

Congregational Clarion

AMERY CONGREGATIONAL UCC



Making a Way for The Lord! (And The New Pastor, TOO!)

¹⁸ Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Toward the end of October our New Settled Pastor, Rev. Dana Caldwell will be moving into our Beloved Community and “creating a new thing!” Fortunately, the pandemic has subsided enough to let us gather and greet her in our usual loving way. We can help Dana get off to a strong start with a few of these ways to acclimate her and make her feel truly welcome... For Instance:

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Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.

Begin praying daily for the new pastor, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor.

You might periodically send cards of welcome and encouragement to Dana.

Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor.

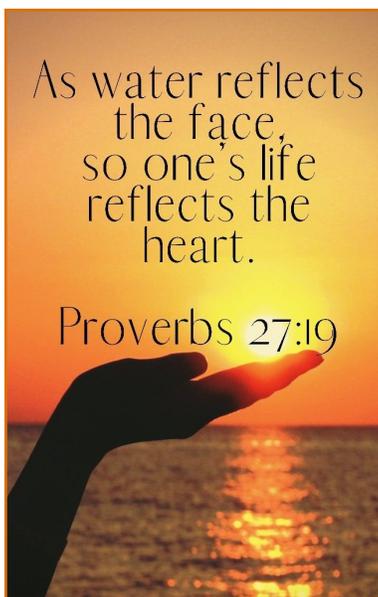
5. Do not invite the former pastor to return for weddings, funerals, or baptisms. This establishes Rev. Caldwell as everyone’s pastor from the beginning.

6. You might...Stock the refrigerator and pantry with some staples.

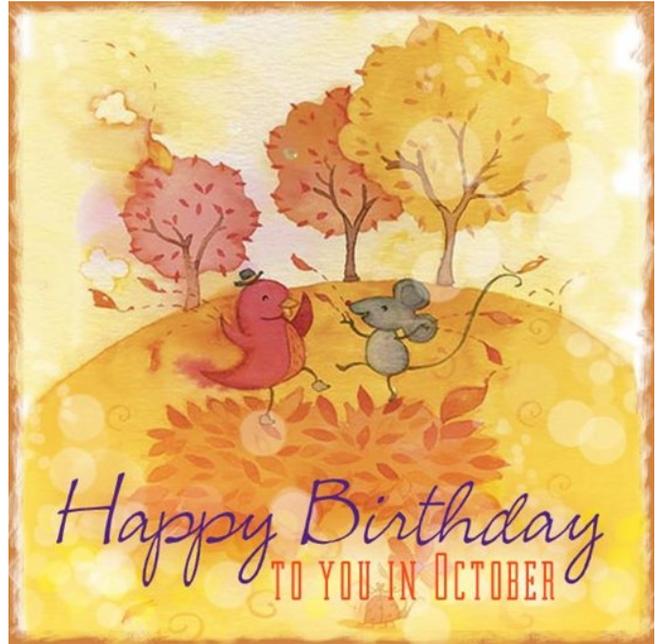
7. Have a small group on hand to greet Rev. Caldwell when she arrives and to help as needed.

8. Provide a map with directions to local dry cleaners, grocery store, drug store, veterinarian, etc., and information on local options for internet and cable television providers.

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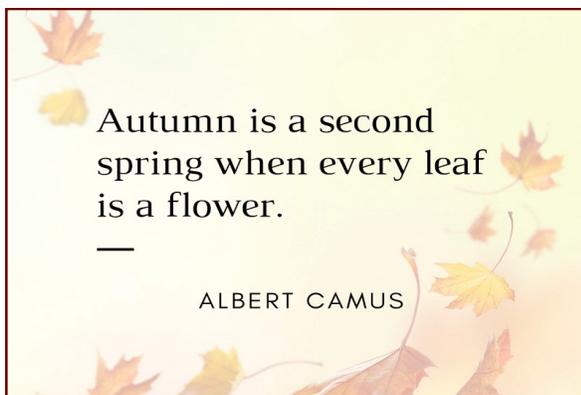
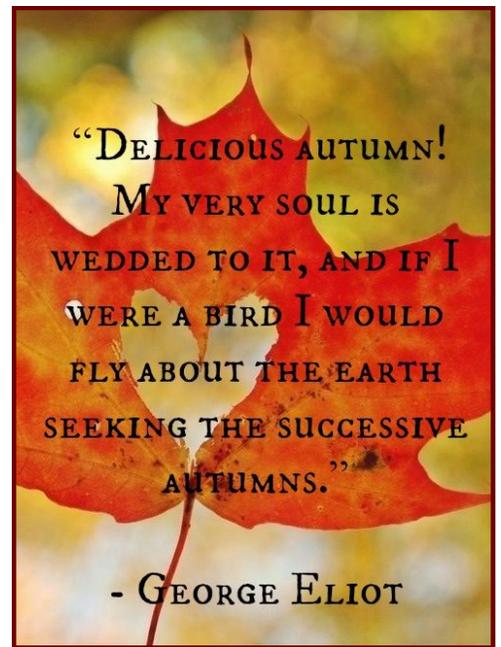
- 10/01 Jeff Bylander
- 10/04 Sylvia Schillinger
- 10/04 Gavin Folkert
- 10/05 Julie Smith
- 10/05 Chuck Hoppe
- 10/08 Nancy Anderson
- 10/09 Andrew Stalhiem
- 10/11 Barry Tulkki
- 10/12 Bill Monteith
- 10/16 Terry Hill
- 10/20 Abby Betzold
- 10/20 Sandy Johnson
- 10/21 Morgan Leonard
- 10/21 Walter Richey
- 10/23 Eva Stoeklen
- 10/25 Ross Smith
- 10/26 Elizabeth Sigsworth





Shirley Arlene Satterlund
October 9, 1930 - July 17, 2022

A Celebration of Life for Shirley Satterlund will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 9, 2022. There will be a visitation 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow at the Amery Cemetery. There will be a reception for all friends and family at the Amery Golf Club following the service. Memorials may be made to the Amery Hospital Foundation or the Amery Congregational Church.



“Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!”

Humbert Wolfe

**From
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YOUTH MINISTER**



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Fall is in the air and we are happy to be into the swing of things with our youth program! October is going to be bringing some very exciting things for our youth group and we encourage all of our youth to participate in these activities and always welcome more adult volunteers!

This Month:

October 5th: Youth Group 3:30-7pm

October 12th: Youth Group 3:30-7pm & Church Wide Campfire Fellowship Night 5:30-7pm

October 19th : Youth Group 3:30-7pm (Service Night)

October 26th: Youth Group 3:30-7pm (Practice for Youth Service)

October 29-30th: Youth Lock-In Starting at 5:30pm

October 30th : Youth Service at 10am

Ways to support our youth??

-Financial contributions can be made to the church with the memo "Youth"

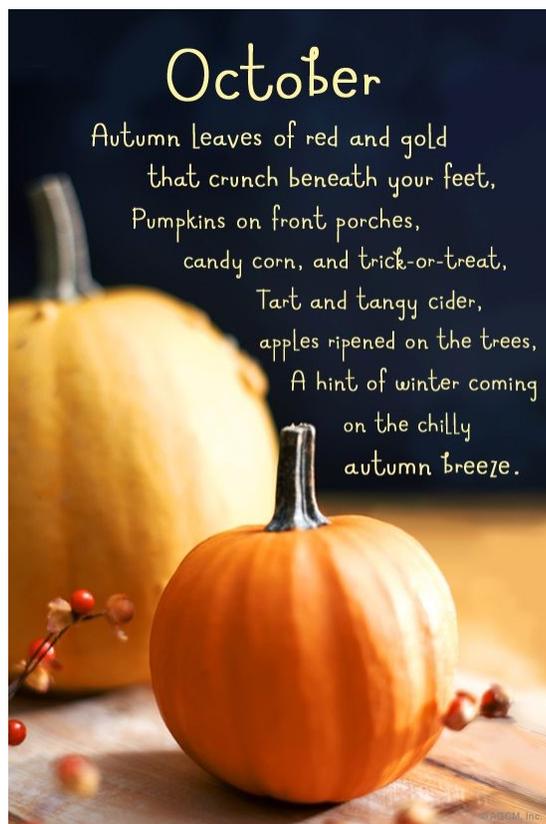
-Cook a meal on Wednesday evenings (ask Abby what weeks we need a cook)

-Come spend time with us on Wednesdays! (any amount of time between 3:30-7pm each week, we'll take you as long or as short as you can be here!)

-Chaperone the lock-in! Specifically looking for a male chaperone to spend the night with us on Oct. 29th!

I appreciate the never-ending support we have for our youth!

Blessings,
Abby



Humane Reception of Immigrants Helps the Economy

by Noel Anderson | published on Aug 4, 2022

The growing assertions of nativism and white supremacy in the United States have caused increased restrictions on immigration. These restrictions constitute one of the root causes of the current labor shortage and inflation. Many of the anti-immigrant policies that defined the Trump administration have continued under the Biden administration.

According to a recent report from the Associated Press, there are 2 million fewer immigrants due to policies like Title 42, which has

misused public health codes to block asylum seekers from presenting a credible fear argument at the U.S.-Mexico Border. Other policies have dismantled our refugee resettlement program, narrowed family immigration visas, and limited the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. As a result, we have seen a scramble for workers in many sectors — from meatpacking to homebuilding — that is also contributing to supply shortages and price increases. President Biden has talked about an “Industrial Renaissance” to be realized through the production of microchips to meet shortages, but that won’t work without an increase of “highly skilled” workers. The George W. Bush Institute agrees that “Immigration has net benefits. The fact that it has some costs is not a reason to bar it, but rather to manage it.”

The Biden administration has made a lackluster attempt at ending Title 42, but Republican states have sued and won a preliminary injunction to keep it in place. Additionally, bipartisan legislation that would keep this unjust policy in place for years to come, like as the Lankford-Sinema bill, has some support from moderate Democrats (see UCC Action Alert to Congress). Meanwhile, many asylum seekers with no friends or families here find themselves out on the streets unable to get work permits for months or years. Many faith communities across traditions who recognize the sacred call to welcome those fleeing persecution are working to accompany asylum seekers, but they have met significant challenges that are costing increased volunteer capacity and financial resources at a difficult time during the pandemic for congregations. The legal fees required to try to win an



asylum case can run from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Meanwhile, the basic needs of housing and food are increasing and many asylum seekers cannot get a work permit. Many of those who fled their homes did so because of threats to their lives by gangs and may have even seen family members killed by similar threats. However, they will still lose their cases because they don’t have the proper documents and evidence to win.

No family fleeing persecution should be detained or left on the street. The U.S. government has the resources and capacity to humanely receive asylum seekers by

funding a case management system through community based nonprofits and refugee agencies that can provide legal support, housing coordination, and employment services. The Department of Homeland Security Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties recently launched a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$5 million to fund the Case Management Pilot Program (CMPP), but this program must be further expanded rapidly.

It’s true that the asylum system is not the right fit for many families fleeing dangerous situations, who will not meet the courts’ high standards for asylum, and these persons cannot afford to wait years for processing. Instead, we need immigration reform that adjusts the status of undocumented people already living and working here, but that also creates avenues for future flows of migration. Unfortunately, the political outlook is grim because so many politicians have ceded the moral ground of what’s right for what’s popular to a constituency that has found themselves clutching to a false and dangerous narrative and nostalgia for a time of segregation and racism that was even more intense than today’s version. We will not be able to solve the economic problems of today’s inflation without addressing our history of racism and engaging with the various ways in which this history impacts our leaders’ inability to pass legislation that will actually help this country and facilitate the embrace of diversity rather than fear of it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

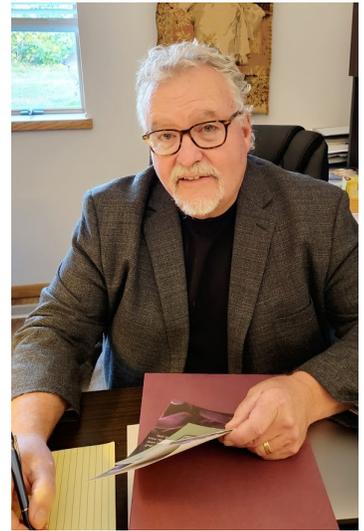
The Rev. Noel Andersen is the UCC and Church World Service Grassroots Coordinator for Immigrants’ Rights for the United Church of Christ.

Pot-Luck in honor of Rev. Garth Schumacher



Please join us for a meal after the worship service on October 16th as we say goodbye to Rev. Garth Shumacher.

We are grateful to Garth for being our interim pastor after Pastor Barry retired. He has truly been a blessing to our Amery Congregational UCC Family. Rev. Garth saw us through a difficult time as Covid 19 affected the world, our community and our Congo Church. He has been a great pastor, teacher, counselor and friend to the community. Many thanks to Pastor Garth.



At the goodbye meal, meat and potatoes will be provided. You're invited to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We hope you will come to offer Garth well wishes on his new ventures.

Rev. Dana Caldwell will be joining us as our settled pastor on Monday 10-31. Her first service will be on Sunday 11-6.



Hello Everyone!

I am thrilled about my move to Amery and being your Pastor and Teacher. I grew up in a small town in central Illinois. A farming community- that land was flat and you could see for miles. Corn and soybeans were the crops in rotation. My family owned a small farm of 36 acres and the grain elevators. So, I understand and appreciate small town life. I love that Amery is bigger and more vibrant than my hometown is even today. I love that Amery

is full of trees while being nestled in between the lakes and river- it is so beautiful. I am delighted with the house I will be living in and having a yard!

I am excited about the ministries Amery Congregational already supports and even more so to revive ones that were paused during Covid. Your Youth are awesome- their participation in worship and the youth group. Along with the women's Bible study and I even look forward to exploring what the different committees are up to! I hope we can do some dreaming together and set up a plan to accomplish those we can as a congregation. I simply cannot wait to get to know all of you better. I am very proud of the ecumenical participation Amery Congregational.

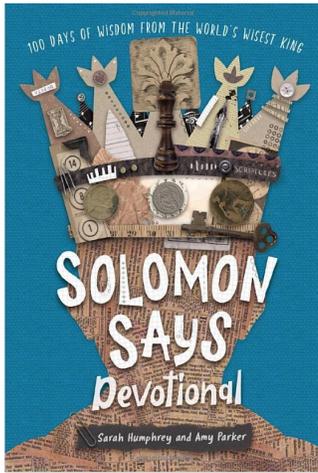


While I have your attention know that I have a dog named Bailey. She is about 10 yrs old, a rescue I have had for over 7 years. She LOVES people and pets. If you are allergic just know she may be around in the office so we can set up meetings outside of the office for those who might need to due to allergies.

See you soon!
Dana

Book Review by Heather Rushfeldt

Solomon Says Devotional by Sarah Humphrey and Amy Parker



For this month’s book review, I was looking for a devotional which might be helpful for our youth. I thought **Solomon Says** was just the ticket. There are 100 daily devotions in this book, so I had to read a few a day!

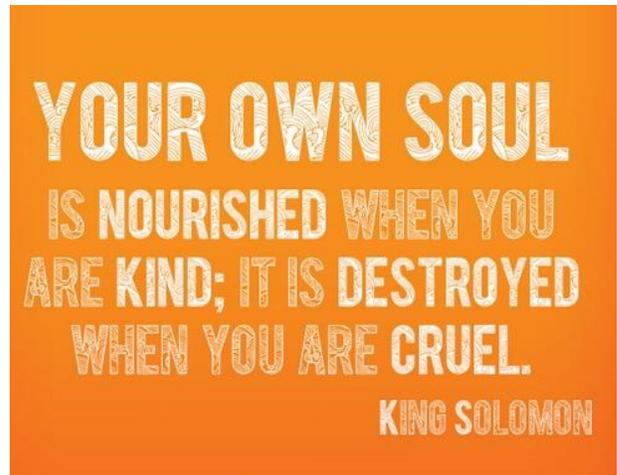
Solomon Says offers practical wisdom and character formation tips drawn from the book of

Proverbs.

Each devotion cites a specific passage from Proverbs and offers suggested additional scripture reading for those looking to dig deeper on a particular topic. Authors Sarah Humphrey and Amy Parker provide a thoughtful half-page meditation on each proverb’s topic, a brief suggested prayer, and a practical faith exercise or journaling prompt for the reader. Although I worked through this devotional in a non-traditional way, I found a lot of personal benefit from meditating on the wisdom of Solomon. I found the devotions to be thought-provoking, engaging, and practical.

Perfect for teens, young adults, or anyone looking for a practical challenge, Solomon Says is a great way to start the day!

“Solomon was the wisest man in the world, but can the words of an ancient king really connect with you today? Yes! Solomon’s proverbs are timeless, and he offers surprisingly relevant thoughts on topics such as dealing with peer pressure, building solid friendships, and choosing joy over complaining, even on the tough days... Solomon Says Devotional offers you God-given wisdom to build a life focused on faith instead of worldly wisdom that seeks getting ahead and getting more.” - from the back cover of Solomon Says



Mission Team - Join the Team!

Believe it or not we have already started preparing for our 2023 Mission Trip! To be a part of the team you need to be 16 or older by the trip in June. We will be going to the Moorhead, Mn/Fargo, ND area to work with their Habitat for Humanity affiliate for the week of June 18th-25th. We have already started our fundraising efforts by starting lefse making. If you are interested in spending a week building up a community, each other, and your relationship with Christ this is a great way to do it. For more information talk to any team member or reach out to team leader Abby Betzold.

Church Wide Campfire Fellowship!

October 12th from 5:30-7pm we will be having a church wide campfire night. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and s'mores are provided. We will roast our dinner and sing songs around the fire. Bring a lawn chair and a friend for a wonderful evening!



October 30th after the Sunday Worship Service

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9. Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
10. Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
11. Invite the new pastor to any social events held by Sunday School classes or other groups in the early months.
12. Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.
13. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
14. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.
15. Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available. (NOW IS THE TIME for EVERYONE TO GET THEIR PICTURE TAKEN!)
16. Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.
17. Provide Rev. Caldwell with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.
18. Make sure Dana has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.
19. Have an appropriate person offer to go with Rev. Caldwell for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).
20. We might have someone offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.
21. Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
22. Create a “church yellow pages” (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial... auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, bookstore, office supply, etc.).
23. Provide local media with information about the new pastor.
24. Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.
25. Introduce Rev. Caldwell to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or associations.
26. Introduce Dana to public and community leaders. There could be a write up in our local paper... or plan for a small introduction with our local radio station.
27. We might ask church members in civic clubs to take Rev. Caldwell to one of their meetings.

I'm sure there are many more things you might do to help in this vital transition between our interim time together and Rev. Caldwell's pastorate. Just know that you are about to create a new church with God and Rev. Caldwell... and, with the grace of God, it will be marvelous!
 God Speed and Blessings,
 Rev. Garth Schumacher

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Church Clean - Monson/Morris 10:00am Sunday Worship/Sunday School	26 Office Closed 6:30pm Boy Scouts	27 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	28 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 3:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group	29 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	30 9:00am - 1:00pm Office Open	1
2 Chicken and Biscuit Dinner Church Clean - Dusek Neighbors in Need Offering 10:00am Sunday Worship/Communion	3 Office Closed 6:30pm Boy Scouts	4 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm Diaconate Meeting	5 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 3:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Christian Education Mtg.	6 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	7 9:00am - 1:00pm Office Open	8 6:45am Ruby's Pantry Volunteers 7:30am - 9:00am Ruby's Pantry Distribution at SMC
9 Church Clean - Betzold 9:00am Mission Team Meeting 10:00am Sunday Worship/Sunday School 12:00pm - 1:00pm Visitation Prior to Service for Shirley Satterlund 1:00pm Shirley Satterlund Service	10 Office Closed 6:30pm Boy Scouts	11 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm Council Meeting	12 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 1:30pm - 2:30pm Garth - AMC 3:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:00pm Campfire Fellowship	13 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	14 9:00am - 1:00pm Office Open	15
16 Church Clean - Bowman/Anderson/Bevington 1:00am Shirley Satterlund Funeral 8:30am Trustee Meeting 10:00am Sunday Worship/Sunday School 11:15am Congregational Giving Mtg.	17 Office Closed 6:30pm Boy Scouts	18 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 5:00pm Gaither Video	19 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 2:00pm - 3:00pm Garth - Evergreen 3:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group	20 8:15am Ministerium 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	21 9:00am - 1:00pm Office Open	22
23 Church Clean - Leonard 10:00am Sunday Worship/Sunday School	24 Office Closed 6:30pm Boy Scouts	25 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	26 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 3:30pm - 7:30pm Youth Group	27 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	28 9:00am - 1:00pm Office Open	29 10:30am Wedding Shower 5:30pm Lock-In
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Church Office Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday 10am - 2 pm
Wednesday 10am - 2 pm
Thursday 10am - 2 pm
Friday 9am - 1 pm

