



# The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

Pastor Josh Bower

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**Arcade UCC's Christmas Extravaganza!**  
By Guest Front Page Contributor, Jeff Mason  
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Our church once again hosted a Christmas Extravaganza for all of the students at Arcade Elementary School on December 3, 4 and 5. Several volunteers spent many hours decorating the annex and front windows and planning for the event.

Classes began their half-hour visit in the library, where they could view a variety of Nativity sets. They then passed through a balloon archway on their way to the Godly Play Room, where one of the church members read them a story. Their next stop was in the Noah's Ark, where the Happy Scientist, a/k/a Pastor Josh, showed them how to build a snowman out of baking soda. Their final stop was in the Great Room, where they could pose in the doorway window one at a time while their teacher took a sELFie. A good time was had by all!



**December Birthdays**

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Randy Lutz      | 16 Sheila Vrenna  |
| 7 Jessica Langley | 17 Stacey Fudella |



**January Birthdays**

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| 1 Karen Czesak    | 23 Marilyn Piridy    |
| 2 Shannon King    | 24 Sharon Hawley     |
| 8 Katelynn Rogers | 24 Dirk Norwich      |
| 9 Jim Vrenna      | 31 Shirley Kriedeman |
| 17 Paul Sanio     |                      |



**January Anniversaries**

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| 1 Lary & Barbara Schaefer – 42 years |
| 3 Bill & Karen Schaper – 55 years    |

**December Bible Readings**

- 1 Jer 33:14-16  
Ps 25:1-10  
1 Thess 3:9-13  
**Luke 21:25-36**
- 8 Bar 5:1-9 or Mal 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Phil 1:3-11  
**Luke 3:1-6**
- 15 Zeph 3:14-20  
Isa 12:2-6  
Phil 4:4-7  
**Luke 3:7-18**
- 22 Mic 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7  
Heb 10:5-10  
**Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)**
- 29 1 Sam 2:18-20, 26  
Ps 148  
Col 3:12-17  
**Luke 2:41-52**

**January Bible Readings**

- 5 Jer 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12 & Ps 147:12-20  
Or Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21  
Eph 1:3-14  
**John 1: (1-9), 10-18**
- 12 Isa 43:1-7 and Ps 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**
- 19 Isa 62:1-5 and Ps 36:5-10  
1 Cor 12:1-11  
**John 2:1-11**
- 26 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 and Ps 19  
1 Cor 12:12-31a  
**Luke 4:14-21**

**Keep in Touch!**

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**ARCADE UCC  
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
AT 5PM  
PLEASE JOIN US!**





## Upcoming Important Dates at a Glance

- **Gentle Exercise class** every Monday at 10 am, Wetzel Hall, all are welcome!
- **Coffee Break, Open for Prayer & Bible Study**– 9am-11am every Tuesday. All are welcome!
- **Sunday, Dec. 1 – Advent begins**
- **Tues., Dec. 3-Thur., Dec. 5: Christmas Extravaganza with Arcade Elementary School!**
- **Sun., Dec. 8 – Outreach meeting after service**
- **Tues., Dec. 10 – Women’s Fellowship Christmas Dinner, 4 pm, The Grove**
- **Wed., Dec. 11 – Workers Union meeting, Great Room, 1 pm**
- **Sun., Dec. 15, 3 pm – Pioneer Community Chorus Annual Christmas Cantata, Arcade UCC**
- **Sat., Dec. 21, 6:30 pm – Christmas Tractor Parade in Arcade, hot cocoa outside of Arcade UCC!**
- **Tues., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm**
- **Sat., Dec. 28, 4-6 pm – Free Community Dinner, mac & cheese, Team 1 is working**



## Opportunities for Christmas Giving

**Reverse Advent** giving to local PAC food pantries. This year we are trying a different theme each week then planning on delivering to the pantry each Monday. Here are the themes, but please feel free to bring what you can.

**Week 1-Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>:** Cereal and canned fruit

**Week 2-Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Peanut butter, jelly, soups, tuna

**Week 3-Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Baking mixes, flour, sugar, spices

**Week 4-Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Toiletries/paper products, boxed noodles and potatoes and other sides.



## The Giving Tree at Pioneer Central School

Pioneer schools will once again be participating in the Giving Tree. This program provides families in need with gift cards which allow them to purchase clothing, toys and food for their children through the generous donations of the community. Gift cards are purchased from area businesses like Big Lots and Arcade Market. Donations of all sizes help with the mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Send checks payable to Pioneer Giving Tree to Pioneer High School, PO Box 579, Yorkshire, NY 14173, Attn: Louise Harrick. Thank you for putting smiles on the faces of these young people this Christmas!

## News of Our People



Sharon Hawley's niece, Sue Cummins from Holland, NY, was the proud winner of the Women's Fellowship quilt raffle at the Arcade UCC Fall Festival. Here Sue shows the quilt, handcrafted by Kathy May, on one of the beds in her home. The proceeds from the quilt raffle tickets go to the Women's Fellowship Scholarship Fund for a Pioneer graduating senior. Congratulations, Sue!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Although both of them have been worshipping with us for a few years and have been active in church activities, Bruce Dennis and Judy Feine made it official during the November 10 worship service when they officially became church members.

## Pastor Josh Presents at Arcade Elementary School



Pastor Josh was asked to be the guest speaker at Arcade Elementary School's character trait of the month assembly on "Kindness" on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We can't think of a better person to speak to the students about kindness! 😊

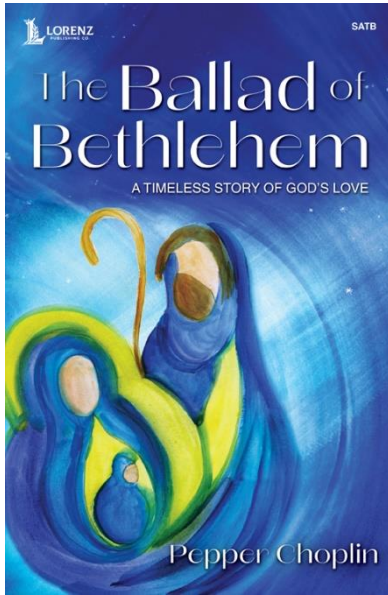
*If anyone has good news they would like in the upcoming issues of the Carillon, please contact Shannon King in the Church office, [uccarcade@gmail.com](mailto:uccarcade@gmail.com) or 585-492-4530.*



### Gentle Exercise... Did You Know?

Arcade UCC offers a Gentle Exercise Class every Monday at 10 am in Wetzel Hall and all are welcome! The class collects monetary donations that are given to the local food pantries, local benefits to help community members and to individuals in need. The donations are voluntary and not required in order to take the class. However, it has been an amazing community outreach to help others through the generosity of those who attend the class! Thank you to those who continue to help! And on top of the contributions that are made through the class, it is a ton of fun with a lot of laughs! All while exercising, moving and getting/staying healthy! Join us!!





**Christmas Cantata!**

**Arcade UCC  
Sun., Dec. 15  
3pm**

**Please join us  
for our  
Annual  
Community  
Chorus and  
Performers  
production of  
"The Ballad**

**of Bethlehem," by Pepper Choplin.**



**Women's Fellowship Christmas  
Dinner**

**Tues., December 10, 4 pm**

**The Grove (formerly  
Chanderson's)**

**All women of the church invited!**

**We will be ordering from the menu.**

**Sign up outside of the sanctuary  
if you plan to attend.**



**DOING  
THE MOST  
GOOD**

The Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Arcade Tops will begin November 19 and

continue until December 24. We do not ring on Sundays. There will be no ringing on Thanksgiving. Times are one-hour blocks from 9 am to 6 pm.

Please bring music if you like, bring the kids, dress festively! We have a chair if needed. Also remember to dress warmly as we are in the foyer and it can be chilly. We thank Tops so much for letting us stand inside.

Our community has been so very generous with their volunteering and donations all these years and we thank you for that. Let's hope this year will be no different. Much of the money raised will be given to the local food banks of Arcade, Delevan and Sardinia.

To sign up to ring the bell, please call Dawn Harrison at 585-492-2428.

**Arcade UCC Supports the Community  
Through Hope Lutheran's Community  
Center**

NOV. 13, 2024

BROTHERS + SISTERS in Christ  
at UCC,

Grace, peace, and love to you this season of gratitude. Your continued partnership in community ministry means more to us than you know. Your generosity is inspiring and a beacon of light. You are a city on a hill, and we see you.

and we appreciate you.

and we love you and we are grateful we get to be a part of Christ's church with you.

Thank you!! Peace,  
Pastor Shaw

## Women's Fellowship News



### Holiday Gift Ideas!

The holidays are rapidly approaching! As you're looking for a memorable and special gift, we have the following to consider:

- Handcrafted advent calendars – each piece crafted in detail.
- Our cookbooks chocked full of old and new family recipes. A great keepsake item.

If you wish to purchase any of these items, please call the church office at 585-492-4530 and leave a message if no one answers. We will get in touch with you!



**"Rides to Doctors" Mission** is intended to help members of our congregation get to regularly scheduled appointments when no family members or friends are available. It is not for emergencies. Please always call 911 for emergencies. To sign up for a ride to your doctor's appointment please call Kim Common at 716-796-4396, Sheila Vrenna at 585-653-5046 or the church office at least a week to ten days before your appointment.



### 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. Bible Study offered as well! Good for the body and soul! Welcome all!



### 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.

Food truck in the Arcade Park:  
Thurs., Dec. 19, 10 am – 12 pm

The Hope Lutheran Satellite Food Pantry is also open to all families in the community on the following dates:  
Wed., Dec. 4, 4-7 pm  
Sat., Dec. 21, 9-11 am  
Wed., Jan. 1, 4-7 pm  
Sat., Jan. 18, 9-11 am

Anyone in need is welcome! Please spread the word!





## All-Church Clean Out Day!

By Jeff Mason, Church Historian



Saturday, November 16, was a busy day in our church building, when many people gathered to participate in a church clean-out. A lot of "stuff" that had been gathering in storage rooms and other areas was weeded out, and the remaining "stuff" was reorganized. Many items were deemed ready for the trash, while many others were set out in the Dunstan Room for church members to help themselves to on the following two Sundays. In addition, some old hymnals and Bibles have been donated to other churches.

The framed painting of the "Head of Christ" has been taken down. This was a copy of a popular 1940 painting by American artist Warner Saltman and was given to the church in memory of W.S. Davis by his family. It was on the front wall of the sanctuary for many years before it was moved to the narthex when the large wooden cross replaced it in the 1970s. In recent years it has hung in the Dunstan Room, where a collage of the "faces of Jesus" is now located. No one has claimed the "Head of Christ" painting yet, so if you know of a worthy recipient, please contact Pastor Josh or Jeff Mason.

The large framed tapestry depicting The Last Supper has been removed from its place between the office doors in the library. It was given to the church in the 1960s by Bonnie and Bob Losey in memory of Bonnie's grandfather and uncle, Earl and Milton Brewer. (After Bob Losey died, Bonnie married Don Reisdorf.) As with the Head of Christ painting, this tapestry has not yet been claimed. It has been removed from its frame and safely stored for now. Once again, if you know of an appropriate recipient, contact Pastor Josh or Jeff Mason.

The five heavy carved wooden chairs that used to be in the sanctuary have been removed. They probably date back to the construction of the church building in 1877 and reflected the original Gothic style of the church. The largest one, with arms, was usually located near the pulpit and was used by the pastor, while the two medium-sized ones were next to it. Two of those three chairs will be going to a new home at First Lutheran Church in Jamestown. One of those chairs will be kept at Arcade UCC for historical purposes. The two smallest chairs, which were sometimes located on the floor in front of the chancel, have also found a new home. Although the chairs had been reupholstered at least once during their long career, they were never known for their comfort. Their last recovering was done by the late Burdette Clark.

*The Many Faces of Jesus*



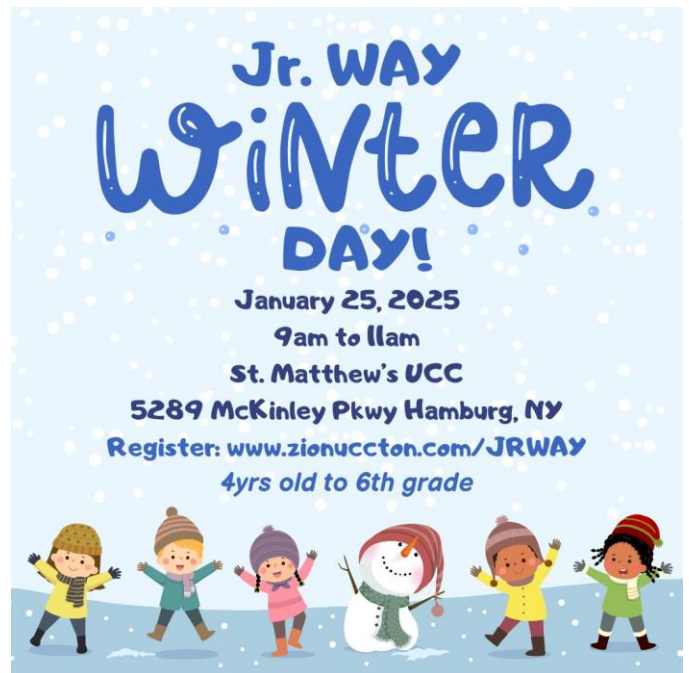
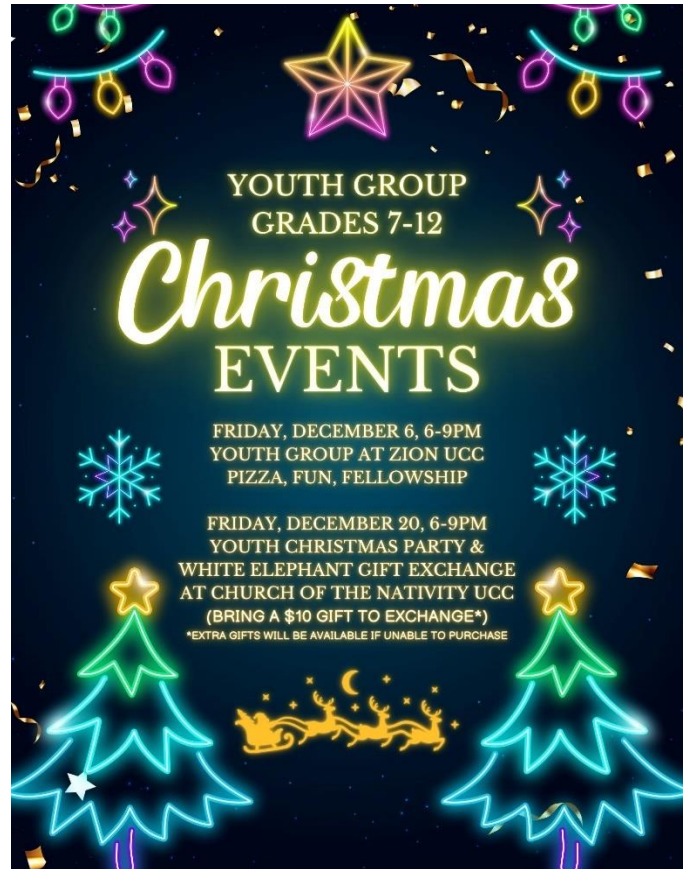
Make sure to stop and see our new art exhibit, *The Many Faces of Jesus*. This exhibit can be found in the Dunstan Room, where the “Head of Christ” painting was previously located. In an effort to be more representative of not only our growing congregation, but also the wider global Church, we have introduced this new installation. It will feature a rotating number of diverse and inclusive Jesus prints by various artists.

And at the center of it all is the statement, *“In this church, we love, without the fine print”*. Stop by the church to see it in-person, a picture does not do it justice!

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**Western Area Youth  
Upcoming Events**







## Committee Reports

### OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING November 10, 2024

Members present: Sheila, Ginger, Chet, Debi, Jo, and Kim.

- **Call to Order & Cares and Concerns and Opening Prayer:** Meeting began at 11:09, Sheila opens with prayer.
- **Review of Minutes:** Minutes approved.
- **\*Community Suppers:** Dirk will provide details at our next meeting.
- **Shepherd's Program:** Carol Abel and Karen Czesak continue to send out get well and sympathy cards. Jo took them an updated list of congregants.
- **Open for Prayer and Coffee Break:** Continues each Tuesday with Bible study from 10-11AM with Pastor Josh that goes along with the Imagine That story for our children and Sunday Bible readings.
- **Rides to Doctors' Appointments:** Two new rides have been scheduled for Nov. and Dec.
- **Food Pantry Collection:** Great response to food collection at Brass collecting \$277 in cash and about 8 boxes of groceries. Jim and Sheila delivered the food and money to Hope's food pantry on Sunday with the help of Shannon King. Many thanks to Brasses, our workers and Shannon.
- **Alzheimer's Assoc. Program:** Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body was presented by Kailea Lalka. 12 members of our community attended to hear more about ways to help avoid Alzheimer's through healthy life styles.
- **Outreach basket for Fall Festival:** Jim and Sheila shopped at Pierce Milling to use money collected from Outreach members to make up two baskets for our biggest fundraiser.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Reverse Advent Food Collection:** We will once again participate in this fun and important event! A list of items suggested by the food pantry will help to focus on things most needed

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## Financial Report

### October 2024

#### Revenues:

Pledges: \$11,316.05  
 Regular Giving: \$475.00  
 Loose Offering: \$204.00  
 Fundraisers: \$8,218.73  
 Misc. Donations: \$100.00  
 Online Service Charge: -\$9.16  
**Total Revenue: \$20,304.62**

#### Expenditures:

Benevolences: \$0  
 Office/Administration: \$1,903.78  
 Pastoral Administration: \$5,584.77  
 Worship & Music: \$3,974.68  
 Education Ministry: \$0  
 Outreach Ministry: \$0  
 Buildings & Grounds: \$1,380.90  
 Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: \$73.00  
**Total Expenditures: \$12,917.13**  
 Surplus for October \$7,387.49

and we plan to take all donated items to the food pantry each week so that they can be immediately put to use. Pictures will keep track of food donated to provide a visual aid of thanks for everyone's generosity.

- Christmas Extravaganza:** Planned for Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>.4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> looking for volunteers.
- Giving Tree for Pioneer Students:** This year Pioneer has decided to take up a collection and do the shopping for students in need to make it easier for the community. To be involved they have determined that \$50, \$75, and \$100 incrementally by age would cover the needs of the students since as they age, they would require more expensive gifts. An interested person could cover all or part of the expense for a student. All gifts in any amount would be very much appreciated!
- Adjournment and next Meeting:** A motion to adjourn made by Debi and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chet. Meeting ended at 11:58AM. Next Meeting Dec. 8, 2024 after the service.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Common



## MARY HOSFORD FISHER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting Minutes – November 4, 2024

The meeting was opened by the acting chair, Suzanne Norton. There were 10 members present. **Joys and Concerns were shared.**

**Devotions:** Devotions were supplied by Sheila Vrenna and read by Kathy May.

**Minutes of the previous meeting:** Suzanne Norton read the minutes from the October meeting and Sharon Hawley made a motion to approve the minutes. Edie Holmes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chair's Corner & Correspondence:** Suzanne passed a card around for Pastor Bob to let him know we are all thinking of him.

**Finance Report:** Ginger Comstock provided a financial report through October 31, 2024. Ginger and Kathy May are attempting to open a new account at M & T Bank for more convenience but have been unable to secure the proper documentation to do so. They will continue their efforts to do this. Kathy May made a motion to approve the financial reports, seconded by Bonnie Cady. Motion carried unanimously.

### Old Business:

**Coffee Fellowship** – sign-up sheet has been available in Wetzel Hall during Coffee Fellowship to allow others from church to sign up. Suzanne asked that we check it from time to time to make sure all Sundays are covered. Don't feel like you must sign up but pass it around to other church members and friends.

**Fall Festival** – A percentage of the proceeds from the candy/bake sale have been designated to go to Imagine That.

### New Business:

**Christmas Giving** was discussed and approved.

Our **Christmas luncheon** will be held at The Grove on December 10. Sharon will contact them and make the arrangements. It will be held at 4pm to accommodate some of the members that are not available during the day. The lunch menu will still be available to order from. A sign-up sheet will go out later in the month.

Although we don't usually meet during the winter months, Suzanne would like to meet after church sometime in January to make plans for the February bake sale during Winterfest. Sharon said instead of hauling all the supplies to church to make candy for Fall Festival sale, she will make a couple of batches of Peanut Butter cups and peanut clusters at home.

Suzanne Norton closed the meeting by reading an excerpt from Pastor Josh's article on the 2024 elections in the Carillon. Meeting closed at 12pm. Next meeting in January with the date to be announced later.

*Respectfully submitted – Kathy May, Secretary*



## Community Dinner Committees & Dates

**Team 1:** Randy & Debi Lutz, Bonnie & John Cady, Molly Holland, Jay & Kathy May, Mike Tanner, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Thomas Wright, Dirk Norwich

**Team 2:** Jay & Kathy May, Randy & Debi Lutz, Edie Holmes, Diane Szpak, Ginger Comstock, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Thomas Wright, Dirk Norwich

**Team 3:** Jim & Sheila Vrenna, Shirley Wright, Suzanne Norton, Helen Boling, Jeff Mason, Chet Weir, Bruce Dennis, Lary Schaefer, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Thomas Wright, Dirk Norwich

**Team 4:** Rich & Helena Vogt, Dona Roll, Judy Feine, Kim Common, Amy & Nate Tillinghast, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Thomas Wright, Dirk Norwich

**Dec. 28 – Team 1 – Mac & cheese**

**Jan. 25 – Team 4 – Spaghetti**

**Feb. 22 – Team 2 – Spaghetti**

**Mar. 29 – Team 3 – Spaghetti**

**Apr. 26 – Team 4 – Spaghetti**

**May 24 – Team 1 – Sloppy Joe**

**June 28 – Team 3 – Meatball Sub**

**July 26 – Team 1 – Hot dogs**

**Aug. 23 – Team 2 – Hot dogs**

**Sept. 27 – Team 4 – Sloppy Joe**

**Oct. 25 – Team 3 – Spaghetti**

**Nov. 29 – Team 2 – Spaghetti**

**Dec. 27 – Team 1 – Mac & cheese**



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL-BLESSINGS PROJECT

If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Memorial-Blessings Project, please fill out this form and return it in the offering plate or to the church office at 297 Main St., PO Box 95, Arcade, NY by **December 15, 2024**. Please include your name and/or church offering envelope number.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 For Blessings Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**This year's Christmas Memorial-Blessings donations will be given to Crabb Oil to be used to assist those in need with their home heating bills, etc.**

Please enclose payment with this form. **Checks may be made payable to Arcade UCC. Please write Memorial Blessings in the memo.** Thank you for taking part in this project. If you have any questions, please call the church office, (585) 492-4530.



*(Cut out to return with your Christmas Blessing offering or use the one found in the weekly worship bulletins.)*

## **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).



## **Prayer List Updates**

As you look at the prayer list in the Sunday bulletins, if you see anything that should be updated, please contact Shannon in the church office. Of course, we are all ready to pray for anyone in need, but if you see a name that no longer needs to be listed, or should be added, please let us know. Thank you!

### ***Carillon Newsletter***

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by Audrey Erick and Shannon King. Please continue to watch for the deadline date for your articles and reports and give them to Shannon in the church office. We hope to produce a quality newsletter. Any suggestions are welcomed. The deadline for the February issue is January 20, 2025.

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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