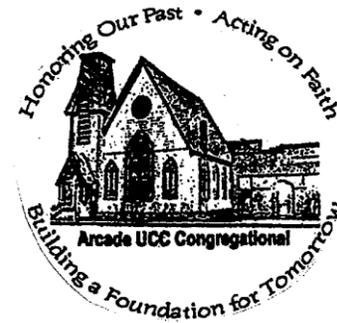


The Carillon

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On October 4, I was blessed to officiate at our son, Eric's wedding in California. Cathy and I drove to Missouri to our youngest daughter, Kris', then flew from St. Louis to Los Angeles, drove about 1 ½ hours north and spent six days for the wedding. Then we reversed the trip and flew back to St. Louis and stayed at Kris' until we drove back home from Missouri. To be honest, for a while I wasn't sure what time zone I was in – and I KNOW my body didn't for sure!!

Time – it's a precious gift from God for each of us. It's something we take for granted, yet never know exactly just how much of it we have to expend. We mete out our time to include work - not just "paying" work, but all the chores we do in our lives - rest and relaxation, sleep and any number of other activities (some of which we choose to do or not, but some we have no control over). For sure, the 168 hours in our week often seem not to be nearly enough for us to undertake all that we desire.

As a Pastor, it seems time is something always before me. In seminary, there were courses that introduced me to time management - how best to use the time available for the most efficient purposes. While these courses were very helpful, I still find that there is usually not enough time in the week for everything I want to do.

As a Christian, did you know that there are two types of time? *Chronos* (our time) and *Kairos* (God's time). The word *kairos* was an ancient Greek word meaning "opportunity," "season," or "fitting time" and appears in the New Testament some 81 times. Another Greek word for "time" was *chronos*. A sequence of moments was expressed as *chronos*, emphasizing the duration of the time; an appointed time was expressed as *kairos*, with no regard for the length of the time. Thus, *chronos* was more linear and quantitative, and *kairos* was more nonlinear and qualitative.

The word *kairos* often includes the idea of an opportunity or a suitable time for an action to take place. When we "seize the day," we are taking advantage of the *kairos* given to us. *Kairos* is related to the Greek word *kara* ("head"). A *kairos* is a time when things "come to a head," requiring decisive action.

In Jesus' parable of the wheat and the tares, the Lord refers to the coming judgment as a harvest: "At that time [*kairos*] I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn" (Matthew 13:30). By using *kairos* here, Jesus emphasizes the fact that Judgment Day is an appointed time, and at that time certain things will occur appropriate for the day.

The Bible warns that we should take full advantage of the opportunities God gives us. Unbelievers have the responsibility to respond to opportunities to believe the gospel. Jesus' first recorded sermon was simple: "The time [*kairos*] has come. . . . The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:8). When the people of Galilee were confronted with Jesus' life-changing message, God expected them to believe.

Paul communicated the urgency of the gospel: "I tell you, now is the time [*kairos*] of God's favor, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). There is a window of opportunity to accept God's salvation, and we do not know when that window will close.

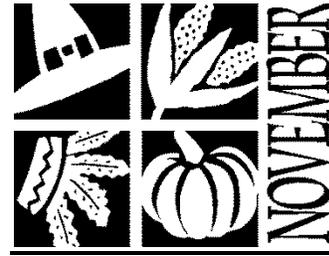
The believer (you and me) must take advantage of opportunities to serve the Lord. "As we have opportunity [*kairos*], let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10). We must be "making the most of every opportunity [*kairos*], because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). And "let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time [*kairos*] we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).

Perhaps, many of us concentrate too much on our *chronos* in life and not enough of *Kairos*. Perhaps we try to fill our lives with activities and pleasures which focus on us, while neglecting those things that focus on God. Perhaps we should be concerned less with fulfilling our time (*chronos*) commitments in life and more concerned with fulfilling our time (*kairos*) commitments. The clock IS ticking!!

Shalom,
Pastor Bob



If you or someone you know would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at home, please let Kathy in the church office know. You may reach the church office at 585-492-4530 or via email at arc-ucc@juno.com.



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.

November Greeters

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| 1 The Romance Family | 22 Tom & Deb Scott |
| 8 Gwen & Laurel Becht
& Candy Hayden | 29 Lary Schaefer
& Dirk Norwich |
| 15 Shirley Kriedeman
& Diane Szpak | |

November Readers

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| 1 Sam Tillinghast | 22 Penny Rutledge |
| 8 Debi Lutz | 29 Tom Scott |
| 15 Josh Taylor | |

November Nursery Schedule

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| 1 Sheila Vrenna | 22 Deb Wood |
| 8 Sharon Koch | 29 Kathy May |
| 15 Denielle Romance | |

November Worship Coordinators

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| 1 Molly Holland | 22 Jo Sixt |
| 8 Ryan Bechdel | 29 Bev Giles |
| 15 Wally Lowth | |

November Birthdays

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| 3 Rev. Robert Dievendorf | 20 Leanne Pokigo |
| 3 Audrey Erick | 22 Ken Lingenfelter |
| 8 Lary Schaefer | 27 Grace Gilbert |
| 13 Helen Knose | 27 Payton Romance |
| 16 Erin Zink | 28 Suzanne Norton |
| 18 Collin Tuttle | 30 Carol Abel |

November Anniversaries

- 1 Blake & Courtney Caldwell – 1 yr.
16 John & Carol Abel – 58 yrs.

November Bible Readings

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| 1 Ruth 1:1-8
Psalm 146
Heb 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34 | 22 2 Sam 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12
Rev 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37 |
| 8 Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Heb 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44 | 29 Jer 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thess 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36 |
| 15 1 Sam 1:4-20
Psalm 16
Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8 | |

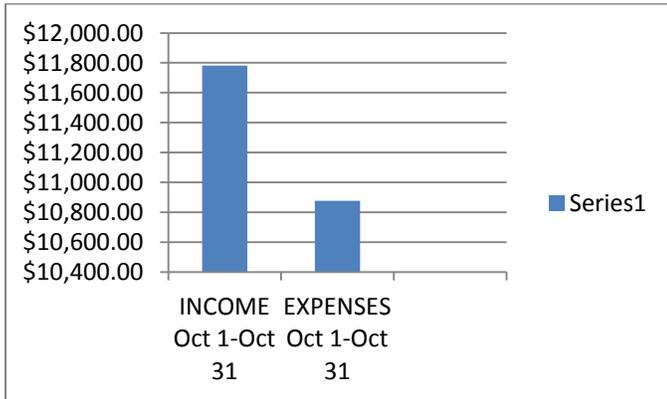
Worship in November:

- November 1: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Sacrament of Baptism
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Scripture: Mark 12:28-34
Sermon: *Will YOU Pass the Test?*
- November 8: 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Veteran Recognition
Scripture: Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 24:1-8
Sermon: *Being a Veteran of Christ*
- November 15: 25th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:4-20
Sermon: *Are You SBNR?*
- November 22: Reign of Christ Sunday
The Sacrament of Baptism
Hanging of the Greens
Scripture: Psalm 100
Matthew 25: 31-46
Sermon: *The Praise Gate*
- November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent
Scripture: Luke 21:25-36
Sermon: *Interior Decorations*

Pastor's Fund

During the month of October contributions for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund have been given by an anonymous donor and 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.



FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures in October included \$5,577.48 pastor's salary and benefits; \$2,203.96 other salaries; \$696 covenantal share to the Western New York Area Churches in Covenant; \$490.22 copier lease; \$376.34 insurance; \$320 village utilities; \$313 music copyright license; \$287.50 travel; \$204 gas bills; \$160 cleaning; \$85 supply pastor; \$84.85 phone bills; \$37.58 senior high Sunday School class expenses; \$32 online service; and \$9.69 custodial supplies.

Our Fall Festival on October 17 was a huge success, thanks to the hard work and planning of the overall chairs, Deb Wood and Vanessa Adams. Rich Vogt and his overnight chowder crew also played a large role in this profit. Many, many others in our congregation worked together to make this event a reality. The total income was \$4,150, and our final profit appears to be \$3,903.80. As we have done since the Fall Festival began, we tithe from that profit. This year, our 10 percent of the profit resulted in a \$390 donation to the Dunkirk Conference Center.

We also thank the Women's Fellowship for donating \$300 of the profit from their September German Dinner to the church general fund.

2nd Sunday Pot Luck

On Sunday, **November 8**, we will enjoy together our 2nd Sunday Pot Luck immediately following worship.

This is a time of fellowship and great food, so plan on joining us for dinner the 2nd Sunday of each month after worship. Please bring a dish to share. Table service will be provided as will drinks. This is a great way to get to know each other a little better!! See you there.



Veterans Recognition

On Sunday, November 15, during our morning worship, all veterans will be recognized for their service on our behalf.

Veterans: feel free to wear your service caps, jackets, medals, etc. on this special day. Please plan on joining us as we honor these men and women who have sacrificed for us!

PAC Thanksgiving Turkeys

PAC (Pioneer Association of Churches) is receiving turkeys to give out to our food-pantry patrons. If you would like to donate you can donate a frozen turkey to the food pantry by no later than November 15 OR you can donate money so the pantry can purchase a turkey for the individuals who are in need.

Please see Pastor Bob if you have questions or would like to donate.

Community Thanksgiving Worship

On Sunday, November 22, the PAC Churches will gather for a Community Thanksgiving Worship at 7pm at Arcade UCC, Congregational. Each church will participate in the service as we praise God for the bounty bestowed upon us throughout the year.

The message that evening will be given by Pastor Nancy Preston of the Machias United Methodist Church. A special offering of canned goods and/or monetary gifts will be received during worship and will go to our local PAC food pantry.

Please mark your calendars and join us for this special time together.



Thanksgiving Dinner

The time is here and we have MUCH to be thankful for, especially as we begin our 204th year as a congregation!!! Help us celebrate giving thanks as our congregation gathers for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. The dinner will be on **Sunday, November 15** following worship.

As in years past, there is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for food items to help bring this meal together. Set the date aside and join us with family and friends, won't you, for this very special time of giving thanks, food and fellowship!!

Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship

Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship met Monday, October 5 in Wetzel Hall at 1pm.

Following cares and concerns, which were many, Gwen introduced us to the word "quicken" and its meaning followed by a short prayer. Minutes were read and accepted. Treasurer's report was also accepted. There was no correspondence.

PAC news: Anna Hope will be retiring from running the food pantry – a job she has held for many years! Roger Ryser will take over. Many thanks to Anna for a super job! Dates were set up for serving at the Advent Luncheon. Arcade UCC will be serving December 16.

Coffee hour assignments were made.

The German Dinner was very successful despite the fact that fewer dinners were served. Fifteen percent of the proceeds have been given to the UCC General Fund. More help is needed for clean up after the dinner. There was much discussion concerning continuing this labor-intensive dinner!

On October 12 we will make candy to sell at the Fall Festival. A list of ingredients was discussed.

It was agreed to do Christmas Bags to be given out at the PAC Food Pantry. Last year we filled 90 bags. Helen and Bev will do shopping for this. Sharon will get the bags.

Rummage sale dates were set for May 6 and 7, 2016. Our next meeting will be November 2, 2015 at 1pm.

Margaret Homan, Secretary

Hangings of the Greens

During worship on Sunday, November 22, we will joyously celebrate Hanging of the Greens, where we will hear the stories of the significance of many of our Christmas decorations. You will participate by being given the opportunity to place an ornament or decoration appropriately for our Advent/Christmas season.

Join us, won't you, for this special day where we transform our sanctuary into a holiday splendor.



Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

We, as a people of God, are privileged to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism twice in the month of November.

On Sunday, November 1, we will receive into the wider Church, Olivia Gwendolyn St. John, daughter of Keith and Elizabeth St. John (great-granddaughter of Gwen St. John). Then on November 22, we will again celebrate the sacrament as we baptize Olivia Reese Logel, daughter of Steve and Debbie Logel (granddaughter of Candy Hayden and great-granddaughter of Gwen Becht).

Please join us on these two very special days as we celebrate these two sacraments.

Western Area Meeting

The Fall Meeting of our WNYACIC (Western New York Area Churches in Covenant) will be held on Sunday, November 1 at Kenmore UCC, 295 Delaware Rd., Kenmore, NY 14217.

Registration begins at 12:30pm (\$8 per person) with lunch from 12:30-2pm, worship from 2-2:45pm and business meeting from 3-4:30pm.

The business for the day includes election of officers for 2016, approval of the budget and other business which may come before us.

Everyone is invited to join with us at this gathering of our sisters and brothers from throughout Western New York.



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NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations to Dick and Gloria Vogt on the fifth anniversary of their church membership on November 21.

We extend our sympathy to Lary and Barb Schafer, their children and grandchildren, and Lary's siblings, on the recent death of Lary's mother, Florence Wilson Schafer. Better known as "Sis," she grew up in our church and had a long career as a nurse.

November Gatherings

- 1 WNYACIC Fall Meeting – Kenmore UCC, Kenmore – 12:30pm
- 2 Women's Fellowship – 1pm
- 3 Worship/Music – 6:30pm
- 4, 11, 18 – Choir – 6pm
- 4, 11, 18 – Bible Study – 7pm
- 4 Outreach Committee – 1pm
- 11 Building & Grounds – 7pm
- 15 Thanksgiving Dinner – Following worship Sign-up for needed food items in back of the sanctuary.
- 15 Pioneer Community Band – George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue, " 4pm – Arcade Elementary Auditorium
- 22 PAC Thanksgiving Service – 7pm – Arcade UCC
- 24 Council – 7pm
- 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 Sheila Vrenna. Please continue to watch for the deadline date for your articles and reports and give them to any of the above members. We hope to produce a quality newsletter. Any suggestions are welcomed. The deadline for the December/January issue is November 22, 2015.

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9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Worship

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

When you retire for the night on Saturday, October 31, be sure to set your clocks **BACK** 1 hour as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end. This means you can sleep an hour MORE and STILL be on time for worship on Sunday morning! For those of you that forget and arrive early at church on the 1st, you are welcome (as you are each week) at Sunday School, which begins at 9 AM!!

Pioneer Community Band Presents

George Gershwin's

Rhapsody in Blue

featuring pianist, Kim Higgins

Sunday, November 15
4pm

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