

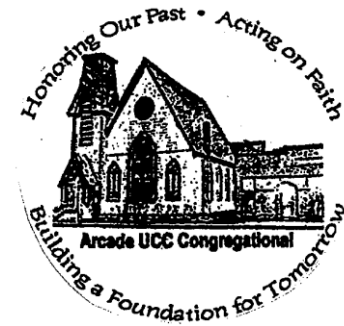
The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational

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Having spent almost 30 years of my life in the profession of Pharmacy, I have had the opportunity to see a lot (many times more than I would like) of people suffering from a variety of disease states. Ranging from the more common infectious maladies that people get quite regularly to the all-too-common hypertension (high blood pressure), hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol), heart and breathing difficulties. But one of the most devastating maladies I saw, again all-too-often, was dementia (including Alzheimer's). This malady is so devastating because the person so afflicted is transformed by different degrees into someone who they really are not – doing and saying many times things that are totally out of character. Along with this devastating affliction comes the significantly limited (or in some cases total loss of) memory – short term, long term or both. It is because memories play such an important part in our lives, both consciously and subconsciously, that its loss or diminishing is so devastating for both the patient and their network of family and friends.

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 (blue and white-collar alike). Thus, we remember.

Then, on May 13, we come to one of America's most 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, encouraging, 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 have been influenced by our mothers or "adopted" mothers. It's a special day, indeed.

Then, on May 28, we celebrate yet another day of tribute and remembrance – Memorial Day. Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was inaugurated 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 our minds all those who have died. And we do so by decorating their graves with flowers and ornaments. Remembering is what Memorial Day is all about!

And then, tucked within the confines of this month of May (on May 10) we remember again - this time commemorating the *ascension* (or heaven-bound raising) of our Lord Jesus, the Christ. From the *Book of Acts* we are told 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!

Then, on May 20, we once again remember as we celebrate **PENTECOST**. Pentecost is a Christian holy day that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Easter. Some Christian denominations consider it the birthday of the Christian church and celebrate it as such. Originally, Pentecost was a Jewish holiday held 50 days after Passover. One of three major feasts during the Jewish year, it celebrated Thanksgiving for harvested crops. However, Pentecost for Christians means something far different. Before Jesus was crucified, he told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would come after him:

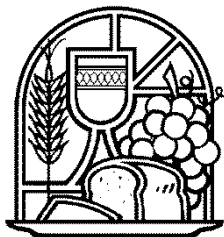
"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees

him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." *John 14:16-18*

And 50 days after Jesus was resurrected (10 days after he ascended into heaven), that promise was fulfilled when Peter and the early Church were in Jerusalem for Pentecost:

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." *Acts 2:1-4*

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 God, be obedient in God's directions, and put our full trust in God (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 – RCD



If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please let Shannon 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 Greeters

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 6 Gwen & Laurel Becht
& Candy Hayden | 20 Dirk Norwich & Mike
Tanner |
| 13 Ryan Bechdel &
Kristen Rickey | 27 Shannon, Brody, &
Bryson King |

May Readers

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| 6 Sheila Vrenna | 20 Dona Roll |
| 13 Bev Giles | 27 Pastor Bob |

May Nursery Schedule

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| 6 Amy Tillinghast | 20 Denielle Romance |
| 13 Sheila Vrenna | 27 Amy Tillinghast |

May Worship Coordinators

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| 6 Liz Lowth | 20 Shirley Kriedeman |
| 13 Nate Tillinghast | 27 Jo Sixt |

May Birthdays

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| 1 Rachel Boldt | 17 Debi Lutz |
| 4 Ginger Comstock | 19 Harv Roll |
| 8 Kelly Bechdel | 24 Barbara Newman |
| 11 Gary Bray | 29 Karen Schaper |
| 11 Mike Giles | 31 Nathan Tillinghast |

May Anniversaries

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|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Liz & Wally Lowth – 48 yrs. |
| 10 Mick & Molly Holland – 49 yrs. |

Pastor's Fund

Donations received during the month of April to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund of UCC, Congregational have been given by Bill and Madeline Hall, 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.



May Bible Readings

6	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5: 1-6 John 15: 9-17	20	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34 Romans 8: 22-27 John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15
13	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5: 9-13 John 17: 6-19	27	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8: 12-17 John 3: 1-17

Worship in May:

May 6: 6th Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Guest Preacher: Rev. Ryan Henderson

May 13: 7th Sunday of Easter
Mothers' Day
Festival of the Christian Home
Scripture: Isaiah 66: 10-16
John 17: 6-19
Message: *A Mother's Comfort*

May 20: Pentecost
The Sacrament of Baptism
The Rite of Confirmation
Sunday School Program

May 27: 1st Sunday after Pentecost
Memorial Day Sunday
Alternative Worship Experience
Scripture: Isaiah 6: 1-8
John 3: 1-17
Message: *God's Attributes*

Mother's Day: Sunday, May 13th is **Mother's Day** – a time we set aside to recognize and celebrate all our mothers as well as those who are like mothers to us in what they do and say for us. Here at UCC, Congregational it will be a special day indeed. We will celebrate Mother's Day in worship at our usual hour of **10:30 am**. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special Mother's Day time together.



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 6 PM and sharing the joy of praising God through song?



A Reminder: The 4th Sunday of every month is designated as "Food Pantry Sunday" at which time we receive non-perishable goods for our Arcade Food Pantry, sponsored by PAC. Please feel free to bring your items to worship with you on the 4th Sunday. Thank You.

Arcade UCC Website Stats: Did you know Arcade UCC has a new website that can give you information on current and upcoming events, links to our Facebook page, information on our Sunday School programs and much more? From March 16-31, we had 178 views from the U.S. and 2 views from Ireland! If YOU haven't checked it out yet, be sure you do! Just visit:

www.arcadeucc.com

If you have anything you would like in the website, please contact Shannon, Pastor Bob or Josh Taylor.

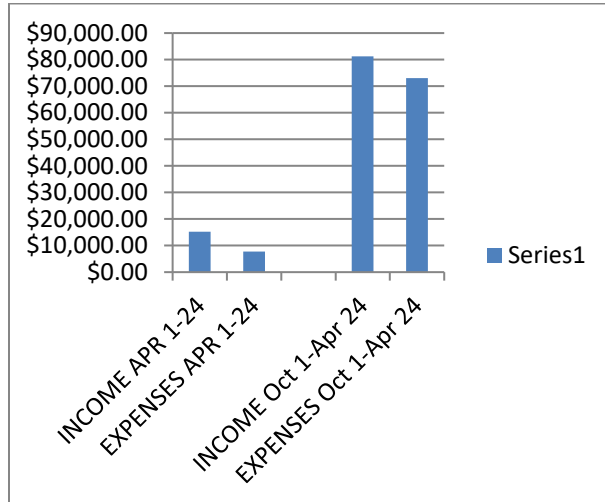
FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures between April 1 to April 24 included \$2,712.14 pastor's salary and benefits; \$1,380 workers compensation insurance; \$1,000 support for national and state UCC; \$858.29 other salaries; \$500 cleaning service; \$301.07 dishwasher repair; \$291 village utilities; \$227 gas bill; \$145 snow removal in March; \$135.39 copier leases; \$86.33 cleaning supplies; \$46.76 palm buds and flowers; and \$39 new member reception.

Our thanks go to all of the volunteers who made the chowder and hot dog sale on April 14 a big success. After the advertising is paid for, our profit will be about \$900.

INCOME APR 1-24	\$15,216.75
EXPENSES APR 1-24	\$7,785.57

INCOME Oct 1-Apr 24	\$81,225.93
EXPENSES Oct 1-Apr 24	\$73,027.60



Vacation: Our church office will be closed May 4 to May 14 as vacations will be taken by Church Secretary Shannon King and her family, and by Pastor Bob. If you have a Pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Bob at 585-322-4958. Pastor will be back in town on Saturday, May 12. Thank you!

Conference: Pastor Bob will be attending a Consultation of Church and Ministry in Syracuse on Tuesday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 16. Please contact the church office for any emergencies during this time.

WNYACIC (Western Area) Spring Meeting

May 6, 2018 1:00-5:00 PM
Covenant United Church of Christ
4449 Main Street, Gasport NY 14067

This is a meeting of
Celebrations and Awards

The cost is \$8.00 which includes lunch.
Cash or Check (made out to WNYACIC)
can be paid at the meeting registration table.

At this meeting, there are two business items that will be addressed. Each of these matters are specific to the NY Conference United Church of Christ, Western Association.

1. Salamanca United Methodist Congregational Church has voted to leave both the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church. They have fulfilled all of the appropriate procedures and submitted appropriate documentation. At the May 6th meeting, the Western Area will vote to dismiss the Salamanca church from the United Church of Christ.
2. Also at the May meeting, a vote will be held on a proposal from the NY Conference to implement a per capita share of \$2.00 per member. This would be collected by the Association and forwarded to the Conference. More information will be provided before the May meeting.

Opportunity to serve: As you have noticed, over the past several months, we have instituted the participation of *Liturgists* during our morning worship. The Liturgists assist in our worship services (and the Pastor) by leading our Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Psalmody (when part of the service), Invitation to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, and Joys and Concerns. We would like to expand our list of folk willing to participate in this program. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry and have the desire to serve God and your congregation in a respectful and reverent manner or if you have questions concerning what being a liturgist entails in more detail, please contact Pastor Bob.



Rummage Sale!

Friday & Saturday

May 4 & 5

9am-4pm

United Church of Christ, Cong.

297 Main St.

Arcade, NY 14009

Proceeds to benefit the General Fund

Bluesfest to Benefit Plymouth Crossroads

The 6th Annual Crossroads Bluesfest to fight teenage homelessness, featuring some of Western New York's finest blues bands, will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Chicken Coop Grove (VFW Post 8113), 299 Leydecker Road in West Seneca. Doors will open at 2:00pm with the blues music beginning at 3:00. Legendary 97 Rock blues icon, Anita West, will play host to four rocking blues groups. Scheduled line-up for this year includes Randle and The Late Night Scandals, Blues Daddios, Rod Horning Project and Jony James Band. The event also includes a basket raffle. Food and beverages will be available for sale.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Plymouth Crossroads in Lancaster. Plymouth Crossroads is a 501(c)(3) transitional housing shelter which provides a safe place to call home for abused, runaway and homeless young men ages 16-20. The program is designed to not only provide shelter for these young men, but to also help them get enrolled in school or a GED program and find local employment. Plymouth also provides extensive case management and group meetings to teach important life skills that are essential to the residents' success in society. Since its opening in 2011 it has helped over 100 boys to not fall under the statistic of becoming homeless.

Presale tickets are available for \$10 and may be purchased online at

www.crossroadsbluesfest.weebly.com

or by calling 716-393-3906. Tickets at the door will be \$15. Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses. Donations are also requested for the basket raffle.

COUNCIL CORNER

The April meeting of the Arcade UCC Council was held Tuesday, April 24 in the Great Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rich Vogt. Devotions were led by Rev. Dievendorf.

Minutes of the March meeting, pastor's and treasurer's reports were approved. Updates were given on the following service and repairs: the elevator has been serviced for a blown fuse, the dishwasher has been repaired, the right sink in the kitchen will be repaired in the near future, and the ramp on the Church St. side will be removed pending better weather. We have received a check from the insurance company and a contractor will be coming to repair the front window.

A fundraising idea was discussed regarding summer produce. If anyone has an abundance of produce from their gardens this summer, please consider donating it to the church. It will be sold to anyone interested! A great way to share the bounty, receive some fresh veggies and fruit and fundraise for our church! So, as you begin to plant your gardens, maybe plant a little extra to help provide for this upcoming fundraiser! We thank you in advance!

The Trout Derby was reported as a success. Church Policies were reviewed and a few changes will be forthcoming. Pastor Bob's retirement was discussed and beginning to think of people who might be committed to serving on a Search Committee. Committee reports were discussed.

Following closing prayer, meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.



New Member: On Sunday, April 15, our congregation was blessed to welcome into membership **Pat Scott**, mother of member Tom Scott. Pat joins us from a long and faithful journey with her Lord through 90+ years of life. We are pleased and privileged to welcome Pat into our faith family. Following worship that day, we celebrated during our coffee hour with a cake in honor of Pat.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Dates have been set for the 55th New York Conference UCC Annual Meeting. The meeting will be June 8-9 in Syracuse. Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath will be the guest speaker for the gathering, where the theme is "Building Faithful Community Boldly."

Prior to this year's Annual Meeting, instead of an authorized minister retreat, there will be a Pre-Annual Meeting Continuing Education Institute on June 7-8. The Institute will consist of four continuing education course offerings. During the Institute, we will continue to worship and share meals as a group, however, the hope is that ministers will come away with solid skill sets and a richer learning experience from the smaller groupings and focused subject matter.

The 31st General Synod of the United Church of Christ voted in favor of several amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ. They now require 2/3rds of the Conferences of the UCC to ratify them in order for them to take effect. Therefore, we will be voting on these Constitution and By-Law changes at our Annual Meeting in Syracuse in June.

To see the changes in the Constitution:

uccfiles.com/pdf/Constitution.pdf

To see the changes in the By-Laws:

uccfiles.com/pdf/Bylaws.pdf

Voting on each of these will be part of the agenda of our Annual Meeting. Please keep the entire conference in your prayers that a meaningful, spiritually uplifting time might be had.

Strengthen the Church: The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. As we enter into the season of Pentecost, let us rejoice in the Holy Spirit which guides and energizes our ministries. We are thankful to be in covenant with so many local churches and communities dedicated to building a just world through our love of God and neighbor. Your offering will help UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Please use the enclosed envelope for your contribution.

May Gatherings

1	Worship/Music, 6:30pm
2, 23, 30	Bible Study, Great Room, 7pm
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
4 & 5	Rummage Sale, 9am-4pm
6	WNYACIC Spring Meeting – 1-5pm
	Covenant UCC, Gasport, NY
7	Women's Fellowship, 1pm
8	Outreach, 7pm
8	Building & Grounds, 7pm
9	Workers' Union, 1pm
13	Mother's Day
19	Community Dinner, 4-6pm
20	Pentecost, Sunday School Program, The Rite of Confirmation, The Sacrament of Baptism
22	Council, 7pm
28	Memorial Day

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

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by a committee of three – Audrey Erick, Margaret Homan, and Shannon King. 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 20, 2018.

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Office Hours: 9:00am – 3:00pm (T-Th)

Worship Schedule: 8:45am – Sunday School

9:00am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Worship