

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade
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December 2018-January 2019

Upcoming Events

December

- 2 - Cantata rehearsal, 1-3 pm
- 3 - Women's Fellowship, 9 am, baking cookies, noon- pizza, 1pm – meeting
- 4 - Women's Fellowship, 9am – frosting cookies
- 4 - Worship & Music, 6:30 pm
- 4 - Outreach, 7pm
- 5 - PAC Advent Luncheon, Arcade UCC, 10am
- 5,12,19,26 – Choir Rehearsal, 6 pm
- 6 - Endowment Mtg., 1pm, Wetzel Hall
- 9 - Christmas Caroling for shut-ins and area nursing homes, meet at Arcade UCC 12:30pm
- 12 - Workers' Union, 1pm, home of Mike & Bev Giles, dessert and program on East Africa
- 12 - Building & Grounds, 7 pm
- 15 - Community Dinner, 4-6 pm
- 16 - Children's Christmas Program
- 16 - Cantata, Arcade UCC, 3 pm

- 18 - Council, 7 pm
- 23 - Godly Play – worship with your family
- 24 - Christmas Eve service, 7pm
- 25 - Christmas

January

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 2,9,16,23,30 – Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
- 9 - Building & Grounds, 7pm
- 21 - Martin Luther King Day
- 26 - Community Dinner, 4-6pm
- 29 - Council, 7pm

December Greeters

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 John & Carol Abel | 23 Edie Holmes & Gwen St. John |
| 9 Sharon Hawley & Diane Szapak | 24 Jim & Sheila Vrenna |
| 16 Margaret Homan & Audrey Erick | 30 Suzanne Norton & Darlene Lang |

December Readers

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| 2 Mike Tanner | 23 Sheila Vrenna |
| 9 Lary Schaefer | 24 Debi Lutz |
| 16 Nate Tillinghast | 30 Jeff Mason |

December Worship Coordinators

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| 2 Wally Lowth | 23 Jo Sixt |
| 9 Shirley Kriedeman | 24 Margaret Homan |
| 16 Bev Giles | 30 Helen Boling |

December Birthdays

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| 3 Randy Lutz | 16 Sheila Vrenna |
| 11 George Norton | 17 Stacey Fudella |

January Greeters

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| 6 Dirk Norwich & Lary Schaefer | 20 Helen & Gary Boling |
| 13 Bev & Mike Giles | 27 Liz & Wally Lowth |

January Readers

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| 6 Leanne Pokigo | 20 Skip Tillinghast |
| 13 Dona Roll | 27 Mike Tanner |

January Worship Coordinators

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| 6 | Ryan Bechdel | 20 | Shirley Kriedeman |
| 13 | Wally Lowth | 27 | Jo Sixt |

January Birthdays

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| 1 | Karen Czesak | 23 | Marilyn Piridy |
| 2 | Shannon King | 24 | Sharon Hawley |
| 8 | Katelynn Rogers | 24 | Dirk Norwich |
| 9 | Jim Vrenna | 26 | Michael Pokigo |
| 17 | Paul Sanio | 27 | Gordon Comstock |
| | | 31 | Shirley Kriedeman |

January Anniversaries

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| 1 | Lary & Barbara Schaefer – 36 years |
| 3 | Bill & Karen Schaper – 49 years |



January Bible Readings

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| 6 | Isa 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-7
Eph 3:1-12
Matt 2:1-12 | 20 | Isa 62:1-5
Ps 36:5-10
1 Cor 12:1-11
John 2: 1-11 |
| 13 | Isa 43:1-7
Ps 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17 | 27 | Neh 8:1-6
Ps 19
1 Cor 12:12-31
Luke 4:14-21 |
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**A warm welcome to Rev. Sue Hodges!
We are thrilled to have you join us
beginning December 2 and look forward
to worshipping with you!**

Search Committee Updates

The search team has been hard at work gathering data to complete our church profile. We have recently created a survey that will be distributed to the congregation. This anonymous survey will be your chance to voice your opinions about pastoral leadership and will help guide us in our search for a new pastor.

In an effort to save money, expedite the process, and reach more people we are strongly encouraging completion of the survey via computer. You do not need to own a computer to complete the survey. If you do not have a computer at home you may be able to use a friend or family members computer, or the computers at the Arcade library are free to use.

We understand not everyone is comfortable with a computer and for those who are not we will be providing paper copies of the survey. Once a paper copy is completed a member of the search team will input this information into the survey on a computer on your behalf.



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.

December Bible Readings

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| 2 | Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:1-10
1 Thess 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36 | 16 | Zeph 3:14-20
Isa 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18 |
| 9 | Mal 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Phil 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6 | 23 | Micah 5:2-5a
Ps 80:1-7
Heb 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 |
| 30 | 1 Sam 2:18-20,26
Ps 148
Col 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52 | | |

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

On November 6, the youth of Arcade UCC and Hope Lutheran traveled to Oishei Children's Hospital with the collection of coloring books, activity books, crayons and gift cards that were donated by church members and the community.

They received a tour of the state-of-the-art facilities and were able to take the donations to the Family Resource Center. The FRC is supported by the Family Advisory Board and is 100 percent dependent on charitable contributions. Alison Wood Camp, formerly of Arcade, serves on the board.

This concluded the first of many joint mission projects for this amazing group of young people!



The youth in the Family Resource Center at Oishei

Dirk Norwich welcomed a new addition to his family, Michael Hardy, named after his grandfather. Baby Michael was born to Rob and Angie Norwich. Congratulations to all!

Laura Riquelme, daughter of Jeff Mason and Kathy Mason, took her oath of office on Tuesday, November 27 in Skagit County, WA to serve her remaining two year term as Superior Court Judge. She was appointed to this term last year. Congratulations to Judge Laura Riquelme and Jeff and Kathy as well!!

On Sunday, November 25, the congregation participated in the Hanging of the Greens while Far Cry provided us with beautiful music of the season. We would like to thank our many readers for sharing with us the many elements of the Advent season. The sanctuary looks stunning!

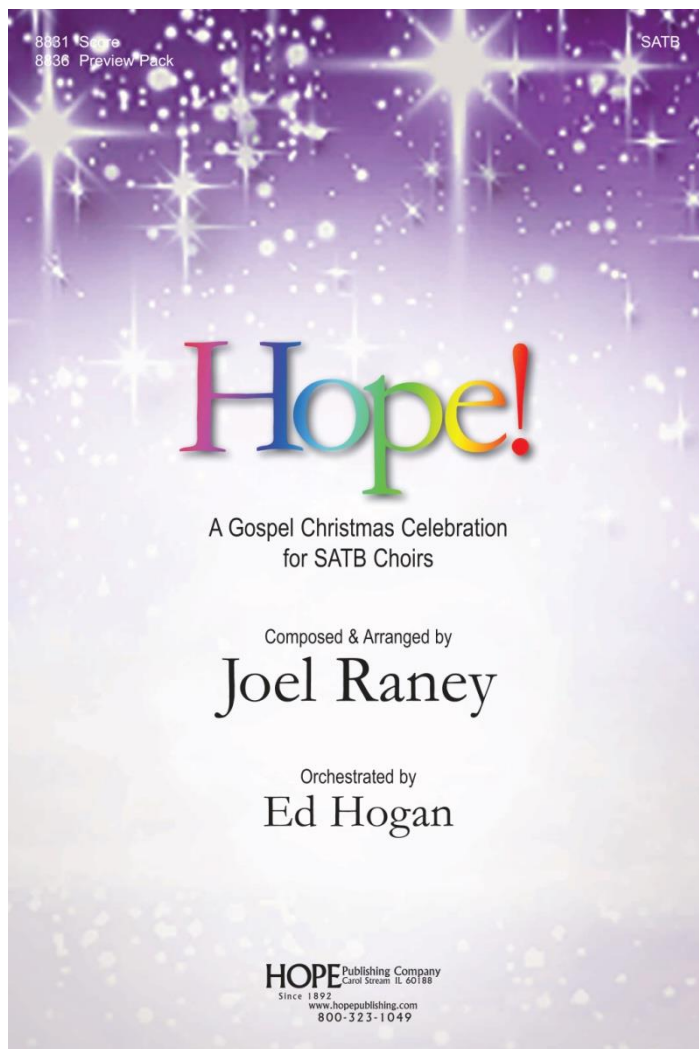


We would like to welcome Rev. Susan Hodges as our intentional interim pastor! Pastor Sue's office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-2pm, however, she can be reached anytime by phone, 716-592-7824. Please leave a message if no one answers!!

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, Pioneer Community Chorus, & Friends

Community Christmas Program



with

FAR CRY from Arcade UCC

Sunday, December 16, 2018

3:00 p.m.

Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational 297 Main Street, Arcade, NY

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!

Sunday School Corner

Our Adult Sunday School will be wrapping up the current book they have been focusing on and will be starting a Christmas story entitled, Dance in the Desert, by Madeleine L'Engle. Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9am with coffee, good discussion and fellowship! All are welcome!

Our Godly Players have had the opportunity to both worship with their families and also participate in Godly Play Sunday School over the past several weeks. This type of schedule will continue for them as we go through the Advent season. If anyone would like to give of their time as a doorperson for Godly Play, please contact Deb Wood or Debi Lutz. We would welcome anyone to join us!

Our youth will be presenting their Christmas program on Sunday, December 16th at 10:30am. We hope you can join us that day as they lead us in worship!



Keep in Touch!

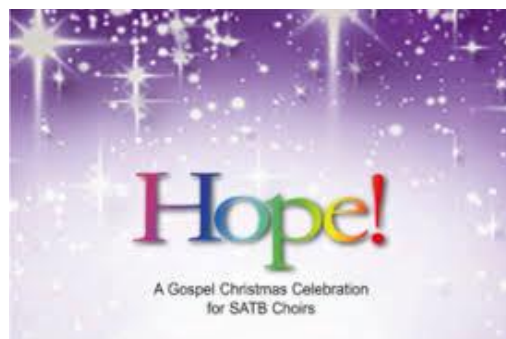
Want updated information on what's happening in your church? Like to know what's coming up? Join us on Facebook - Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational, or visit our website at www.arcadeucc.com for up-to-date information, pictures, calendar of events and more!

Take A Moment...

When you are filling out your Christmas cards this year, take a moment and send a card to this address:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed
Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Ave.
NW Washington, D.C.
20307-5001

If we each do this, think of how many cards these wonderful, special people who have sacrificed so much would receive.



Cantata Performance – HOPE! A Gospel Christmas Celebration

Pioneer Association of Churches (PAC) will present their Cantata performance, HOPE! A Gospel Christmas Celebration, on Sunday, December 16 at 3 pm. It will be held at Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational, 297 Main Street, Arcade 14009. The performance will include live local musicians from throughout the Arcade area. Everyone is a volunteer and amateur who just loves music! A small pit orchestra, also from the local area, will accompany them. This is a wonderful community event! Cookie reception to follow the performance. Admission is free. Please join us for this joyous holiday performance!

Advent Windows

If you haven't had the chance to see our breathtaking front windows yet, please take a moment this Advent season to stop by and view them. Our utmost appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Wyn and Debbie Roll, Deb Wood and Vanessa Adams for their time and hard work changing our windows to this beautiful display for all to see this Christmas season!



Time to Ring the Bell!

It's that time of year again! For anyone who would like to donate a little time to help the Salvation Army this holiday season, they are looking for folks to ring the bell at Tops of Arcade. Please contact Dawn Harrison at 585-492-2428 to sign up. There is a need for bell-ringers from 9am-7pm Mondays through Saturdays from now until Christmas! Did you know that 90% of the money raised stays here to help our local communities? Please consider helping with this important cause!

Upcoming Events

Women's Fellowship will be gathering on December 3 at 9am to bake cookies for the Pioneer Elementary school's Christmas Walk through the town. They will have pizza for lunch and their meeting at 1pm. They will meet again the following day at 9am to frost the cookies. All are welcome to help! The children love and appreciate this so very much!

The first PAC Advent Luncheon will be held here at Arcade UCC on December 5 beginning at 10 am.

Arcade UCC and Hope Lutheran are taking music to the streets! Christmas caroling for shut-ins and area nursing homes will be Sunday, Dec. 9 beginning at 12:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to come! We will meet at Arcade UCC and return there after for cookies and juice! Please join us!

Women's Fellowship will have their Christmas Luncheon on December 10 at noon at Chanderson's Restaurant. Women affiliated with UCC and their guests are cordially invited to attend. We will be ordering from the menu. Please sign up in the rear of the sanctuary or call Bev Giles at 716-492-0049.

Workers Union will be meeting at the home of Mike and Bev Giles on December 12 at 1pm. There will be dessert and a program on East Africa.

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 7pm on Monday, December 24. Please join us for this glorious service!

Christmas Fund and Christmas Memorial Blessings

Enclosed, you will find the Christmas Fund envelope for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund, as well as our Christmas Memorial Blessings Project, which will be used to assist those in need with their home heating bills through Crabb Oil. Please take a moment and prayerfully consider giving to these important collections. Envelopes can be returned to the Church Office or placed in the collection plate during service. We thank you for your thoughtful contribution.

Financial Report

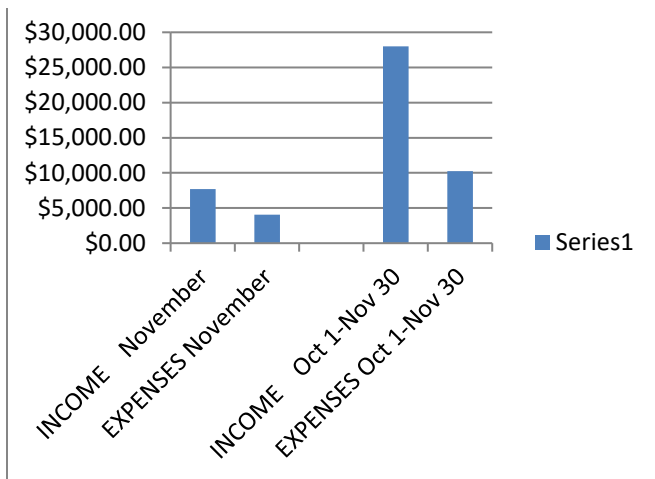
Our non-pass-through expenditures in November included \$2011.16 salaries; \$605.18 insurance; \$375 pulpit supply; \$291 village utilities; \$178 gas bill; \$152.23 fabric for annex windows; \$100 Sunday School activities; \$64.79 office supplies; \$58.62 custodial supplies; \$56.94 online and email service; \$53 buffer rental for kitchen floor; \$47 postage; \$37.79 birthday postcards; and \$29.99 phones.

The Outreach Committee conducted a donation drive at Brass' ShurFine, which resulted in \$321 being donated to the PAC Food Pantry, along with a carload full of groceries. The generosity of the patrons there was wonderful and the day presented several heart-touching stories!

We donated \$480 to the Snack Paks for Kids program at Pioneer Schools. This represented 10 percent of the profit from our Fall Festival.

INCOME	November	\$7,705.88
EXPENSES	November	\$4,060.70

INCOME	Oct 1-Nov 30	\$27,992.31
EXPENSES	Oct 1-Nov 30	\$10,262.13



In Deepest Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Lois Yauchzy on the death of their mother, grandmother, sister-in-law and aunt, who went to her Heavenly Reward on November 27.

Lois grew up locally and lived much of her adult life in Lowville. After her husband, Garth, passed away, she returned to Arcade and officially became a member of our church in 2002. Lois was a valued member of our Finance Committee for several years and was active in many aspects of

church life. After moving away to be near her family a few years ago, she returned as often as she could to visit and worship with us.

Her son, Roger, extended the family's deepest appreciation to everyone in the church for being such a big part of Lois' life. He also said how much she loved her 90th birthday party this past August, and how thankful they were for that day and everyone who participated.

The family hopes to have a memorial service in Arcade next summer on the first Saturday in August. Plans will be announced when they are finalized.

If you wish to send sympathy cards to the family, please send them to:

Brenda Savone and family
3630 Howland Rd.
Almont, MI 48003

Roger Yauchzy and family
15661 Fox Cove Circle
Moseley, VA 23120



Give the Gift of Presence This Season

Join us Sunday, December 9 for Christmas caroling at area nursing homes (The Pines, Jennie B, Warsaw) and the homes of local shut-ins. Arcade UCC and Hope Lutheran are joining together to take music to those who need it most this season! All are welcome! If we have enough join us, we will split into two groups to cover all the places we would like to go! Then, we will gather back at Arcade UCC for cookies and juice after. We would love to have as many as possible come for this festive and special day! Bring your family and friends! We will meet here at Arcade UCC at 12:30pm that day. Please join us!

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds Report

Building & Grounds met on November 14. Old business included: top soil added outside of elevator room to pitch water away from the foundation, mouse traps were baited, batteries were replaced in the emergency lights, arrangements were made to have walks and parking lot plowed and the lawns were mowed.

We haven't found anyone to repair the front stained glass window in the sanctuary as of yet. This is being looked into. Lary has contacted Neft roofing and asked them to repair the sanctuary roof. The kitchen plumbing needs replacement. It will be done after the first of the year. Lary will open and Randy will close in December.

Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship Committee Report

The Mary Hosford Fisher Women's Fellowship held its meeting on November 5th, 2018 at 1:00 pm. We had 10 members in attendance. Suzanne Norton, Co-Chairman, opened the meeting with cares and concerns. For prayer and devotion, Gwen St. John read "Unrecognized Blessings!"

Secretary's report was motioned by Helen Boling to accept the minutes as written and Jo Sixt seconded. Motion accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER AND CORRESPONDENCE: "Pioneer Pro" tree for school...Debi Lutz is bringing the tags and Sharon will get a bunch for Women's Fellowship.

Financial Report by Bev Giles was presented and Bev Giles will check with Five Star Bank regarding investing \$5,000.00. Shirley Kriedeman moved to accept the Financial Report, Margaret Homan seconded and all voted to accept as stated.

PAC NEWS: Margaret Homan advised that UCC Arcade is preparing the first Advent luncheon on December 5th at 10 am. We require four soups: Sharon Hawley is preparing potato soup, Bev Giles is preparing taco soup, Gwen St. John is preparing broccoli cheddar soup and Helen Boling is preparing chicken noodle soup. Sharon Hawley will provide milk, bread and a head of lettuce. Shirley Kriedeman is preparing egg salad, Liz Lowth will prepare chicken salad, and Margaret Homan will prepare tuna salad. For Desserts: Liz - peanut butter cookies, Edie Holmes - sugar cookies and Gwen St. John - brownies. Workers: Liz, Jo, Suzanne, Margaret, Sharon and Shirley.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Coffee Hour - Signups were passed around.
- Cookies for Christmas Tree Tour:
- Baking 9 am, Monday, December 3rd
Frosting 9 am, Tuesday, December 4th

NEW BUSINESS:

- New members - Becky Snyder and son, Rich Snyder.
- Christmas Luncheon for Women's Fellowship - At Chanderson's on December 10th at 12 noon, and Karen's after lunch for dessert and more cheer.
- We voted on gifts for Wings of Hope, Heffer International, Angel Action, Shannon, Pastor Sue, NY Help - Help-A-Child, and Jean for cleaning. Helen moved to accept with Jo seconding and all approved.
- We voted to have no meetings in January and February.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 3rd, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Motion to adjourn was approved.

Respectively Submitted, Liz Lowth, Secretary

Outreach Minutes

The Outreach Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Vrenna on November 13th, 2018 at 7:01pm. Present were Wally Lowth, Liz Lowth, Sheila Vrenna, Dirk Norwich and Jo Sixt. Shelia opened the meeting with prayer and cares and concerns.

REVIEW OF MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT: Approved as written, moved by Wally and seconded by Jo, all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Community Suppers- We served 115 dinners in October and collected \$158.00 in donations and spent \$47.72.
- Shepard Ministry -Jo sent various cards to a number of people.
- Food Pantry Collection - We collected on November 17th. We collected \$300.00 and many boxes and bags of food for the Arcade Food Pantry.
- Christmas Tree Tour - We will have the tree tour on December 6th and 7th. Liz will prepare a list for workers.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastor's Discretionary Fund - We will ask Pastor Sue on December 2nd.
- Home Visits- Wally will bring up to Council.
- There will be no meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm. Our next meeting will be December 4th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to set up the Great Room.

Workers Union

Workers' Union met November 7th at the church and was well attended. November is the month of giving and funds were distributed to the missions most in need. Pastor Hobbs is always remembered as funds are given to NYHELP in his name.

After dessert was served and a big helping of discussions, Sheila Vrenna gave a wonderful program on the life of Eliza Beardsley. The church window in memory of Eliza, prompted Sheila to investigate the life of this church member. It was also discovered Eliza was a member of the Worker's Union. She passed away in 1926 and is still being remembered. Thank you, Sheila.

Christmas celebration will be December 12th at the home of Bev and Mike Giles at 1:00. Workers' Union has no meetings in January and February due to winter weather.

Worship & Music

November 6, 2018 6:30 P.M.

Present: Pastor Sue (ex-officio), Vanessa Adams, Ryan Bechdel, Ginger Comstock; Margaret Homan, Dona Roll (ex-officio), Helena Vogt, Rich Vogt

- **Planning Calendar –**
Dec. 16th Children's Sunday, Cantata– 3PM
February 3rd- Souper Bowl of Caring
- **Pastor Sue**

Outline of order of worship: discussion on why she prefers to use this order and the meaning of the different parts: Call to Worship- history of people coming to worship reciting and singing Psalms, i.e. 120-134 (praise to God); invocation is validation, then typically Hymn of Joy, confession is to unburden ourselves, praise hymn instead of Gloria Patri, God's message on this day, hymn that supports message, then act on God's word with Affirmation.

Things we currently have in place that will continue: Liturgist & Reader. Reader does scripture. Liturgist does other readings.
Liturgist – Joys & Concerns
Advent wreath lighting – families take part.

Christmas Eve – Lessons and Carols. She will ask several different readers.

• **Worship –**

*Have greeters let families with children know where Godly Play meets during worship.
*Communion: Gluten free for communion. – bread or crackers.

November 11- Rev. Kay Woike

November 18- Pastor Shawn Hannon

November- 25- Alternative Worship

Experience- Hanging of the Greens

December- 2- Pastor Sue- First Sunday of Advent

• **Other**

Pastor Sue suggested meeting on a Saturday morning instead of Tues evening.

- **Next meeting:** December 4, 2018; 6:30pm
- **Closing Prayer:** Dona
- **Adjourned:** 8:32pm

Council Corner

Council met on October 23 at 7 pm. Present were Rich Vogt, Debi Lutz, Dirk Norwich, Wally Lowth, Jeff Mason, Leanne Pokigo, Nathan Tillinghast, Shannon King.

Rich Vogt led us in Devotions with "Name that Tune." Nate astounded us all! Following celebrations and concerns, the Consent Agenda was approved.

The Discussion Agenda included the Search Committee. A question was brought to Council from the Committee in regard to who will be responsible for getting an interim pastor – Council or Search Committee. It was decided that Council would so that the Search Committee could focus on the replacement pastor.

The importance of confidentiality was reiterated in regard to the Search Committee when they begin to receive applicants.

A new contact person for the Arcade PD was put into place after Pastor Bob's retirement. Jim Vrenna will be this person.

It was decided to put more money into the budget line for covering additional pastor supply.

Projections were made that the boiler (turning 50 years old next year) and roof shingles may need to be budgeted for next year.

It was discussed to move the deadline earlier to have committee reports, budget hearing minutes, etc. turned into the Church Office for preparation for the Annual Report.

Fall Fest success was discussed. Thanksgiving dinner plans and offering letter was also discussed. A temporary sexual harassment policy was agreed upon by the majority of members. Trainings will take place in the months to come before a final policy is needed. Community Dinner take-outs were addressed. Jean Gagnon will now take care of shampooing the carpets instead of Reward Carpet Cleaners.

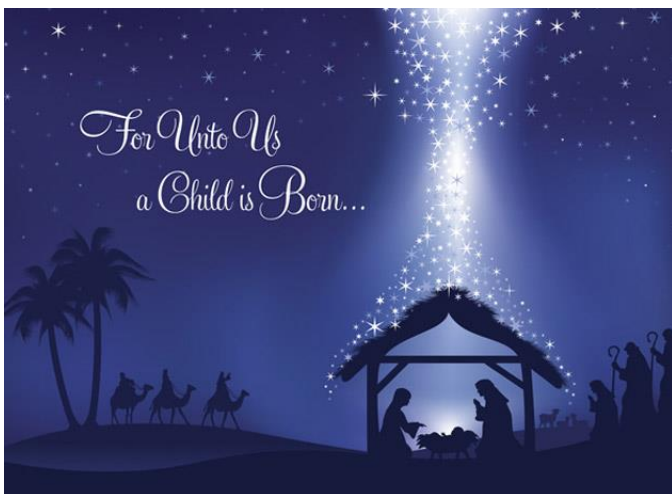
Debi Lutz was thanked for her 10+ years as moderator for our church.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm after the closing prayer by Rich. Council meets November 27 at 7pm.

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 February issue is January 18, 2019.

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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