

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade
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November 2018

Upcoming Events

November

- 4 - Western Area Annual Meeting, Salem UCC, Tonawanda
- 4 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 5 - Women's Fellowship, 1 pm
- 6 - Worship & Music, 6:30 pm
- 7,14,21,28 - Choir Rehearsal, 6 pm
- 11 - Veteran's Day
- 11 - Thanksgiving Dinner, following Service
- 11,18,25 - Cantata rehearsals, 1-3 pm
- 13 - Outreach, 7 pm
- 14 - Workers' Union, 1pm
- 14 - Building & Grounds, 7 pm
- 22 - Thanksgiving Day
- 24 - Community Dinner, 4-6 pm
- 25 - Godly Play – worship with your family
- 27 - Council, 7 pm

December

- 2 - Cantata rehearsal, 1-3 pm
- 3 - Women's Fellowship, 1 pm
- 4 - Worship & Music, 6:30 pm
- 5,12,19,26 – Choir Rehearsal, 6 pm
- 12 - Workers' Union, 1 pm
- 12 - Building & Grounds, 7 pm
- 15 - Community Dinner, 4-6 pm
- 16 - Children's Christmas Program
- 16 - Cantata, 3 pm
- 18 - Council, 7 pm
- 23 - Godly Play – worship with your family
- 25 - Christmas
- 30 - Godly Play – worship with your family

November Greeters

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| 4 | Diane Szpak & Sharon Hawley | 18 | Tom & Deb Scott |
| 11 | Shirley Kriedeman & Audrey Erick | 25 | Helen & Gary Boling |

November Readers

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| 4 | Jeff Mason | 18 | Debi Lutz |
| 11 | Justin Romance | 25 | Amy Tillinghast |

November Worship Coordinators

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| 4 | Shirley Kriedeman | 18 | Wally Lowth |
| 11 | Margaret Homan | 25 | Jo Sixt |

November Nursery Attendants

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| 4 | Amy Tillinghast | 18 | Shannon King |
| 11 | Sheila Vrenna | 25 | Denielle Romance |

November Birthdays

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| 3 | Robert Dievendorf | 18 | Collin Tuttle |
| 3 | Audrey Erick | 20 | Leanne Pokigo |
| 8 | Lary Schaefer | 27 | Grace Gilbert |
| 13 | Helen Boling | 27 | Payton Romance |
| 15 | Brad Gertis | 28 | Suzanne Norton |
| | | 30 | Carol Abel |

November Anniversaries

- 1 **Blake & Courtney Caldwell – 4 years**
- 16 **John & Carol Abel – 61 years**

A Letter to the UCC Family of Faith: We Can't Let Evil Prevail

This call to action comes from the Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference UCC, with the affirmation of the denomination's National Officers and the Rev. David Ackerman, Conference Minister of the Penn West Conference UCC.

The news over the past weeks has revealed an undercurrent of hate within our culture and our country. Between the assumption that immigrants walking nearly 2,000 miles seeking asylum are seen as a threat to our security; the pipe bombs mailed to those who oppose our current political administration; the massacre of 11 Jewish citizens during services at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh; and the shooting of an African American man and woman in a grocery store after a failed attempt to enter a church of Black worshippers, it is hard to find cause for hope in our nation.

The rhetoric of hate and divisiveness calls for a response from the faith community. While we should not advocate for candidates or political parties, we must advocate for justice, humanitarian treatment of our neighbors, and for safety in our places of worship. We are a diverse nation and until recently that diversity has been seen as a strength. We, in the Church, must stand as moral authorities proclaiming peace and hope, compassion and justice.

Wherever and whenever you have the opportunity to provide wisdom and comfort, inspiration and compassion, I urge you to do so. To be silent is to let evil prevail and we, as people of faith, cannot do that, any more than Jesus could do it in his time and culture. Find a way to bring peace and hope to your faith communities, your communities, our state and our nations.

Today we are asking our members to write prayer notes or notes of compassion to our siblings at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Mail them from your local church to them at 5898 Wilkins Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Participate in a vigil or a peaceful worship process in any one of your communities and if there isn't one, please plan one.

If you are able, this would be a wonderful way to demonstrate solidarity with our Jewish siblings.

By all means pray but above all do not fail to speak out or to act. As Martin Niemoller wrote:

"First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

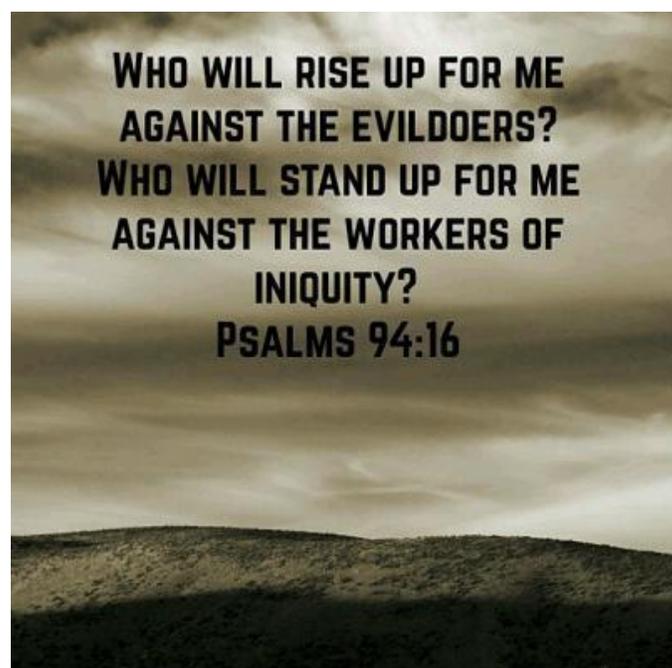
Then they came for the Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.

Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me."

We are called to be people of prayer, but we are also called to remember that The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free (Luke 4:18). May we each and all do our part to make our communities, state and nation places of hope and peace.

Faithfully,
The Rev. Bonnie Bates
Conference Minister
Penn. Northeast Conference United Church of Christ





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.

November Bible Readings

4	Ruth 1:1-8 Ps 146 Heb 9:11-14 Mk 12:28-34	18	1 Sam 1:4-20 1 Sam 2:1-10 Heb 10:11-14 Mk 13:1-8
11	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Ps 127 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44	25	2 Sam 23:1-7 Ps 132:1-12 Rev 1:4b-8 Jn 18:33-37



Arcade UCC has designated the 4th Sunday of every month to accept donations for the PAC Food Pantry. Please bring in any non-perishable food items and place them in the basket in the narthex. Thank you!

A portion of the proceeds from our Fall Festival went to Snack Paks for Kids – Pioneer Elementary School’s program which supplies students on free and reduced lunches with food for over the weekends and school breaks. Thank you for your support of this great cause!

Search Committee Updates

Our Search Committee was voted on at the Sunday, September 23, 2018 Budget Hearing. Installation of these members took place on Sunday, September 30. Members include: Vanessa Adams, Ryan Bechdel, Denielle Romance, Skip Tillinghast, Ginger Comstock and Nick Tillinghast. Meetings have begun and are scheduled for the foreseeable future. The Chairman and Secretary have been elected, and the committee is in the data collection phase. Please continue to keep this committee in your prayers.

PAC News

Reminders of upcoming happenings for our area churches:

November 4 – Deep Fried Turkey Dinner, Hope Lutheran

The Food Truck is available to all the second Friday of the month at the Methodist Church of Arcade

The Food Pantry is asking for turkeys or monetary donations for Thanksgiving by Nov. 11, 2018

November 18 – Community Thanksgiving, Chaffee Baptist, noon



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

The Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce honored Jeff Mason with the Joe Owens Community Spirit award on October 19, 2018. This award goes to an individual every year that plays a vital role in community support and development. The Chamber writes, *"Jeff Mason serves as the local historian for both the Village and Town of Arcade. He is the treasurer of the Arcade Historical Society and his church, Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational. He was a history teacher at Pioneer Central High School and in 2016 during the district's 50th Celebration, was named Honorary Lifetime School Historian for the district. He can often be found volunteering in his grandchildren's classrooms, sharing his love of history with visitors at Gibby House and in his weekly column in the Arcade Herald titled "Remember When."*

Congratulations, Jeff!

We would like to congratulate Nick Taylor on passing his NY State Bar Exam! Nick will now become licensed and will be launching his career as an attorney. We are so proud of you and wish you continued success, Nick!

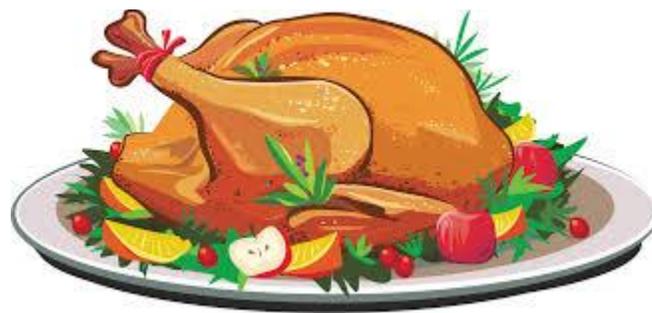
We would like to thank Debi Lutz for her 10+ years as Moderator for our church! Your time and dedication is greatly appreciated!

Josh Taylor and Cierra Howell were recently engaged on October 21, 2018. We are so happy for this beautiful couple and would like to wish them congratulations from everyone here at Arcade UCC!

Suzanne and George Norton's niece, Noelle has been accepted at Houghton College! We would like to extend our congratulations to her and wish her the best of luck with her college endeavors!

Molly and Glen Holland's granddaughter, Elle, a Senior at Springville Griffith Institute CSD, achieved NY State time in both the 100 back stroke and 100 free-style which has qualified her to compete at the NY State Meet at Ithaca College on Nov. 16-17. Elle has broken 12 records, one of which being at her dad's alma mater, Pioneer High School! We would like to congratulate Elle on this amazing accomplishment and wish her the best of luck at the NY State Meet!

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.



Arcade UCC Thanksgiving Dinner!

You are invited to our Thanksgiving Dinner here at Arcade UCC, November 11, 2018, following service. Table service will be provided. Sign-up sheets for food and to be part of the work force for the day of the dinner are in the back of the church if you are able to help with this blessed gathering. We hope you can join us to share in this delicious meal and enjoy good fellowship with your church family!

Ink Cartridge Recycling

If you have empty ink cartridges from your printers, please consider bringing them to the church for recycling. There is a collection box on top of the mailboxes in the Library to place them in. When the box is full, they are shipped to a recycling center in exchange for monies for the church. This not only helps the church but helps the environment as well! Epson ink cartridges are not accepted. Thank you in advance for your help!

Thanksgiving Offering

Thanksgiving Offering letters and envelopes were mailed out on November 1st. Please consider donating to support your church's ongoing missions and work. Envelopes can be mailed, dropped off to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate during service. Envelopes will also be available during the Thanksgiving Dinner. We appreciate your prayerful and thoughtful offering.

Sunday School Corner

Our Youth

2018 FALL FEST – A BIG SUCCESS!

Recently, the youth from Arcade UCC and Hope Lutheran ventured to Olean to visit XPhobia Escape Rooms. They had an amazing time deciphering clues and working together as a team to escape the room they were in! They would like to thank Ryan Bechdel for inviting them and providing them with this fun-filled adventure!



A HUGE thank you to all who helped make our Fall Festival such an overwhelming success! From all the basket donations from individuals and gift certificates from local businesses to the wrapping and organizing of baskets; from the making of baked goods and chocolates to the set-up and tear-down; from the chowder-making and overnight cooking to the work force the day of; from those who participated in the basket raffle drawings to all the "behind the scenes work;" from pounding the pavement to collect donations to those who brought coloring books for Children's Hospital donations; from those who gave hours of their time to make everything perfect to those who helped advertise through Facebook and word of mouth; from the quilt which was made so beautifully to the selling of the tickets.....and so much more!!! THANK YOU!!!! Your time and dedication to this festival is what makes it so well known for being the amazing event that it is each and every year! This year was our best Festival yet and we couldn't have done it without the support of everyone involved! It is amazing what can transpire when our church family comes together through the power of God and the Holy Spirit!

On Sunday, October 21, the youth from Arcade UCC joined forces with the youth from Hope Lutheran to collect donations of coloring books, activity books, and crayons at Tops of Arcade. The donations are for the Family Resource Center at Oishei Children's Hospital. They collected from 9:30am-1:30pm that day. On November 6, the youth will be taking their donations to the hospital and will receive a tour of the new state-of-the-art facility.



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!

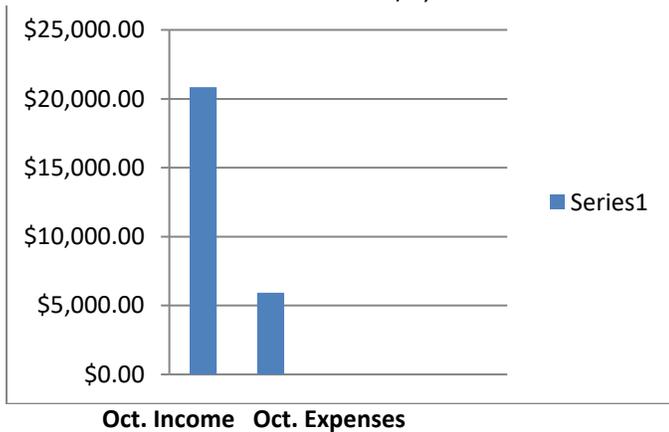
Financial Report

October is usually our best month in terms of income, due to the Fall Festival. We are still waiting for at least one bill to arrive, but it appears our profit will be around \$4,800. Once we have that final number, 10 percent of the profit will be donated to the Snack Pack for Kids program at Pioneer. Thanks go to everyone who made this year's festival our best one yet!

Our non-pass-through expenditures in October included \$2,111.67 salaries; \$800 to support the state and national United Church of Christ; \$452.18 insurance; \$400 cleaning service; \$336 to support the Western New York Area Churches in Covenant; \$454.02 elevator maintenance; \$452.18 insurance; \$324 music copyright license; \$291 village utilities; \$250 pulpit supply; \$221 organ repair; \$206 gas bill; \$157.42 phones; \$135.39 copier leases; \$132 travel; \$58.05 postage; and \$44.99 online service

Our members once again showed their generosity toward those in need this month. The Neighbors in Need offering took in \$395, and \$470 was collected to assist with the relief efforts following natural disasters.

INCOME	October	\$20,851.43
EXPENSES	October	\$5,919.70



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Rich and Helena Vogt on their 30th anniversary of church membership on November 6.

Committee Reports

Workers Union Notes

Workers Union met at the Rushford Community Café September 14th. Volunteers work at the Café to provide funds for the Community Chest which helps those less fortunate in the community. We then went to the home of Lois Anneler and enjoyed dessert and coffee. Prayers and concerns are the first order of business, followed by allocations of monies for missions which is what Worker's Union is all about.

Lois gave a program on "understanding the hymnal." All the notations above the hymn are usually not understood by many of us, but Lois explained it very well. Now we know that hymns can be sung by the same tune but different words and much more info is now understood.

The next meeting is at the church November 14 at 1:00. October meeting is omitted because of the preparations for the Fall Festival.

Building & Grounds Report

Darwin Anneler, Gordon Comstock, Mike Giles, Randy Lutz, Peter Roll, Lary Schaefer were present at the October 10, 2018 meeting.

Old Business:

- 1] The ramp on the west side of the church was dismantled.
- 2] Batteries in the smoke detectors were replaced.
- 3] The latch on the Church St. door was adjusted to ensure its closing.
- 4] Asphalt was added to the back parking area, by the annex, to bring it up to grade.
- 5] The lawns were mowed.

New Business:

- 1] Topsoil needs to be added to the ramp area and by the elevator room to bring the areas up to grade. Water is getting into the elevator room. Mike will add soil to pitch the grade away from the building.
- 2] The foundation by the handicap ramp needs to be pointed up. Lary will take care of this.
- 3] The mouse traps on the inside and outside were baited on 10/1/18.
- 4] There is more rot on the front stained glass window than we thought.

Lary is trying to contact an acquaintance who works with windows for advice.

- 5] Roof shingles are coming loose on the church. Lary tried to contact Fuller roofing, but they didn't return his calls. He is going to call Methe roofing (they repaired the roof before) to repair it.
- 6] Batteries are dead in the emergency lights. Gordon will replace them.
- 7] Mike will contact Dennis Sanders and Mark Saladaga about plowing.
- 8] Who would like to open and close in November? Lary will open and Gordon will close.

Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship Committee September Report

The Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship held its meeting on October 1st at 1pm. There were 10 members in attendance. Suzanne Norton, Co-Chairman, opened the meeting with cares and concerns. Gwen St. John led prayer and devotion.

The Food Pantry is asking for turkeys or money for Thanksgiving. Helen Boling moved to give \$50 towards turkeys.

Cleaning the kitchen will be done on October 9th and a sign-up sheet was sent around. Mike Giles and Randy Lutz will strip the kitchen floor on October 2nd. October 15th and 16th will be dedicated to making candy for the Fall Fest and packaging will be done on October 17th. October 19th at noon will be the set-up for the Fall Festival.

Helen motioned to reimburse Sharon Hawley \$55, Shirley Kriedeman seconded, motion carried. Suzanne suggested having coffee and a treat at the November meeting and will provide the treat.

The next meeting will be held on November 5th at 1pm.

Outreach Minutes

The Outreach Committee was called to order by Chair, Sheila Vrenna, on October 9th at 7:04pm. Wally Lowth, Liz Lowth, Dirk Norwich and Jo Sixt were also present.

Community Suppers were discussed. 79 dinners were served in September and \$83.00 was collected, \$56.81 was spent. Spaghetti will be served in October.

Shepard Ministry was addressed. Jo sent various cards to a number of people. A thank you card was sent to Lisa Kirst, who did our haircuts for children going back to school.

Outreach provided two baskets and one special auction item for the Fall Festival.

Jeff Mason will advise Outreach as soon as dates have been set by the school for the Christmas Tree

Tour. Women's Fellowship will do the cookies again this year.

New business was discussed regarding communion at home and home visits. The next Outreach meeting will be on November 13th at 7pm.

Worship/Music Committee Minutes

On October 2, Worship and Music met at 6:30pm. Vanessa Adams, Ryan Bechdel, Ginger Comstock, Dona Roll, Helena Vogt and Rich Vogt were present. Dona led the opening prayer and devotions. Ginger will lead devotions in November.

The budget was reviewed and worship possibilities were discussed for October and November.

Laurie Sledge sent letters to the man who works on the organ. She found the company who made the organ and will be contacting them.

The Cantata will be held on December 16th at 3pm here at Arcade UCC – *Hope: A Gospel Celebration of Christmas* by Joel Raney. Dona will ask the Memorial Committee in regard to the expense of the books, CDs, etc. for the Cantata.

The next meeting will be held on November 6th at 6:30pm.

Council Corner

Council met on October 23rd at 7pm. Rich Vogt led devotions. Nathan Tillinghast astounded us all with his "name that tune" skills! Jeff Mason will lead devotions in November. Celebrations and concerns were shared.

The consent agenda was approved and discussion agenda followed with questions from the Search Committee. Who will be responsible for getting an interim pastor – Search Committee or Council? Council decided to take on that responsibility to allow Search Committee to focus on the replacement pastor.

Jeff Mason brought up having a contact person for the church with the Arcade PD. Rich had talked with Jim Vrenna and he will be our contact person.

The budget was discussed and it was decided to put more money in the budget line for additional supply pastors if needed.

A report on the Fall Fest was given. It was a huge success! Although some venues went down in sales, Jeff reported that the basket raffle sales were up over \$500 from last year. 10% of the

profit will be donated to Snack Paks for Kids with Pioneer Elementary School.

Thanksgiving Dinner plan was discussed. Several council members will be absent that day, so a sign-up sheet will be placed in the sanctuary for congregation to help with the dinner. Shannon King has written the letter for the Thanksgiving Offering and that will be mailed out next week.

The State's sexual harassment policy deadlines were discussed. Community dinners were also discussed in regard to take-outs. The shampooing of the carpets was talked about and it was decided to have Jean Gagnon take care of this rather than hiring Reward Carpet Cleaners.

Debi Lutz was thanked for her 10+ years as moderator for our church. Her time and dedication are greatly appreciated.

The Council will meet again on November 27th at 7pm.

UCC 101 Webinars by UCCNY Staff Continue This Week

UCCNY staff will be offering a weekly webinar series Thursdays from 7:00-7:45pm. Connect via video on Zoom to experience the movie being played. The reality is that most of us do not know enough about our beloved United Church of Christ. We might think we do, but there are always hidden histories and nuggets of God's truth that are waiting to break forth and offer "more truth and light" into our understanding.

This webinar series is an attempt to provide those new to the UCC a picture with broad strokes of who we are, and yet allow those who have been members for more years than they can remember a sense of the tiny lines that make the UCC some of the great religious treasures in our communities that need to be talked about, as we seek to build "a just world for all." To join a webinar, use this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/343894848>.

Join us for:

- Oct. 18 – More than Four Streams (Ryan Henderson)
- Oct. 25 – American Missionary Association (Ryan Henderson)
- Nov. 1 – Hidden Histories: Justice and Equality (Marjorie Purnine)
- Nov. 8 – Telling the Story of our Always Uniting Church: City of Refuge (Marsha Williams)
- Nov. 15 – Unfolding Stories: The Dakota Association (David Gaewski)

Save the Date to Celebrate Freeman Palmer!

On Nov. 17, The Central Atlantic Conference will formally vote to call Freeman as their next Conference Minister. The New York Conference will host two Farewell Parties for Freeman Palmer:

- Dec. 29, 2-4pm at Middle Collegiate Church, 112 E 2nd Ave., NY, NY (the place where Freeman began his ministry!), and
- Jan. 5, 2-4pm at The Amistad Center, 5575 Thompson Road, Dewitt, NY 13214

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 December issue is November 18, 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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