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News Notes



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey ... YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

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Rev. Doyll Andrews

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Prayer Letter from Pastor John Rock

Dear Armada Congregational,

Well, it would seem that fall is in the air. Of course, this is my favorite time of year as I love the sights of the changing of the leaves and the harvesting of the fields. My wife, however, prefers spring because it is the season furthest removed from the coming of winter! She is not a fan, especially now that she can no longer see to drive after dark.

August was a whirlwind. My prostatectomy was August 1, and the last few weeks have been recovery. Everything went very well. Aside from me initially feeling like Mike Tyson had beat me silly, the surgery was straightforward and the recovery was pretty easy. According to the pathology report, the cancer was contained to my prostate with no evidence of spread to any surrounding areas. Also, my wife and my children deserve a trophy or something as they all took such good care of me. I give thanks to God for taking care of me all the way through this process. Because I am feeling quite well, I decided to begin worship services again on August 25, which was a week earlier than I anticipated! Please pray as I get used to the routine again and for my stamina. I'm not anticipating any issues, but that's because we're praying.

School has started again. Evan started full-time college classes on August 18, and Gemma (11th grade) and Ian (6th grade) started on Labor Day. Sela will be teaching a few classes, including Drama, at our local homeschool co-op, in addition to beginning her third year working at Michael's hobby and craft store. Please pray for the kids as they adjust to their new schedules and Megan as she is their chief teacher and guidance counselor.

We do have a blessing I wanted to share. My son Ian has been in speech therapy for several years now, and finding him a therapist who worked well with him and viceversa was a bit of a journey. We recently learned that his therapist he has had for more than two years had taken a job with a new clinic and would be leaving. There were tears (Ian, Megan, and the therapist). After the tears, my son wrote a heartfelt letter to the owner of the current clinic and asked for permission to follow his therapist to her new place. The owner agreed to this "no compete" exception, and my son has been able to remain with his beloved Miss Leah. Again, we give thanks!

We pray for all of you as you wrap up your summers. Please be safe and be sure to enjoy the sights, sound, and smells of this fall season.

Blessings

John R. Rock & family

Our mission statement ...
To plant God's seeds of faith, hope and love in ministry to the community where we can cultivate, nurture and grow congregational strength into a foundation of lifelong Christian prayer, faith and service.

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Worship & Sunday School Sundays 10:00 am

Communion
Once a Month

All are welcome at Christ's Table

Dates To Remember ...

Sunday Worship 10:00 am October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2025

Bible Study 6:00 PM

Will resume on October 2, 2025 October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2025

UCC Annual Meeting

Thursday thru Saturday, October 3-4, 2025

World Communion Sunday Neighbors In Need Offering Sunday, October 5, 2025

Best BBQ In Town

Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale Sunday, October 12, 2025

Columbus Day

Monday, October 13, 2025

Council Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Sweetest Day

Saturday, October 18, 205

Halloween

Friday, October 31, 2025

Loved Ones Remembered Daylight Savings Time Ends Fall Back

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Council Meeting

November 13, 2025

Slate & Budget Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 2025 After Worship

First Day of Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Council Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2025

UCC Special Offering ...



Neighbors In Need Special Offering October 5, 2025

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice.

Chicken BBQ ...

TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!



WATCH FOR A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL!

From the Church Office ...

On-Line Donation

You can give your donation to the church through our website at www.armadacongregational.com Click on the "Interact With Us" Click on "Giving Form" and fill in information. You can set up an account through that page also.

or Scan QR Code Below



Zoom Worship Services

If would like to join our Zoom Worship Services, or Bible Study please call or email the church. The link would be emailed to you each week. Call: 586-784-5901 or Email: conqucc@att.net

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME END **SUNDAY. NOVEMBER 2. 2025**



CUCC Missions ...



Children's Books, Stuffed Animals & Paper Back Books

We will be collecting old children's books and stuffed animals for children who are homeless and/or in cancer units. Also, please save your old paper back books for the veterans in the VA Hospitals. There will a grocery bag in the lobby for each specific item.

Yarn

Linda De Mardis is looking for any old or leftover yarn. She has a friend who makes shawls and lap blankets for those in nursing



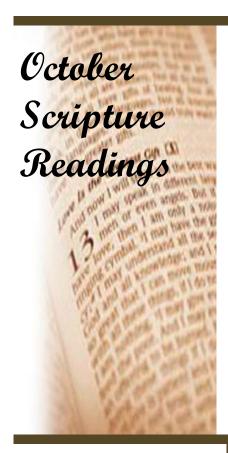
homes. Anything would be greatly appreciated!

Food Basket



We are looking for additional donations for FEED THE the food basket in the side room. Please help

wherever you can. Please leave your donation in the foyer or in the basket in the sanctuary. Thank you.



October 5 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-10

October 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111

October 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8 Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121

October 26 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Luke 18:9-14 Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22 Psalm 84:1-7

Serving You ...

Liturgist

5 Judy Smith

12 Sue Vogel

19 Kathy Cryderman

26 Carol Przyhocki

Diaconate

5 Linda DeNardis

12 Kay Fee

19 Carol Przyhocki

26 Kay Fee

If you are able to be a reader, please contact Kay Fee at (586) 337-4558.

Annual Ghicken BBQ & Bake Sale Sunday, October 12, 2025

The Annual Chicken BBQ will be held on Sunday, October 12 this year. We need people to fill coleslaw and sour cream containers and bag rolls. We also need people to pick up the potatoes, bake them and return them on Sunday. Please consider helping out where you can. We will also need help with taking the orders. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

We will also be having a Bake Sale on that day. Please start baking today! It would be greatly appreciated.

Loved One's Remembered November 2, 2025

In honor of All Saints Day, we encourage members and friends who have lost a loved one during the last two months of 2024 and thus far in 2025, to light a candle in that person's memory during worship. Please call, email or leave a note in the church office with the deceased's name, birth date and date of death. This service will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025. Getting the information early to the office would greatly be appreciated!

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Imagine What's Possible

Your donations and gifts help the Congregational United Church of Christ provide help for those right here in our church and to people in need locally and all around the world.

If you would like to make a donation to our church or learn more about the missions we are involved in, please feel free to contact the church office.

We will then put in touch with a member of the church. CALL: 586,784,5901



Lord Hear Our Trayers

Deanna Lewis (friend of Pastor Doyll Andrews), Jake (Crohn's Disease, Carol Przyhocki's Grandson), Jael Stockwell (horrific work accident - burn victim, & his Family, (friends of Meagan Jantamrian), Linda Healy, (cancer, friend of Linda DeNardis), Judy Adams (heath issues), Christopher, (Meagan Jantamrian's brother), Darlene Rataz (caring for her mother, Marlene Day), Elizabeth & family (Michael and Kathy Wieland's family), Bruce Cole (friend of Pastor Doyll Andrews), Jim Stogdill (brain cancer, friend of Judy Adams), Mary Hall (severe health issues, niece of Judy Adams), John F. (friend of Pastor Doyll, knee surgery/reaction to medications). All the homeless. Those in the Military. The people of Ukraine. The people of Israel and Palestine. For all those affected by gun violence and terrorism. Victims of human trafficking.

Tray for peace.

Praiseworthy Notes ...

Thank you to John Rock, Carrie Orlando and Ashley Welch for doing an awesome job filling pulpit supply while Pastor Doyll was on vacation.

Welcome Home Pastor Doyll and Lorolie! You've been missed!

World Communion Sunday OCTOBER 5, 2025

