

# The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational

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## April 2014

As I was walking down the aisles at the grocery store the other day, I looked and looked at this person, wondering if it was a friend I had not seen in some time or someone else (after all, they say everyone has a double in this world). If anyone had seen me (and maybe they did), they would have thought I was probably stalking this person the way I was studying them. I didn't want to embarrass myself or this person by walking up to them and renewing a friendship that possibly might not have even been. I checked out and was loading my groceries in the car, when I heard someone say, "What, am I not good enough for you to say hello anymore??" Needless to say I immediately felt about 2 inches high – it WAS my friend after all. It was one of those occasions where you don't expect to see a certain person in a particular place, so you're not sure if it's really him or not. I apologized profusely and we ended up chatting for quite awhile trying to catch up on all the "water" that had passed "under the bridge" since we last had met.

During the course of conversation, I asked my friend what he was doing for Easter and to my astonishment he responded, "Nothing. It's just another day." I have to admit - I was kind of hurt and angry at my friend's response. After all, Easter is one of the church's "biggies" - the day Jesus was raised again to life eternal by the power and love and grace of God, and my friend calls it just another day? After a few more minutes of conversation, my friend and I parted and promised not to let time go so long again before we touch base with one another. All the way home and awhile later, I kept thinking about what was said - that Easter was just another day.

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> is Easter for the western Christian Church this year (and this particular year, Easter for the Orthodox Christian Church as well). It is, without a doubt, a special day where the congregation of UCC, Congregational at Arcade will worship to celebrate, commemorate and consecrate the event that is central to our Christian faith - the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. It's a day that finds us all decked out in our apparel finery, a day where colorful and fragrant flowers adorn the sanctuary, a day filled with melodious strains of music proclaiming that "Jesus is alive!! He is Risen!!" Easter is a special day because it's a day that, regardless of what circumstances you might

find yourself in at the time, you feel good - you feel alive in praising God and reassured with the message that because Jesus lives, you can face the tomorrows of your life. Easter is a time of sheer joy.

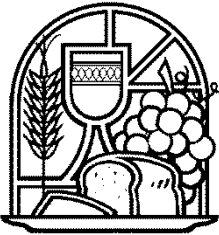
While I don't agree with my friend that Easter is **just** another day, I do appreciate all the thinking that stemmed from our conversation. Why is it we set aside merely one day a year to celebrate such a wonderful reality as Jesus' resurrection and all that it means for us? What happened to the other 364 days of the year? Easter Sunday traditionally finds our churches filled with worshippers proclaiming through prayer, litanies, song, and meditations the truth of the defeat of death as Jesus is brought to life again - and it's wonderful and right that we should do this!! But shouldn't we do this **every day**? Shouldn't we proclaim with voices raised in praise that Jesus is alive, every day we are privileged to take a breath? Shouldn't we flock to our churches to join with one another **every** Lord's Day to give thanks through celebration for God's love that raised Jesus from the dead and for the very same promise which is ours as followers of Jesus Christ? Of course we should!! Every Sunday should be Easter in our churches as we proclaim the truth of our salvation and promise of our eternal life. Every day should be a day of celebration on our part, through devotions, prayer, meditation, acknowledging that Jesus is **alive** and our constant companion.

Easter is **NOT** just another day - but neither are any of the other days we are blessed to have life. The early Christians had a tradition which I think we should reinstate in our 21<sup>st</sup> century. As two or more Christians would meet, one would say, "Christ is Risen!", to which the others would respond, "He is Risen indeed!"

May we - each of us - be courageous enough to carry the good news of Jesus' resurrection with us every single day of our lives. May we - in our own way - make every day Easter - a day of celebrating the news that Jesus lives and his promise to us is that we shall also!! May your Easter be filled with God's blessings and may His peace be showered upon you always! And, oh yes - see you in church Easter Sunday!!

Shalom,

*Pastor Bob*



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



Anyone from 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### April Greeters

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 6 Bill & Madeline Hall | 20 Shirley Kriedeman   |
| 13 John & Kim Common   | Sharon Hawley          |
|                        | 27 Gwen & Laurel Becht |
|                        | Candy Hayden           |

### April Readers

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|---------------|---------------|
| 6 Mike Tanner | 20 Frank Wood |
| 13 Liz Lowth  | 27 Randy Lutz |

### April Nursery Schedule

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| 6 Gwen St. John  | 20 Sharon Koch |
| 13 Sheila Vrenna | 27 Deb Wood    |

### April Worship Coordinators

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| 6 Tom Scott    | 20 Margaret Homan |
| 13 Wally Lowth | 27 Harv Roll      |

### April Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Molly Holland     | 12 Bob Wood         |
| 1 Justin Schaefer   | 18 John Abel        |
| 4 Charlie Hobbs     | 18 Jay May          |
| 6 Madeline Hall     | 19 Debbie Roll      |
| 6 Tadd King         | 20 Skip Tillinghast |
| 7 Kim Mortstock     | 25 JoAnn Sixt       |
| 9 Adam Romance      | 28 Jessica Lund     |
| 10 Cathy Dievendorf | 28 Tom Scott        |
| 12 Bill Hall        | 29 Laurel Becht     |

### April Anniversaries

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| 7 Peter & Connie Roll – 14 yrs.   |
| 25 Lloyd & Helen Knose – 33 yrs.  |
| 25 Mike & Leanne Pokigo – 44 yrs. |

## **Pastor's Fund**

This fund is used for helping people in Arcade and the surrounding area in times of need in their lives.

During the month of March contributions for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund have been given by: two anonymous donors, Keith and Arletta Slocum and Pastor Bob. Your donations are greatly appreciated and may be given to Pastor or mailed to the church, indicated for the Pastor's Fund.



### April Bible Readings

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| 6 Ezek 37:1-14 | 20 Acts 10:34-43     |
| Psalm 130      | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 |
| Rom 8:6-11     | Col 3:1-4            |
| John 11:1-45   | John 20:1-18         |
| 13 Isa 50:4-9a | 27 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 |
| Psalm 31:9-16  | Psalm 16             |
| Phil 2:5-11    | 1 Peter 1:3-9        |
| Matt 17:11-54  | John 20:19-31        |

### **Worship in April:**

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| April 6:  | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent<br>The Sacrament of Holy Communion<br>Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14<br>John 11: 1-6, 17-27, 38-44<br>Sermon: <i>Shake, Rattle and Roll</i> |
| April 13: | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent<br>Palm Sunday<br>Scripture: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29<br>Matthew 21: 1-11<br>Sermon: <i>Christopher</i>                                     |
| April 20: | Easter/The Day of Resurrection<br>Scripture: Acts 10: 34-43<br>Matthew 28: 1-10<br>Sermon: <i>I Wonder...</i>   |
| April 27: | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Our Youth Lead us in Worship  |

## Bereavement Support Group

Our Bereavement Support Group, facilitated by Frank Wood and presented by the Arcade UCC, Congregational will meet for the spring on **April 14, 28, May 12, June 2 and 16**. Each gathering will meet from **7:00 – 8:30 pm**. The support groups brochure states, “Members of the support group validate each others’ experiences, console and comfort each other, are encouraged by example, educated by sharing and accept each other as fellow human beings with similar problems. During group sessions you can expect that you will be given permission to grieve, be provided a confidential, non-threatening atmosphere to share, gain supportive networks and provide you with opportunities to remember both positive and negative things about your loved one.”

Meetings will be in the UCC Great Room at 297 Main Street, Arcade. Choose a session that works best for you. EVERYONE is welcome to join in this support group. New members are welcomed to join us at anytime during a session.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Wood at 585-492-2693 OR the church office at 585-492-4530.

## *Journey to the Cross*

Once again this year, our F.I.S.H. and their advisor, Vanessa Adams, are sponsoring the *Journey to the Cross* on Friday evening, April 11 from 6-8pm and Saturday, April 12 from noon to 6pm at the church.

This journey is adapted from “Stations of the Cross” and is tremendously moving and inspirational for everyone who embarks upon it.



### Palm Sunday

During Worship on Sunday, April 13 (Palm 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.

## PAC Cantata

In holding to a long tradition in Arcade, the **PAC PALM SUNDAY CANTATA** will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 3pm at the Arcade First Baptist Church, 229 Main St. This year’s cantata will be *Come Follow Me* and will be conducted by Dona Roll.

Everyone is invited to attend this moving musical presentation Christ’s Journey to the cross. Hope to see you there for this special time of fellowship, praise and worship!!

**Holy Week:** Holy Week (April 13 – 20) worship services are as follows:

- Monday through Friday, April 14-18 – PAC hosts at time of Devotions and Holy Communion at Arcade UCC at **7am**
- Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday – at **7pm** – we will worship at Arcade UCC, Congregational for a Service of Tenebrae.
- Saturday, 3pm – the youth (and those who are youthful at heart) meet in our kitchen to hear the story of the Resurrection and make “Resurrection Cookies” under the direction of Dona Roll. Everyone welcome.

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

After 3 days in the grave, Jesus was raised to life again and for all time!! We will gather in worship on April 20 to celebrate this miraculous and salvific event!!

We begin with a Family Breakfast beginning at **9:00 am**. The breakfast will include eggs, sausage, homemade biscuits, assorted sweets and coffee/tea. Then at **10:30am** you are invited to join us as we proclaim the wonderful news that “He is not here, He is RISEN!!” as we gather in our sanctuary for a tremendous celebration of Christ’s Resurrection in worship.

Come and join us, won’t you and bring your family and friends to commemorate and celebrate the resurrection of Christ Jesus!

## **Church Membership**

If you are searching for a church home, or if you already attend our congregation but have not become a member and would like to, now is the time! Pastor Bob would like to have new member sessions with any and all who would like to make Arcade UCC, Congregational their church home.

Please contact Pastor Bob with your interest and for more details.

## Bible Study and UCC Class

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study WILL meet on April 9 at 6:30pm for a soup and bread supper and our study at 7pm. Bible Study will NOT meet on April 16, 23, 30 but will re-convene on May 7 at 7pm as we continue to look at the Life of Christ.

Our UCC Class will meet on Thursday, April 10 at 7 pm. The UCC Class will NOT meet on April 17, or 24. We will re-convene this Thursday evening class on May 1 at 7 pm.

Please note these time changes.



**A Reminder:** The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Thank You.

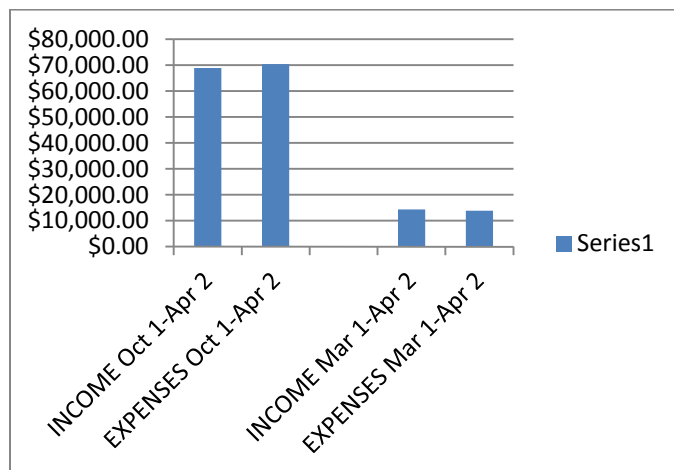
## WNYACIC and New York Conference

Two events in May will provide an opportunity to become involved in the Western New York Area Churches in Covenant (WNYACIC) and New York Conference UCC.

On Sunday, May 4, 2014, the WNYACIC will hold their spring meeting at St. Paul's UCC in Attica. "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come!", A Service of Recognition will be the theme of the spring meeting which will run from 1-5pm with registration starting at 12:30pm. Gordon and Ginger Comstock will be recognized for 25 years of service with NY/Help Honduras. Please join us in honoring Gordon and Ginger at this special service.

Also, on the weekend of May 30 – June 1 the 2014 the Annual Meeting of the New York Conference will be held at the Convention and Events Center in Niagara Falls, NY. The business meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31 with the Jubilee Banquet being held on Saturday evening. The culmination of this event will be at the Sunday, June 1 worship service at the Convention and Events Center.

If you are interested in attending any or all of the annual meeting events, please see Pastor Bob for information on costs, etc. All are welcome to attend the culmination worship service on Sunday.



## FINANCIAL NEWS

Our total non-pass-through expenditures for March 1-April 2 included \$5,990.28 pastor's salary and benefits; \$2,476.38 other salaries on March 14 and 31; \$897.46 village utilities; \$630 gas; \$600 as part of our pledge to the state and national UCC; \$435.86 replacement parts for boiler; \$400.34 insurance; \$397.80 elevator maintenance; \$362.50 cleaning; \$350 half of registration for State Youth Event; \$342.50 travel; \$259.61 copier; \$232 as part of our Covenantal Share to the Western New York Area Churches in Covenant; \$103.86 bulletins; \$65 office supplies; \$65 custodial supplies; \$62.90 phones; \$86.54 postage; and \$64.70 computer.

All of the bills for the February 15 pork dinner have been paid, and we came out with a profit of \$833.15. Thanks go to the many people who made the dinner a success and to the Scotts for coordinating it. The next pork dinner is planned for the fall.

The Council decided at the March meeting to change to balanced billing for our electric bills. Our gas bills are already on balanced billing, but we hadn't made the change with the electric bills, since our income used to drop in the summer months. For the past few years, our summer income has remained consistent, so we felt it was time to even out our electric bills. This has been a tough winter, and we appreciate our members who've helped the church cope with the high energy prices, at the same time you've been facing high prices at home.

Our offering to the United Church of Christ's One Great Hour of Sharing campaign amounted to \$401, which has been sent to the UCC New York Conference office.

## **News of Our People**

We extend our sympathy to Sharon Hawley on the recent deaths of her two sisters.

Congratulations to Bill Hall on his recent retirement after a long career at Fisher-Price.

Congratulations to Wyn Roll, who directed another outstanding Pioneer musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Others from our church who were involved in the production included: Sam Tillinghast, cast; Kelly Bechdel, chorus; Nick Tillinghast, children's choir; Penny Rutledge and Kathy May, pit orchestra; Debbie Roll and Connie Roll, makeup; Skip Tillinghast, printing; and Pete Roll, set construction.

Congratulations to Nick Taylor, a member of the St. Bonaventure University Mock Trial Team, which won the regional tournament at Buffalo State in February and went on to the opening round of the national tournament in Ohio. Nick won one of the Outstanding Witness Awards!

### **THREE OF OUR WORLD WAR II VETERANS**

Many members of our church served in the armed forces during World War II, and several more veterans joined the church in the years after the war. Three of the men who deserve special mention this month are retired Judge Charles R. Newman, Pastor Emeritus Charles W. Hobbs Sr., and the late Richard H. Morse.

#### **PASTOR EMERITUS HOBBS**

Our pastor emeritus was recently notified he will be a part of a group of WWII veterans to take one of this spring's trips to Washington, D.C. to visit the World War II Memorial.

Charlie enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17 and served as a gunner's mate until the end of the war. He was stationed on Ulithi Island, part of the West Carolinas islands in the South Pacific, on a floating dry dock that was used as a repair station for other ships. In addition to being a deeply devout Christian, Pastor Charlie is a very patriotic American who is proud of his military service.

Honor Flight Buffalo is part of a nationwide network of Honor Flights that organizes these trips to the World War II Memorial at no cost to the participating veterans.

#### **CHARLES NEWMAN**

"The Judge," as he's known to his comrades in the Hugh Lynch Post #737, American Legion, was presented with a 70-year membership certificate on March 31. It was signed by the national commander of the American

Legion and presented by officers of the local post and the Wyoming County American Legion.

After growing up in Arcade and attending St. Bonaventure for a year, Charlie enlisted in the Army in 1943. After training, he was sent to the European Theater of Operations and served there for the remainder of the war. He was discharged as a first lieutenant, and later finished college and law school. He practiced law in Arcade until he became a Wyoming County Judge.

During his years in the Legion, Charlie held many leadership positions in the local post and served as Wyoming County Commander in the 1950s. He has been an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Hugh Lynch Post following its reactivation in recent years.

#### **RICHARD MORSE**

Because he lived in Buffalo and its suburbs in the years after World War II, most of our current church members never met Mr. Morse, who died a year ago at the age of 87. He grew up as part of our church and enlisted in the Army after graduating from Arcade Central School in 1943. He and Charlie Newman enlisted together and went through much of their training together.

Dick eventually was assigned to the 87<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and served in the European Theater of Operations. During the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, Dick's squad was ordered to go over a hill, where a small group of German troops was reportedly ready to surrender. Instead, they were greeted by a much larger number of German troops and tanks, and Dick was captured. During his time as a prisoner of war, he and others were forced to perform hard labor in Berlin. He weighed just 87 pounds when he was freed in May 1945.

Following the war, Dick lived at the YMCA in Buffalo while attending college and beginning his long career in the insurance industry. Although he never again lived in Arcade, he was an occasional visitor here, and he spoke at the dedication of the tank in front of the VFW post home on West Main Street.

A few months after Dick's passing, our church was notified that it was one of several beneficiaries named in his will. On February 24, 2014, the church received a \$31,807.83 check as our share of Dick's estate. Unless designated for another purpose, bequests above \$1,000 automatically go into our church's Endowment Fund, and this was done immediately with this check.

With his gift, Dick Morse's lifelong devotion to our church will make it possible for the Endowment Committee to expand its giving to mission projects, as well as to special needs within our church, for many years to come.

## April Gatherings

- 1 Worship/Music - 6:30pm
  - 2, 9 Lenten Worship Services @ Hope Lutheran Church – 11am with luncheon following worship.
  - 2, 9, 16, 23 -- Choir Rehearsal – 6pm
  - 3 Outreach – 1pm
  - 7 Women’s Fellowship – 1pm
  - 8 Christian Education – 4pm
  - 9 Workers Union – 1pm
  - 9 PAC Lenten Luncheon – 11am – Hope Lutheran Luncheon following service
  - 9 Bible Study –Lenten Soup & Bread Supper @ 6:30pm, Bible Study – 7pm
  - 9 Building & Grounds – 7pm
  - 10 “Getting to Know the UCC” class – 7pm
  - 11 Journey to the Cross – Arcade UCC – 6-8pm
  - 12 Journey to the Cross – Arcade UCC – noon – 6pm
  - 13 PAC Palm Sunday Cantata – 3pm, First Baptist Church
  - 14-18 PAC Holy Week Services – Arcade UCC – 7am
  - 18 Good Friday Service of Tenebrae – 7pm – Arcade UCC
  - 20 Easter Sunday – breakfast in Wetzel Hall at 9am followed by 10:30am worship in our sanctuary.
  - 22 Council – 7pm
  - 26 Community Dinner - 4-6:00pm
- NOTE:** Weight Watchers meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm in Wetzel Hall.

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by a committee of four – Audrey Erick, Marilyn Piridy and Margaret Homan and Sheila Vrenna. 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 May issue is April 20, 2014.

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**Worship Schedule:** 8:45am – Sunday School

9:00am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Worship

Children are not the future of our church. They are the present. As you are! Come play the Godly Play and consider being a storyteller. You will not be alone. Training and support are available. We are blessed with the Godly Play program. Let's make it continue. We have prayerfully considered how this could happen and God has turned us to you!

Christian Education Committee

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