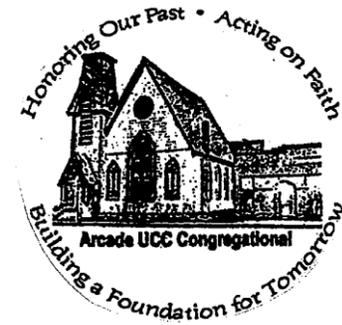


# The Carillon

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## November 2017

Ah, November – a great month!! The riches of God’s bounty are gathered; grass begins its dormant life for a few months; leaves are strewn like gently falling snow across lawns, roadways, fields and every place imaginable; our furnaces have begun their ritual of bringing much welcomed heat to our chilly abodes and the temperatures fall; wildlife begins to scurry, foraging for their winter meals and homes, and we see (or wishfully thinking MIGHT see) that white stuff we call nuisance (AKA snow). Yes, November is a great month!! Did you know that November also is designated as Aviation month, Child Safety and Protection month, National Novel Writing Month AND Good Nutrition month? And as if that weren’t enough to celebrate, certain November days are specially recognized as well: November 2nd: National Plan Your Epitaph Day; November 4th: King Tut Day and Book Lovers Day; November 5th: Guy Fawkes Day (commemorates the infamous Gunpowder Conspiracy of 1605 in England. It was led by, you guessed it, Guy Fawkes). November 6th: National Saxophone Day; November 7th: International Tongue Twister Day and Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day; November 13th: World Kindness Day and Sadie Hawkins Day (where the gals ask the guys out); Nov. 16: Have a Party With Your Bear Day (though I really don’t think many of us has a real bear); 19 Have a Bad Day Day; and Nov 27 (Thanksgiving Day);). Talk about something for everyone!!

I am sure there are folk *somewhere* who look forward to each of these “holidays” and we should respect their celebrations, no matter how crazy some of these commemorations might appear to us. Now, while I don’t personally need any candy in my diet, and even though I do appreciate a hug when I act like a bear, and as I am not an author, but do a lot of reading and support and encourage using frequently and often our Holy Bibles, I wholeheartedly rejoice that there is tucked away in the depths of November a day we consciously and deliberately are to give thanks!

Growing up, I can remember my Mom and Dad and Grandmother constantly reminding me and my brothers and sister to always use and never forget our “pleases and thank yous”! No matter what it was we were doing, these words would become a part of our situation. As I have grown older, I still try to remember these words in every part of my life – but I have to admit sometimes it

takes a mental consciousness to actually get the words out.

Such is the case, I believe, with many of us and Thanksgiving (or giving thanks). This 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month of November was first proclaimed a national day of giving thanks on November 26, 1789 “as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God”. So, 228 years later we are still honoring this holiday – though my perspective is that many have forgotten the original intent of the day. Oh sure, we have gatherings of family and friends, we have scrumptious meals (or perhaps really banquets), and don’t forget Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade (with Santa Claus bringing up the rear) and football, football and more football (pre-game shows, the games, then post-game follow-ups). But so many folk totally forget (or worse, ignore) the giving of thanks for a whole variety of things.

What about our life in general (our very breath), even with all its challenges and hurdles? What about our family, friends, acquaintances? What about our homes and all that makes them “homey”? What about the forgiveness of our sins and God’s gift of salvation? What about hope and mercy and compassion and love? What about our freedoms and rights and privileges we so take for granted?

This year, I would challenge each of you (if you don’t already make this a part of your routine) to make time for special thanks on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Maybe it will be immediately before your meal, or perhaps it will be even before you gather around the table. Maybe your thanks will be a time of everyone sharing what they are specifically appreciative of in their lives or maybe it will be a prayer led by the oldest (or youngest) person present. Maybe your thanks will be short and to the point or perhaps more protracted covering many, many things. Whatever the time, whatever the words, I challenge you to give thanks!!

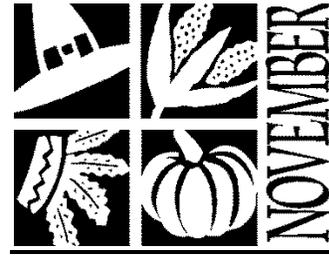
But why do this only on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each November? Why don’t you make a special time each and every day to give thanks for whatever is touching your heart? More than asking God for healing, guidance, support, strength, comfort, discernment and whatever, always, ALWAYS include a time of thanks giving because there is always something for which to give thanks!!

Have a most Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving, my friends. And remember to give your thanks!!

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](mailto:arc-ucc@juno.com).



Anyone from 9<sup>th</sup> 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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|---------------------------------|--|
| 5 Randy & Debi Lutz             | 19 Suzanne Norton                      |
| 12 Sharon Koch & Margaret Homan | & Helen Knose<br>26 Tillinghast Family |

### November Readers

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|----------------|------------------|
| 5 Jeff Mason   | 19 Lary Schaefer |
| 12 Mike Tanner | 26 Leanne Pokigo |

### November Nursery Schedule

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 5 Sheila Vrenna | 19 Denielle Romance |
| 12 Kathy May    | 26 Deb Wood         |

### November Worship Coordinators

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|------------------|--------------|
| 5 Margaret Homan | 19 Bev Giles |
| 12 Ryan Bechdel  | 26 Jo Sixt   |

### 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 – 3 yrs.  
16 John & Carol Abel – 60 yrs.

### November Bible Readings

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| 6  | Job 19:23-27a<br>Psalm 17:1-9<br>2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17<br>Luke 20:27-38 | 20 | Jer 23:1-6<br>Psalm 46<br>Col 1:11-20<br>Luke 23:33-43  |
| 13 | Mal 4:1-2a<br>Psalm 98<br>2 Thess 3:6-13<br>Luke 21:5-19               | 27 | Isa 2:2-1<br>Psalm 122<br>Rom 13:11-14<br>Matt 24:36-44 |

### **Pastor's Fund**

During the month of October contributions for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund have been given by: Madeline and Bill Hall 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.

### **Worship in November:**

- November 5: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Scripture: Matthew 23: 1-12  
Sermon: *Humble Pie(ty)*
- November 12: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner  
Scripture: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25  
Matthew 25: 1-13  
Sermon: *Reality vs. Hope*
- November 19: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11  
Matthew 25: 14-30  
Sermon: *The Apocalypse – Are You Ready?*
- Nov. 26: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
TBA – Pastor Bob Away



## Thanksgiving Dinner

The time is here and we have MUCH to be thankful for, especially as we begin our 205<sup>th</sup> year as a congregation!!! Help us celebrate giving thanks as our congregation gathers for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on **Sunday, November 12**

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 fellowship!!



On Sunday, November 12, 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!

## Western Area Meeting

The Fall Meeting of our WNYACIC (Western New York Area Churches in Covenant) will be held on Sunday, November 5 at New Covenant UCC, 459 Clinton St., Buffalo, NY 14204.

Registration begins at 12:30pm (\$8 per person) with lunch from 1-2pm, worship at 2pm followed by the business meeting.

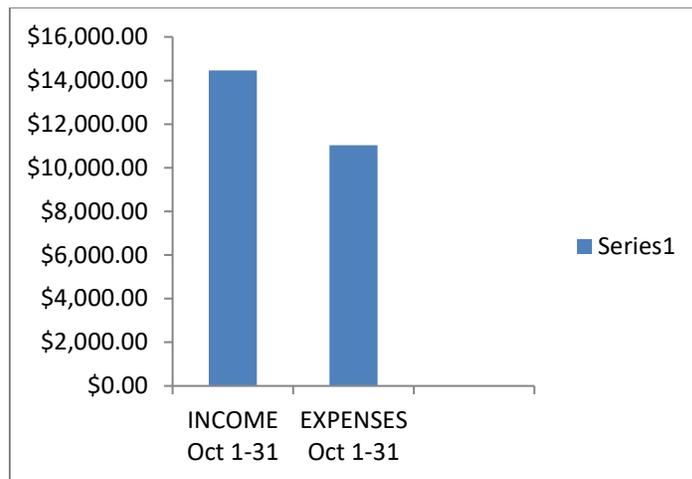
The business for the day includes election of officers for 2018, approval of the 2018 budget and other business which may come before us.

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

## 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 Nov 13 OR you can donate \$\$ money so the pantry can purchase a turkey for the individuals who are in need.

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



## FINANCIAL NEWS

Our non-pass-through expenditures in October included \$4,905.32 pastor's salary and benefits; \$2,601.10 other salaries; \$436.41 insurance; \$313 music copyright license; \$310 village utilities; \$212 gas bills; \$151.52 copier leases; \$125.70 postage; \$91.56 phones; \$88.94 computer expenses; \$75.50 office supplies; custodial supplies \$12.47; and worship expenses \$11.99.

In addition to the supplies brought in for the Church World Service disaster clean-up buckets, we collected an additional \$720 for clean-up supplies.

## FALL FESTIVAL & RUMMAGE SALE

Our Fall Festival on October 21 was a huge success! Unless additional bills are submitted, the profit will be \$4,681.47. We traditionally donate 10 percent of the profit to a worthy cause. The Fall Festival committee has recommended that this year's 10 percent be donated to Angel Action.

The Women's Fellowship is once again planning to organize a rummage sale next spring as a church fundraiser. If you have any potentially saleable items you're no longer using, please set them aside so they can be included in the sale.

## **THE 2016-17 and 2017-18 BUDGETS**

We finished the 2016-17 fiscal year on September 30 with a modest surplus of \$335.68.

Our stewardship campaign for the 2017-18 fiscal year succeeded in generating an increase in pledges. At our annual meeting on October 29, we passed a budget that projects a surplus of \$2,710.53.

In order for the projected surplus to turn into a real one, we need everyone to help with fundraising events and to fulfill their pledges for this new year.

### **Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship**

Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship met on Monday, October 2 at 1pm in Wetzel Hall.

Following our many concerns, Gwen St. John read the poem sung by Far Cry the week before.

There was much discussion relating to the Fall Festival – candy making, the need for baked goods, set-up and quilt tickets.

We will be hosting the Advent Luncheon at Hope Lutheran Church on December 6 with Machias United Methodist Church.

It's a busy time of year for all! Our next meeting will be Monday, November 6 at 1pm.

*Margaret Homan, Secretary*

### **COUNCIL CORNER**

The October 24 meeting of the Arcade UCC Council was called to order at 7pm by Chair Rich Vogt. Devotions were led by Debi Lutz. Debi summarized the first chapter of the book *"Governance and Ministry"* by *Dan Hotchkiss*. This book was given to all who attended a September workshop at Ebenezer UCC on Church Board Leadership. We will continue to weave our way through this book as part of our devotional time before Council meetings. Minutes of the September 26 meeting were approved.

Pastor was called out to a home visit, so his report was reviewed by Council. Of note is the fact that the Confirmation class is now a go. Two classes have been held so far with two confirmands in attendance. Jeff Mason reviewed his treasurer's report. It's very early in the fiscal year, so things are going well at this point. It was decided to give 10% of the proceeds of the Fall

Festival to Wyoming County Community Action based on recommendation from Kathy May and Lois Anneler.

We have heard nothing further from Verizon on housing a small transmission antenna on the church rooftop. They are currently in negotiations with another business, so at the request of Council, a bill will be submitted to them for the attorney fees incurred by us to get this project approved by the New York Attorney General's office.

The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held November 12 following worship. Sign-up sheet will be available after worship on Sunday, October 29. Committee reports were reviewed. There were no questions.

Dirk Norwich will lead devotions for the November meeting and Debi Lutz and Rich Vogt will serve as Financial Assistants for the month of November.

Following closing prayer, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

### **BOB WOOD**

We extend our sympathy to Deb Wood and to the members of the Taylor, Wood and Hopkins families on the death of their husband, father, grandfather and uncle, Robert F. Wood Jr., who went to his Heavenly Reward on October 24.

Bob and Deb were already active in the life of our church when they formally joined in 2005, and Bob continued to fill several important roles in the 12 years since then. He was the longtime and popular teacher of the Adult Sunday School class, a member of our most recent Pastoral Search Committee, a member of the Christian Education Committee and the Visioning Committee, and a former member and chairman of the Church Council. In the Western New York Area Churches in Covenant, he was the "go-to" person when it came to obtaining the best price and the most reliable transportation for young people so they could attend youth events and mission projects.

Rev. Dievendorf officiated at Bob's celebration of life in our sanctuary on October 29. Also participating in the service were Bob's grandchildren, Courtney Caldwell and Nick, Sydney and Josh Taylor, as well as Deb's niece and nephew, Michelle Karpinski and Rev. Maurice Hopkins.

## Love of Creation – from an Environmental Point of View

Shortly after my first daughter, Ashley, was born in 1989, I heard a report on television that it was estimated it would take 500 years for a disposable diaper to break down in a landfill. My shock at this report prompted me to immediately buy cloth diapers for my child, as if I could single-handedly solve this environmental debacle!

I believe there have been improvements in disposable diapers since 1989, but our environment continues to be a source of concern for me and, hopefully, all who attempt to live out the new 3 Loves initiative of the United Church of Christ – Love of Neighbor, Love of Children and Love of Creation. This Love of Creation must include love of our environment.

As a congregation, we have always recycled bulletins and many container products used in the kitchen. In recent months, however, we have also brought this recycling initiative to the annex portion of the building by placing recycling bins at the front and back entrances. The bins are divided for trash in the top and products that can be recycled in the bottom. There are also crates in place for paper recycling only. We ask that everyone use these bins whenever possible.

In addition to our recycling efforts, we are using paper products made from 100% recycled materials, garbage bags that are biodegradable and chemical-free cleaning products.

If you have any suggestions that will help us fulfill our environmental justice efforts, please feel free to mention it and we will see what we can do. Remember – when you throw something away, there really is no “away!”

Kathy May

## Advent Sermon Series

This Advent Season, which begins Sunday, December 3, Pastor Bob will be preaching a series on *The Peaceable Kingdom*. December 3 will be *Peace Through Heartfelt Worship*, December 10 will be *Peaceable Kingdom* (our Sunday School Program), December 17 will be *Peace for God’s People* and December 24 will be *Peace for the Earth*. Come and join us, won’t you for this series and our Youth Program during Advent as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus into the world???

## November Gatherings

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Choir – 6pm
- 1, 8, 15 – Bible Study – 7pm
- 5 WNYACIC Fall Meeting – New Covenant UCC Buffalo, NY – 12:30pm
- 6 Women’s Fellowship – 1pm
- 7 Worship/Music – 6:30pm
- 8 Workers Union – 1pm
- 8 Building & Grounds – 7pm
- 12 Thanksgiving Dinner – Following worship  
Sign-up for needed food items in back of the sanctuary.
- 14 Outreach Committee – 7pm
- 25 Community Dinner – 4-6pm
- 28 Council – 7pm

**NOTE:** Weight Watchers meets Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm in Wetzel Hall.

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by a committee of four – Audrey Erick, Margaret Homan, Kathy May 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 26, 2017.

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9:00am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Worship

## Bible Study Movie

On Wednesday Evening, November 8, we will be showing a movie at Bible Study on the Life of Martin Luther. This culminates our several week Bible Study on the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant reformation. The movie will begin promptly at 7pm and will last about 1 ½ hours. Everyone is welcome to join in watching this informative movie. Rumor has it there might also be some popcorn available to munch on!!

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