

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

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October 2020

Hi Church –

I will once again use this space to update you on what is happening concerning the reopening of the church building, but there is also some additional important information at the end as well, so please read through the article if you have time.

Concerning reopening:

On Thursday, September 24th, the Council and myself voted unanimously to move to Step 2 of our building reopening process. What does this mean for you? The biggest change between Steps 1 and 2 is the number of people that are allowed to be in the building at one time. That number has increased to 23. In-person worship services are still currently suspended; however, a short-term reopening committee was created by the Church Council consisting of four members of the Council, four members of the Worship and Music committee, and myself. The Council has entrusted the reopening committee to take the necessary steps and precautions to reopen the church building in the near future and has given them the power to make decisions to make the reopening of the church building as safe and efficient as possible.

In previous newsletter articles, I have attempted to explain what coming to church at Arcade UCC during the age of COVID would look like. The best way I can describe it is that it will be almost exactly like watching the live service on Facebook, only the sermon, readings, and prayers would be seen live. The music will still be prerecorded and projected onto the screen, along with the words for the different parts of the service. Unfortunately, there will be no chance to congregate or join together to chat inside the church building, and everyone will be asked to maintain social distancing and wear a mask at all times while inside the building. An email is forthcoming if you haven't received it already that lays out more information about what church will look like. Once again, we thank you for working with us through this time as we have been diligently working to maintain safety and caution during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Now, the additional important information:*

Friends, I want to implore you to make sure that you are registered to vote and that you have a plan to vote in the upcoming election. As a church community, we will never endorse one candidate over the other, but we will encourage you to pray, reflect, and discern prior to casting your ballot. Theologian Diana Butler Bass wrote a great article recently in which she included the words:

Pray daily for specific issue[s] or candidate[s] . . . find gratitude in the midst of [prayer] for truth tellers, activists, courageous voters, politicians who care for the common good, for those willing to take risks. For exhausted campaign workers, brave preachers, overworked parents. Say thank you to God, to the universe, to your friends and neighbors.

The right and ability to vote is fundamentally important to a functioning democracy. I have included information below on where to go to register to vote, places where you can vote early based off of what county you reside in, and how to find your polling place. If you need any more information or help, please let me know.

Voting Information:

Register to vote (Must be registered by Oct. 9 to vote in this year's elections):

<https://www.ny.gov/services/register-vote>

Find your polling place:

<https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

Early Voting (*Wyoming County*):

Wyoming County Early Voting Site

Wyoming County Board of Elections

4 Perry Ave, Warsaw NY 14569

585-786-8931

- Saturday October 24th – 10AM until 3PM
- Sunday October 25th – 10 AM until 3PM
- Monday October 26th - 8AM until 4PM
- Tuesday October 27th- 8AM until 4PM
- Wednesday October 28th- 8AM until 8PM
- Thursday October 29th– 8AM until 8PM
- Friday October 30th– 8AM until 4PM
- Saturday October 31st – 10AM until 3PM
- Sunday November 1st – 10 AM until 3PM

Early Voting (*Cattaraugus County*)

Cattaraugus County Early Voting Sites

Cattaraugus County Board of Elections

207 Rock City Street, Little Valley, NY **OR**

Jamestown Community College Olean Campus,

Cutco Building Magnano Room

305 North Barry Street, Olean, NY

- Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm
- Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm
- Monday, October 26, 2020 from noon to 8 pm
- Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 10 am to 6 pm
- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 from noon to 8 pm
- Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 10 am to 6 pm
- Friday, October 30, 2020 from 10 am to 6 pm
- Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm
- Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm

Early Voting (*Allegany County*)

Allegany County Early Voting Site

Allegany County Board of Elections

8 Willets Ave

Belmont, NY 14813

- Saturday, October 24: 9a-2p
- Sunday, October 25: 9a-2p
- Monday, October 26: 8:30a-8p
- Tuesday, October 27: 8a-4p
- Wednesday, October 28: 8:30a-8p
- Thursday, October 29: 8a-4p
- Friday, October 30: 8a-4p
- Saturday, October 31: 9a-2p
- Sunday, November 1: 9a-2p



October Birthdays

2 Michael Ferry	19 Kylie Karpinski
4 Bill Craft	21 Liz Lowth
9 Jeri Hobin	23 Phyllis Pierce
9 Nick Taylor	27 Roxanne Tuttle
12 Keith St. John	30 Darwin Anneler
16 Michael Sopic	30 Avery Gertis
18 Connie Roll	31 Kristin Sledge
18 Nick Tillinghast	

October Anniversaries

- 6 – John & Vanessa Adams – 13 years
- 6 - Tadd & Shannon King – 13 years
- 6 - Lee & Marilyn Pirdy – 69 years
- 14 -John & JoAnn Sixt – 59 years
- 23 -Mike & Bev Giles – 16 years



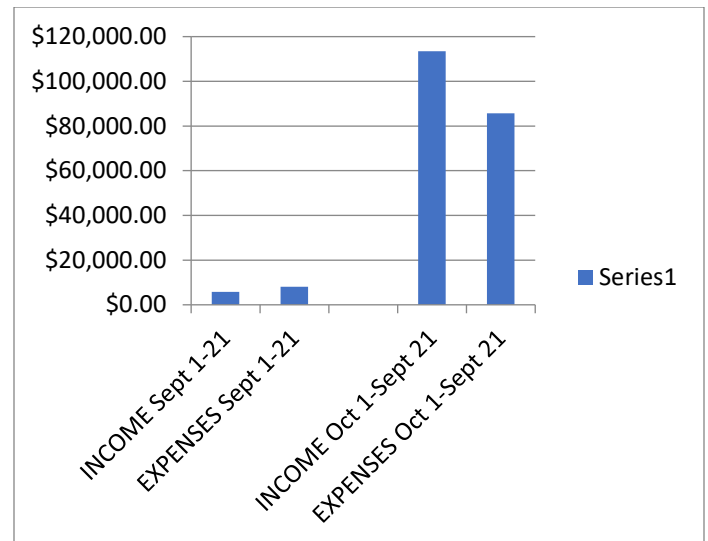
October Bible Readings

- 4** Ex 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Ps 19
Isa 5:1-7 and Ps 80:7-15
Phil 3:4b-14
Matt 21:33-46
- 11** Ex 32:1-14 and Ps 106:1-6, 19-23
Isa 25:1-9, and Ps 23
Phil 4:1-9
Matt 22:1-14
- 18** Ex 33:12-23 and Ps 99
Isa 45:1-7 and Ps 96:1-9, (10-13)
I Thess 1:1-10
Matt 22:15-22
- 25** Deut 34:1-12 and Ps 90:1-6,13-17
Lev 19:1-2, 15-18 and Ps 1
1Thess 2:1-8
Matt 22:34-46

Financial News

Our non-pass-through expenditures from September 1 to September 21 included \$4,698.73 pastor's salary and benefits; \$1,804.13 livestreaming worship technology and related expenses; \$749.63 staff salaries; \$340 village utilities; \$140.25 printer for pastor's office; \$135.39 copier leases; \$135 piano tuning' \$31 New York Conference annual legal counsel fee; \$26 travel; and \$18.55 PayPal charges for online deposits.

Our first pre-order chicken barbecue on September 13 was a success. Sales totaled \$1,377, and an anonymous donor generously paid all of the expenses! Thanks to the committee members who organized this event, and to all of the people who worked on a cold, rainy day.



INCOME Sept 1-21	\$5,793.54
EXPENSES Sept 1-21	\$8,060.13
INCOME Oct 1-Sept 21	\$113,443.17
EXPENSES Oct 1-Sept 21	\$85,663.04

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE



Congratulations to Wyn Roll, who was recently elected to complete an unexpired term on the Arcade Village Board. The election had to be postponed from its original March date due to the pandemic, but Wyn attended the Village Board meetings so he could be up to speed once he was officially elected.



Our new boiler is in! It has been inspected and passed with flying colors! A BIG thank you to Randy and Debi Lutz for their work on the boiler room; cleaning, painting and organizing it! It looks amazing!!

***If anyone has good news they would like in the upcoming issues of the Carillon, please contact Shannon King in the Church office, uccarcade@gmail.com or 585-492-4530.*

In Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bev and Mike Giles and Yolanda Rogers on the passing of Bev's son and Yolanda's brother, Kevin Green, on September 17. Kevin grew up in our church, and he and Paulette raised their sons, Luke and Jared, in Franklinville. We're keeping all of Kevin's family in our thoughts and prayers.



CHOWDER!!

Although we are unable to host our traditional Fall Festival this year due to the Pandemic, we will be serving up our **Beef & Chicken CHOWDER!** Culinary expert Rich and crew will be tending the pot through the night and serving it up on **Saturday, October 17th.**

In order to maintain social distance, this will also be a **Pre-Order**, drive-by pick up event. Orders can be placed and paid for on our FB page or we will have people at the Church on a couple of days-watch our FB page for those dates. The cost of the Chowder is \$8.00/quart.

Live Streaming Services

We will continue to have online services each Sunday at 9:30am through our Facebook page until we are able to reconvene at church. We are now streaming live each Sunday! Visit Arcade United Church of Christ Facebook page to worship together while we are apart! Communion services will be held the first Sunday of each month and Pastor Josh will bless the elements virtually at your own table.

Fall Festival

Chowder Sign-up Sheet For October 17, 2020

Please Contact Vanessa @ 716-258-1022 with what you are donating, she will let you know if it is still needed.

Donations may be dropped off during office hours: Tuesdays 2-6 or Thursdays 10-2 (there will be a cart in the library)

Please have all donations to the church by
10/11/20

2- #10 cans of Corn

1. _____
2. _____

1- #10 can of Green Beans

1. _____

2-#10 cans of Whole Tomatoes

1. _____
2. _____

1-#10 can of Tomato Puree

1. _____

1-#10 can of Peas OR 7 bags of 16oz frozen

1. _____

1- (15-16oz.) can of Tomato Paste

1. Vanessa

1- #10 can of Creamed Corn

1. _____

10 lbs of Carrots

2 lbs _____

2 lbs _____

2 lbs _____

2 lbs _____

2 lbs _____

7 lbs of Onions

3 lbs _____

2 lbs _____

2 lbs _____

3 Bunches of Celery

1 bunch _____

1 bunch _____

1 bunch _____

1 Head of Cabbage

1. _____

25 lbs of Potatoes

5 lb bag _____

5 lb bag _____

5 lb bag _____

5 lb bag _____

5 lb bag _____

25 lbs of Chicken- *Monetary Donation*

Please give to Vanessa

(\$10) _____ Kim C. _____

(\$10) _____ Debi L. _____

(\$10) _____ Kim C. _____

(\$10) _____ Vanessa A. _____

(\$10) _____ Debi L. _____

(\$10) _____ Vanessa A. _____

25 lbs of Chuck Roast- *Monetary Donation Please Drop off at the church ATTN. VANESSA*

(\$20) _____

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(\$20) _____

(\$10) _____

(\$20) _____

(\$10) _____

5 lbs of Bones

5 lbs Rich

15 Gallons of Beef Broth

Fall Festival Committee

15 Gallons of Chicken Broth

Fall Festival Committee

Nominations for Annual Meeting 2020-21

PASTOR

Josh Bower

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Charles W. Hobbs

OFFICERS: (Elected Annually)

Moderator:

Debi Lutz

Clerk:

Liz Lowth

Assistant Clerk:

Helena Vogt

Treasurer:

Jeff Mason

Assistant Treasurer:

Margaret Homan

Financial Secretary:

Amy Tillinghast

Assistant Financial Secretary:

Randy Lutz

Historian:

Jeff Mason

CHURCH COUNCIL

Term Ending 2021

Wally Lowth Kim Common

Term Ending 2022

Deb Wood Bill Schaper

Term Ending 2023

Dirk Norwich Vanessa Adams

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Deb Wood

DELEGATES (Elected Annually)

UCC State Conference

Vanessa Adams

UCC Western Area (4)

Vanessa Adams

Ginger Comstock

Dirk Norwich

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Pioneer Assoc. of Churches (PAC)

Margaret Homan

Shirley Kriedeman

COMMITTEES (Elected &/or Appointed Annually)

Endowment:

10/2021 Randy Lutz, Margaret Homan,

Gwen St. John

10/2022 Molly Holland

10/2023 Bev Giles

Memorials:

Debi Lutz, Molly Holland, Bill Schaper

STANDING COMMITTEES (at least 4 elected annually, each for a maximum of 5 years)

Outreach: Sheila Vrenna, Wally Lowth, Kim Common, Dirk Norwich, Jo Sixt, Cherry Carl, Margaret Homan, Ginger Comstock

Worship/Music: Vanessa Adams, Rich Vogt, Ginger Comstock, Helena Vogt, Jamey Craft, Dona Roll (ex-officio)

Christian Education: Liz Lowth, Shannon King, Vanessa Adams, Dona Roll, Jim Vrenna, Sheila Vrenna, Rich Vogt, Debi Lutz

Stewardship: Pastor Josh Bower, Shannon King

Building & Grounds: Mike Giles, Randy Lutz, Bill Schaper, Lary Schaefer, Wally Fridman, Debi Lutz, Darwin Anneler

Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ A Success!

Despite the nasty weather, Arcade UCC held their first pre-order, drive-thru chicken bbq on Sunday, September 13 and they were sold out! Thank you to everyone who placed orders, organized the fundraiser, and helped out the day of the drive-thru! And a HUGE thank you to an anonymous donor who paid all the expenses! We hope everyone enjoyed their chicken as they cheered on the Bills!



New Sign Outside of Arcade UCC



We're very excited about our new sign outside of the church! In this faith community, no matter who you are, where you are from, or where you are on life's journey, we're glad that you're our neighbor!



Pastor Josh Office Hours at the Church

**Tentatively: Tuesdays 2-6pm
and Thursdays 10am-2pm**

Anyone who would like to stop in during these times, please email Pastor Josh at Joshua.bower39@gmail.com to schedule a meeting. Please also follow physical distancing and mask rules during the meeting time. Thank you!



Committee Reports

Outreach Committee September Minutes

Present: Sheila Vrenna, Jo Sixt, Dirk Norwich, Ginger Comstock, Cherry Carl, and Kim Common

Call to Order, Cares and Concerns: Meeting began 7:15PM Review of Minutes: Reviewed and passed

OLD BUSINESS:

- Community Supper: Still on hold
- Shepherd's Program and Letter Writers: Continue to remain busy.
- Visitations: As previously we are unable to provide this service.
- Open for Prayer and Coffee Break: We remain unable to meet but continue to make calls as an attempt to reach out to our congregants. Pastor Josh has begun office hours.
- Plymouth Crossroads: a collection for them was encouraged during the month of August with a check expected to be sent sometime in September.
- Food Pantry: Sheila has been in contact off and on with Roger Roper who has stated he will keep Sheila advised of their need.
- Picnic in the park went well
- Lisa is unable to do the free haircuts for Pioneer students due to her Roswell schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

- With the success of the service in the park a second one is planned for Sept. 20, 2020.
- Sheila will compile the annual report with committee members having time to review prior to submission. Cherry volunteered to do this service next year.
- There was discussion with regard to how we might continue with the Nov. food collection at Brass's to support the food pantry.
- Plans are being made to continue with the "reverse Advent" calendar consisting of 1 food item per day set aside with volunteers to arrange pickup of these items from those who wish to participate.
- Committee chair as well as the recording secretary positions are available to anyone with an interest in filling these!

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:

- Next meeting will be a zoom meeting Oct. 13, 2020 pending feedback from Pastor Josh.
- Ginger moved to adjourn with Jo a second.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Common

Building and Grounds Committee August Minutes

Old Business:

- 1] The Spirea shrubs around the front and sides of the church were pruned again.
- 2] The Children's garden was weeded and mulched.
- 3] The Wetzel Hall basement windows were painted.
- 4] The old boiler was removed and a new, more efficient wall boiler was installed.
- 5] The lawns were mowed.

New Business:

- 1] The window on the Church entrance and the women's fellowship closet basement window will be painted.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Giles - Chairman

Worship & Music September Minutes

Meeting on September 3 at 7pm. Opening devotions and prayer by Vanessa. Budget review and discussion – consensus approval.

- Pastor Josh out of town on 9/27 – will pre-record service on 9/24 at 10am. Bulletins are finished through Oct. 4, but his seminary schedule will require help on our part. Discussed Blessing of the Backpacks. Reminder of Pastor Josh's office hours – send an email or text to let him know if you want to stop in.
- Worship – Ryan will not re-up for next year's Committee but can pop in for media stuff. Welcome Jamey to Committee! Still recruiting one more member. Picnic recap – 50 adults, 4 children. Awesome picnic. Thanks to all who made it possible. Pastor Josh reported the peak live views were 12 at one time, 1040 total minutes viewed. Discussed another outdoor service without picnic. Discussed possibility of in-person budget hearing.
- Music – Discussion regarding Christmas. Lots of music webinars coming up to teach

how to use programs. Suggestion to have choir start recording some Christmas hymns. Choir has been talking about how to do this. Discussion about Cantata.

- Next meeting – October 1 at 7pm. Closing prayer by Pastor Josh. Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Council Corner **September 24, 2020 – 6:00pm**

Devotions – Shared by Rich Vogt – reflections on his past 9 years on Council. Bill Schaper thanked Rich for his time, service and dedication to our church on behalf of the entire Council. Thank you, Rich!

Celebrations and concerns were shared and the Consent Agenda was approved.

Discussion Agenda –

Pastor's Report - Book Study, consisting of 10 people on Zoom has gone very well. The upcoming week will be the last week of the current book - starting a new book soon. Our second outdoor service on September 20 went very well again with 33 people in attendance. Pastor is talking with others regarding creating our own church's logo (for t-shirts, our videos, etc.) Council supports this decision and Pastor will move forward

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – Rich Vogt will be joining the committee.

Old Business:

By-laws – Pastor Josh and Debi worked on a more accurate description of the Moderator's duties. This will need to be voted on by congregation – possibly at Annual Meeting or another opportunity.

Reopening – **Bill Schaper made the motion to move to Step 2 as of tonight, 9/24/2020. Deb Wood seconded the motion and the motion was accepted unanimously with 9 votes.** A short-term committee was created consisting of 4 members from both Council and Worship & Music to be the "Re-opening Committee." The committee members include: Pastor Josh Bower, Bill Schaper, Wally Lowth, Debi Lutz and Kim Common from Council, and Vanessa Adams and Rich Vogt from Worship & Music. Dona Roll and Ryan Bechdel will be asked to join as well from Worship & Music. Bill would like to meet next week and have Pastor create a new video right away. An email will be

sent to all who attend services explaining how in-person services will work and ask for a response from everyone regarding their interest in coming back.

Sign Board – \$5600 for the sign with the appropriate resolution and \$800 to install. 60% down at the time of order. A 20 amp line will need to be run. Will check to see if we can add the church name/logo at a later time. Timeframe is about 5 weeks out. **Debi Lutz made the motion for Bill to move forward to order the outside LED sign board. Dirk Norwich seconded and the motion was moved unanimously with 9 votes.**

Finalize plan for Annual Meeting – Re-opening committee can decide this. In person or if not, phone call voting. We can begin announcing the meeting beginning on Oct. 4 or 11

New Business:

F.I.S.H. – Vanessa would like to meet with the two active (and hopefully third) members of FISH every Sunday in the Great Room at 10am. Pastor could join them after services.

Chowder Sale, the Proposed Budget and the Nominations Report were all discussed.

Pastor Josh led the group in closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.. **Next meeting will be held: October 22, 2020 at 6:00pm.**



The Carillon

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by a committee of three – Audrey Erick, Margaret Homan, 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 November issue is October 20, 2020.

We welcome articles and written pieces from our congregation! For this reason, we need to add the disclaimer that the views written in the Carillon are not necessarily the views of the Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational, but are those of the individuals who write the submissions.

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