

The Carillon

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With the rapidly nearing end of Lent and all, 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 segue 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 (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 and 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 gospel, 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 ends with the women discovering the empty tomb and encountering Jesus who told them to tell the disciples. The amazing end states: "the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid."

As we 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 21st 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 - RCD



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.



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.

April Greeters

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| 1 John & Carol Abel | 22 Margaret Homan & Sharon Koch |
| 8 Helen Knose & Suzanne Norton | 29 Gwen St. John & Edie Holmes |
| 15 Diane Spzak & Sharon Hawley | |

April Readers

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| 1 Debi Lutz | 22 Leanne Pokigo |
| 8 Jeff Mason | 29 Pastor Bob |
| 15 Mike Tanner | |

April Nursery Schedule

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| 1 No nursery | 22 Denielle Romance |
| 8 Sheila Vrenna | 29 Shannon King |
| 15 Shannon King | |

April Worship Coordinators

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| 1 Shirley Kriedeman | 22 Jo Sixt |
| 8 Margaret Homan | 29 Wally Lowth |
| 15 Ryan Bechdel | |

April Birthdays

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| 1 Molly Holland | 18 John Abel |
| 1 Justin Schaefer | 18 Jay May |
| 4 Charlie Hobbs | 19 Debbie Roll |
| 6 Madeline Hall | 20 Skip Tillinghast |
| 6 Tadd King | 25 JoAnn Sixt |
| 9 Adam Romance | 28 Tom Scott |
| 12 Bill Hall | 29 Laurel Becht |

April Anniversaries

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| 7 Peter & Connie Roll | 25 Mike & Leanne Pokigo |
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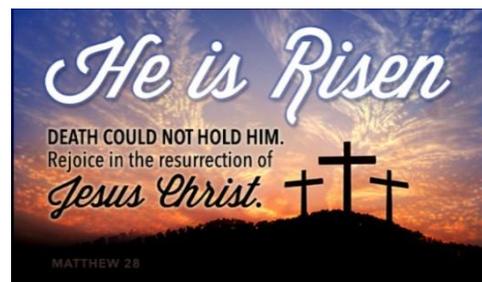


April Bible Readings

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| 1 Ezek 37:1-14 | 22 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 |
| Psalm 130 | Psalm 16 |
| Rom 8:6-11 | 1 Pet 1:3-9 |
| John 11:1-45 | John 20:19-31 |
| 8 Isa 50:4-9a | 29 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 |
| Psalm 31:9-16 | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 |
| Phil 2:5-11 | 1 Peter 1:17-23 |
| Mat 26:14-27:66 | Luke 24:13-35 |
| 15 Acts 10:34-43 | |
| Psalm 118:14-24 | |
| Col 3:1-4 | |
| John 20:1-18 | |

Bible Study

Our weekly Bible Study, which meets each Wednesday in the Great Room at 7 pm, will begin anew on April 11. The topic for study is the Book of *Hebrews*. We will have a great time of sharing, learning and fellowshiping as we look in depth at this New Testament epistle. Bring your Bible and something to write with. Please plan on joining us, won't you?



Worship in April:

April 1: Easter Sunday

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

Message: *Easter Fools' Day*

April 8: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Humor Sunday

Scripture: Acts 4: 32-35

John 20: 19-31

Message: *God's Everyday Fools*

April 15: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Scripture: 1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

Message: *Family Responsibilities*

April 22: 4th Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 4: 5-12

John 10: 11-18

Message: *Radical Augmentation*

April 29: 5th Sunday of Easter

Alternative Worship Experience

Scripture: Psalm 22: 25-31

John 15: 1-8

Message: *Joy and Depression*



Game Night

By popular request, we will enjoy on Thursday, April 26, another GAME NIGHT from 6-8 PM in Wetzel Hall to which you and your family and friends are invited!! 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!!!

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

PASTOR'S FUND

During the month of March 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.



Food Pantry: 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. Thank You.

Easter – the Day of Resurrection

April 1 is Easter Sunday – the Day of Resurrection. This year, it is also April Fools' Day – an occurrence that has not happened since 1956. On this holy and blessed day, we will gather in Wetzel Hall at 9 am for a Continental Breakfast. Then at our regular 10:30 am hour, we gather in our sanctuary for our Easter Worship – a service of song, Word and community gathering, also celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. *EVERYONE* is invited to join with us for this most special and holy day as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, from the dead.

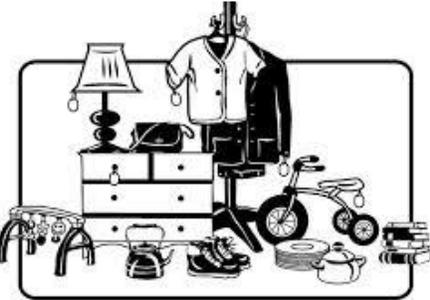


FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures in March included \$6,616.66 pastor's salary and benefits; \$1,821.55 other salaries; \$456.54 conferences; \$436.41 insurance; \$310 village utilities; \$300 website; \$227 gas bill; \$144 travel; \$123.57 phone bills; \$112.50 snow removal; \$112.01 copier leases; \$89.98 computer and printer; \$76.25 office supplies; and \$57.90 stamps and postcards.

Our next fundraiser will be a chowder sale on the first day of the local Trout Derby on April 14, so please help by signing up on April 8 to donate ingredients and to help work on the 14th. 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.

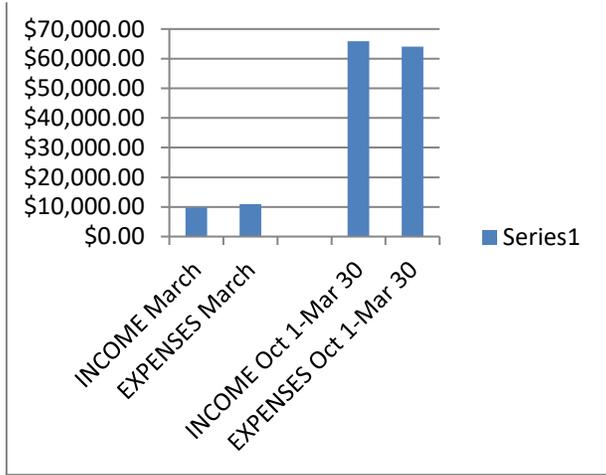
Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Easter Memorial Blessings project. The money will be used to the Snack Pack program that provides food packages to disadvantaged students at Pioneer who need help with food on the weekends. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, April 8.



Rummage Sale

Women's Fellowship is organizing a rummage sale to be held on May 4 and 5. 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 15. There will also be three gift baskets to be raffled off. Please have all items clean and ready for sale.

INCOME March	\$9,762.00
EXPENSES March	\$10,884.37
INCOME Oct 1-Mar 30	\$65,889.18
EXPENSES Oct 1-Mar 30	\$64,090.28



Clothing: Baby and children's clothing – NO ADULT CLOTHING accepted.

Kitchen: dishes, cookware, dish towels, pot holders, small appliances, utensils, heaters, canning supplies.

Bedding: blankets, sheets, quilts, bedspreads, comforters – NO BED PILLOWS please.

Home: afghans, throws, deco pillows, throw rugs, tablecloths, picture frames, knick-knacks, antiques, curtains, draperies, antique furniture.

Bath: small accessories, towels, washcloths, bath mats, scales, shower curtains (NEW shower curtains only please)

Electronics: DVD's and DVD players, CD's and players, radios, game systems, record players, fans, heaters, all in working condition – NO TV'S OR COMPUTERS

Personal: purses, scarves, gloves, jewelry, watches, belts, etc. NO SHOES

Crafts: All craft items – yarn, buttons, craft books, thread, trims, fabric, batting, polyfill, scissors, etc.

Kids: Toys, games, car seats, booster seats, high chairs, strollers, baby furniture

Outside: lawn ornaments, urns, flower pots, gardening tools, lights, lawn furniture

Books: All books – NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Sports: Sporting equipment (especially kids) balls, bats, hockey sticks, shin guards, skates, helmets (biking, snowmobiling, motorcycle) adult and kids, skis, camping gear, hunting and fishing gear, sleds, games

Hand tools: Saws, hammers, drills and bits, trimmers, screwdrivers, etc.



ANNOUNCING ARCADE UCC NEW WEBSITE

Arcade UCC is excited to announce our new website, www.arcadeucc.com! This website will provide us with a much-needed online connection: directions to find us, contact information, current events, upcoming events, information about every level of our Sunday School program, "Meet the Pastor," links to our Facebook page and UCC Conference pages, and much more! We will continue to update and revamp the site, but it is looking great! We hope you will check it out next time you are on the web and use it in the future to keep informed of the happenings within our church! Shannon King would like to say a special thank you to Josh Taylor for his help and time on this project! Josh gracefully volunteered while home from college on various weekends, to assist in making this website a reality. Thank you, Josh!

April Gatherings

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| 1 | Easter Sunday |
| 2 | Women's Fellowship, 1pm |
| 3 | Worship & Music, 6:30pm |
| 4, 11, 18, 25 | Choir Rehearsal, 6pm |
| 10 | Outreach Meeting, 7pm |
| 10 | Building & Grounds Meeting, 7pm |
| 11 | Workers' Union, 1pm |
| 24 | Council Meeting, 7pm |
| 26 | Game Night, Wetzel Hall, 6-8pm |
| 28 | Community Dinner, 4-6pm |

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 May issue is April 23, 2018.

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