

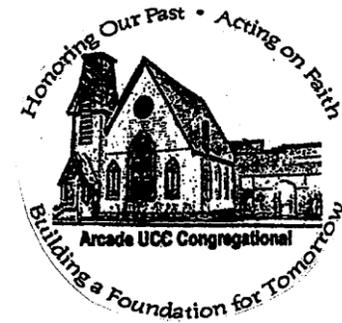
The Carillon

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I guess some would say I have too much time on my hands. But the fact is, sometimes I just wonder about strange things. For instance, I've often wondered (and I thank Pope Francis for finally settling this for me) *do pets go to heaven?* Or, how does a delicate budding flower manage to protrude through something like a concrete driveway? Or, why is it colder in Buffalo, NY than in Anchorage, AK? Well, I have another query for ponderance: why is this season of the Christian year called *LENT*? I thought lent is something you did when you gave money to someone in anticipation of being paid in return? After some searching, here's what I found. The word "Lent" comes from the old English, "lencten," which means "spring." In Middle English is derived the words, *lenten, lente, lent*; related to the Dutch, *lente*, the German, *lenz*, also rendered "spring." In Old German are found the related words: *lenzin, lengizin, and lenzo*, which probably comes from the same root as "long" and referring to "the lengthening days," as the earth moves from the winter solstice toward the spring equinox. In the Christian Church, Lent refers to the period of abstinence preparatory to the Feast of Easter. As this fast falls in the early part of the year, it became confused with the season, and gradually the word Lent, which originally meant spring, was confined to this liturgical use. The Latin name for the fast is *Quadragesima* derived from the Sunday which was the fortieth day before Easter.

So, it was through confusion of the human mind that our liturgical season of Lent is called "spring"! Okay! But maybe it wasn't so coincidental after all!!

What do you think of when you think of spring? Well, I think we would agree that newness, freshness, new starts would describe the word

spring to most of us. It's that time of year when trees begin to burst forth with new leaves, grass starts to green and lengthen, gardens are planted and perennials peek their colorful heads through the ground in a kaleidoscope of colors. It's that time of year when new life emerges from the winter's hiatus.

Lent is much the same. You see, it is in Lent that we Christians look towards a renewal of our very beings; a time when we self-examine and introspect that which challenges our relationship with God so that our foibles might be righted and our rightful relationship with God might be restored and renewed. Using the disciplines of Lent (self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love) we look to make right that which is wrong in us and focus on the new life that is ours through the death, the burial, the resurrection and the ascension of Jesus Christ!

Lent is the time when we prepare ourselves for the blessed promise of everlasting life that comes to us through the sacrificial love of Christ Jesus on the cross.

So you see, like so many, many things in life, I can see God's hand in the naming of Lent and not just the coincidental confusion of the human mind by our Christian forbearers.

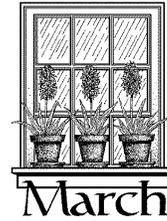
But whatever the reason for the name, let us be intentional in our disciplines this Lent so that we might journey through a more meaningful Lenten season and be blessed by the work we do to become more like those whom God has created us all to be.

Shalom – RCD

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If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please let Shannon in the church office know. You may reach the church office at 585-492-4530 or via email at arc-ucc@juno.com.



March Bible Readings

4	Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Rom 5:12-19 Matt 4:1-11	18	Ex 17:1-7 Psalm 95
11	Gen 12:1-4a Rom 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	25	1 Sam 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Eph 5:8-14 John 9:1-41



Anyone from 9th grade up is invited to share with us in our music ministry. Rehearsal is at 8:45am on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm.

March Greeters

4	Randy & Debi Lutz	18	Shirley Kriedeman & Dirk Norwich
11	Sharon Koch	25	Shannon, Brody & Bryson King

March Readers

4	Jeff Mason	18	Leanne Pokigo
11	Bev Giles	25	Rich Vogt

March Nursery Schedule

4	Kathy May	18	Denielle Romance
11	Shannon King	25	Sheila Vrenna

March Worship Coordinators

4	Ryan Bechdel	18	Margaret Homan
11	Shirley Kriedeman	25	Jo Sixt

March Birthdays

1	Mike Tanner	20	Barbara Comstock-King
2	Bryson King	21	Justin Romance
5	Ryan Bechdel	23	Lois Anneler
16	Dianne Szpak	24	Kelsey May
17	Dan King		

Worship in March:

March 4:	3 rd Sunday in Lent The Sacrament of Holy Communion Scripture: Exodus 20: 1-17 Message: <i>God's Nagware</i>
March 11:	4 th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3: 14-21 Sermon: <i>A Piece of Work!</i>
March 18:	5 th Sunday in Lent Scripture: Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33 Sermon: <i>The Power of the Cross</i>
March 25:	6 th Sunday in Lent Palm/Passion Sunday Alternative Worship Experience Scripture: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

PASTOR'S FUND:

During the month of February contributions for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund have been given by Pastor Bob. This fund is used in helping area folk in times of need. Your donations are greatly appreciated and may be given to Pastor or mailed to the church, indicated for the Pastor's Fund.



Bible Study

Bible Study, during Lent, meets each Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Great Room and everyone is invited to join us! This study is for everyone – young and not-so-young alike. Bring your friends, your neighbors, your relatives. We have a great time of fellowship and we even learn something along the way!! How much better can it get???

Continuing on March 7, 14, and 21, we will meet at 6:30pm for a Soup & Bread supper, followed by Bible Study focusing on the last week of Jesus' life and our journey during this Holy Season. See you there!

Game Night:

Had enough of the winter blahs? We've got the perfect remedy!! On Thursday, March 22nd (weather permitting), we invite you and your family and friends to a GAME NIGHT from 6-8 PM in Wetzell Hall. Bring along your favorite board game and some finger snacks to share (if you like). Then get together with others and just have a great time of fellowship and conversation and snacks!! If you've not played a certain game before – that's okay! We'll teach you – just come along!! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bob. See you there!!!

LENTEN WORSHIP:

Continuing through the weeks of Lent (March 7, 14, 21), we will continue to have the opportunity for special times of gathering in our community. Each Wednesday we will gather at Hope Lutheran Church for worship at 11 AM followed by a luncheon, hosted each week by one of our PAC churches. Everyone is welcome to join in these very special services.

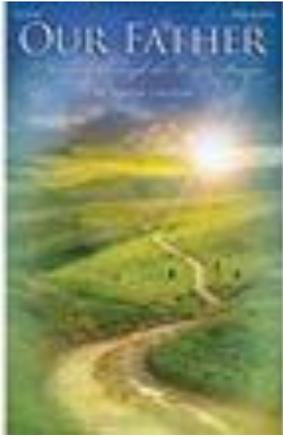


Reminder: The 4th Sunday of every month is designated as "Food Pantry Sunday" at which time we receive non-perishable goods for our Arcade Food

Pantry, sponsored by PAC. Please feel free to bring your items to worship with you on the 4th Sunday.

Reminding You of an Opportunity!

It's painless and it's so easy – no strings, no fuss, no muss!! It's the opportunity YOU have to give to the church. You know those refundable bottles and cans you accumulate and aren't quite sure what to do with or how to dispose of them? All you have to do is take them to *Isaac's Redemption Center* at 34 Liberty Street, Arcade, NY (bagged and rinsed clean). Tell them you wish for your refund to go to the UCC Church and instead of getting a refund for your cans/bottles, our church will get the monies and all these funds will be used for our Youth Ministry at Arcade UCC. If you are unable to get your cans/bottles to Isaac's yourself, call the church office and we will pick them up once a month and take them for you! How much easier could this be?? Won't you consider helping out our youth program? We sure would appreciate it!!! Thank you.



PALM SUNDAY CANTATA:

On Palm Sunday afternoon (Sunday, March 25) at 3 pm at the New St. Mary's Roman Catholic Parish, Main Street, Arcade, PAC will sponsor their annual Palm Sunday Cantata. This year, the cantata will be *Our Father...*, a cantata based on the Lord's Prayer. The choir is comprised of community and PAC church members. Cookies and punch will follow the presentation. Mark your calendars to join with us.

Talking with God: The following was sent to Kathy a while back via internet by Dona Roll and I thought it was well worth sharing again!

Me (in a tizzy) : God, can I ask you something?
GOD: Sure.
Me: Promise you won't get mad?
GOD: I promise.
Me (frustrated): Why did you let so much stuff happen to me today?
GOD: What do you mean?
Me: Well I woke up late,
GOD: Yes.
Me: My car took forever to start,
GOD: Okay....
Me (growling): At lunch, they made my sandwich wrong and I had to wait,
GOD: Hmmmm..
Me: On the way home, my phone went dead, just as I picked up a call,
GOD: All right/
Me (loudly): And to top it all off, when I got home, I just wanted to soak my feet in my foot massager and relax, but it wouldn't work. Nothing went right today! Why did you do that?
GOD: Well let me see....the death angel was at your bed this morning and I had to send one of the other angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that.
Me (humbled): Oh...
GOD: I didn't let your car start because there was a

drunk driver on your route that might have hit you if you were on the road.
Me (ashamed):
GOD: The first person who made your sandwich today was sick and I didn't want you to catch what they have, I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.
Me (embarrassed): Oh....
GOD: Your phone went dead because the person that was calling was going to give a false witness about what you said on that call, so I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be covered.
Me (softly): I see God.
GOD: Oh and that foot massager, it had a short that was going to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark.
Me: I'm sorry God.
GOD: Don't be sorry, just learn to trust me.....in all things, the good and the bad.
Me: I WILL trust you God.
GOD: And don't doubt that my plan for your day is always better than your plan
Me: I won't God. And let me just tell you God, thank you for everything today.
GOD: You're welcome child. It was just another day being your God and I love looking after my children.
AMEN!!



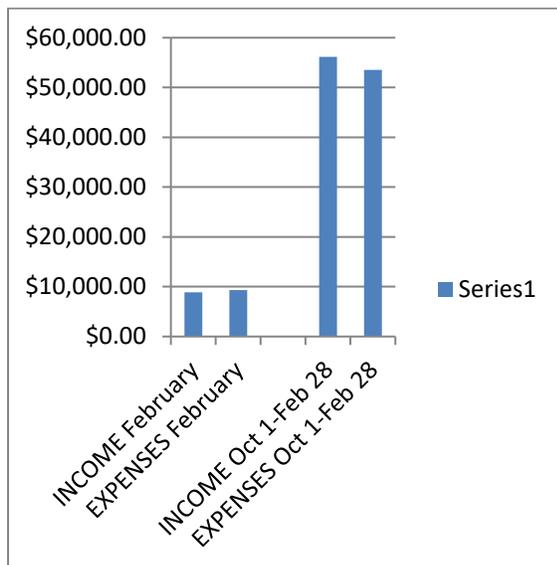
FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures in February included \$4524.28 pastor's salary and benefits; \$1,744.16 other salaries; \$516.34 insurance; \$400 cleaning service; \$336 for support of Western New York Area Churches in Covenant; \$316.30 copier leases; \$310 village utilities; \$227 gas bill; \$225 elevator inspection; \$156.95 office supplies; \$129.88 custodial supplies; \$125 snow removal; \$123.66 phone bills; \$89.98 computer and printer; \$62.25 funeral bulletins; and \$47.59 postage.

Many thanks to Debbie Scott and Sharon Hawley and all of the other volunteers who prepared for and worked on our chicken and biscuit dinner on February 17. Not all of the bills are in yet, but we estimate the profit will be around \$650.

Our next fundraiser will be a chowder sale on the first day of the local Trout Derby on April 14, so please help by donating ingredients. Our annual rummage sale takes place three weeks after that, so if you haven't already done so, please start setting things aside that could be included in the sale.

In addition to many food items, our congregation donated \$344 on February 4 during the annual Souper Bowl of Caring service. The money and the food items were delivered to the PAC Food Pantry on February 22.



INCOME February \$8,845.62
EXPENSES February \$9,334.39

INCOME Oct 1-Feb 28 \$56,147.65
EXPENSES Oct 1-Feb 28 \$53,552.37

IN REMEMBRANCE

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sandy Deinhart, who passed away on February 18. Sandy and Ron joined our church in 2005, and she continued to be an active member after Ron's passing two years ago. Sandy's memorial service will be held in our church on April 21 at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Linda Korczak on the 10th anniversary of her church membership on March 23.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING DELIVERY

Our youth recently delivered a check and food articles for our PAC Food Pantry, located at the Arcade United Methodist Church. The youth were assisted by Shannon King and Dona Roll. These monetary and food items were YOUR offerings which we collected on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 4. Your donations will help the 4 surrounding counties, which are all serviced by our local PAC Food Pantry! Thank you one and all!!!



Opportunities for Worship

Palm Sunday:

During Worship on Sunday, March 25th (Palm/Passion Sunday) we will bless and distribute palms for everyone. Please join us on this special day as we recall Jesus' triumphant and joyous entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem as a prelude to the events of Holy Week. This service will be our **Alternative Worship Experience Sunday**, so come prepared to enjoy a meaningful, and perhaps little out of the ordinary, worship that day.

MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENT:

On Thursday, March 29, we will host a Seder Meal to commemorate Maundy Thursday. After a simple meal and sharing in fellowship together, we will gather at tables and learn why and what the Seder Meal entails. More details will follow, so please keep on the look-out in our bulletins and Weekly Happenings.

Good Friday Worship:

On Friday evening, March 30, Yorkshire Free Methodist Church is hosting a Community Good Friday Worship to which everyone is most cordially invited, as we remember the crucifixion of our Lord. This Community Good Friday Service begins at 7pm. Preceding this special worship, there will be a finger food reception at 6pm. Area Pastors and church leaders will be assisting in this worship reflecting on the sacrifice which Jesus made for each of us.

Easter – the Day of Resurrection:

April 1 is the day – resurrection is the event!! Join us, won't you, as we gather in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord's resurrection from the dead. Details are not yet complete, but we WILL worship at 10:30 am in our sanctuary with joyous music, inspiring message and great fellowship. Bring your friends, neighbors and family with you as we together gather to proclaim, "He is NOT here – He IS Risen!!"



A house is a structure with walls, a roof, doors and windows. The house becomes a home when it's a place where you can feel safe and loved. You can relax and rest. For Roger Doris and his family, Hurricane Matthew took all that away. In 2016, their house was stripped of being a home. Extensive damage was done to Roger's house. They still lived there, but they were afraid – they didn't know how much longer their house would stand.



It is easy to feel overwhelmed when we look at all the areas of need in God's world: there is hunger, sickness, destruction and injustice in so many communities. It is easy to feel there is nothing we can do to help and what little we can do won't have an impact. But there IS hope and WE are that hope! Our gifts become part of a loving legacy in ways we can't foresee. Our gifts become blessings to people we don't know and blesses in ways we can't expect. We can make a difference beyond what we can imagine. OGHS responded to help Roger and his family build a new house. Now, they have a home where they can once again feel safe. Our neighbors in Haiti needed us when their security was taken away, and we were there to help.

Please give generously to this worthy cause. March 11 is the day designated for One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes will be available in your Carillon and in your bulletin for the Sunday, March 11 worship service. Thank you for your support of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

March Gatherings

- 4, 11, 18 Palm Sunday Cantata Rehearsal, 2-4 pm
6 Music & Worship, 6:30 pm
7, 14, 21 Soup & Bread Supper, 6:30,
Followed by Bible Study, 7 pm
7, 14, 21 Lenten Worship Services @ Hope
Lutheran Church – 11am with luncheon
following worship
7, 14, 21, 28 Choir Rehearsal – 6pm
9 Hope Lutheran’s Lenten Fish Fry, 4:30 pm
12 Women’s Fellowship – 1pm
13 Outreach Meeting, 7 pm
13 Building & Grounds Meeting, 7 pm
14 Workers Union – 1pm
22 Game Night, Wetzel Hall, 6-8 pm
24 Community Dinner - 4-6:00pm
25 Palm Sunday Cantata, 3 pm, New St. Mary’s
27 Council Meeting, 7 pm

NOTE: Weight Watchers meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm in Wetzel Hall.

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 April issue is March 25, 2018.

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