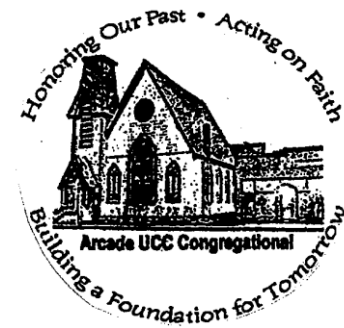


The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational

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September 2014

I know it doesn't make a lot of sense, but to me September is a lot like April or May. After a hiatus of winter's weather, doldrums and indoor confinement, spring shoots forth in April and May as a sign of new beginnings and fresh starts as creation seems to abound everywhere you look. So it is, after a hiatus of heat and rain and drought and wind, September seems to bring a new and refreshed sense of activity to our lives. Farmers prepare for the harvest of their crops, lawns and gardens are "winterized" with various fertilizers and nutrients, gardens are being readied to be "undone". For me September is one of my favorite times of the year (even – or especially – after being in Arcade to enjoy 5 of them so far). And it is so because I always feel **energized** and **upbeat** as I plan and make ready for the new or renewed programs, meetings and events which will fill my daily activities in the weeks and months ahead. I try to reflect upon the preceding 2/3 of the year and look at the successes as well as those things less than totally successful in order to provide rationale for re-configuring the way certain things are done or building upon already good and successful programs and activities. It is, for me, a time filled with hope and excitement as I try to envision what can be, what will be, and what might be.

I admit to all of you that I am very encouraged in this ensuing fall – encouraged for our church, for each of you, and for all our sisters and brothers we know and love thru Christ.

Our church (both local and wider) is a source of real joy and encouragement. Yes we've had some difficult days this past year – and we continue to be challenged on several fronts, not the least of which is financial. And we have made some mistakes in our pursuit of following Jesus Christ. But in response to these difficulties and challenges, you have pulled together and addressed **head-on** these issues in a way that is as it should be in the church. I sense we feel free and open to discuss issues which are troubling to us and, holding them in prayer, work through these issues **together**. I also am excited about our New York Conference and our Western Area and their ministries. Though also plagued by financial concerns, the gifts and graces of all of us in the Western Area and NY Conference will, I am confident, serve to challenge us all to venture out of our "comfort zones" in life and become the children

God has created us to be in a world where "God is still speaking". I am excited about the countless possibilities which are ours for growth, service and sharing in our congregations as we learn to put old hurts and disappointments behind us and look ahead in faith and trust and re-commitment to Jesus Christ.

I am encouraged as I consider each of our places and activities both individually and communally in the church. I am excited about upcoming events and activities which we will share at UCC, Congregational. We are blessed in having a congregation which works tremendously well together and is blessed with individuals who are talented and gifted in a wide variety of ways. I am excited at the possibility of tapping these talents and gifts in ways which maybe we can't even imagine at this point.

I am equally encouraged for all our sisters and brothers in Christ in and around our community of Arcade. This September brings to me a real and vibrant sense of purpose in ways the congregations of Arcade and PAC (Pioneer Area Churches) can continue to work together in worship and praise and ministry, as well as discovering new and different channels of sharing our love of God and Christ Jesus. To me, this is what being in ministry is all about – working as a community of believers as different parts of the **one** body of Christ, which is the Church!

I **AM** excited and encouraged!! As September ensues, you may well see different things happening, new ways of worshipping and alternative methods of accomplishing what we want to accomplish. **God is still speaking** – to each and every one of God's children. All I ask is that you be attentive to listening to our **still speaking God** and be open to going where He might lead us as God speaks. Remember, too, I am **always** available for your sharing, your comments, your concerns – whatever. United Church of Christ, Congregational is foremost a part of the Body of Jesus Christ. Without **YOU** we do not exist. With **YOU** there is **nothing, but nothing** we cannot accomplish for Christ in the world. I hope you, too, share my excitement as we begin anew this fall.

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.

September Greeters

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| 7 Donna Horning & Jeri Hobin | 21 Lary Schaefer & Jeff Mason |
| 14 Jim & Sheila Vrenna | 28 Penny Rutledge & Margaret Homan |

September Readers

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| 7 Darwin Anneler | 21 Bev Giles |
| 14 Rich Vogt | 28 Mike Tanner |

September Nursery Schedule

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| 7 Shannon King | 21 Danielle Romance |
| 14 Gwen St. John | 28 Debi Lutz |

September Worship Coordinators

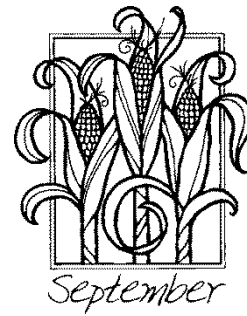
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| 7 Shirley Kriedeman | 21 Wally Lowth |
| 14 Tom Scott | 28 Jo Sixt |

September Birthdays

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| 3 Doris Grenchon | 17 Brody King |
| 3 Donna Horning | 19 Len Mason |
| 7 Linda Korczak | 22 Jaleesa Sledge |
| 14 Wally Lowth | 25 Vanessa Adams |
| 16 Courtney Taylor | 29 Dona Roll |

September Anniversaries

- 6 Justin & Denielle Romance – 11 yrs.
- 21 David & Karen Czesak – 29 yrs.
- 25 Rev. Robert & Cathy Dievendorf – 43 yrs.
- 29 Geoff & Kimberly Mortstock – 1 yr.



September Bible Readings

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| 7 Ex 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Rom 13:8-14
Matt 18:15-20 | 21 Ex 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Phil 1:21-30
Matt 20:1-16 |
| 14 Ex 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Rom 14:1-12
Matt 18:21-35 | 28 Ex 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Phil 2:1-13
Matt 21:23-32 |

Worship in September:

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| Sept 7: | 13 th Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Scripture: Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20
Sermon: <i>Gyrosopic Grace</i> |
| Sept 14: | 14 th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15
Matthew 6: 19-21
Sermon: <i>Blessed: To Be a Blessing!</i> |
| Sept 21: | 15 th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday School Staff Dedication
Scripture: Exodus 16: 2-15
Sermon: <i>We Shall NOT Want!</i> |
| Sept 28: | 16 th Sunday after Pentecost
Mission Trips Report Sunday |

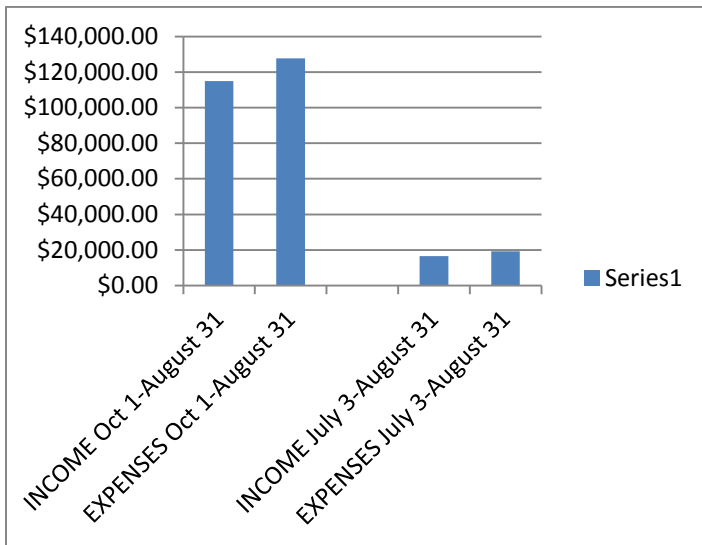
Pastor's Fund

During the months of July and August, donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund were received from an anonymous donor, Dale & Cindy Carlson 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.

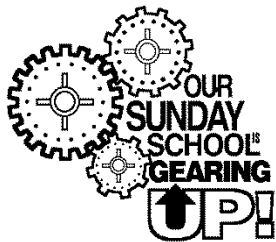
If you would like to donate, just send your check to the church, designated for the Pastor's Fund.

FINANCIAL NEWS



Our total non-pass-through expenditures for July 3-August 31 included \$8,370.32 pastor's salary and benefits; \$4,952.76 other salaries in July and August; \$1,348.62 insurance; \$1,162.40 cleaning; \$713.12 village utilities; \$580 gas bills; \$552.45 conferences; \$482.32 copier lease; \$140.60 postage; \$125.58 phones; \$118.97 computer; \$96.40 bulletins; \$85 fire extinguisher service; \$69.49 Sunday School; and \$45.77 supplies.

As you can see from the graph, our deficit has grown even larger this summer. The fiscal year ends on September 30, so we urge you to do all you can to help out with this very serious situation before then. "Statements of Giving" will be distributed in early September to provide you with an accurate record of how much you've contributed to our church since October 1, 2013. Please also respond generously to the Stewardship Campaign, so we don't have a repeat of this situation in 2014-2015.



Rally Day

You are cordially invited to share with us on **Sunday, September 7th**, as Arcade UCC, Congregational celebrates Rally Day! The day begins at 9

AM, 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 at **10:30 am** (summer hours are over!).

Spread the word, invite your family, friends and neighbors! Our Sunday School Program can only be a success with YOU! Come, join us for our fall "kick-off", won't you??

Blessed: To Be a Blessing

Syllogism: Form of reasoning in which two statements are made and a logical conclusion is drawn. Eg. It is raining: the porch has no roof; therefore, the porch will get wet!

Modification of above:

I am blessed, therefore, I will be a blessing!

or

I have been blessed, therefore, I have been a blessing!

or

If I am blessed, therefore, I should be a blessing!

or

Have I been blessed, therefore, have I been a blessing?

or

I am blessed, therefore, I am a blessing!

Which of the above describes you most of the time? Or is it:

I am blessed, therefore, have I been a blessing?

Blessed: To Be a Blessing is the theme of the 2014-15 Stewardship campaign at Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational. Most of us have experienced blessings: sunshine and rain to make our lawns, flowers, and gardens grow; healthy children and grandchildren; safe trips – long and short; friends in time of joy and sorrow; the painless death of a loved one; God's endless forgiveness; answered prayer. You get the idea and could easily add to these examples from experience.

How about the second part? When have I **been** a blessing? Do I share my bounty (blessing) before I've used all I can? Do I comment positively about the sunshine (blessing) or prate on and on about life's disappointments? Are acquaintances and strangers blessed by my ready smile and can-do attitude (blessing) or do I offer a negative response?

As you reflect on the **Blessed: To Be a Blessing** theme and what your pledge response will be, please consider how you are **blessed** and how you should show it.

Are you **blessed** by a warm building and plowed sidewalks in the winter?

Thank **Building and Grounds!**

Are you **BLESSED?** Thank **GOD!**



Bible Study

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study will re-gather beginning on **September 10** to resume our study of God's Word.

We will start out the fall term by completing our in-depth look at the life of Christ. Then we will begin a study of Islam.

Everyone is invited to join us as we begin again in September – Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Great Room. It's a great time for discussion, thinking, fellowshiping and learning.

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, September 14th is *Commitment Sunday* at Arcade UCC. During our worship service, everyone will have the opportunity to turn in a commitment card for our 2014-2015 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 20th.

2nd Sunday Pot Luck

Beginning on Sunday, September 14, we will renew our *2nd Sunday Pot Luck* immediately following worship.

This is a time of fellowship and great food, so plan on joining us for dinner the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship. Please bring a dish to share. Table service will be provided as will drinks.

This is a great way to get to know each other a little better!! See you there.

Are you **blessed** by the table conversation at the free community dinners? Thank **Outreach!**

Are you **BLESSED**? Thank **GOD!**

Council Corner

Two Council meetings were held during the month of August. The first on August 4, was devoted in its entirety to reviewing the 2014-15 budget. Suggested amounts were made for benevolences; adjustments were made in the Office/Administration budget based on 2013-14 figures; Committee budget requests were reviewed and some adjustments made.

The second meeting on August 26 was called to order by Council Vice-Chair, Rich Vogt who led the group in prayer. Minutes of the June 24 and August 4 meetings were approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Building request for use of Wetzell Hall on November 8 was approved.

The Policy Review Ad hoc Committee needs at least one new member, possibly two. The proposed concrete slab for the chowder cauldron needs to be completed. The next concert in the UCC Concert Series will be November 9. There is \$1,500 designated to be used for the Meditation Garden between the sanctuary building and the offices. Fall Festival preparations have begun. The Stewardship Committee financial campaign "**Blessed: To Be a Blessing**" has started. A flu shot clinic will be held here on November 5 from 9:30am-1:30pm. A door person is needed for Sunday School.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm following closing prayer by Rich Vogt. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30.

Budget Hearing

On Sunday, September 28, 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 2014-2015.

Please plan on attending this hearing, as we cherish and need your input as the 2014-2015 budget is presented for your approval.

Worship Time

Just a reminder that on Sunday, September 7 our worship time returns to **10:30am**. Please note this time change, which will remain in effect until July 2015.



GERMAN DINNER

Friday, September 19, 2014

4:30pm - ?

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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

- 2 Christian Education – 4pm
- 2 Worship/Music – 6:30pm
- 3, 10, 17, 24 Choir Rehearsal – 6pm
- 4 Outreach – 1pm
- 8 Women's Fellowship – 1pm
- 9 Committee Chairs – 6:30pm
- 10 Workers Union – noon at the home of Lois Anneler. Bring your favorite salad dressing – salad will be provided!
- 16 PAC – 6:30pm
- 19 German Dinner – 4:30 - ?
- 27 Free Community Dinner – 4-6pm
- 28 Budget Hearing – following worship
- 30 Council – 7pm

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, Margaret Homan, Marilyn Pirdy 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 October issue is September 21, 2014.

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.

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9:30am Worship

Quilt Tickets

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

The raffle will take place on Saturday, October 18 at the Fall Harvest Festival.



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

1 Peter 4:10

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