

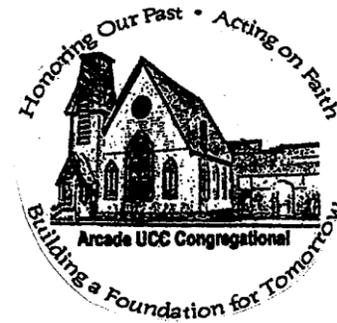
# The Carillon

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Nearing the end of Lent and with Easter fast approaching, have you recently read the Resurrection accounts in the gospels? Now, I know you are familiar with the various accounts, but have you noticed the differences in them?

In Matthew's gospel, Christ is raised to life on the third day and is seen by the women who are told to tell the disciples to go to Galilee where they will see the Risen Lord. The gospel ends with Jesus telling the disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

Luke, the physician, recounts that Jesus is raised from death to life and then, on the road to Emmaus, appears to two travelers and makes himself known as they together break bread at the table. These two then return to Jerusalem and report to the eleven that they had encountered Jesus, when Jesus himself appears to the gathered band. The gospel concludes with Jesus being ascended into heaven (remember that this is a segway to the Book of Acts, which, along with the Gospel of Luke, was originally one writing).

The Johannine account (that is, the Gospel of John) of the resurrection, which is probably the most familiar of the four, is quite expanded, but basically tells the same story – that Jesus was discovered missing from the tomb and was encountered by Mary Magdalene in the garden, who thought Jesus was the gardener. Jesus is then made known to the disciples, then to Thomas in the familiar "doubting" scene, then Jesus continues a forty-day ministry with his disciples ending with Jesus telling Peter to "feed my lambs...take care of my sheep...feed my sheep".

And then there is Mark's account – the earliest of the four gospels, written about 64 AD. Mark's gospel really has two endings. It has the longer ending, where Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, then to two who were walking in the countryside, then to the eleven. After seeing the eleven, Jesus then ascended into heaven. Now this longer ending is believed NOT to be the original, but rather, added sometime later. This conclusion is garnered from the fact that 1) this ending does not appear in the earliest original texts, and 2) the ending shows significant differences in vocabulary, grammar, style and theological undertones than the rest of Mark's Gospel.

The original ending of Mark's account of the resurrection actually ends with the women discovering the empty tomb and encountering Jesus who told them to tell the disciples. The amazing end states: "the women out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid."

As we fast approach Easter and the celebration of Jesus being resurrected from the dead, I would ask you (and myself): are we too much like the women? Do we run away and say nothing to anyone about the wonderful saving grace of Jesus the Christ because we are afraid of what people may think of us or what might happen to us? Do we keep Jesus all to ourselves because we don't want to be labeled as "one of those weird Jesus-freaks?"

Being a UCC-er (a member of mainline Protestantism in America in this 21<sup>st</sup> century), we are, for the most part, quite uncomfortable with the term *evangelism*. When we hear this word we conjure up mental pictures of going door to door in the village asking those that answer, "Do YOU know Jesus in your life? Are you saved?" Now, let me say right up front – I am NOT ridiculing this practice nor those who so bravely and with so much dedication carry Christ's message to the world using this method!! Not in the least! BUT, I will admit, this is not my personal "cup of tea." And perhaps nor is it for you. But that doesn't mean we cannot or should not evangelize the message of God's loving grace through the death and resurrection of God's only Son Jesus, the Christ and the importance – the necessity – of our accepting Christ to receive salvation. When we profess our following of Jesus, the Christ, we are taking upon ourselves the responsibility to share the message of Christ with others that we meet on our life's journey. And we do this (whether you realize it or not) by the way we speak, the way we act, the way we spend our money, the way we treat others, the way we "carry" ourselves – actually in everything we do and say.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Christ from the dead and, through this act, the promise and gift of salvation to those who follow Christ, may we ALL be unashamed to share the good news constantly and continually in our lives. May the sentiment attributed to St. Francis be our mantra:

*Preach the gospel always, and if necessary, use words!!*

Have a Blessed, Joyous and Renewing Easter, my friends.

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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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 5 Jim & Sheila Vrenna | 19 Wally & Liz Lowth |
| 12 Mike & Joel Ferry  | 26 Randy & Debi Lutz |

### April Readers

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| 5 Skip Tillinghast | 19 Deb Scott |
| 12 Jeff Mason      | 26 Rich Vogt |

### April Nursery Schedule

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| 5                   | 19 Sheila Romance |
| 12 Denielle Romance | 26 Sharon Koch    |

### April Worship Coordinators

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| 5 Margaret Homan | 19 Shirley Kriedeman |
| 12 Wally Lowth   | 26 Harv Roll         |

### April Birthdays

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Molly Holland     | 18 John Abel        |
| 1 Justin Schaefer   | 18 Jay May          |
| 4 Charlie Hobbs     | 19 Gloria Hewson    |
| 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     |
| 12 Bob Wood         |                     |

### April Anniversaries

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| 7 Peter & Connie Roll – 15 yrs.  |
| 25 Lloyd & Helen Knose – 34 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: Workers Union, Barbara Newman, Easter Memorial Blessings, an anonymous donor 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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|----|-----------------------|----|----------------|
| 5  | Acts 10:34-43         | 19 | Acts 3:12-19   |
|    | Psalm 118:1, 2, 14-24 |    | Psalm 4        |
|    | 1 Cor 15:1-11         |    | 1 John 3:1-17  |
|    | John 20:1-18          |    | Luke 14:36b-48 |
| 12 | Acts 4:32-35          | 26 | Acts 4:5-12    |
|    | Psalm 133             |    | Psalm 23       |
|    | 1 John 1:1-2:2        |    | 1 John 3:16-24 |
|    | John 20:19-31         |    | John 10:11-18  |

### **WORSHIP IN APRIL**

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| April 5:  | Easter Sunday<br>The Sacrament of Holy Communion<br>Scripture: John 20: 1-18  |
| April 12: | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Scripture: 1 John 1:8 – 2:2<br>John 20: 19-31<br>Sermon: <i>Fleas of Faith!</i>                     |
| April 19: | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Scripture: Acts 3: 12-19<br>Luke 24: 36b-48<br>Sermon: <i>You Are Witnesses!</i>                    |
| April 26: | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter<br>Scripture: 1 John 3: 16-24<br>John 10: 11-18<br>Sermon: <i>Christ as Shepherd Means We're Sheep</i> |

# Church Membership

If you are searching for a church home, or if you are already attending our church, 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

Our weekly Bible Study, which meets each Wednesday in the Great Room at 7 pm, will begin anew on April 15. The topic for study is not yet affirmed, but we will have a great time of sharing, learning and fellowship as we look in depth topics regarding our Christian beliefs and God's Word. Bring your Bible and something to write with.

Please plan on joining us, won't you? Coffee and some "goodies" are provided.



**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,

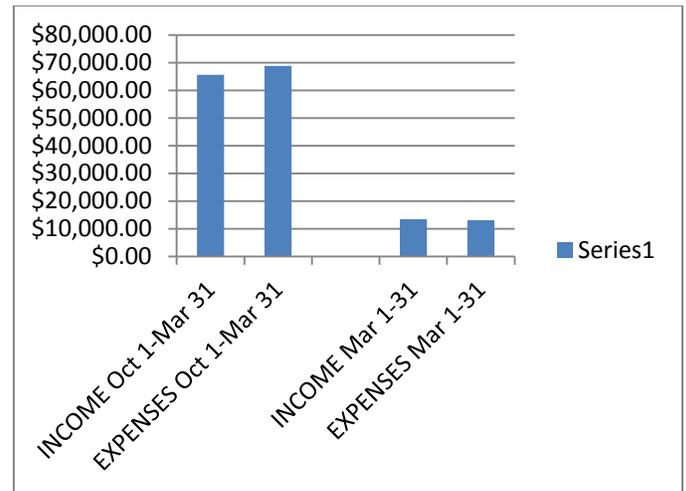
sponsored by PAC. Please feel free to bring your items to worship with you on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Thank You.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pot Luck

On Sunday, **April 12**, we will enjoy together our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pot Luck immediately following worship. This is a time of fellowship and great food, so plan on joining us for dinner the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after worship. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. This is a great way to get to know each other a little better!! See you there.

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Wyn Roll on his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of church membership on April 11; to Margaret Homan on her 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 30; and to Tom and Debi Scott, Roxanne Tuttle, Christine Scott Peterson, and David Scott on their 20th anniversaries on April 30!



## FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures in March included \$7,469.23 pastor's salary and benefits; \$2,476.38 other salaries; \$626.85 State Conference registration; \$400.34 insurance; \$400 State Youth Event registrations; \$360 Western Area covenantal share; \$356.56 village utilities; \$302 travel; \$215.52 copier lease; \$212.50 plowing; \$204 gas bill; \$160 cleaning; \$82.51 phones; \$67.10 postage; \$65 safe deposit box rental; and \$44.99 online service.

## WORKERS UNION

Members of Workers Union met Wednesday, March 11 at 1pm in the church annex. Eight members were present.

Shirley Kriedeman welcomed everyone and asked for celebrations and concerns. Pastor Bob included the many concerns in his special prayer. Much correspondence was read regarding our Christmas spending. Minutes were read and approved. The treasurer reported there was some Christmas spending that was delayed. It was voted to give to each of the four offerings that were discussed previously. The Upper Room was discussed. We were reminded that dues need to be paid.

Pastor Bob then presented an interesting program concerning Easter traditions along with a questionnaire. We all learned a lot – thanks, Pastor!

Our next meeting will be April 4 at 1pm in the annex.

*Margaret Homan, Secretary*

The Upper Room is available at no cost. Please use it for your daily prayers!

## Frank Wood

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jim Wood, Jeff Wood, Alison Camp and the rest of the Wood family on the death of their father, father-in-law, brother and grandfather, Frank Wood, on March 28.

Although he did not become a church member until 1987, Frank often credited the late Rev. John Ellis for his spiritual awakening and the start of his church attendance in the 1970s. He combined the teachings of Jesus and his own deep faith to conduct many stress management workshops in the community, and in 1987 he became the author of "Stress Management through Christian Faith in Love."

Frank referred to himself as just an "amateur" preacher, but he was frequently asked to supply pulpits for a number of churches in the area. He conducted worship services in our pulpit many times over the years, and he always asked the congregation to sing "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart" before he delivered one of his thought-provoking messages.

Frank served on many boards and committees in our church, but perhaps one of his most significant contributions came after the death of his beloved wife, Diane, in 2010. Frank began attending bereavement support groups and eventually became a facilitator for these groups through the Wyoming County Office for the Aging. Frank and Pastor Bob applied for and received a grant for our church to offer bereavement support groups to people in our local communities. Through these groups and the many other ways he ministered to people, Frank had a positive impact on countless people beyond our church and beyond the students he taught at Pioneer.

## Prayer Warriors

Would YOU like to be a Prayer Warrior? All that is required is a willingness to pray for concerns as they are brought to you through our congregation.

If you are interested you may call Pastor Bob with your name and phone number OR you may sign up on the sheet in the rear of the sanctuary. When those interested have signed up, we will formulate a prayer warrior list and see that you receive a copy so you can begin praying!!

Thank you for your interest. We've seen it day in and day out and it is true!! **PRAYER DOES WORK!!!**

## Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met March 2, 2015 in the church annex at 1pm. Nine members were in attendance.

Suzanne Norton opened the meeting asking for concerns. Many of our congregation were included in the prayer led by Gwen St. John who read "A Prayer for the New Year" by Rev. Billy Graham. (Our meeting had been postponed due to the weather in January and February).

Many thank you notes for our Christmas giving were read. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Donations for the new dishwasher were appreciated and helped as Women's Fellowship paid the balance needed!

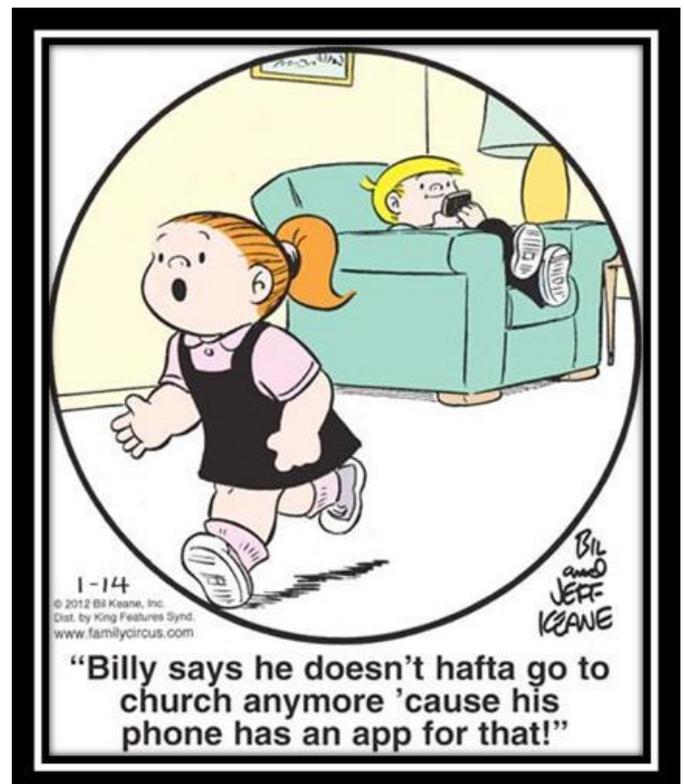
The next PAC meeting will be held on April 21, 2015 at 6:30pm. Final plans for the Lenten luncheon March 4 at Hope Lutheran Church were made. Plans for the May 1 & 2 Rummage Sale were finalized and the inclusion of a lunch menu was discussed. We will ask Kathy May to help with flyers for the Rummage Sale.

A Pork Dinner has been scheduled for May 16.

Work in the kitchen for cleaning will be March 12 at 10am.

Our next meeting will be April 6, 2015 at 1pm.

*Margaret Homan*



## Rummage Sale – May 1 & 2, 2015

Women's Fellowship is organizing a rummage sale to be held on May 1 and 2 from 9am – 4pm. All profits will be donated to the general fund. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The following is a **partial** list of suggested items that can be donated. As you do your spring cleaning, keep these in mind. Items may be left at the rear of Wetzel Hall any time on or after April 19. Please have all items clean and ready for sale.

### Kitchen Items

*Dishes, cookware, small appliances, towels, pot holders, table cloths.*

### Collectibles

*Knick-knacks, antiques, decorative items, pictures, picture frames*

### Bedding

*Blankets, bedspreads, comforters, sheets*  
**NO bed pillows**

### Household goods

*Afghans, throws, decorative pillows, throw rugs*

### Electronics

*Video games, game systems, DVD's, CD's, radios, fans, **NO** tv's or computers*

### Crafting Supplies

*Yarn, yard goods, buttons, zippers, patterns, craft books, thread, needles*

### Jewelry – Old or New

### Books

### Decorations for All Holidays

### Toys and Games

### Baby and Kids clothing

## April Gatherings

- 5 *Easter Sunday*
- 6 Women's Fellowship – 1pm
- 7 Worship/Music - 6:30pm
- 8, 15, 22, 29 -- Choir Rehearsal – 6pm
- 8 Workers Union – 1pm
- 8 Christian Education – 4pm
- 8 Building & Grounds – 7pm
- 11, 12 Tri-County Trout Derby
- 15 Outreach – 1pm
- 15, 22, 19 – Bible Study – 7pm
- 18 Swiss Steak Dinner – Arcade United Methodist Church – 4:30 - ?
- 25 Community Dinner - 4-6:00pm
- 28 Council – 7pm

**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 19, 2015.

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9:00am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Worship

