

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational

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September 2013

August is gone and September is here already??? I just can't believe it!! It seems like only a few short weeks ago we were planning what our fields and gardens would hold for us this year; we were "greasing up" the lawn mowers for the mowing season to start and now it's at the end (or getting near the end) of the season; we were planning our summer's activities (vacations, family get-togethers, various parties and celebrations) and now we recall them as fond memories; we made our list of "things to do" and now we're scurrying to see what we can accomplish before that white stuff begins blanketing the ground. We celebrate Labor Day and then pretty soon - all **too** soon - we'll start feeling the change in temperatures and see the "solid water" flying out of the air which we so don't look forward to each year. Ain't it wunnerful?

Time seems to travel so fast for us 21st century people, that we, many times, inadvertently slide right past a lot of good livin' and miss some wonderful opportunities in which to thoroughly enjoy life! We might get so busy we put off visiting with friends or family (or gas prices take their toll in our driving); we delay going here or there as a time of respite and refreshment; we cram into our schedules 2, 3 or 4 things a day, doing none of them, then, really well; and we feel comfortable in saying tomorrow's another day (as a child I would often hear: "never do today what we can put off 'til tomorrow!!"). I don't know about you, but when I think about the hectic pace we as humans (and especially as Americans) lead, I get angry at myself for not slowing down enough to smell the roses and to enjoy - I mean really enjoy - life!

I can't help but wonder if we're guilty of doing the same thing when it comes to God and Jesus Christ? Are we so involved in work, in meetings, in schedules, in planning, in family - in **OURSELVES** that we put God and His kingdom on a back burner, saving our relationship with Him for when we have a little more time? I suspect the answer to that is "yes" and we're all guilty of it to some extent, aren't we? Daily devotions are good, but our mornings are so hectic in getting ready for the day and our evenings in winding up the day's loose ends, that we kind of slide them to the back of our to-do lists. Praying is important, but that time we could spend sleeping - after all, we need our rest to keep going don't we? And then there's church. Ah, yes! That certainly is something we all should participate in regularly, but there just aren't enough days in the week

or hours in a day anymore - especially now that school has started and we have to work around the many different schedules housed under our roofs (soccer, football, various competitions and trips). And then, too, harvest is almost ready. Phew! When are we ever going to get some time to do all this?

Believe it or not - the answer is very simple. It really is!! It's all about **PRIORITIES**. What do we care enough about in life to put at the top of our priority lists? Jesus reinforced for us the *shema* (the ancient Jewish credo to this day recited by Jewish faithful): *you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, mind, soul and strength!* This plainly means, we should love God more than **ANYTHING** else (family, sports, hobbies, work, etc.). and part of that loving God is the commitment to worship regularly (not just being a Christer: worshipping on Christmas and Easter).

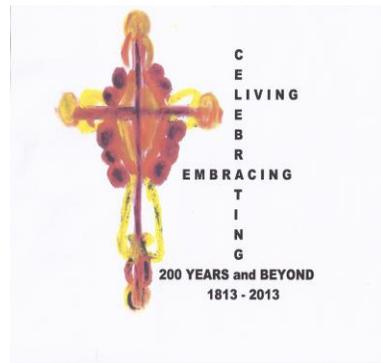
You may think life is speeding by now, but scripture tells us that 1000 years is like a second in God's time. Our days here on earth are numbered - again, the Bible tells us that. Shouldn't we, just *maybe*, be concentrating a little more on those things that will last more than a God second? Do you think perhaps we might want to begin doing those things that will properly and effectively prepare us for eternity? I know I do!!

This is our 200th Anniversary year. Think about it - **200 years!** We did not reach this milestone simply with words of commitment to God and Jesus Christ! We achieved this milestone by the actions of faithfulness of our preceding generations. It is my hope that we, in this present generation and those of generations to come, will continue in this faithfulness so that our congregation can celebrate our 300th anniversary!!

Join me, won't you, as we begin another September together in doing more of what we know we should be doing? Worship regularly, immerse yourself in the routine of daily devotions and Bible study, spend some time (which you're going to have to make for yourself) in prayer and meditation. I can guarantee you - your life will be richer, your days will be less hectic, and your whole attitude will be transformed into something so good, you can't begin to imagine!!!

Shalom,

Pastor Bob





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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.

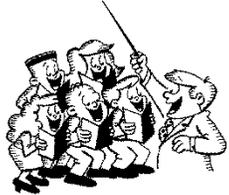


September Bible Readings

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| 1 | Jer 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Heb 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14 | 22 | Jer 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Tim 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13 |
| 8 | Jer 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philem 1-21
Luke 14:25-33 | 29 | Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 146
1 Tim 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31 |
| 15 | Jer 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Tim 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10 | | |

Worship in September:

- September 1: 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Labor Day Sunday
Scripture: Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Sermon: The Church and Labor Day
- September 8: 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Day
Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11
Luke 14: 25-33
Sermon: Potter's House Lane
- September 15: 17th Sunday after Pentecost
200th Anniversary Culmination Sunday
NY Conference Sunday
Scripture: Isaiah 43: 18-19
Jeremiah 29: 11-13
Luke 15:1-10
Sermon: What Now?
- September 22: 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
Scripture: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Luke 16: 1-13
Sermon: Our Congregational Missions
- September 29: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-31
Sermon: God or Money?



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.

September Greeters

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|----|----------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1 | Jim & Sheila Vrenna | 22 | Gwen & Laurel Becht |
| 8 | Bill & Karen Schaper | | Candy Hayden |
| 15 | Tom & Deb Scott | 29 | John & Carol Abel |

September Readers

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|----|----------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Randy Lutz | 22 | Marilyn Pirdy |
| 8 | Justin Romance | 29 | Lois Anneler |
| 15 | Rich Vogt | | |

September Nursery Schedule

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|----|-------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Sharon Koch | 22 | Gwen St. John |
| 8 | Deb Wood | 29 | Debi Lutz |
| 15 | Kathy May | | |

September Worship Coordinators

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|----|--------------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | Nathan Tillinghast | 22 | Margaret Homan |
| 8 | Wally Lowth | 29 | Harv Roll |
| 15 | Bev Giles | | |

September Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 3 | Stu Dorfman | 16 | Courtney Taylor |
| 3 | Doris Grenchon | 19 | Len Mason |
| 3 | Donna Horning | 22 | Jaleesa Sledge |
| 9 | Ashley Romance | 25 | Vanessa Adams |
| 10 | Chris Karpinski | 29 | Dona Roll |
| 14 | Wally Lowth | | |

September Anniversaries

- 6 Justin & Denielle Romance – 10 yrs.
21 David & Karen Czesak – 28 yrs.
25 Rev. Robert & Cathy Dievendorf – 42 yrs.

Pastor's Fund

During the months of July and August, donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund were received from an anonymous donor, Lois Anneler in Memory of Tom Vogt, Families of Robert King, Linn Nichols, Arline Martin and Pastor Bob.

This fund is used at the Pastor's discretion to help area folk in times of special need and/or special circumstances (some of the needs met include: prescriptions, gas, food, legal fees, study materials, etc.). Because so many folk have been assisted in these difficult economic times, this fund is critically low. All contributions are greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, just send your check to the church, designated for the Pastor's Fund.

Vacation Bible School

A Community Vacation Bible School was successfully held August 12-15 at Hope Lutheran Church. Hope Lutheran and Arcade UCC co-led the event.

The theme was *ReNew* where each evening we centered on a particular aspect of the parable of the sower (Mark 4: 1-9) as we learned how to grow in faith, have fun and change the world!. It was a very spirit-filled time for everyone involved!!

A hearty **THANK-YOU** to everyone who helped in any way with this community ministry



Worship Time Change

Just a reminder that on Sunday, September 8 our worship time returns to **10:30am**. Please note this time change, which will remain until June 2014.

Rally Day

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 8** as Arcade UCC, Congregational celebrates Rally Day!

The day begins at 9am, when everyone participating and/or interested in Sunday School (children, youth, and adults) will gather in Wetzel Hall for registration, *breakfast*, and all kinds of fun. Following breakfast, we will pack School Kits for Church World Service. Then we will gather in our sanctuary for worship including Teacher/Christian Education Dedication at **10:30am** (summer hours are over!).

Come, join us for our fall "kick-off", won't you??

Anniversary Culmination

Our congregation is extremely blessed to celebrate our 200th Anniversary Culmination on Sunday, September 15.

At the 10:30am worship, we will look as a congregation to "What Now?" as we continue in our celebrating, Living and Embracing of our long history and beyond. Special music will be shared and various participants will assist in the service.

THEN, at 4pm that afternoon, we are privileged to have the **Rev. Geoffrey Black** (President and General Minister of our national UCC) join us and preach the Word. I encourage and joyfully invite you and your neighbors, friends and family, as well as our Western Area to join us for this spectacular event on September 15. A reception will follow in Wetzel Hall, sponsored by our Women's Fellowship.

This is a once-in-a-LONG-time privilege to have our national leader join us for worship. Come and embrace Rev. Black in our warm and friendly spirit-filled Arcade UCC welcome!! **We are asking for a RSVP to the church office (585-492-4530) by September 10 to make planning easier.**

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, September 22 is *Commitment Sunday* at Arcade UCC. During our worship service, everyone will have the opportunity to turn in a commitment card for our 2013-2014 financial campaign.

This is a VERY important Sunday in the life of our congregation, as it provides for our church leaders the foundation upon which to base next year's budget.

Please plan on joining with us that day. If you are unable to be at worship this Sunday, please mail or bring your Pledge Card to the church Office by September 20.

Bible Study

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will re-gather on **September 11** to resume our study of God's Word.

We will start out the fall term by looking in depth at the life of Christ. Everyone is invited to join us as we begin again in September – Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Great Room. It's a great time for discussion, thinking, fellowshiping and learning.

Benefit in Memory of Thomas Vogt

A benefit event in Memory of Thomas R. Vogt will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Strykersville Fire Hall, 594 Minkel Rd, Strykersville, NY beginning at 1pm.

On June 12, 2013, Tom (the youngest son of Rich and Helena Vogt) was tragically taken from us in a motorcycle accident. He leaves behind a son, Jordan (19 months old) and his wife, Ashley.

Please come and help us raise funds to take care of Tom's family whom he loved and cared for very much. Tickets are \$25/person with children 10 and under free. There will be food, soda (and other beverages), a chicken BBQ, 50/50 raffle, Chinese auction and a silent auction, horseshoe tournament and more!! Music will be provided by "Mustang Bob".

You may purchase your tickets at the door OR contributions may be made in the name of Jordan Vogt at the Bank of Holland. Please search your heart in a spirit of love and generosity to support this benefit event!!

Aufmerksamkeit gutes Essen heirherkommen!

Roughly translated, this means "Attention – good food is coming"! And that says it all for the upcoming Authentic German Dinner at Arcade UCC on Friday, September 27.

Beginning at 4:30pm, the dinner includes spaetzel with ginger gravy, sauerkraut with bratwurst, sauerbraten, pickled beets, apple sauce, light and dark breads, and German chocolate cake for dessert! All this served family style for only \$12/adult. A special children's menu will be available.

Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this German feast (along with great fellowship and conversation)!! Vielen Dank!

Budget Hearing

On Sunday, September 29, we will hold our annual Budget Hearing after worship. This meeting of our congregation is for the purpose of viewing and commenting on the tentative budget for 2013-2014.

Please plan on attending this hearing, as we cherish and need your input as the 2013-2014 budget is presented for your approval.

What an Opportunity!!

It seems like it's a long way off, but it really is not! We are planning a trip on August 8-9, 2014 to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to *Sight and Sound* to partake in a dramatization of *MOSES*. You probably remember Moses from the Old Testament: the parting of the Red Sea, the burning bush, the plagues, the Ten Commandments. Now the greatest epic of the Old Testament comes to life for you to not only see, but actually experience. This incredible adventure is like none other for this is when God breaks into history and reveals who God is and that God has come to heal the broken hearted and set the captives free!

We will leave Arcade on August 8 at 7:30am, arriving for the 2:45pm production at Sight & Sound. After the show we will enjoy a traditional Amish dinner served in an Amish house. Then we spend the night at the hotel and enjoy a deluxe continental breakfast in the morning, leaving the hotel at 8am. We then experience an Amish Farmland tour, heading home about 1:30 pm. We arrive home between 7:30 and 8 pm on Saturday, August 9.

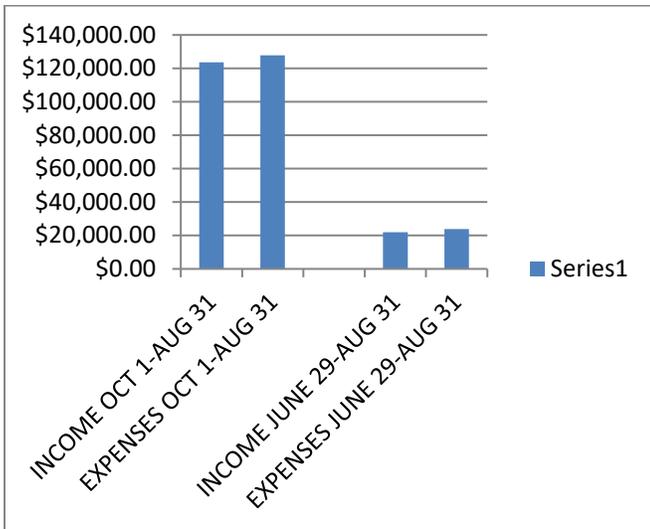
The very reasonable cost is: \$289/person for double occupancy; \$259/person for triple occupancy; \$249/person for a quad room (all these rates are based on a minimum of 490 people traveling). A deposit of \$100/person is required by February 7, 2014, with the balance to be paid by June 6, 2014. For ticket reservations, please contact **Bob Wood at 585-492-1031**. I invite you to join with Cathy and I as we enjoy this wonderful production and experience firsthand Amish hospitality.



*As each has
received a gift,
employ it for
one another,
as good stewards
of God's varied
grace.*

1 Peter 4:10

FINANCIAL NEWS



Our non-pass-through expenses from June 29 through August 31 included \$11,149.44 pastor's salary and benefits; \$4776.99 other salaries on July 15 and 31 and August 15 and 30; \$1,572.43 routine maintenance; \$1,348.62 insurance; \$767.57 copier lease; \$765.50 mileage reimbursements; \$644 gas bills; \$500 Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) payment to the state and national UCC; \$385 youth mission trip to New Jersey; \$377.92 bulk mailing; \$269.99 dehumidifier; \$210.04 computer and printer; \$208.25 Bicentennial; \$207.29 gas bills; \$146.44 phones; \$98.33 office supplies; \$87.97 postage; \$84.44 state conference delegate; \$75 elevator inspection; \$71.57 worship supplies; \$45.22 outreach expenses.

In order to meet our expenses in late July, it was necessary to withdraw \$3,000 from our parsonage/housing allowance savings account.

BICENTENNIAL NEWS

We celebrated our Bicentennial on July 13 with a banquet at the Delevan Firefighters Training Center. In addition to Rev. Dievendorf, we were privileged to have our pastor emeritus, Rev. Charles Hobbs, and two of our former interim pastors, Revs. Carl Marks and James Fishbaugh, join us for the evening. Rev. Marian Shearer, the associate conference minister of the UCC New York Conference, was the guest speaker and urged us to look to the future and think about how we want our church to be remembered as we begin our third century.

Messages were also read from former pastors Rev. Lisa Thwing, Rev. Ray Morris, and Carlton Talbot. Mayor Jay May brought greetings from the Village of

Arcade, and Supervisor Doug Berwanger sent a proclamation from Wyoming County and a certificate from the Town of Arcade. Later in July, Congressman Chris Collins sent a proclamation, and Senator Patrick Gallivan visited our church on August 29 to present a proclamation from the State Senate.

July 21 was our Anniversary Sunday, and the highlight was an afternoon worship service that included an inspirational message by our New York Conference Minister, Rev. David Gaewski. Thanks to everyone who provided music during the service and the reception afterward.

Our actual anniversary date was July 24, and we held a brief evening service in the Dunstan Room. A time capsule, to be opened in 25 years, was dedicated.

Our final anniversary event will be the 4:00 p.m. service on Sunday, September 15. The UCC General Minister and President, Rev. Geoffrey Black, will worship with us and bring the afternoon message. We believe this is the first time our church has ever hosted the national leader of our denomination, and we hope everyone will attend this special service.

COUNCIL CORNER

The August 27 meeting of the UCC Council was called to order by Chair Bill Hall at 7:05pm. Devotions were led by Vanessa Adams. Pastor Bob will prepare devotions for the September 24 meeting. Minutes to the previous meeting were approved.

Pastor Bob reviewed his report and is preparing for a busy September which will include Rally Day on September 8, worship with our UCC National President and General Minister, the Rev. Geoffrey Black on September 15, Commitment Sunday on September 22 and our annual Budget Hearing on September 29. Bible Study will regroup on Wednesday, September 11. Confirmation class will begin September 15 with Nathan Tillinghast. Pastor Bob will be on vacation October 6-15.

Jeff Mason reported that offering has rebounded somewhat during the month of August, however, at the end of July it was necessary to dip into savings to meet expenses. Jeff is hoping to get through the end of our fiscal year in September without having to take money from savings again.

There were no questions on the committee reports. There were only a few committee meetings during the summer months. The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 19 and plans are underway.

Debi Lutz is busy trying to fill committee vacancies before the annual meeting in October. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee, contact Debi.

Following closing prayer by Bill Hall the meeting adjourned at 9:15. Next meeting is September 24, 2013.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

We extend our sympathy to Harvey Roll and his children and nephews on the recent death of their sister-in-law and aunt, Elaine Roll.

We also extend our sympathy to Jo Sixt and her family on the recent death of Jo's sister, Jeanne Fisher.

Congratulations to Jordan and Michelle Bull Bergmann on the birth of their daughter, Josephine Elizabeth.

Congratulations to Brandon and Megan Roll Brown on the birth of their son, Lleyton Matthew.

Congratulations to Adam and Emma Slocum on the birth of their son, William.

The Stewardship Scoop!

The Stewardship Committee joyfully reports that we had a very successful potluck dinner and program on May 19, 2013. Immediately following the worship service, friends and family were treated to a variety of favorite dishes and a selection of delectable desserts. In addition to the fine dining, Pastor Bob facilitated a fun and informative program focused on the stewardship of God's gifts to us. The presentation included both video materials and games to highlight the subject.

This was only a portion of the available program. To satisfy any curiosity about the rest of this excellent program, please let Pastor Bob or any of the Stewardship Committee know of your interest. Your response will help shape future plans for presentations that will focus on our congregation's interests and perceived needs.

NY/HELP

August 2013 Trip Report

The August **NY HELP** mission trip to Honduras made "a mission out of meetings"! Traveling from August 3 to 11 were "Profesor Jeff" Mason, "Dr. Gordon" and Ginger Comstock from the Arcade UCC, and Spanish translator Daniel Beyer, whose family goes to the Tabernacle in Orchard Park. In Honduras, we met with Bill Briggs, our old New York Conference minister, who with his wife Susie founded **NY/HELP** in 1989. He is now directing **Honduras Hope**, a similar organization which works with several other Indian tribes in the Yoro area.

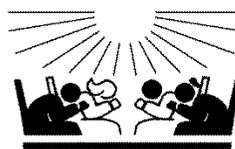
The main thrust of this trip was to assess and encourage the steps the mountain communities are taking to empower themselves. Several very productive meetings led to a plan for the management of the clinic and suggestions made by local people on how to improve attendance at the middle school in Mataderos. The tribal Development Committee, under the leadership of Joel Ramirez, has developed a Plan of Action for 2013 and 2014, and has already begun to implement it.

Yovany Munguía, our coordinator in Honduras, worked hard to make these meetings successful. He also did a lot of the legwork for the details of the trip. We have developed a contract with him for the next year, which includes changes in our financial arrangements.

We worked on several of our traditional projects as well. Profesor Jeff, accompanied by Yovany, walked several miles up and down mountain paths to visit primary schools in La Kiloma and El Paraíso, and with Ginger and Dan to the primary and middle schools in Mataderos. We also brought along two laptop computers, which will be managed by the Development Committee. Dr Gordon, assisted by Daniel, saw 54 patients in 2 days at the clinic. Perhaps most importantly, we renewed old friendships and made new ones.

More information is available from Jeff, Gordon and Ginger. Catch or call us for details! Or check our blog at < www.ny-help.blogspot.com/ >

To paraphrase St James, in **NY/HELP**, we try to "show our faith by our acts." And this is made possible by YOUR love and generosity!



Please pray for: Grace Gilbert, Sandy Deinhart, Linda Tomkiel, Ron Deinhart, Gail Mikolajczhk, Bill Erick, Dorothy Warner, Ginny DeNise, Kate

Scripter, Claire Mullins, Darla Mills, Nathan Lease, Lucille Drake, Addison Rae Diate, Don Kensinger, Pierre Albrect-Carrié & family, Kevin & Tammy Severina, Olivia Nealon, Family of Elaine Roll, Family of Jean Fisher, Jean Wheeler, Shirley Nellist (Carol Abel's sister), Joanne Lempges (Harv's niece), Justin Schuler (Lloyd & Helen Knose's grandson) serving in Korea, Justin Schaefer, serving in Afghanistan.

GERMAN DINNER

Friday, September 27, 2013

4:30pm - ?

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Corner of Main & Church St.,
Arcade, NY

Sauerbraten, Spaetzle & Gravy, Applesauce,
Sauerkraut with Bratwurst, Sweet & Sour
Red Cabbage, Pickled Beets, Assorted
Breads, German Chocolate Cake, Beverages

Kids Menu Available – Macaroni & Cheese (Kids
Under 5 FREE)

Building is Handicapped Accessible

Sponsored by UCC Women's Fellowship

September Gatherings

- 3 Worship/Music - 6:30pm
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Choir Rehearsal – 6pm
- 5 Outreach – 1:30pm
- 8 Rally Day! Breakfast 9am in Wetzel Hall.
- 11 Workers Union – noon at the home of
Lois Anneler
- 11 Building & Grounds – 7pm
- 15 **200th Anniversary Culmination Service – 4pm**
UCC National President and General Minister,
The Rev. Geoffrey Black will preach.
- 22 Commitment Sunday
- 24 Council – 7pm
- 27 German Dinner – 4:30pm -?
- 28 Community Dinner - 4-6:30pm
- 29 Annual Budget Hearing – following worship

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, Marilyn Pirdy and Margaret Homan. 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 October issue is September 22, 2013.

Marilyn Pirdy

Did You Know?

Did you know we would be happy to mail your Carillon electronically?? In our effort to be more environmentally friendly and more cost conscious, we are trying to increase the number of Carillons going out electronically rather than the traditional mailing method.

If you have not already signed up to receive your Carillon via email and would like to, please contact the church office at arc-ucc@juno.com with your email address.

Quilt Tickets

Quilt tickets are available to purchase for the annual quilt raffle. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or would like tickets to sell, please see Shirley Kriedeman.

The raffle will take place on Saturday, October 19 at the Fall Harvest Festival.

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Worship Schedule: 9:00am Choir Rehearsal

9:30am Worship