

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade
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April 2019

Upcoming Events

April

- 4/1 - Women's Fellowship, 1pm
- 4/2 - CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) Training, 6:30pm
- 4/3, 10 - PAC Lenten Services and Luncheons, Hope Lutheran, 11am
- 4/3, 10, 17, 24 Choir Rehearsals, 6pm
- 4/7 - Outreach, after service
- 4/10 - Worker's Union, 1pm
- 4/10 - Building & Grounds, 7pm
- 4/13 - Trout Derby, Chowder at Arcade UCC, 8:30am – sold out
- 4/14 - Palm Sunday
- 4/14 - Empty Bowls project, Hope Lutheran
- 4/14 - Cantata, St. Mary's, 3pm
- 4/19 - Good Friday
- 4/21 - Easter
- 4/23 - Council, 6:30pm
- 4/27 - Community Dinner, 4-6pm, Team Giles

April Greeters

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| 7 Diane Szpak & Sharon Hawley | 21 Edie Holmes & Gwen St. John |
| 14 Margaret Homan & Audrey Erick | 28 Randy & Debi Lutz |

April Worship Coordinators

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| 7 Bev Giles | 21 Margaret Homan |
| 14 Helen Boling | 28 Jo Sixt |

April Birthdays

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

April Anniversary

April 7- Peter & Connie Roll – 19 years



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 Bible Readings

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| 7 | Isa 43:16-21
Ps 126
Phil 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8 | 21 | Acts 10:34-43
Ps 118:1-2,14-24
1 Cor 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 |
| 14 | Luke 19:28-40
Ps 31:9-16
Isa 50:4-9a
Luke 23:1-49 | 28 | Acts 5:27-32
Ps 150
Rev 1:4-8
John 20:19-31 |

Search Committee Updates

The Search Committee is now working on the Church Profile. As we move forward in the process, we thank you for your continued support. We will be using our Alternative Worship Experience to continue to share our progress as well as discuss and discern some of the more subjective questions on the survey. This will give us the opportunity to work together to see who we are and who we want to be. In the meantime, the following article was one of our devotions that has humor but some thoughtful insights into our role as a congregation in the ministry of the Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational.

Pastoral Search Report

We do not have a happy report to give. We've not been able to find a suitable candidate for this church, though we have one promising prospect still. We do appreciate all the suggestions from the church members, and we've followed up each one with interviews or calling at least three references. The following is our confidential report on the present candidates.

Adam: Good man but problems with his wife. Also one reference told of how his wife and he enjoy walking nude in the woods.

Noah: Former pastorate of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.

Abraham: Though the references reported wife-swapping, the facts seem to show he never slept with another man's wife, but did offer to share his own wife with another man.

Joseph: A big thinker, but a braggart, believes in dream-interpreting, and has a prison record.

Moses: A modest and meek man, but poor communicator, even stuttering at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.

David: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife.

Solomon: Great preacher but our parsonage would never hold all those wives.

Elijah: Prone to depression-collapses under pressure.

Elisha: Reported to have lived with a single widow while at his former church.

Hosea: A tender and loving pastor but our people could never handle his wife's occupation.

Deborah: Female.

Jeremiah: Emotionally unstable, alarmist, negative, always lamenting things, and reported to have taken a long trip to bury his underwear on the bank of foreign river.

Isaiah: On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church. Has trouble with his language.

Jonah: Refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.

Amos: Too backward and unpolished. With some seminary training he might have promise but has a hang-up against wealthy people. Might fit in better in a poor congregation.

John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.

Peter: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper—even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, but a loose cannon.

Paul: Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with younger ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

Timothy: Too young.

Jesus: Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5000, he managed to offend them all and this church dwindled down to twelve people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And, of course, he's single.

Judas: His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows

how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.

If you have ever been part of a Pastor search committee you can chuckle at this while at the same time see the truth of this! All the reasons not to hire these men/woman have most likely been heard during your own search for a Pastor. Is he single? Is he too young? Does he offend people? Does he have tact? How's his temper? Is he a sharp dresser? Does he like to visit? Is he friendly and sociable? What about his wife? On and on and on we go. The danger of course is that we get so involved in the negative things of his past or that he can't measure up to our expectations of a Pastor that we neglect to see the positive possible impact of his ministry. I believe that if we're too particular, we can end up like the church in the example above. "Hey, this guy Judas sure looks good, let's give him a shot." You see all the other men were men of God, and they struggled with sin in their life just like you and I. But for some reason we expect the Pastor to be perfect! We expect the pastor we choose to meet all of our expectations and be this perfect person that does everything we need as our leader. He's not allowed to have issues! After all he's a man of God! He's been called by God to be the Pastor! And by the way, he's being paid.

How quickly we forget that we also have been called by God to serve, evangelize, witness, and preach the good news to those we meet that are lost. Why do we assume or think it's the Pastor's role to visit the sick? Why do we think it's the Pastor's duties to run the office of the Church? Why do we think he has to be the one to outreach to the community so they can be saved? Why do we think this and how did we get this way? I'm convinced of this... We want someone else to do our work that God intends for us to do. Is that why we hire a Pastor to lead our congregation? No, of course not. But sometimes it seems that way doesn't it? If it wasn't for the Pastor or associate Pastor and a hand full of key leaders, teachers, etc. where would we be? The rest of the people come to be a part of their own social club. In some ways we begin to think, this church is our church. It's our responsibility to complain when things in our church are not right. Now wait a minute, we tried that 10 years ago and it didn't work out so well, it just won't work. Now wait a minute Pastor, did you run that by the

committee for approval first before you go too far with this? Well Pastor we have no one to run this ministry... can't your wife do it? Pastor, Pastor, PASTOR, can't you do more, can't you do better?

Folks... the man/woman is human. He/she is just like you and I...No different! He/she is not more Godly than you and I should be. Usually he/she is though because we fail to read our bibles and study like we should, so we think that because he/she is the Pastor... well it is his/her job to be more Godly. No it isn't, it's their job to equip the Saints (the members of the church) for ministry. It's not their job to do all the ministry, it's their job to equip us to do the ministry. Like visiting, like fellowship, like teaching, like evangelizing, like reaching out to the lost.

Pastor's role...

Ephesians 4: (11)"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelist, and some pastors and teachers, (12)for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Some of the first preachers were the 11 disciples.

Matthew 28: (18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (19) "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Our role...

To be made into disciples. Men and women that have learned and been taught to observe all the things that are commanded us by our Lord Jesus Christ. This teaching of course comes from our Pastor and God's Word (the bible). He's our equipper. Our role however is to discover the gifts that God has given us and apply those gifts in areas of ministry within our body of believers (the church). For Christ's church to be all that He wants it to be, we must look at ourselves as the body of believers. Where have we dropped the ball? Why would we blame anyone other than ourselves for the condition of the church?

I hope that as you read this you look at your own church. You'll see these same results most likely. You have a hand full of people doing the work. You may have too many ministries going on and not enough people to do any of them real well. So, you're frustrated and wonder why God is not at work in your church? You may be blaming your Pastor for the Spiritual condition of your church, yet, how often have you prayed this week for your Pastor or for the church? How often have you picked up your bible this week and read it with anticipation to see what God wants to reveal to you today? What does he want you to change in your life? Sometimes I think we just need to start over. Sometimes I think we make such a mess of things that maybe God just wants to take down the foundation and start over and build us back up again as He intended. Have we built on His foundation with gold, silver and precious stones, or wood, hay, and straw?

1 Corinthians 3: (11) For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (12) Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, (13) each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

Could it be, that we've built our churches with wood, hay, and straw rather than the gold, silver and Precious stones that will hold up to the test? Sometimes I wonder?

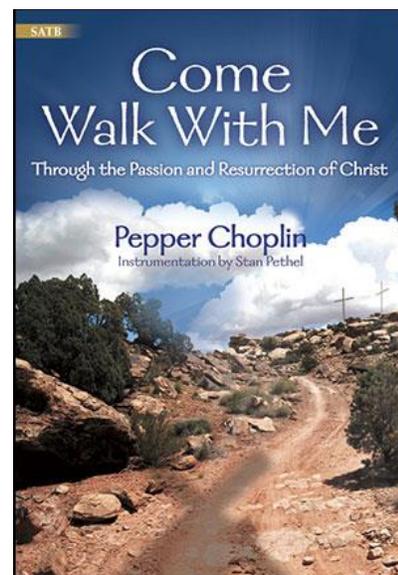
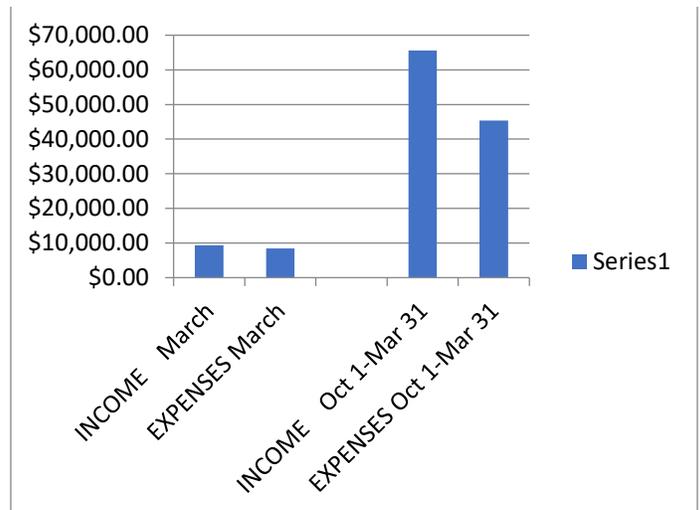
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Financial News

Our non-pass-through expenditures in March included \$3,125 interim pastor's salary; \$2,130.11 other salaries; \$500 cleaning service; \$452.18 insurance; \$291 village utilities; \$271.50 snow removal; \$250 NY/HELP Honduras donation; \$219.99 computer and online service; \$216 gas bill; \$200 Pioneer Association of Churches dues; \$145.27 office supplies; \$135.39 copier leases; \$132 mileage; \$123.90 custodial supplies; \$103.56 phones; \$65.47 Main Street windows; and \$55.75 postage.

INCOME	March	\$9,348.88
EXPENSES	March	\$8,416.12

INCOME	Oct 1-Mar 31	\$65,543.13
EXPENSES	Oct 1-Mar 31	\$45,339.57



Pioneer Association of Churches Combined Choirs & Friends Palm Sunday Cantata

This reflective and moving invitation to Holy Week will be held Sunday, April 14, 3pm at the New St. Mary's RC Parish, 417 Main St., Arcade.

Sunday School Corner

Due to sickness and vacations, only two of our youth could participate in taking the Souper Bowl of Caring donations to the Arcade PAC Food Pantry. All 190 food items and over \$360 in monetary donations were delivered on February 21. Thank you all for your generous support!



The Children's Program is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. Be sure to join us for service that day and support our youth!



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations to Shannon Rogers, the daughter of Yolanda Rogers and granddaughter of Mike & Bev Giles, for graduating from the 73rd Basic Police Academy in Chesterfield, VA! Of the 72 recruits in August 2018, Shannon was one of only 21 who graduated! She received a Certificate of Training and is now serving as a police officer for Chesterfield County.



There are several people within our church family who deserve to be acknowledged for their ongoing amazing work for our church and community!

Randy Lutz spent many hours preparing for and finalizing the work completed in the kitchen of Wetzel Hall. The wall behind the dishwasher and sinks is completed and we would like to thank him for his time and work on this project!

The Mary Hosford Women's Fellowship has been very busy both in providing luncheons for the Lenten services at Hope Lutheran on March 6th and 27th, and also in making and bringing dinners to those who have fallen ill or have been recovering from surgeries. Your time, hard work and support of our church family is greatly appreciated!

Nathan and Nick Tillinghast and Jenna Mason (granddaughter of Barry and Sally Mason, great-niece of Jeff Mason,) gave outstanding performances in their roles for the high school musical, *Curtains*! For those who were able to attend any of the showings, you were in for a treat with songs, humor and a mystery to solve!

Donald Mason, (grandson of Barry and Sally and great-nephew of Jeff,) was the assistant director of the pit orchestra!

The powerful and stunning church windows for the Lenten season are again in thanks to Wyn and Deb Roll! Your vision and artistic ability provide us with such an amazing display for all to witness. Thank you for your time and dedication to this tedious project!

We would like to recognize Dona Roll and all those who are dedicating their time and efforts to the upcoming Palm Sunday Cantata. The Christmas Cantata was remarkable and extremely well-attended! We look forward to this performance on April 14!

We would also like to recognize Jean Gagnon, who is doing a fantastic job keeping our church clean and tidy! She recently worked to clean the kitchen as well. Her hard work shows and we appreciate the dedication she puts into her work for us!

***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 or 585-492-4530.*

Resurrection Cookies

The youth will be making their Resurrection Cookies on Saturday, April 20 in Wetzel Hall at 10:30am. We hope all can attend!

Trout Derby Chowder Sale!



Our upcoming chowder (and hot dogs!) sale during the Trout Derby is Saturday, April 13, 8:30am - sold out! Thank you to all who donated ingredients or gave monetary donations for the chowder! If you are able to help sell chowder the day of, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary or see Rich Vogt. And of course, stop by for some delicious, homemade chowder that day!

If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem; not to mention that Friday at Calvary...

Face it, He's crazy about you.

--Author Unknown

Welcoming Baby Bechdel!



There will be a special coffee hour following service on May 19, 2019 for Kristen and Ryan Bechdel to celebrate the upcoming birth of their baby! A gift basket will be available for cards and gifts. These can also be dropped off at the church office with Shannon in advance. Kristen and Ryan are registered with Amazon.com. (Gender unknown)

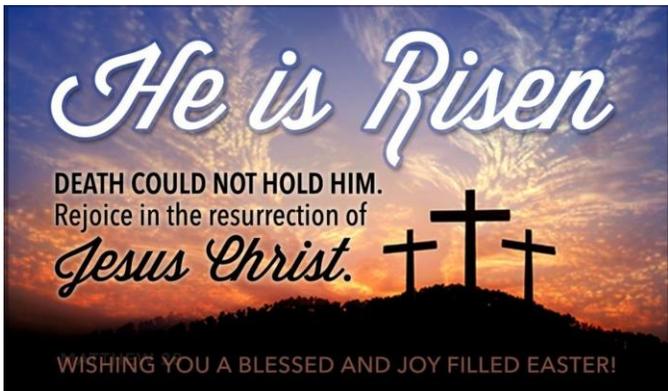
It is a blessing to join Ryan and Kristen as we all await the arrival of Baby Bechdel! We hope you can join us for this special fellowship!

A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends –

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who supported us during the time of our loss of John. All the sympathy shown – the cards, notes, delicious food, the many memorials in his name, and love given to us was so appreciated and meaningful.

With Love From Carol and Family



Palm and Easter Sunday Services

We hope you can all join us for two very special services; Palm Sunday on April 14 at 10:30am and Easter Sunday on April 21 at 10:30am.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The pastor's discretionary fund is back up and running! Anyone who wishes to donate to the fund, your contribution is greatly appreciated.



COMMUNITY DINNER DATES 2019-2020

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEAL</u>	<u>CREW</u>
MAR.30	SPAGHETTI	VOGT
APR. 27	SPAGHETTI	GILES
MAY 18	SLOPPY JOE	LUTZ
JUN. 29	PICNIC	LOWTH
JUL. 27	PICNIC	GILES
AUG. 24	PICNIC	LUTZ
SEP. 28	SLOPPY JOE	VOGT
OCT. 26	SPAGHETTI	LOWTH
NOV. 30	SPAGHETTI	GILES
DEC. 21	SPAGHETTI	LUTZ
JAN. 25, 2020	SPAGHETTI	VOGT

TEAM GILES: JIM & SHEILA VRENNA, LARY SCHAEFFER, GWEN ST. JOHN, GORDON & GINGER COMSTOCK, JEFF MASON, YOLANDA ROGERS, AND KATELYN ROGERS.

TEAM LUTZ: MOLLY HOLLAND, SUZANNE NORTON, MIKE TANNER, TILLINGHAST FAMILY, DONA ROLL AND VANESSA ROLL.

TEAM VOGT: KATHY & JAY MAY, LEANNE POKIGO, LOIS & DARWIN ANNELER AND AUTUMN.

TEAM LOWTH: HELEN & GARY BOLING, DIANE SZPAK, SHARON HAWLY AND EDIE HOLMES.

NOTE: TEAM WORKING NEEDS TO STOP AT MCDONALDS FOR ICE, CUPS AND ORANGE DRINK.



Rummage Sale

Sheila and Jim Vrenna, along with Women's Fellowship, are organizing a rummage sale to be held on May 3 and 4 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 in the Great Room, **parking lot side**, any time beginning April 17. Please have all items clean and ready for sale.

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.



GriefShare Offering Help

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. They are nondenominational and provide a warm, caring environment featuring biblical concepts for healing from your grief. There are two local churches offering this support group; Yorkshire Free Methodist and St. Stephens-Bethlehem UCC of Buffalo.

Yorkshire Free Methodist, 3172 Rt. 39, Yorkshire, 14173, will be hosting GriefShare on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30pm beginning April 4th. You can register online at www.griefshare.org or contact them at OfficeAdmin@yorkshirefmc.org.

St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 750 Wehrle Dr. (near Union Rd.) Buffalo, 14225 will be holding sessions on Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm in the café' at St. Stephens-Bethlehem. Contact them at 716-632-4226 for additional information. All are welcome.

Losing a loved one is one of life's most difficult experiences and Grief-Share reaches out to support people, so they don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Books will be available for purchase (\$15).

New Email Address for the Church

Arcade UCC has a new email address, effective immediately! Please use uccarcade@gmail.com for all future correspondence. Thank you!

Keep in Touch!

Want updated information on what's happening in your church? Like to know what's coming up? Join us on Facebook – Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational, or visit our website at www.arcadeucc.com for up-to-date information, pictures, calendar of events and more!



Easter Offering and Easter Memorial Blessings

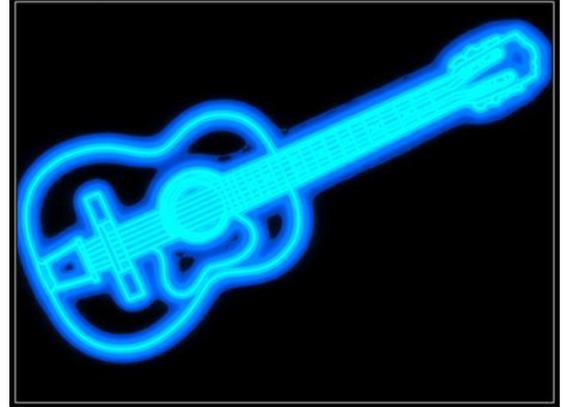
Please consider giving to our Easter Offering and Easter Blessings. The Easter Offering letter with offering envelope was mailed out the end of March. The offering envelope can be returned during service in the offering plate, mailed in to church or hand delivered to the church office.

The Easter Memorial Blessings this year will again go toward Pioneer School District's SnackPaks for Kids. Contributions can be given in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone, or for blessings received. Please have your memorial blessings in by Sunday, April 14.

Council Representative Needed

Our Council is looking for one more individual to serve as a representative on their committee. They meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. You must be a member of the church to serve on Council. Please see a Council member if you are interested.

7th Annual Bluesfest to benefit Plymouth Crossroads



**Saturday, June 8, 2019, Riverfest Park,
249 Ohio Street, Buffalo, 14204
Doors open at 2pm, Band begins at 3pm**

Bluesfest is an annual event in Western NY aimed to bring blues lovers together while also serving as a fundraiser to Plymouth Crossroads. PC is a not-for-profit in WNY which aims to help homeless young men achieve independence.

\$10 pre-sale or \$15 at the door.

Buy tickets at www.PlymouthCrossroads.org

Or call 716-393-3906.

Featuring: Jony James Band, Rod Horning Project, Blues Daddies, Randle and the Late Night Scandles. Bring a lawn chair!

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

Building & Grounds committee met on March 19, 2019. Items of old business included: lights were replaced in sanctuary, faucet washers in the big kitchen sink were replaced, a leak in one of the big kitchen sinks was repaired and the walks and steps were shoveled.

New business included the wall behind the big kitchen sink will be gutted, replacing the 2x4's as needed, with new dry wall and a waterproof exterior installed inside the kitchen.

Worship & Music

Worship & Music committee met on March 5, 2019. Following devotions and prayer, the January minutes and budget review were approved.

The planning calendar was looked at, including PAC Lenten Services at Hope Lutheran each Wednesday from March 6-April 10 at 11am. Our

church will take care of the luncheons on March 6 and 27.

Plans were discussed for Palm Sunday. There will be no Maundy Thursday service. We will strip the church on Saturday, April 20 at 10am. Easter Sunday, we will re-dress the church during worship: Bible, cross, paraments, candles, Christ candles, etc. Discussed the Lenten journal Examen to help us sit in the presence of God and change our lives.

A.W.E Sundays will host some of the open-ended questions from the congregational survey with the Search Committee to help us become a discerning congregation (what do we want, need and see for our future.)

Cantata rehearsals were discussed. More people participating than Dona had expected. There will be a nice size choir, and also hammered dulcimer, upright bass, guitar and two keyboards.

Workers Union

The first meeting of the year, March 13th, was well attended with everyone sharing cares and concerns of family and friends. Secretary, Gwen St. John read the many thank you letters we received from the missions we had sent funds to at Christmas.

Workers Union was pleased to know that the Pastor's Discretionary Fund was in full swing again as \$100.00 was slated for that mission. A discussion about the need for volunteers at the newly formed Respite program at Hope Lutheran ended well. Workers Union will be responsible for providing lunch at the August session of Respite. Lunch is always provided at the monthly gatherings.

After dessert, Margaret Homan gave a program from the book "For Every Season," which was given to her from Norma Shelp. Every program either teaches or gives a sense of serenity that is truly a blessing and we thank all who willingly present a program at every meeting.

A thank you was expressed for Jean who keeps our church neat and tidy. She did the kitchen clean-up prior to the volunteers' arrival. The meeting was a day of receiving thank yous and giving thank yous.

The next meeting is April 10th at 1:00 in the church.

Mary Hosford Women's Fellowship

Ten members of the Mary Hosford Women's Fellowship met March 1, 2019 in the annex with Sharon Hawley presiding. Following Concerns & Celebrations, Gwen gave a devotional from the book that Shannon had given us at Christmas time, "Jesus Calling." Many pieces of correspondence were read concerning Christmas giving since we have not met since December.

Financial report was accepted as read. We were reminded of our hosting the Lenten Luncheon March 3 at Hope Lutheran. Our Rummage Sale is planned for May 3-4. We are grateful that Sheila and Jim Vrenna are managing this event.

Thanks to our Building & Grounds who are repairing the wall behind the dish washer due to mold.

A memorial service is planned for Lois Yauchzy on August 3, 2019. We will help with food.

Bev and Margaret volunteered to revamp the telephone tree.

Dinners for our families who are ill or having surgery were scheduled.

Next meeting: April 1, 2019.

Outreach

The Outreach Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Vrenna on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Dirk Norwich, Jo Sixt, Sheila Vrenna and Pastor Sue Hodges. The meeting opened with prayer and cares and concerns.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with since the committee has not had a regular meeting since November.

Old Business:

- Community Suppers--We served 76 in Nov., collected \$100 and spent \$117.12; in Dec. served 103, collected \$100 and spent \$37.60; in Jan. served 120, collected \$178 and spent \$42.67 and in Feb. served 121, collected \$323 (\$100 of this was in memory of John Abel) and spent \$31.95. We discussed instituting a blessing prior to dinner being served. Pastor Sue will write 4 or 5 appropriate ones and ask that someone reads one at each supper.
- Shepherd's Ministry-Jo sent many cards to those in the hospital or nursing home, as well as those awaiting surgery, grieving a loved one or ill.
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund—Pastor advised that there once again is a fund. We also discussed the idea of having small gas/food cards available.

- Visitations—Margaret continues to visit Art and Grace, Dirk and Pastor have visited Phyllis. Perhaps Penny Deaton is ready to have regular visitors.

New Business:

- Sheila will talk to Kim Common about several Outreach ideas and get more details. Dirk thought perhaps a craft theme might be an attraction for the coffee shop proposal. It was agreed that Kim would be a fine addition to the committee, even if it was through Facetime because of her distance away.

Adjournment at 8:05pm; next meeting April 7th after church.

Council Corner

Council met on March 26 at 6:30pm. Following devotions by Dirk Norwich, celebrations and concerns were shared. The consent agenda was approved and Pastor Sue's ministerial compensation package was discussed and approved.

Vanessa Adams shared the Search Committee's progress, as they are in the process of putting the profile together.

Key changes were discussed. The three main issues are key policy, interior doors and exterior doors. Rich Vogt is looking into possibly using electronic keyless locks for the interior doors. Ryan Bechdel may be able to assist with this. Exterior locks will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

The sign board is also being looked into. Village zoning regulations will be checked and options for sign boards are being researched.

An idea for a community coffee house is going to be discussed at the upcoming Outreach meeting. Kim Common will work with Outreach and come back with an update.

Signers were updated for our safe deposit box at the bank and a decision was made to donate the Easter Memorial-Blessings to Pioneer Central School's SnackPaks for Kids programs again this year.

The CRASE training was discussed. This is open to everyone. It is not about fear, but about preparation and knowledge. It will be April 2 in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

All ingredients are covered for the Trout Derby Chowder Sale. We just need volunteers to sell the day of.

The need for wifi accessibility throughout the church was discussed. Shannon will contact Stangtek and see what this will involve and get an approximate cost.

Sexual Harassment Training needs to occur by October 2019 for all paid employees. It was mentioned that Council and Godly Play instructors should also attend. We will watch for future webinars that will accommodate our schedules.

Council is looking to add another representative. Shannon will put this in the bulletin and Carillon. Interested church members should see a Council member.

Wally Lowth will serve as financial assistant for April. Nate Tillinghast will cover April 14. Council's next meeting will be April 23 at 6:30pm.



The Carillon

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by a committee of three – Audrey Erick, Margaret Homan, 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 19, 2019.

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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