

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational

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October 2015

Wow – it’s fall again – officially! Fall occurs at the autumnal equinox (which this year is September 23 at 4:22 am) when the earth’s two hemispheres are receiving the sun’s rays equally, so night and day are approximately equal in length. The name ‘equinox’ comes from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). Fall (or autumn) marks the formal transition from [summer](#) into [winter](#), though according to United States tradition, autumn runs from the day after [Labor Day](#) (i.e. the Tuesday following the first Monday of September) through [Thanksgiving](#) (i.e. the fourth Thursday in November), after which the [holiday season](#) that demarcates the unofficial beginning of winter begins.

For me, of all the seasons of the year, I really enjoy fall the most. We have an artistic array of colors as the trees and other vegetation turn various hues of red, orange, yellow intertwined with green; we reap the rewards of our hard (yet enjoyable) work throughout the year as our gardens and fields bring forth their bounty of fruits and vegetables; we are invigorated by cooler temperatures and still beautiful sunshiny days, empowering us to do those things we choose to do (like just being outdoors or taking walks) as well as those things we really have to do (like preparing our lawns/gardens/homes, etc. for the impending winter months). But fall is my favorite, for another perhaps more significant, reason. Fall reminds me of the church and our Christianity!

Like the transformation of colors we see at fall, in the church we have a vast variety of people. Just as is true with fall coloration (and snowflakes) no two persons are exactly alike. Some are big, others small; some are happy and some are not; some are energetic and some not quite so much; everyone has their own individual talents and gifts given them by their Creator; there are a great variety of colors represented in the church (and with colors also ethnicities, languages, customs, orientations and traditions). I am reminded of the passage the Apostle Paul shared with those of the Galatian Church as he states that once you have “clothed yourself with Christ”, *there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus* (Gal 3.28).

As we enjoy the fruits of our labors (and God’s) from our fields and gardens, so are we blessed with the “fruits” harvested from the talents and gifts God gives to the church. Maybe it’s in the form of outstanding music or eloquent speakers; perhaps it is through the efforts of those who seem to have unlimited energy doing a plethora of church tasks (like maintenance issues or dinners or serving on committees and positions of authority/leadership); maybe it’s the friendliness and warmth of our sisters and brothers each time we come together in worship and/or fellowship. It is by working **together** in and by the Spirit of God that these fruits are made available to us all. Once again as Paul writes to the Galatians, we hear: *if you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit* (Gal 6.8).

Like the invigoration given us by fall’s moderate temperatures and sun-drenched skies, so does the church and following Jesus Christ invigorate us! Now, I’m not just talking about the feelings of serenity, peace and safety which we get as we congregate each Lord’s Day in our sanctuary. I’m speaking of the power, the energy, the direction and motivation we receive in our lives each and every day by and through our dedication and faithfulness to Christ. Luke tells us in the book of *Acts* that *you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you* (Acts 1.8). It is this power we receive that enables us to do the missions, teach and evangelize, support with our time, talents and treasures the kingdom of God through the Church of Jesus Christ.

Winters are cold and snowy, springs are wet and muddy, summers are hot and sticky, but falls are pleasant and invigorating. Likewise, the church and our faith in Jesus Christ! We, in our diversity, are empowered with the Holy Spirit and thereby invigorated to share the Good News in all the ways Christ leads so that our toils might be recompensed with fruits that deepen our commitment while leading others to salvation’s door.

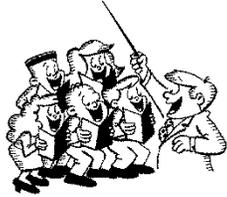
May you experience the joy of being Christ’s disciple while enjoying a most blessed and glorious fall!!

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.

October Bible Readings

4	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26 Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	18	Job 38:1-7 (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24 Heb 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
11	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15 Heb 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	25	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) Heb 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

October Greeters

4	Wally & Liz Lowth	18	Margaret Homan & Sharon Hawley
11	Randy & Debi Lutz	25	Penny Rutledge & Margaret Homan

October Readers

4	Darwin Anneler	18	Sheila Vrenna
11	Lois Anneler	25	

October Nursery Schedule

4	Denielle Romance	18	Amy Tillinghast
11	Kathy May	25	

October Worship Coordinators

4	Margaret Homan	18	Shirley Kriedeman
11	Bev Giles	25	Harv Roll

October Birthdays

1	Sarah Czesak	18	Nicholas Tillinghast
2	Michael Ferry	19	Kylie Karpinski
6	Charles Newman	21	Liz Lowth
9	Art Gilbert	22	Debbie Wood
9	Jeri Hobin	23	Phyllis Pierce
9	Nicholas Taylor	27	Roxanne Tuttle
16	Michael Sopic	30	Darwin Anneler
18	Connie Roll	31	Kristin Sledge

October Anniversaries

- 6 John & Vanessa Adams – 8 yrs.
- 6 Lee & Marilyn Piridy – 64 yrs.
- 6 Tadd & Shannon King – 8 yrs.
- 14 John & JoAnn Sixt – 54 yrs.
- 16 Ron & Sandy Deinhart – 11 yrs.
- 23 Mike & Bev Giles – 11 yrs.
- 26 Gary & Martha Bray – 47 yrs.

Worship in October:

October 4: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Sacrament of Holy Communion

October 11: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Global Mission Sunday

October 18: 21st Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday

October 25: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Mark 10: 46-52
Sermon: *How To Call For Help*

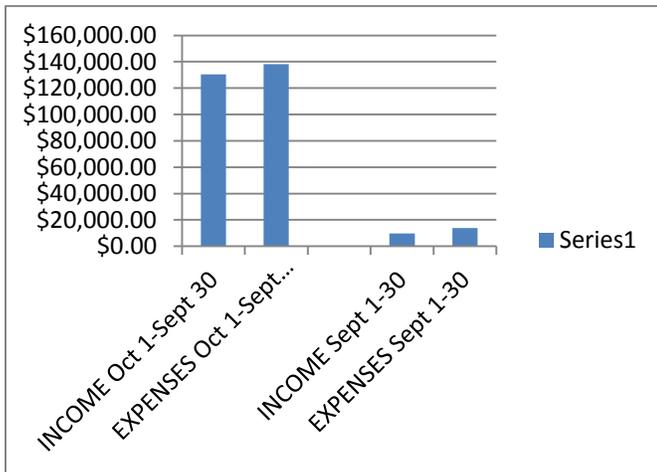
Pastor's Fund

During the month of September, donations to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund were received from 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.).

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



September was an expensive month. Our non-pass-through expenditures included \$7,469.23 pastor's salary and benefits; \$2,476.38 other salaries; \$1,067.09 elevator service; \$1,000 sanctuary piano maintenance; \$376.34 insurance; \$320 village utilities; \$224.69 copier lease; \$204 gas bills; \$163.50 travel; \$160 cleaning; \$121.83 UCC desk calendars; \$84.38 phone bills; \$80.97 school kit bags; \$60 sanctuary computer service; \$56.71 Advent materials; and \$32 online service.

WE NEED YOUR PLEDGE!

Our annual Commitment Sunday took place on September 13. We are grateful to the many people who made pledges for the 2015-16 fiscal year on that Sunday or later in September. It appears, however, that several people who made pledges in 2014-15 have not done so for 2015-16. This has left us far behind the amount we need to fulfill our mission in 2015-16.

We finished the 2014-15 fiscal year on September 30 with a deficit of \$7,909.18. Although this was less than half of the 2013-14 deficit, we cannot continue to pile up deficits at this rate.

The Council has been working on the 2015-16 budget since July, and every effort has been made to keep our expenses down and our income up. The Council will hold a special meeting on October 8 to put the finishing touches on the proposed budget that will be presented to our members at the annual meeting on October 25. If additional pledges have not been received by then, the Council will be forced to make some tough decisions.

2nd Sunday Pot Luck

On Sunday, October 11, we will enjoy 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 and drinks will be provided. This is a great way to get to know each other a little better!! See you there.

Neighbors in Need

Our annual special denominational offering for *Neighbors In Need* will be received during the month of October.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is the church's financial commitment to justice and compassion throughout the United States. NIN is distributed to a wide array of congregations and nonprofits working for justice and helping their neighbors in their communities and across the country. The most powerful thing about NIN is that our gifts are pooled. They can have a bigger effect in a far larger number of areas than individual gifts.

It is our hope that you look at NIN offering not as yet another request for our hard earned money, but rather, an **opportunity** to assist in a very real and meaningful way our sisters and brothers throughout our United States. In the past, our congregation received a NIN grant for \$1000 to assist with the Community Dinners.

Please consider giving prayerfully and generously for this very special and worthwhile cause.

WORKERS UNION

The September meeting of Workers Union was held at the home of Gwen St. John. Lunch was served by Sharon Hawley and Gwen prior to the meeting.

After prayers were said, joys and concerns were shared. A joy for all was to have Pastor Bob returning from his sabbatical!

Money was allocated for Neighbors in Need. The giving of pennies for Pennies for People was in the amount of \$40. There is a collection jar in the narthex for Pennies for People and pennies are always welcome!

Margaret Homan brought the quilt made by Women's Fellowship for all to see and then read a whimsical story, "Quilt Makers City." A pleasant afternoon was shared despite a rainy day.

The next meeting of Workers Union is November 11 at 1pm at the church. All women of the church are welcome!

Gwen St. John, Secretary

**202nd Annual Meeting
of the United Church of Christ, Cong.**

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Immediately following worship in our sanctuary.

At this time our Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 will be acted upon, the nominees for church officers and committee members will be voted upon, and any other business which comes before us will be addressed. PLEASE make every effort to be with us on this day.

Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 25 is Reformation Sunday which marks a very significant event in our Protestant Christianity. This day commemorates October 31, 1517 when Martin Luther nailed his *95 Theses* (points which he desired to talk about with the church leaders) to the door of the church at Wittenburg, Germany. It was this seemingly simple act which prompted what we call the Protestant Reformation, leading to the formation over time of the many denominations we call Protestant (protest-ants: as opposed to Catholic). I invite you to take a moment on Oct. 31 to reflect upon what this reformation of the church means to you!



Fall Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 17, 2015

Doors Open 11:00am

United Church of Christ, Cong.

Corner of Church & Main Sts.
Arcade, NY 14009

*Chowder, Cider & Doughnuts, Basket
Auction, Crafts and Bake Sale, Quilt Raffle*

Drawings at 3:00pm

(Need not be present for drawing)

For more information, call 585-492-4530

Building is Handicapped Accessible

October Gatherings

10/2, 3, & 4 - Hope Lutheran Church Quilt Show – October 2 – 11am-8pm, October 3 – 10am – 4pm, October 4 – 11:30am – 4pm. Chicken & Biscuit Luncheon, Craft and Bake Sale, Door Prizes, Quilts on Exhibit and Quilting Demonstrations.

- 5 Women's Fellowship – 1pm
- 6 Worship/Music – 6:30pm
- 7 Outreach – 1pm
- 7, 14, 21, 28 – Choir – 6pm
- 14, 21, 28 – Bible Study – 7pm
- 8 Council – 7pm
- 14 Building & Grounds – 7pm
- 17 Fall Festival – 11am – 3pm
- 25 202nd Annual Meeting – following worship
- 27 Council – 7pm
- 31 Community Dinner – 4-6pm

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 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 November issue is October 25, 2015.

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9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship

On the Lighter Side....

Maybe something to consider for Pastor Bob's next sabbatical??!

Dear Reverend,

We are sure that you have come across our extremely successful products already.

Among our lines are cardboard police cars to discourage speeding and cardboard policemen to deter shoplifters, as well as other standard lines.

Following on the success of these, we are pleased to announce that we can now supply cardboard clergy.

The cardboard minister is invaluable for hard-pressed clergy who need a holiday. It is life-sized and comes in progressive, middle-of-the road and Tridentine models. It is especially effective when stood behind the lectern.

Field trials have shown that when the cardboard clergy was installed without the congregation knowing, 40% of those later questioned had noticed no difference, 25% said there had been considerable improvement.

Soon we hope to have available a cardboard Bishop which can be placed in the Diocese while the real Bishop is away in Canterbury.

Trial models have been installed for some time in the Bishop's conference without being detected. One is even said to have made a short, excellent speech related to its topic.

Work on a cardboard Dean has, unfortunately, been abandoned. Market research demonstrated that since nobody actually wants the real thing, there would not be much demand for the cardboard substitute.

However, our cardboard congregation is now on the market and selling well! Its response to homilies is indistinguishable from the real thing and it has the positive advantage that when volunteers are called for, nobody makes a dash for the door. In some churches, there has even been a marked improvement in the singing.

Yours faithfully,

C. Board
Marketing Director



Please join us to celebrate the 9th Decade of

Chuck Newman

Open House @ Arcade VFW

**Sunday, October 11
1-4pm**

**Please no gifts, just stop in and visit.
Cards would be great!**



Sunday, October 4, marks a very significant celebration in the Christian community throughout the world. It is World Communion Sunday – the day *all* Christians over the globe share in the Sacrament of

Holy Communion thereby expressing their unity through the source of this meal – Jesus the Christ.

You are invited to join with us in worship this special day and become one through the Holy Spirit with all our sisters and brothers over the globe as we dine at the Divine Table together.

Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 18 is Laity Sunday – a day we celebrate the gifts and talents of our laity in the church.

We plan to have several lay people lead our worship service this day, sharing their God-given gifts with us as we gather in praise and worship of our Triune God.

Please come to hear these special talents and to support your sisters and brothers.

