



# The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

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**October 2022**

In 1973, the band Aerosmith released their first single to radio stations across the nation. The struggling band was on the verge of being dropped by their record label when the sounds of “Dream On” started to be sent to the ears of radio listeners. That one song catapulted to number 6 on the Billboard Hot 100 and saved the career of Steven Tyler and his band that had been struggling to break onto the scene. And I find it meaningful that the band finally began to make it in the music industry with a song that has lyrics that say: ***Dream on, dream on, dream on, Dream until your dreams come true.***

*Dream on...* Friends, the last few years have been a difficult time to dream. When a pandemic threatens our lives, the lives of our family members, and the lives of our friends, it can be difficult to look toward the future. I don’t know about you, but at the height of the pandemic, I was thanking God that we had just made it through another week. Who has time to dream when our immediate needs are so threatened? When a crisis hits, looking toward the future is often the last thing that we do; we are caught up in the moment, looking to help, serve, and survive in any way that we can.

*Dream on...* While recognizing that covid is still very much around us, we can be thankful that there are now treatments in place that can help those who are most vulnerable. We are moving past the immediate need stage and into a world that, whether it wants to admit it or not, is still scared and hurting from the last few years. What is our role in that world as a church community that is committed to love and affirmation?

*Dream on...* The world is changing. Priorities are changing. The way people interact with one another is changing. How do we fit as a church within the changing world? If we refuse to change, then are we truly being responsible stewards of what God has given us? How do we need to be willing to adapt and change the “way things have always been done” to better serve our community and our world?

*Dream until your dreams come true... I want to invite you to come to Arcade UCC’s Annual Congregational Meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> as we set aside intentional time during the meeting to dream about the future of the church.* What are some positive things you would like to see happen in the church as we look 1, 5, 10 years into the future? What ideas do you have for sharing the inclusive love and light of Christ to our community and our world? What attainable goals can we put into place to make those dreams a reality? How are you being called to lead and serve to make these dreams come true?

There are a lot of open-ended questions that I’ve left you with, but God is in those open spaces. Take time to dream, take time to pray, take time to listen, take time to *just be*. And I would invite you to bring what you find in those spaces with you to the annual meeting as we positively share our dreams for the future.

Happy Dreaming,  
Pastor Josh



**October Birthdays**

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Christopher Mahiques | 18 Nick Tillinghast |
| 2 Michael Ferry        | 19 Kylie Karpinski  |
| 4 Bill Craft           | 21 Liz Lowth        |
| 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   |

**October Anniversaries**

- 6 – John & Vanessa Adams – 15 years
- 6 - Lee & Marilyn Piridy – 71 years
- 14 -John & JoAnn Sixt – 61 years
- 23 -Mike & Bev Giles – 18 years

**October Bible Readings**

- 2** Lam 1:1-6 and Lam 3:19-26 or **Ps 137**  
Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps 37:1-9  
2 Tim 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10
- 9** **Jer 29:1, 4-7** and Ps 66:1-12  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Ps 111  
2 Tim 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19
- 16** Jer 31:27-34 and Ps 119:97-104  
Gen 32:22-31 and Ps 121  
2 Tim 3:14-4:5  
**Luke 18:1-8**
- 23** Joel 2:23-32 and Ps 65  
Sirach 35:12-17 or Jer 14:7-10, 19-22  
2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18  
**Luke 18:9-14**
- 30** Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Ps 119:137-144  
Isa 1:10-18 and Ps 32:1-7  
2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12  
**Luke 19:1-10**



**Upcoming Important Dates at a Glance**

- **Fall Festival – Sat., Oct. 8, beginning at 11 am**
  - **Annual Meeting – Sunday, Oct. 30, following service**
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**NY/HELP UPDATES**

Our work in Honduras continues, but we are in need of funds! ♥♥♥♥

We had begun creating a new middle school and satellite clinic in one of the other villages of the tribe, Mescales in 2020. The needs of the community have surpassed a one-room clinic, and the new plans call for three rooms. With this space, the people will have access to routine medical care close to where they live. To walk to La Laguna, for either medical care or school takes about 2½ hours and is sometimes unsafe.

The cost of this new clinic is expected to be around \$9000 USD. Unfortunately, donations have dropped off considerably since the time of COVID and we don't have enough funds to help create this important new space! As we all know, prices have increased everywhere, and medical supplies as well as building materials cost more now than they used to. Please consider helping our mission in Honduras with a gift. The donation information is below. ♥♥♥♥♥♥

***NY/HELP Honduras c/o Arcade UCC  
PO Box 95  
Arcade, NY 14009***

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE



*(Left to right) Dr. Stu Dorfman, Nancy Dorfman, Ginger Comstock, Dona Roll and Harvey Roll (front) were some of those in attendance with ties to Arcade UCC*

*Submitted by Jeff Mason, Church Historian*

The late Dr. Gordon Comstock was one of three people honored at the Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Foundation's Garden Party at the Springville Country Club on September 6. Several current and former church members were part of the large gathering, and eloquent tributes to Gordon were provided by Ginger Comstock and Dr. Lori Hudzinski, one of Gordon's colleagues. For the audience members who didn't know Gordon, they learned about his vast medical knowledge and his selfless devotion to his patients, both locally and in his "other practice" in the remote mountains of Honduras.



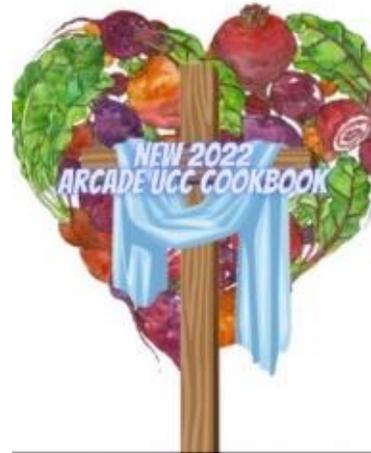
*Sharon Hawley and Diane Szpak were among the many women of the Women's Fellowship to make homemade chocolate candy to sell at the Fall Festival. (Photo credited to Ginger Comstock)*



*Bill Craft was one of many who helped with sales of the Buffalo Bills basket raffle tickets for the Fall Festival at Arcade Market. (Photo credit to Jamey Craft)*

*\*\*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](mailto:uccarcade@gmail.com) or 585-492-4530.*

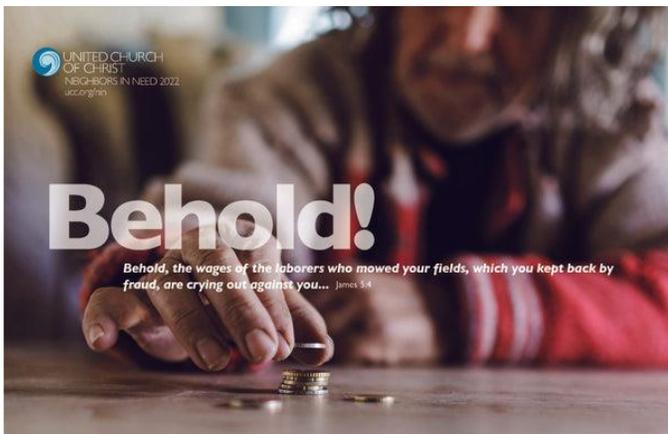
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*Artwork by Carter Call*

## The 2022 Arcade UCC Cookbook Has Arrived!

**The cookbooks are now available for purchase in Wetzel Hall. \$15 each. They will be sold to the public at the Fall Festival.**



## Arcade Area Food Pantry

The food pantry located at the United Methodist Church on the corner of Pearl and Main Streets is open every Monday and Thursday from 12:30-2pm. During this time, bags of food are brought out to the vehicles.

On the following dates, a food truck will be at the Arcade Village Park from 10am -12pm in lieu of the pantry being open at the Methodist church:  
Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 15

The Hope Lutheran Satellite Food Pantry is also open to all families in the community on the following dates:  
Oct. 5, 4-7pm  
Oct. 15, 9-11am  
Nov. 2, 4-7pm  
Nov. 19, 9-11am

Anyone in need is welcome! Please spread the word!



In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on an economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens. Join us by promoting this year's NIN "Behold!" campaign at your church. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

**Most churches collect the offering on October 2, 2022** as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time. Use the link below to donate online or watch for Neighbors in Need offering envelopes coming soon in Sunday bulletins.

<https://support.ucc.org/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/neighbors-in-need/neighbors-in-need-donation>



## **FallFest News!**

*Saturday, October 8, 2022*

*Beginning at 11 am*

Chowder, Basket Raffle, and all the usuals!

This year's FallFest will happen on

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Doors open at 11:00 am and Ticket

Drawing will begin at 3:00

**(Ticket Booths will close at 2:15 this year)**

Reverse Bingo begins at 2:30

**\*\*\*\*\*New this year!\*\*\*\*\***

### **Fall Fest Emporium!**

**Featuring seasonal crafts, collectible dolls  
the Bills basket and more!**

### **BUFFALO BILLS**

### **BASKET RAFFLE!**

Basket includes a Josh Allen Jersey along with other Bills' items valued at more than \$350.00!

Tickets are now available from Vanessa Adams, Debi Lutz, or Deb Wood, at Arcade Marketplace, Crabb Oil and of course, at FallFest for \$10.00 each.

**Also New This Year, credit cards will be accepted for most items!**

## **Quilt Tickets**

### **Women's Fellowship Scholarship Fund**

Be sure to get your quilt raffle tickets! This beautiful handmade quilt was created by Kathy May. Her talent is undeniable!! The material was given to Kathy by Pastor Sue Hodges with the instructions that it was to be used for the church quilt. Kathy says this is one of her favorite quilts that she has made! Thank you so much, Kathy, for your time and hard work! The raffle will be held at the Fall Festival on Sat., October 8. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See a member of Women's Fellowship to get them!



### ***Fall Fest – Women's Fellowship Highlights***

**Homemade Chocolate Candy  
New 2022 Church Cookbook for sale  
Handmade Quilt Raffle**

**We hope you can join us!**



### Coffee Break/Open for Prayer

From 9-11am each Tuesday, Arcade UCC is hosting a "Coffee Break" for the community. It is held in the church library. Coffee and goodies are served free of charge and the community is welcome to stop by to enjoy good conversation and a hot beverage. Good for the body and soul! Welcome all!

### Live Streaming Services

We continue to have online services each Sunday at 9:30am through our Facebook page if you are unable to join us in person! Join us from anywhere! Worship bulletins are sent via email in advance. If you do not already receive these, please contact the church office to ask to be placed on the email list. (585-492-4530).

### Financial Report

August 2022

**Total Revenue: \$7,318.72**

#### Expenditures:

- Benevolences: 0
- Office/Administration: \$3,003.28
- Pastoral Administration: \$4,775.24
- Worship & Music: \$1,116.57
- Education Ministry: \$300.0
- Outreach Ministry: \$226.32
- Building & Grounds: \$2,299.13
- Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: 0
- Total Expenditures: \$11,720.54**
- Deficit for August \$4,401.82

**As of August 31, 2022**

- YTD Revenue: \$109,381.37**
- YTD Expenditures: \$113,605.56**
- YTD Deficit: \$4,224.19**

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# UPCOMING

MEETINGS

**Save The Dates!**

**Oct**

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**Virtual Budget Hearing**

Do you have questions about our proposed budget? Join us for this virtual hearing on October 17th at 6pm on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 816 2543 0419 Passcode: wnyacic

**Nov**

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**WNYACIC Business Meeting**

In-person Meeting. Location TBD. Date: November 6 Time: Lunch @ 12pm, Meeting @1pm Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, Conference Minister, will be in attendance. Business will include voting on the Budget, Nominations and Annual Reports.

Would your church like to host the annual meeting?

We are looking for a church in the Southtowns to host our November 6th annual meeting. If you are interested, email Rev. Elizabeth Duffy [duffy.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:duffy.pastor@gmail.com) to let her know by September 30th. The host church will receive part of the registration funds to help with the cost of providing lunch for all attendees.

### Keep in Touch!

Want updated information on what's happening in your church? Like to know what's coming up? Join us on Facebook, Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational, or visit our new website with a whole new look, (same address) at [www.arcadeucc.com](http://www.arcadeucc.com) for up-to-date information, pictures, calendar of events and more!



### Communion Sundays

We have communion the first Sunday of each month. Join us in person or set your table at home and Pastor Josh will bless the elements virtually as you participate in communion through live streaming with us.

# Committee Reports

## Outreach Committee

September 11, 2022

Members present: Sheila, Ginger, Jo, Dirk, and Kim  
Minutes reviewed and approved.

• **Community Suppers:** July served 65, took in \$174, spent \$98. Aug. served 70, took in \$100, spent, \$90.35.

• **Shepherd's Program:** Many thanks to Margaret, Jo, Jamey, and Cherry

• **Visitations:** Ginger had a nice visit with Harvey

• **Open for Prayer and Coffee Break:** Continues each Tuesday and is providing a very productive place for open exchange of ideas and for passing along information both church-related and also Arcade in general.

• **Promoting Unity in Our Community:** 1. Ride for Roswell raised \$2825. 2. School supplies give-away: 165 back packs were filled and given to middle and high school students. 3. Picnic in the park went well. There were lots of people and plenty of food. 4. Opioid Overdose Reversal Training: 10 people were trained and given kits for their cars.

• **NEW BUSINESS:** Note to include a big thank you for the front windows in the budget report.

• **Random acts of Kindness:** Pastor Josh will offer a short training session for anyone interested in joining the team.

• **Fall Festival:** Cherry has donated a "cat table" and we will add items for our outreach donation to the festival.

• **Adjournment and next Meeting:** The next meeting to be October 9, 2022 after church.

Jo moves to adjourn and Ginger seconds. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM

Respectfully submitted, Kim Common



## Building and Grounds Committee

September 21, 2022

Old Business:

August

- 1] The toilet in the annex men's room was replaced.
- 2] Emergency lights and batteries were replaced.
- 3] The sill plate on the church front door was nailed down.
- 4] The wallpaper was stripped, and the walls were painted in Wetzel Hall.
- 5] A snowplow contract was signed for \$14.00 a run with Lee Lawn Care.
- 6] The lawns were mowed.

September

- 1] Bushes were trimmed.
- 2] The hot water tank in the kitchen was replaced.
- 3] The lawns were mowed.
- 4] Randy Lutz will close in October.

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Giles - Chairman

## Worship/Music Committee

September 15, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

- **Opening Devotions and Prayer:** Josh – UCC Still Speaking Daily Devotional – *Grow Baby Grow*. From Sept 11.
- **Devotions October – Discussion (introduction and Chapter 1)- Great Spiritual Migration: Brian McLaren**
- **Minutes** – approved by consensus
- **Budget-** Vanessa relayed changes made by Council but no discussion on salaries.
- **Worship** Josh has classes every Tues. from 4-8pm for the next 26 weeks. He will be out of town Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. Check with Leo for pulpit fill? If not Leo, then we'll find new pulpit supply
- **World Communion Sunday** October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Repeat altar from last year. Music-already picked out.
- **National Hispanic Month** – 9/15 – 10/15. Looking for appropriate liturgy
- **First Sun. in Advent** – 11/27 – Narrative lectionary doesn't follow Advent. We will use *Sanctifiedart.org* which has Advent info including artwork, music, liturgy, etc. costs \$160 (Ministry Initiative line) but everything is ready to go. Theme:

Generation to Generation. It goes through Epiphany.

- There was much discussion on Christmas Eve (1pm Bill's game), Christmas Day (on Sunday this year) and New Year's Day–
- We decided on a 6pm service on Christmas Eve. Pastor will check with Laurie & Skip. Music for Christmas Eve – solos, Far Cry, Nick, variety of music, we have time to determine.
- For Christmas morning we decided to have a breakfast at 9:30 for community with Christmas songs. We will get sign up lists so we can plan. There won't be a service – we will be of service. It will be communicated as: Christmas day of service.
- New Year's Sunday – Perhaps a brunch at noon for community? This has not been decided yet, we will discuss at the next meeting.
- Discussion of Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams (NY Interim Conference Minister) to come here Oct. 16, Nov. 6, 20, or next year.

#### ● Technology

Want to buy stand lights for musicians. How many? Prices range from \$12 - \$28. We will ask Skip if he would be willing to look into this.

#### ● Music

The piano tuner is laid up right now; looking for another. Dona asked Donna Warner for suggestions. Hope to have completed this month.

**Cantata:** It's typically on a Sunday at 3pm. Wanted Dec 4, however Laurie is unavailable so it will be December 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Title: *Joy! Composed and Arranged by Joel Raney*

● **Other-** Basket for Fall Festival; Helena thinks food basket – Decided on Lunch box snacks that are peanut free. We all contributed. Vanessa will do the shopping.

**Next meeting:** October 13, 2022; 7pm, Great Room

**Closing Prayer:** Closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
8:40pm

## Council Corner

September 22, 2022

Following devotions, cares and concerns and approval of the August minutes, the meeting moved to the Pastor's Report:

- Pastor is out of town Oct. 23 – Leo will be preaching
- Council decided to offer Arcade UCC to Western Area as host of the meeting Nov. 6.
- We will begin to look at long-term planning for the church: who do we want to be as a church, what will we stand for, etc.
- T-shirts were purchased for Fall Fest and to wear in the community

Pew Removal: no bids made. Rich has purchased the second pew. Will advertise sale at Fall Fest.

Fall Fest: Sun., Oct. 2 – training for credit card square & basket-moving process (more stream-lined)

Tentative budget: Looked over and discussed a final time – it was approved to take to congregation at Budget meeting

Looked at Tree of Life policy – will discuss further at next meeting.

Rich and Debi were both thanked for their time and service on Council. Cailynn and Jay will be joining Council. Bill will be taking Moderator position which includes being Co-Chair for Council.

Next meeting: Thur., Oct. 27, 6 pm.

### The Carillon

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 November issue is October 20, 2022.

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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