

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade
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September 2018

I want to take this opportunity to express my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all the kindnesses you have shown me at the time of my venturing into retirement. The presence of so, so many at my final Sunday in the park was really humbling and, along with the picnic which followed, was a very upbeat and positive way to close one chapter of ministry at Arcade UCC as another is opened in the search process for new pastoral leadership. Then, the Open House which followed at the cabin was absolutely wonderful and touching as so, so many people came to wish me well. To everyone who in any way had anything to do with both these spectacular events (and there are many) I want to thank you and tell you how much I appreciate your labors and efforts in making this a most memorable time in my pastoral career.

In addition to this tremendous time, and perhaps even more so, I want to thank you all for 9 ½ years of blessed, blessed ministry with, for and among you in Arcade. We've been challenged by occasional hurdles, but have always, with God's help, overcome them. We've been confused sometimes as to which direction to take but have always been led by God down the road God intended for us. We have laughed, smiled and utterly enjoyed many, many times, events and happenings congregationally and individually. We also have cried and mourned together in less-than happy times but

have together been comforted and strengthened by our God of love and compassion. But most importantly we have together tried to accomplish tasks and carry out ministries which have brought to God praise and glory as we have been intentional in sharing through our work and words the Good News of Jesus, the Christ. Thank you all. I love you. God Bless. Pastor Bob

Upcoming Events at Arcade UCC

SEPTEMBER:

- 2 - Last 9:30am service
- 3 - Labor Day
- 4 - Worship & Music, 6:30pm
- 4 - Building & Grounds, 7pm
- 5,12,19,26 - Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
- 9 - 10:30am service begins
- 9 - Commitment Sunday
- 10 - Women's Fellowship, 1pm
- 11 - Outreach, 7pm
- 12 - Worker's Union, noon, The Café in Rushford, followed by dessert at the home of Lois Anneler
- 12 - Building & Grounds, 7pm
- 15 - Festival of Choirs, Port Allegheny
- 16 - Rally Day, 9am
- 23 - Budget Hearing
- 25 - Council, 7pm
- 29 - Community Dinner, 4-6pm

OCTOBER

- 1- Women's Fellowship, 1 pm
- 2 - Worship & Music, 6:30 pm
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Choir Rehearsal, 6 pm
- 7 - Neighbors in Need Offering
- 8 - Columbus Day
- 9 - Outreach, 7 pm
- 9 - Building & Grounds, 7 pm
- 10 - Worker's Union, 1 pm
- 20 - Fall Fest
- 23 - Council, 7 pm
- 27 - Community Dinner, 4-6 pm
- 28 - Annual Meeting



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.

September Greeters

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| 2 Margaret Homan & Audrey Erick | 23 Darlene Lang & Margaret Homan |
| 9 Shannon King | 30 Mike & Bev Giles |
| 16 Jim & Sheila Vrenna | |

September Readers

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| 2 Jeff Mason | 23 Nate Tillinghast |
| 9 Helena Vogt | 30 Skip Tillinghast |
| 16 Dona Roll | |

September Worship Coordinators

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| 2 Wally Lowth | 23 Liz Lowth |
| 9 Shirley Kriedeman | 30 Jo Sixt |
| 16 Liz Lowth | |

September Nursery Attendants

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| 2 Shannon King | 23 Sheila Vrenna |
| 9 Denielle Romance | 30 Shannon King |
| 16 Amy Tillinghast | |

September Birthdays

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| 7 Linda Korczak | 17 Brody King |
| 9 Ashley Romance | 19 Len Mason |
| 14 Wally Lowth | 22 Jaleesa Sledge |
| 15 James Fishbaugh | 25 Vanessa Adams |
| 16 Courtney Caldwell | 29 Dona Roll |

September Anniversaries

- 6 Justin & Denielle Romance – 15 years
 21 David & Karen Czesak – 33 years

September Bible Readings

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| 2: Song of Sol 2:8-13
Deut 4:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | 23: Prov 31:10-31
Ps 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8
Mk 9:30-37 |
| 9: Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Isa 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mk 7:24-37 | 30: Ps 124
Ps 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mk 9:38-50 |
| 16: Prov 1:20-33
Ps 19
James 3:1-12
Mk 8:27-38 | |

September Worship Schedule:

- 2: Hymn Sing, 9:30am
 9: Rich Vogt, 10:30am begins
 16: F.I.S.H. 2018 Mission Trip 'Recap'
 23: Far Cry
 30: Dona Roll, Gordon & Ginger Comstock – Mission Sunday Celebration

October 7: Inter-generational Godly Play Story- Holy Communion- come experience all that Godly Play has to offer! Wetzel Hall.

By-Laws in Final Form

The by-laws have been revised and are in final form. If you would like to view them, you can find them in the back of the Church Policy Manuals found in the Library or a copy can be either emailed to you or printed for you – just contact Shannon King in the Church office.



IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARY ELECTION

Please note, the Primary Election will be held on Thursday, September 13, instead of the usual Tuesday for voting.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

There has been a lot of exciting news over the summer months for Arcade UCC!

Lois Yauchzy celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at a party at the Arcade Village Park cabin on Friday, August 3rd!

Helen Knose and Gary Boling were married on Friday, August 3rd, with a beautiful ceremony here at Arcade UCC!

Rich Vogt, Vanessa Adams and Shannon King took several of our youth on a tubing adventure on Rushford Lake! So much fun was had by all! A big thank you to Rich for taking us all out on his boat for a wonderful afternoon! Thank you to Darwin and Lois Anneler for letting us all congregate at their home for the day!



Crew Robert, son of Courtney and Blake Caldwell, was baptized at our service in the Park, August 26th. It was a beautiful baptism for this precious little boy, as his many family members shared in his special day.



Pastor Bob's last service before entering retirement (Aug. 31) was also held at our service in the Park on August 26th. It was an emotional and spiritual service that so very many of Pastor Bob's family members and friends attended. His message was full of hope for a bright future for Arcade UCC. The church congregation gave Pastor Bob a stunning sketch of the church, done by Stacy Gertis (Debi Lutz's daughter-in-law), which Rich Vogt presented to him following the Liturgy of Farewell.



Our annual picnic in the park was held immediately following the service, with good food and fellowship. Then, from 2-5 pm, an open house reception was held at the Park cabin to celebrate Pastor Bob's retirement. The room was filled with friends and family from near and far to recognize Pastor Bob for his 9 ½ years with Arcade UCC. It was quite obvious just how many lives he has touched over those years and just how much he is loved and appreciated.

To see more pictures from the service and the open house reception, please visit our church Facebook page and/or website at www.arcadeucc.com.

If anyone has good news they would like in the upcoming issues of the Carillon, please contact Shannon King in the Church office, arc-ucc@juno.com or 585-492-4530.

A BJG Thank you!!!!

Our front church windows are stunning! They have caught the eye of so many people around town over the past few weeks! Pastor Bob's family saw them while in town for his last service and just loved them! We would like to thank again, Wyn and Debbie Roll and Deb Wood for their time and effort into making these windows so spectacular! What a beautiful way to say thank you to Pastor Bob for his many years with our church!



Beginning on September 9 we will return to our regular **10:30 am** hour for Sunday services. Please note this time difference so that you may continue to worship with us!

Stewardship – Commitment Sunday

Sunday, September 9 is Commitment Sunday, a time when we prayerfully and generously respond to our commitment in support of our congregation for 2018-2019. A new, easier-to-use commitment card has been mailed out and can be returned to the church office at any time or placed in the offering plate. Please plan on joining us for worship on September 9 as we commit to God our financial support.



Fall Fest News!

***Baskets, Baskets
and More
Baskets!***

Hard to believe, but Fall Festival is right around the corner! This year's festival will be October 20 and it's not too early to start collecting items to put those baskets together! If you would like a list of theme suggestions, please stop by the church office and we'd be happy to provide one. If you already have a basket put together that you just can't wait to bring in, please feel free to do so. Shannon will find a spot to store it for you.

Fall Fest*Fall Fest*Fall Fest*Fall Fest

If you are able to volunteer your time the day of the Fall Fest to help with this event, please contact Lois Anneler, Kathy May or Shannon King. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please consider helping by donating baskets and/or your time to make this year's Fall Fest a huge success! Your time is greatly appreciated and we couldn't do it without you!

Quilt Raffle Tickets Available!

Quilt raffle tickets can be purchased from Margaret Homan or Shirley Kriedeman. They are \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. The talents of Deb Scott and Kathy May are evident when you see this gorgeous quilt! Thank you, Deb and Kathy, for your hard work on this!



Sunday School Corner Rally Day Sunday!

Sunday School time is here again! Rally Day is Sunday, September 16! Whether for Godly Play, F.I.S.H. or the adult Sunday school class, we would love to have you join us as we gather to learn, praise and worship together! Please join us at 9 am for fun activities, a breakfast for all, and registration for Sunday School. Bring your family and friends to help launch this year's Sunday School program here at Arcade UCC!

Changes, They are A'Comin'!

Our Sunday School teachers met and have come up with a new plan for our youth Sunday School programs! Adult Sunday School will still meet at 9am so they can be done in time for service at 10:30am. F.I.S.H. will begin at 10:30am and will join service in the sanctuary at 11am. Godly Play will begin at 10:30am and go through the entire service. This later time is a wonderful change!

***it will not be such a long morning for the younger kids (8:45am-11:45 or after is a long time for them!)**

***more families may be able to participate in Sunday School now that the time is later**

***older youth who participate in sports, work, etc., will not need to rise as early to attend Sunday School**

***the youth will receive a message that is geared more to them while adults receive their message in worship service**

We are excited to implement this new plan! We would like to open our doors to more people who would like to help make our Sunday School program even more

successful! If you have ever felt a calling to give a little of your time to help support our youth, we are in need of Door Persons for Godly Play. This will be on a rotating schedule so that we are not pulling the same people from worship service frequently.

What is a Door Person and what is his/her role? Godly Play has intentional roles for each session. Upon arrival, the child is greeted by the "door person" who asks them if they are ready to hear the Godly Play story. The door person assists the children in storing their toys, headphones, books and other distracting items. The door person will check that the storyteller is ready and then invite the children to join the circle. During storytelling time, the door person is available to sit near the door with any child who is not ready to hear the story. This is not a punishment but rather an option for the child to still hear the story but not disrupt the circle. Once the child has chosen their 'work' after the story, the door person assists the children in gathering their materials if needed. The door person does not 'do it for them' but shows them how. The door person, before class begins, checks that supplies are available and provides and prepares the feast materials, helps the children clean-up and before leaving the classroom, reminds the child to bid farewell to the storyteller. The Door Person is a vital role for any successful Godly Play session. Please consider helping us. See Deb Wood if you are interested.



Intergenerational Godly Play

Join us on Sunday, October 7 at 10:30 in Wetzel Hall for an Intergenerational Godly Play service! You will see firsthand (and participate in!) a Godly Play lesson. This will give the congregation a chance to see the role of the Teacher and Door Person, and also to see how amazing this form of Sunday School is! The youth are excited to share this with all of you! We hope you can join us!

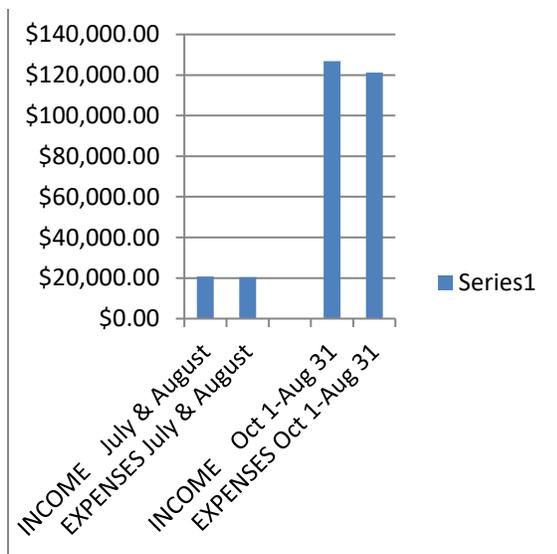
FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures in July and August included \$11,337.27 pastor's salary and benefits; \$3,477.58 other salaries; \$2,500 to savings; \$1,549.70 cleaning services; \$875 half of youth mission trip; \$730.18 insurance; \$582 village utilities; \$416 gas bill; \$250.36 phones; \$230.28 copier leases; \$211 fire extinguisher service; \$149 background checks; \$120.04 window display; \$106.51 open house; \$89.98 online service; \$75 elevator inspection; \$62.50 postage; \$43.02 office supplies; \$39.18 custodial supplies.

Fall Festival will be coming up on October 20. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please start gathering items for the basket auction, if you haven't already done so.

INCOME July & August	\$20,760.07
EXPENSES July & August	\$20,344.60

INCOME Oct 1-Aug 31	\$126,769.67
EXPENSES Oct 1-Aug 31	\$121,153.41



Happy Sweet September Church Family!

As many of you who know me well, know that I very much enjoy competition and a challenge. I have competed with my dogs for over 30 years. I enjoyed the distinction of holding the #1 spot in the United States for three years with one of my Obedience Border Collies. I have never considered anything to be an obstacle. Instead, I view it as a challenge and an opportunity for growth.

I have always found the concept of "winning" interesting. There is a subtle but important difference between losing and failing. Losing is an event, an inevitable fact of life that happens to all of us at some point. Failing, on the other hand, is a frame of mind. Failing can only occur when we believe it can. It happens when we make that tragic fall from faith and think..."I can't do this." So we position ourselves to fail. We must have faith in our inner selves and our God and success will be ours.

Our wonderful little church is facing some challenges but also some great possibilities. We will ultimately succeed by thought, reflection, prayer and faith. The challenge comes from looking at things objectively and "stepping up to the plate." In this way, we will grow and add character and strength to our church. The only way to truly succeed is to embrace the challenges put forth...and this will strengthen our character. In doing so, we position ourselves to succeed and "win."

So...join a committee, chair or co-chair an event, become active with our young people, sign up for coffee hour, join the choir, bring in any and all ideas! We will accept the challenges and thereby strengthen our faith. There is always room for any and all help. There is no one answer.

There is so very much talent and "heart" in our church. I believe we are ready for any and all challenges.

LET'S GO UCC ARCADE!!!!!!

In my humble opinion,
Leanne P.

How Google Reviews can grow our Church.

If you were new to an area or new to Jesus how would you go about finding a place to worship? Most likely the way anyone with a smart phone finds anything these days, they “Google it!”

If you are standing in Arcade and Google “Church near me” you will be provided with a list of churches in the surrounding area. Depending on where you are physically standing, how streamlined the church website is, and the Google review rating, you will get a list of churches that you could visit.

Currently, if you Google “church near arcade ny,” you will get a map(see below) and a list. Our church (UCC Arcade, NY) is the 7th church on the list of 15 churches near Arcade! Not only are there 6 other places people may check out before us, there are 14 other choices within a few miles.



If you think our church is great and would like more people to consider worshipping with us, please consider leaving your thoughts in a Google review. This will help us have more of a web presence in our area and allow others to read your thoughts on our church.

Here is how to leave a google review.

1. Using a computer/phone/tablet open a web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) and type www.Google.com



2. On the google page type in “UCC arcade ny” and press enter



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Google Search I'm Feeling Lucky

3. You will see a section on the Google page with our information. Click on the blue “Google reviews” link.



4. If you are already signed in to google you will be presented with all the current reviews and can click on the “write a review” button. If you haven’t signed into google you can do so using your gmail account. If you don’t have a gmail account, you can get one, by typing accounts.google.com into any web browser.



We appreciate if you are able to take a moment and do this Google review for your church! It can help us grow and give us a greater web presence when others search for churches in our area! Thank you in advance!

IN MEMORY

We extend our sympathy to Tom and Debbie Scott and their family on the passing of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Patricia Scott, on July 8. Pat had just formally joined our membership on April 15. Rev. Dievendorf officiated at her celebration of life at the funeral home in Cuba.

We also extend our sympathy to Gary Bray and his family on the passing of their wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Martha Bray, on August 19. Martha had been a member of our church since 1974. Rev. Dievendorf officiated at her celebration of life in our sanctuary.

Mission Trip: Boston!

Vanessa Adams and several of our Arcade UCC youth joined with many other youth groups from area churches to travel to Boston for their Mission Trip this summer! They did some amazing work there and spread the love of Jesus Christ! A comment was made from one of the youth that they thought there would be “more church.” Vanessa let them know that “We were the church!”



Support Youth Mission Trips

There are many compelling reasons for youth mission trips to be conducted outside your local Church area. Informed youth ministers have learned that conducting local stay-at-home mission trips do not procure the same spiritual growth experience. It is also unsuccessful many times because youth may decide on Day 2 they will stay home and sleep or a better offer for a party or social engagement may arise mid-week or perhaps they want to eat Mom’s familiar foods. Please consider the following

explanation (courtesy of Youth Works, a knowledgeable and experienced Youth Ministry organization) of the importance of Mission Trips for youth. And if you are still not convinced, please sit and discuss with our youth the profound impact their youth mission trips and events have on their lives. One look around at our own fabulous youth says it all-no further explanation needed!

1. Mission Trips Bring Youth Groups Together.

If you’ve ever been on a weekend student retreat, you know how that experience can build community. Teenagers ride together, play together, eat together, stay up late together, get up tired together...“Together” is a powerful word. Think of “together” as glue – the more broadly it’s spread, the better a youth group will bond. Mission trips apply “together” to students’ sense of adventure, their desire to serve, their relationship with God, their daily experiences, their broken comfort zones and much more (including these things below!).

2. Mission Trips Broaden Perspectives.

Teenagers might be more connected than ever with what’s happening around the world, but have they seen what it’s like to live below the poverty line in small-town America? Or experienced the energy and exhaustion of inner-city living? Or felt the heartbeat of Native America beaten across the taut surface of a drum? Pulling teenagers from their typical context helps them understand that the world is larger than their daily lives would have them believe. By beginning to understand another setting, their own context comes into truer focus.

3. Mission Trips Challenge Comfort Zones.

Beyond broadening perspectives, mission trips demand that teenagers participate. Painting a house, playing with kids, serving a meal, sleeping on an air mattress, experiencing a new culture – these are a few examples of ways comfort zones are crossed. But when coupled with intentional processing and worship, mission trips have the unique ability to challenge students’ comfortable perceptions of God and the world. Faith steps beyond the doors of the church and demands to be applied to real-world living.

4. Mission Trips Empower Students.

God is doing incredible work through the Church. The energy, authenticity, fresh perspective and passion teenagers bring are a vibrant part of that church. Done well, mission trips help students take ownership and initiative. Eyes are opened. Passions are ignited. Possibilities are exposed. Pursuits begin. Mission trips help teenagers see what they are capable of. But first, the Church chooses to

believe in the incredible opportunity of being a teenager – not a possibility to be met “someday,” but a boiling potential just waiting to overflow.

5. Mission Trips Create Sacred Space.

The Israelites used to build monuments by throwing together big piles of rocks to point at later and say, “That signifies God’s faithfulness in our nation.”

For many teenagers, mission trips represent a time and a place when God worked in and through their lives. More than a mere mountain-top high, these sacred spaces both anchor students in their faith and propel them forward in their relationship with God. Even in times of trouble, teenagers often point toward their mission trip experience and say, “That signifies God’s faithfulness in my life.”

Respectfully submitted on behalf of youth everywhere,
Deb Wood

When I think about the best/ most influential moments in my life, some of the first to come up are moments made on these church mission trips. This was my fourth mission trip, and without a doubt the best. My work for the week was as follows:

On Tuesday I was weeding and power washing areas of the church. The power washing was fun until I burned my hand trying to start it again and had to stop. Not my proudest moment.

On Wednesday myself, Vanessa, Autumn, and several other youth worked preparing and serving food at a women’s day shelter in Boston called the Women’s Lunch Place. I realized very soon after arriving there that their mission and motivations were truly amazing. The Women’s Lunch Place was located primarily in the basement of a church within the city of Boston. This was a place where women could come for the day and while there could eat lunch and breakfast, receive medical checkups, use phones, check out books, and even use computers completely free of charge. There was even a way for women to receive mail at the shelter, if they didn’t have another place to. It was truly an amazing experience.

On Thursday morning a truck carrying an enormous amount of food arrived at the church and we spent the morning unloading and sorting it. Once the persons who would be receiving the food arrived, my job consisted of handing half gallons of milk to the people. Something struck me about

that day in particular; the diversity of the people we were able to serve. Single parents, full families, young, and old, we were all able to help that day.

On Friday I was able to go to a member of the congregation's house where I weeded and cleaned windows. When I met the lady that Sunday, she thanked me and gave me a hug. She was very sweet.

Saturday was our free day in Boston, and Sunday we were back in Arcade. Something always surprises me about mission trips, even after four of them, the people; those who come from Buffalo and those who you meet at the destination, those who I've met before and those who I'm meeting for the first time. I’m always surprised by how amazing they all are. It is always a blessing!

-Nathan Tillinghast (Western Area Youth Mission Trip, Boston 2018)

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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 October issue is September 21, 2018.

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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