortly after returning home to Arcade. Although he wasn't a church member, Frank was always supportive of Pat's many service activities in our church and the community. A service celebrating the lives of both of these unique and special people was held in our church on May 3.

RECOGNITIONS AT WESTERN AREA MEETING

Several members of our church attended the spring meeting of the Western New York Area Churches in Covenant at St. Paul's UCC in Attica on May 4. The spring meeting is traditionally focused on recognition of churches and individuals. In addition to WNYACIC Moderator Dona Roll, our church played a prominent role in the event.

Deb and Bob Wood and Vanessa Adams, representing the Lighthouse group, presented information about the upcoming Hurricane Sandy relief trip by youths from Western Area churches in July.

Pastors with significant anniversaries in the ministry received certificates. Rev. Dievendorf received a 15-year certificate, and Pastor Emeritus Hobbs received one for his 66 years of ministry!

Rev. Ryan Henderson, the UCC New York Associate Conference Minister, presented certificates on behalf of the State Conference. Our church received one for fulfilling its 2013 pledge to the UCC Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), and another for our support of all four of the UCC's special offerings in 2013. On the local level, we were recognized for contributing 100 percent of our Covenantal Share to the Western Area in 2013.

The highlight of the afternoon was the recognition of our own Gordon and Ginger Comstock for their 25 years of service to NY/HELP-Honduras. Gordon has made the trip to the remote mountain communities of north-central Honduras nearly every year since 1989 to provide medical and other assistance. Ginger has accompanied him on several trips and has served as the recording and financial secretary and trip coordinator for NY/HELP for many years.



May Gatherings

- 5 Women's Fellowship – 1pm
- 6 Christian Education – 4pm
- 6 Worship/Music - 6:30pm
- 7, 14, 21, 28- Choir Rehearsal – 6pm
- 7, 14, 21 – Bible Study – 7pm
- 8 Outreach – 1pm
- 12 Bereavement Support Group – 7pm
- 14 Workers Union – 1pm
- 14 Building & Grounds – 7pm
- 15, 22 "Getting to Know the UCC" class – 7pm
- 17 Swiss Steak Dinner – Arcade United Methodist Church – 4:30pm - ?
- 18 UCC Concert Series – Featuring Laurie Sledge on the organ – 3pm. Ice Cream Social following concert
- 27 Council – 7pm
- 31 Community Dinner - 4-6:00pm

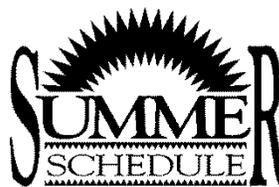
NOTE: Weight Watchers meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm in Wetzel Hall.

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by a committee of four – Audrey Erick, Marilyn Piridy and Margaret Homan and Sheila Vrenna. Please continue to watch for the deadline date for your articles and reports and give them to any of the above members. We hope to produce a quality newsletter. Any suggestions are welcomed. The deadline for the June issue is May 25, 2014.

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 9:00am Choir Rehearsal
 10:30am Worship



Please note our summer schedule will begin with our June 8 worship service. Service will begin at 9:30am and will continue at this time until September 8 when it will return to 10:30am.



May 18, 2014
3pm

Featuring:
Laurie Sledge

UCC Organist for 25 years

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