

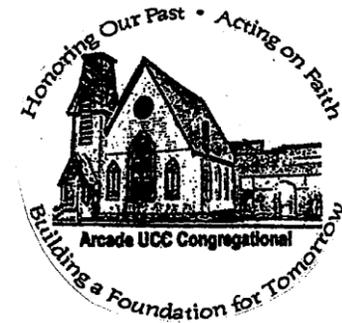
The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational

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One of the very hardest necessities of being a faithful Christian (at least for me) is to hear, listen, discern, understand and implement the directing voice of God. Many times when I pray to God, I seem to pause for God's response with an already tainted ear – one that listens with a pre-determined acuity for how I would LIKE God to respond. When that particular response is not forthcoming, I often pray and re-pray thinking maybe God didn't quite understand my petition or was, at that particular time, a bit overwhelmed with the many thousands – even millions – of prayers God receives at any given moment. After this scenario is repeated time and time again, I finally get what God is intending me to get – that my presumed Godly response isn't at all what God has in store for me. In fact, God has a totally different plan for me and my life. And I might add, that is a very, very powerful realization!!

I mention this challenge for me because I recently have been praying and praying for God's direction about an issue and I can truthfully proclaim that I have had no such problem in discerning what God is telling me. After much prayer and inner struggle, I will retire from the pastorate of Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational on August 31, 2018.

Cathy and I came to Arcade 9 ½ years ago because we both assuredly knew that God was calling us here. We could sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place, and I still do today! We ministered among you in some great and joyous times as well as times of challenge and less-than-joyous times occasionally. I believe together we have lived out (and are continuing to live out) what it means for us to be a church in the 21st century in rural America.

An appropriate question at this point, I think, is what's next? As for the vacancy of your pastoral office, that is in the hands of our Church Council as they initiate the Search and Call process of our New York Conference, United Church of Christ. Concerning me, as your retiring pastor, there are things you should be aware of.

First, after August 31, 2018, I am not able, nor will I, be part of your congregation. That means I will not be attending services, be involved in any activities of the church nor speak to or about the church for a prolonged period of time. This also means I cannot (and will not) be involved in any funerals, weddings, baptisms, Bible studies or any other rites of the church.

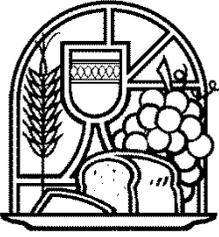
This means, as well, that I cannot be involved in calls, visits, emails or texts pertaining to ANY church issue. By not doing these things, it gives the church a time to introspect and prayerfully enter the Search and Call process with a forward-looking demeanor, unencumbered by my influence or presence.

As many of you are aware, I have accumulated a fairly extensive library over the years. A little about many topics but not a whole lot about any one topic. Some books are very readable, some are more educationally theological. If ANYONE would like to peruse my library and take any book(s) **free of charge**, please contact me before August 31.

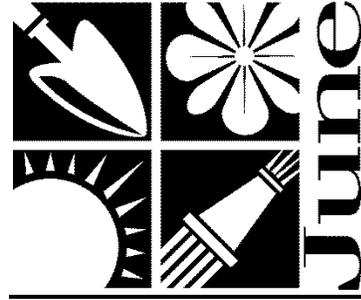
If I may make some personal remarks... I cannot tell you how blessed Cathy and I have been during my tenure here as your Pastor. The blessings we have received over and over have made our lives abundantly special as we have forged personal relationships with all of you. Your love and support have seen us through times of celebrations as well as times of transition and sorrow, culminating in Cathy's call to her heavenly home in July, 2016. Each and every one of you have been our sisters and brothers in the most positive sense. And for that I am forever grateful.

Together, we have accomplished many of God's tasks over these 9 ½ years. We will have celebrated our 215th anniversary as a community of faith. We have reached out beyond our doors in ministries that I truly pray will continue – and even grow! We have learned to express ourselves as a vibrant part of the United Church of Christ family as we witness to Jesus, the Christ, and his teachings and message. And we have done this (and more) always in the recognition that all the thanks, praise and glory goes NOT to ourselves, but to God!!

My friends, I look forward to greeting and interacting with you during these next few months. Feel free to stop by the office or give me a "jingle" to say "Hi". You are and always will be my sisters and brothers in Christ! Be well. Be active in and continue to generously support your church. And always, always live for and under the guidance of God through Jesus, the Christ. 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.



June Bible Readings



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.

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| 3 | 1 Sam 3:1-10 | 17 | 1 Sam 15:34-16:13 |
| | Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 | | Ezek 17:22-24 |
| | Ps 81:1-10 | | Ps 92:1-4, 12-15 |
| | 2 Cor 4:5-12 | | 2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17 |
| 10 | 1 Sam 8:4-11 | 24 | 1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 |
| | Gen 3:8-15 | | Job 38:1-11 |
| | Ps 130 | | Ps 107:1-3, 23-32 |
| | 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 | | 2 Cor 6:1-13 |

June Greeters

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| 3 | Liz & Wally Lowth | 17 | Mike & Bev Giles |
| 10 | Bill & Karen Schaper | 24 | Tom & Deb Scott |

June Readers

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| 3 | Nate Tillinghast | 17 | Skip Tillinghast |
| 10 | Jeff Mason | 24 | Pastor Bob |

June Nursery Schedule

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| 3 | Shannon King | 17 | Denielle Romance |
| 10 | Sheila Vrenna | 24 | Amy Tillinghast |

June Worship Coordinators

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| 3 | Margaret Homan | 17 | Wally Lowth |
| 10 | Ryan Bechdel | 24 | Jo Sixt |

June Birthdays

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| 1 | Bev Giles | 19 | Bill Schaper |
| 4 | Kimberly Common | 21 | Amy Tillinghast |
| 5 | Terry Hobin | 24 | Joel Ferry |
| 7 | Rich Vogt | 25 | Sam Tillinghast |
| 11 | Hailie Sopic | 29 | David Czesak |
| 14 | Laurie Sledge | | |

June Anniversaries

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| 10 | Art & Grace Gilbert – 68 yrs. |
| 15 | Randy & Debi Lutz – 16 yrs. |
| 28 | Wyn & Deb Roll – 38 yrs. |
| 30 | Terry & Jeri Hobin – 45 yrs. |

Worship in June:

- June 3: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4: 5-12
Mark 2: 23- 3:6
Message: *NOT the Messenger, But the Message*
- June 10: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: 1 Samuel 8: 4-20
Message: *The Enoughness of God*
- June 17: 4th Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day
Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Mark 6: 26-34
Message: *Unobtrusive Measures!*
- June 24: 5th Sunday after Pentecost
Alternative Worship Experience
Scripture: Mark 4: 35-41
Message: *In the Boat with Jesus*

Choir Rehearsals: Do you like to sing? Is your heart full of praise for our Lord? Have you ever considered being a part of our choir at UCC, Congregational? We are always looking for additional voices in our choir, so why not consider coming out to our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM and sharing the joy of praising God through song?



A 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. Thank You.

Arcade UCC Website Stats: Did you know Arcade UCC has a new website that can give you information on current and upcoming events, links to our Facebook page, information on our Sunday School programs and much more? In the month of May, we had 54 views. If YOU haven’t checked it out yet, be sure you do! Just visit: www.arcadeucc.com

If you have anything you would like in the website, please contact Shannon, Pastor Bob or Josh Taylor.

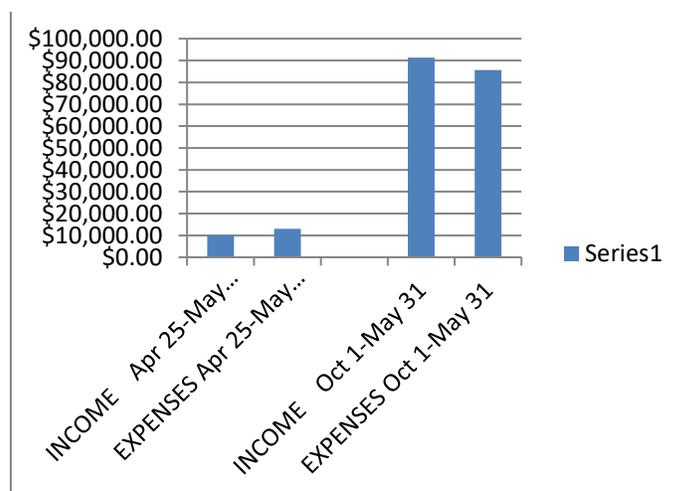
We received \$615 in Easter Memorial Blessings offerings, and that money was donated to provide for Snackpaks for Kids at Pioneer Central School to provide healthy snacks during weekends and vacations. We’ve received a thank-you from the school for our donation.

INCOME Apr 25-May 31 \$10,094.63

EXPENSES Apr 25-May 31 \$13,085.82

INCOME Oct 1-May 31 \$91,277.60

EXPENSES Oct 1-May 31 \$85,653.95



FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures between April 25 to May 31 included \$6,786.42 pastor’s salary and benefits; \$2,122.76 other salaries; \$1,194.29 dishwasher repairs (2nd, 3rd and 4th times this spring); \$900 cleaning service; \$474.50 elevator repair; \$326.60 copier expenses; \$291 village utilities; \$250 donation to NY/HELP-Honduras; \$210 gas bill; \$200 Pioneer Association of Churches dues; \$98 postage; \$93.32 phone bills; \$62.94 custodial supplies; \$44.99 online service; \$42.45 confirmation; and \$31 New York Conference legal services.

The final profit from the chowder and hot dog sale in April was \$868.54. The tentative profit from the rummage sale and basket auction in May was \$1,314.53. The Fall Festival will be coming up in mid-October, so it’s not too soon to be gathering items for the basket auction.

We Need Your Help!

Coffee hour is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to gather and enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment. If you would like to provide some simple snacks for any of our upcoming coffee hours, please sign up on the Coffee Hour sign-up sheets! Thank you in advance!



Bluesfest to Benefit Plymouth Crossroads

The 6th Annual Crossroads Bluesfest to fight teenage homelessness, featuring some of Western New York's finest blues bands, will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Chicken Coop Grove (VFW Post 8113), 299 Leydecker Road in West Seneca. Doors will open at 2:00pm with the blues music beginning at 3:00. Legendary 97 Rock blues icon, Anita West, will play host to four rocking blues groups. Scheduled line-up for this year includes Randle and The Late Night Scandals, Blues Daddios, Rod Horning Project and Jony James Band. The event also includes a basket raffle. Food and beverages will be available for sale.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Plymouth Crossroads in Lancaster. Plymouth Crossroads is a 501(c)(3) transitional housing shelter which provides a safe place to call home for abused, runaway and homeless young men ages 16-20. The program is designed to not only provide shelter for these young men, but to also help them get enrolled in school or a GED program and find local employment. Plymouth also provides extensive case management and group meetings to teach important life skills that are essential to the residents' success in society. Since its opening in 2011 it has helped over 100 boys to not fall under the statistic of becoming homeless.

Presale tickets are available for \$10 and may be purchased online at

www.crossroadsbluesfest.weebly.com

or by calling 716-393-3906. Tickets at the door will be \$15. Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses. Donations are also requested for the basket raffle.

There will be envelopes in the June 3 and June 10 bulletins for your donations to Plymouth Crossroads. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



NEW CONFIRMANDS

On Sunday, May 20, Payton Romance and Elliana Lang affirmed their baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ. They each shared their Statements of Faith, which were heartfelt and beautifully written. The following are their Statements for anyone who was unable to hear them read in person. We would like to welcome our two new confirmands, Elliana and Payton!

*I believe God,
Is the ever almighty,
the creator of heaven and Earth,
loves us as his own.*

*I believe Jesus,
lived and died for my sins,
is the savior, the messiah.*

*I believe the Holy Spirit,
Is my guide to the right path,
Is there for me during my best of times
and my hardships.*

*I believe the church,
Is God's home,
His temple,
My place of worship.*

*I believe the bible,
Is the Christian way of life,
Contains lessons for me to follow.*

*I believe
With God in your life and heart,
You can accomplish the most,*

*I believe
I am one of God's creations
And I should be the best Christian I can be
And help others to do so,*

By Elliana Lang

*Through God's door I want to go but...
 Through one door there is always more,
 In the trinity's love forevermore,
 A story of love and hardship,
 Goes back and back,
 Even then, he faced so much flack.
 But love and belief kept him going,
 As it will us,
 Good or bad,
 Sad or mad,
 I believe it's all a part of His plan.
 But why He? Why not She, They or Them?
 Ah, I think that our Lord will appear as you think
 the Lord is.
 It's not scary,
 Nor is it a rarity,
 Forever there to love you
 And support you.
 Trust me,
 It's no ghost.
 The Lord?
 He loves me.
 Jesus?
 He died for me.
 The spirit?
 He looks after me.
 All 3,
 Part of one.*

By Payton Romance



Two of our young people who were baptized in the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit during our worship on Pentecost: Christian and Elliana Lang.



Three of our several youth who led us in worship on Pentecost, May 20. Also, Ms. King who helped lead our youth in their presentation.



Our 2018 Confirmands: Elliana Lang and Payton Romance following their confirmation on Pentecost, May 20.

Important Notice! Beginning Sunday, July 1, service will be held at 9:30 AM.

COUNCIL CORNER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The May meeting of the Arcade UCC Council was held Tuesday, May 22 in the Great Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Rich Vogt, who also led Devotions.

Pastor Bob was unable to attend due to his hospital stay, but called in to announce his retirement for August 31, 2018. He asked that he be able to share the news with the congregation during his message at the May 27th service.

Through the newly enacted Consent Agenda, committee reports were approved with a motion by Debi Lutz, and were seconded by Dirk Norwich. Motion carried. Jeff Mason had asked that a couple items be moved to Discussion Agenda.

Sanctuary Church was discussed and will allow for further discussion in future meeting before a vote is held.

Shannon King requested that an external hard drive be purchased to provide a back-up for the office laptop. Jeff Mason moved to accept the request. Debi Lutz added an addendum that she would make a donation to the church to pay for the hard drive. Leanne Pokigo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New business included cleaning the brass and needing more people to sign-up for coffee hour.

Following closing prayer, meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Women's Fellowship: April 9th meeting:

10 members in attendance. Suzanne Norton, co-chairman, opened the meeting with cares and concerns. Gwen St. John led prayer and Devotions. The committee received a thank you from Outreach Committee for the sugar cookies that were baked for the Christmas Tree Tour. Financial Report was presented by Bev Giles and accepted. Shirley Kriedeman thanked the women for their work on the Lenten Luncheon. June PAC meeting will be held on the second Friday of the month. Coffee Hour sign-ups were passed around. New Business included sign-ups for Sandy Deinhart's funeral, discussion regarding Historical Society Luncheon and the Rummage Sale.

May 7th meeting: Six members present. Discussion on Rummage Sale and Chairwoman Helen Knose thanked all involved. PAC – next meeting Sept. 17 at UCC. Discussions surrounded the plastic covering on tables in Wetzel Hall and funeral dinner menus. Letter sent by Josh Taylor was read as part of his scholarship reciprocity.

Coffee sign-ups were checked. June 4 meeting will be held at home of Sheila Vrenna at 1 pm. Please carpool.

Worker's Union: April 2nd meeting:

Following prayers, Margaret Homan read an application to the Women's Fellowship Scholarship Fund. The application was so impressive, we all were proud to have him among us and we pray for a wonderful future for this young man, Joshua Taylor. He is one of our many young people who do us proud. Bev Giles read the history of Worker's Union, that began in 1891 and always included dessert at every meeting! Gwen St. John had a program geared to the "gone but not forgotten" changes in Buffalo History.

May 9th meeting: Prayers were given as well as much joy for Jeff Dorfman on his "soon to be" wedding and for Harvey Roll's 90th birthday. Shirley Kriedeman gave a program on Books for Children popular in the 1940s. Next meeting June 13 at home of Gwen St. John at noon.

Building and Grounds: Meeting held May 18. Old business entailed curb stops repositioned, lawn mowed, wall behind big kitchen sink opened and found the drain to sink leaking. This summer, the sink will be pulled out, re-plumb and drywall behind it will be replaced. New business included dishwasher repairman replaced two sensors and ran it several times with no leaks, but said it might leak again, which it did. Were told that the parts would be several hundred dollars, but a new machine would cost \$7,000. Lary Schaefer made an appointment for 5/17/18. (Since that time, dishwasher has been repaired with new parts.) Lary will open and Mike Giles will close in June.

Outreach: Meeting called to order by Chair Sheila Vrenna on May 8th at 7 PM. Wally Lowth moved to accept minutes as corrected and Jo Sixt seconded. Old business: Served 104 dinners in April and collected \$186 and spent \$32.79. Many cards were sent to a number of people through Shepard's Ministry. Bluesfest to benefit Plymouth Crossroads was discussed as well as Dunkirk Camp Flea Market, who picked up all leftovers from our Rummage Sale, except Christmas items. Film Night and Visiting Teams tabled until Fall. New business: Sheila Vrenna will check with Village Office to get shelter in Arcade Park for August 26's Picnic in the Park. (Since this time, shelter has been reserved.) Next meeting June 12 at 7 PM.

Worship & Music: Meeting May 1, 6:30 PM. Following opening devotions and prayer, minutes were approved. Planning calendar and Pastor Bob's worship schedule were discussed. Pastor

Bob has received lots of positive feedback on the A.W.E. services. Continued discussion on how to make A.W.E. services more alternative was had and will continue. NY Annual Meeting in Syracuse June 8-9. First Sunday in July (1) to second Sunday in September (9) – early service at 9:30 AM. July 16-22: Mission Trip Boston “Love Wins.” Discussion of possible Blessing of Animals and Blessing of the Backpacks. Sept. 15 is Festival of Choirs. Summer music was discussed as well as robes, website blurb, cantatas, anthem choice, blending sacred with secular music and more. Next meeting will be held June 5 at 6:30 PM.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Dates have been set for the 55th New York Conference UCC Annual Meeting. The meeting will be June 8-9 in Syracuse. Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath will be the guest speaker for the gathering, where the theme is "Building Faithful Community Boldly." Prior to this year's Annual Meeting, instead of an authorized minister retreat, there will be a Pre-Annual Meeting Continuing Education Institute on June 7-8. The Institute will consist of four continuing education course offerings. During the Institute, we will continue to worship and share meals as a group, however, the hope is that ministers will come away with solid skill sets and a richer learning experience from the smaller groupings and focused subject matter.

The 31st General Synod of the United Church of Christ voted in favor of several amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Church of Christ. They now require 2/3rds of the Conferences of the UCC to ratify them in order for them to take effect. Therefore, we will be voting on these Constitution and By-Law changes at our Annual Meeting in Syracuse in June.

To see the changes in the Constitution:

uccfiles.com/pdf/Constitution.pdf

To see the changes in the By-Laws:

uccfiles.com/pdf/Bylaws.pdf

Voting on each of these will be part of the agenda of our Annual Meeting. Please keep the entire conference in your prayers that a meaningful, spiritually uplifting time might be had.

Happy Father's Day!

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad

-Author Unknown

June Gatherings

- 4 Women's Fellowship at Sheila Vrenna's home (carpool due to lack of parking), 1 PM
- 5 Worship & Music, 6:30 PM
- 6, 13, 20, 27 Choir Rehearsal, 6 PM
- 12 Outreach, 7 PM
- 12 Building & Grounds, 7 PM
- 13 Worker's Union at Gwen St. John's home, Noon
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Father's Day
- 26 Council, 7 PM
- 30 Community Dinner, Picnic Supper, 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 July/August issue is June 20, 2018.

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Worship Schedule: 9:00am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Worship