

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

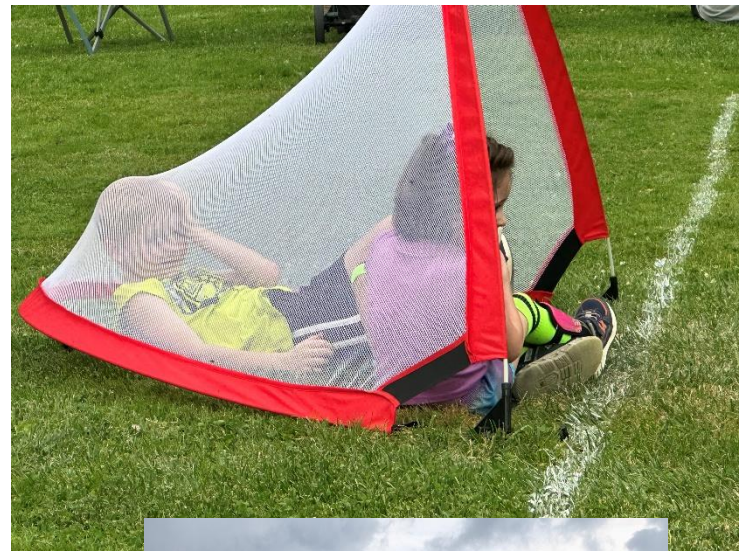
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**Summer is for Soccer!
Arcade UCC Kids Take to the
Fields!**





Pastor Josh and Nicole attended some soccer games recently to watch some of our church kiddos playing hard on the field! Great job Avery, Scarlett, Crew, Donovan, and Davina! The athletes were so excited to have Pastor and Nicole there cheering them on! And of course, what's a night of soccer without some ice cream? 😊



Adam Romance and Owen Mason are graduating from Pioneer on June 27. Adam is the son of Justin and Denielle Romance and the grandson of Sheila Vrenna, Chuck Romance, and Bob and Deneise Ressler. Owen is the son of Tom and Angela Mason and the grandson of Jeff Mason and Kathy Mason. Carter Andrew Schaefer graduated from high school in Japan earlier this month. Carter is the son of Justin and Rachel Schaefer and grandson of Lary and Barb Schaefer. He graduated from Yokota High School on June 5. Congratulations to all!!



Arcade UCC held a Vacation Bible School from June 24-26 for any students from the Arcade Elementary School. The focus this year was on community. The first day of VBS was "Hometown Superheroes Day!" The students had the opportunity to meet with members of Arcade's volunteer fire department and several of Arcade's police officers. They were even able to see a fire truck, ambulance, police car and important equipment up close! They followed this up with a fire truck craft, led by Barb Knight of the Herald Courier. What an amazing day and wonderful opportunity for these students! Thank you to all of our Hometown Superheroes who joined us that day and for all you do every day!

Day two was spent at the Arcade Free Library for a silly story about birds and a little birdwatching craft. A fun day of books, books and more books!





Special Congratulations!

Congratulations to Cierra and Josh Taylor on the birth of their beautiful son, Leo Callum, on June 8, 2025! Leo is the grandson of Julie Wood & Ron Kenyon and Angela & Duane Howell. He is the great-grandson of Deb Wood. All are overjoyed to welcome this precious boy to the family!
Congratulations to all!



Josh Taylor recently received his CPA (Certified Public Accountant.) The education requirement for this is a master's degree and one year of working under an active CPA. It was also required to pass four testing modules. Lots of hard work paying off!

Congratulations, Josh!

(photo from Sterling Tax website)



Student Art Expo and Reception at Arcade UCC!

Arcade UCC held a Student Art Expo and Reception on Sunday, June 1st following the worship service. The Women's Fellowship organized the event and the art work of the Imagine That after school students was put on display in a beautiful fashion! The church family was able to bid on the art work and for a donation to the Imagine That program, were able to take that piece of art home with them! In all, \$500 was raised for the after-school program! Thank you to all who participated and contributed! Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for organizing the reception! And a very special thank you to the students who created such amazing masterpieces and to all those who work with the students each week in this incredible program!





The student art work on display during the Expo and Reception (Photo credits: Bonnie Cady and Ginger Comstock)



Pastor Josh had some wonderful helpers at the altar during worship on June 1st, before the Student Art Expo.

(Photo credit: Dona Roll)



Church in the Pavilion Sunday, June 22, 2025



Some of the Arcade UCC family went to Lime Lake on Fri., June 13 to hear Skip and Nick Tillinghast play.

(Photo credit: Bonnie Cady)



(Photo credit: Vanessa Adams)

Margaret Soulier Homan



One afternoon after a meeting of our Worker's Union group at the Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational, Margaret and I were talking about family history and how much she enjoyed Henry Louis Gates television show, Finding Your Roots on PBS. Since I had an Ancestry account and enjoyed genealogy, I invited Margaret to come to my home weekly for a number of months to do some research about the Grevemberg Family and others.

As we worked, Margaret would sometimes bring photographs and share stories about her sisters and how after her parents had died, it was her Grandmere who cared for the girls. She was very close to her grandmother, Annette Grevemberg.

As a girl, Margaret took ballet lessons and eventually taught ballet. It was through this work that Margaret met her husband and came to Western New York. As a young soldier, Hal Homan, was stationed in Louisiana and had the good fortune of being the driver of the jeep that was sent to transport Margaret and her girls to perform for the USO Club. Margaret and Hal started to date and on February 10, 1946 they were married at 3 pm in St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, LA. Margaret reported that this was one of the first marriages allowed in her church with the bride and groom of different religions. Hal was Protestant and Margaret Roman Catholic.

Before coming to Arcade, NY (a village about 35 miles south of Buffalo, NY) Margaret and Hal lived in Rochester, NY and in East Aurora, NY where Hal worked for Fisher Price Toy Co. In about 1980, they relocated to the

Arcade area and became very involved with the Arcade United Church of Christ, Congregational. They were both very hospitable and often held Bible study groups, as well as fellowship and women's group meetings in their home. They were a wonderful addition to any group. Margaret worked with a group of quilters to make a quilt each year that was raffled to raise scholarship money for young people in our church. She was also very involved with the Mary Hosford Fisher Women's group as well as the mission group and Worker's Union. She took a leadership role even in ecumenical groups like the Pioneer Area Council of Churches. Still, at 98 years old, she took a very active part in the finances of the church, mission projects and ministry.

Margaret was proud of her Louisiana roots and noted for her lemon squares, candied grapefruit peel and pecan pie, as well as other Southern treats. She was like the matriarch of our church and is dearly missed.

~Written by Sheila Vrenna

Margaret: A Vital Part of the Scholarship Ministry

The first Hal and Margaret Homan Memorial Scholarship was awarded on June 11 of this year to Alison Mott, daughter of Timothy and Beth Mott. At this time, Alison is still undecided about her future plans. She is currently looking at a couple different Colleges, with the possible focus on Fashion, Marketing (with a focus on digital marketing and/or fashion), or Graphic Design. Her innovative, creative and artistic talents will be well utilized in whatever she chooses to pursue.



Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!



Arcade UCC will be worshipping in the Arcade Village Park on Sunday, August 31st at 11am. We will meet in the large shelter behind the park cabin. Picnic to follow the service. Bring your lawn chair, a dish to pass, place settings and drinks. The main dish will be provided. We hope you can join us!



School Supply Giveaway!

Monday, August 18, 10 am:
Join us to help fill backpacks with school supplies

Tuesday, August 19, 9am-12pm and 5-7pm: Free School Supply Giveaway

***School supplies will target middle and high school students (elementary school supplies are provided by the schools). Although this is primarily for students of the Pioneer district, please let us know if there is anyone in need outside of the district.

We are always accepting monetary donations for this ministry! Please put it in the offering tray with a note to state that it goes to the School Supply giveaway. Or send via mail to the church: Arcade UCC, PO Box 95, Arcade, NY 14009. It can also be donated to the Fundraiser account through Paypal on our webpage – please put a note that it is to be designated to the school supplies. Click the link below to access our webpage donation page: <https://www.arcadeucc.com/give>

THANK YOU!!!



The Nominations Sign-up sheet for the upcoming Annual Meeting will be available on the sign-up table outside the Sanctuary door from August 31st – September 30th.

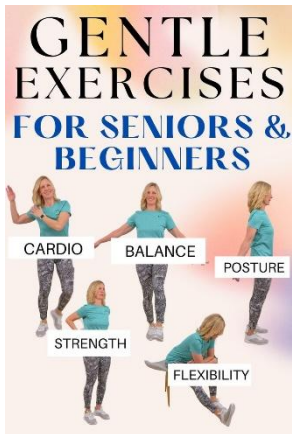


Coffee Break and Open for Prayer are every Tuesday from 9-11am! Bible Study is at 10 am. The coffee is hot and the conversation is flowing! Be sure to stop by the church library and spread the word! Open and free to the community!

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR COMMITTEES

The Church Council will begin working on the tentative 2025-26 budget during its summer meetings. If you belong to a committee that is part of the church budget, please submit any suggested changes to your part of the budget by **Friday, August 15**. You can leave your suggestions in the treasurer's mailbox at church or email them to amyslpccc@yahoo.com.

September 28 is the deadline for non-financial annual reports from committees to be submitted. Please email them (if possible) to uccarcade@gmail.com. Thank you!



Gentle Exercise Class,
every Monday in
Wetzel Hall at 10 am!
All are welcome!



Hope Lutheran Offers Respite
Program for Individuals
Living with Dementia

The **second and fourth Thursdays of every month** from 10:30am-2:30pm, Hope Lutheran of Arcade is offering a free respite program for individuals living with dementia. This program provides one-on-one social companionship, meaningful activities and active engagement provided by volunteers. Crafts, bingo, sing-a-longs, games, gentle exercise, pet therapy, lunch, snacks and more! The program does require registration and an evaluation to assure the program is a good fit for all involved. Please contact Hope Lutheran for further information at 585-492-2530 or julie@hopearcade.org.



PAC Food Pantry
Hours are as
follows:

Food Pantry at the United
Methodist Church is open weekly
on Mondays and Thursdays from
12:30-2pm.

Food Pantry at Hope Lutheran is
open on the 1st Wednesday of each
month from 4-7pm and the
3rd Saturday of each month from
9-11am.



Fall Festival News
As you know, this is our
largest fundraiser and
requires all "hands on deck"
on Sat., October 11.

Please email Deb W. (bob41243@yahoo.com),
 Vanessa (vanessa_spas@yahoo.com) or Debi L.
 (debi5684@aol.com) if you are **not** available to
 work the event. Thanks!!

After Sept 1, we can begin accepting items
 for baskets. A table will be set up in the Great
 Room. All items for baskets must be new and the
 Committee will assess the best use for your
 items. The quality of our baskets is tantamount to
 our success....we have a great reputation which
 speaks volumes about your continued efforts!! We
 can also use more **large** baskets as well. **We will
 again accept **credit card payment** for tickets, raffle
 items, and food!

We will again raffle a Bills basket this year!
 So please plan to sell some tickets to your family
 and friends!



Amazon Wishlist for Fall
Fest – Can You Help?

This year we have an Amazon
 wish list starting now for our wrapping supplies.
 If you would like to help out, that helps keep
 our overhead costs down.

Check back on the Amazon list, we will add
 items needed to complete baskets-there is
 already one item there!

Also, remember to watch garage sales for
 baskets, especially large ones. We had to buy
 baskets last year which again, increases our
 costs. While at that garage sale if you see any
 new items in original packaging, grab those
 and we will use that as a basket "starter".

The Amazon link is:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3JO1RXKMIUL1O?ref_=wl_share

Thank you-we can't do this without you!!!
 Vanessa, Debi, and Deb



Financial News

May 2025

Revenues:

Pledges: \$4,410.00
 Regular Giving: \$405.00
 Loose Offering: \$163.00
 Fundraisers: \$1,470.00
 Misc. Donations: \$60
 Online Service Charge: \$-10.61
Total Revenue: \$6,497.39

Expenditures:

Benevolences: \$0
 Office/Administration: \$1,144.68
 Pastoral Administration: \$5,334.27
 Worship & Music: \$1,405.98
 Education Ministry: \$0
 Outreach Ministry: \$0
 Buildings & Grounds: \$893.62
 Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: \$0
Total Expenditures: \$8,778.55
 Deficit for May \$2,281.16

CONTACT INFO

Need to contact Pastor Josh? Here are the best ways to get ahold of him.

Monday, Saturday, Sunday - email
joshua.bower39@gmail.com

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - Before 6pm: email or cell phone (716-864-5270), After 6pm: email

****If a pastoral emergency arises that cannot wait, don't hesitate to contact him via cell phone regardless of day or time.****

Live Streaming Services

We continue to have online services each Sunday at 9:30am through our Facebook page if you are unable to join us in person! Join us from anywhere! Worship bulletins are sent via email in advance. If you do not already receive these, please contact the church office to ask to be placed on the email list. (585-492-4530).

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!



LOOKING AHEAD....

- **August 31, 11am** – Outdoor Service and Picnic in the Arcade Park
- On **September 7**, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday – a time when we prayerfully and generously respond to our commitment in support of our congregation for 2025-26. PLEASE, plan on joining us for worship that day as we commit to God our financial support.
- Budget Hearing – **Sun., Sept. 28**
- **Sun., September 28** – Deadline for non-financial annual reports from committees
- **Sat., Oct. 11** – Fall Festival





Committees for Community Dinners

Team 1: Randy & Debi Lutz, Bonnie & John Cady, Molly Holland, Jay & Kathy May, Mike Tanner, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Thomas Wright, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Dirk Norwich

Team 2: Jay & Kathy May, Randy & Debi Lutz, Edie Holmes, Diane Szpak, Ginger Comstock, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Thomas Wright, Dirk Norwich

Team 3: Jim & Sheila Vrenna, Shirley Wright, Suzanne Norton, Helen Boling, Jeff Mason, Chet Weir, Bruce Dennis, Lary Schaefer, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Thomas Wright, Dirk Norwich

Team 4: Rich & Helena Vogt, Dona Roll, Judy Feine, Kim Common, Amy & Nate Tillinghast, Shirley Kriedeman, Linda Korczak, Sharon Hawley, Jo Sixt, Thomas Wright, Dirk Norwich



Sat., July 26

4-6pm

Hot dogs

Team 1

Sat., Aug. 23

4-6pm

Hot Dogs

Team 2



**Margaret Homan Memorial
“Rides to Doctors” Mission** is intended to help members of our

congregation get to regularly scheduled appointments when no family members or friends are available. It is not for emergencies. Please always call 911 for emergencies. To sign up for a ride to your doctor's appointment please call Kim Common at 716-796-4396, Sheila Vrenna at 585-653-5046 or the church office at least a week to ten days before your appointment.

Upcoming Community Dinner Dates

July 26th – **Team 1** – hot dogs

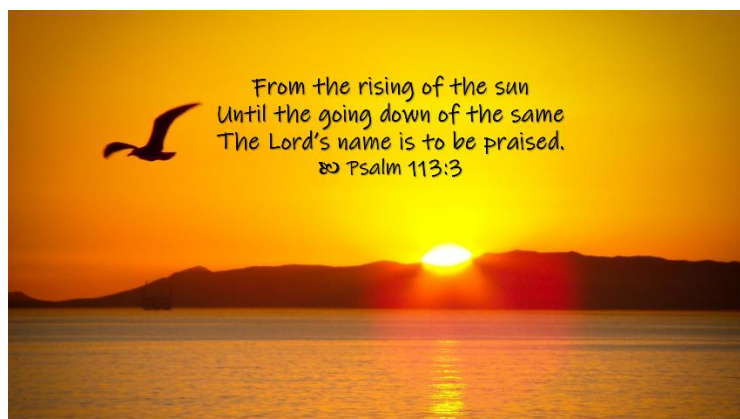
August 23rd – **Team 2** – hot dogs

September 27th – **Team 4** – sloppy joe

October 25th – **Team 3** – spaghetti

November 29th – **Team 2** – spaghetti

December 27th – **Team 1** – mac & cheese



From the rising of the sun
Until the going down of the same
The Lord's name is to be praised.
Psalm 113:3



BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINUTES MAY 25, 2025

In attendance: Bruce Dennis, Dona Roll, Kathy May, Ginger Comstock, Randy Lutz

Basement Windows: Randy indicated he has not heard from Jim McGarvey regarding scheduling the window replacement. Windows have been ordered.

Ceiling Tiles for Wetzel Hall: Randy received a bid of \$3,400 from Sixt Lumber but that price is likely to come down. This could possibly be funded through Endowment.

Roof Repair: Ginger indicated that the Historical Society will be painting the Gibby House and will be needing a lift to perform that task. (Since we first discussed this, the painter has purchased a lift) Is it possible to work with them on the lift rental? Can we schedule painting the louvers and roof repair around this? Ginger will check with Jeff Mason on the possibility of working with the Historical Society on this.

Outside Spring Clean-Up: Kathy will be taking care of outside spring clean-up when weather permits.

Carpet Cleaning: Kathy received an estimate from Ashford Carpet Cleaning (copy attached). Tim from Ashford indicated the cleaning can be split up to be more cost friendly to the church. At this point cleaning the carpets in the annex is needed more immediately. Ashford does not clean hard surfaces so we will need to find someone else to clean the kitchen floor. Dona will check with Vanessa's husband, John, to see if he would be interested in doing this.

Fixtures for small sink in kitchen: Bruce will gather pricing on a fixture and any other parts that are

needed to replace the fixture. When Bruce looked at it earlier, he indicated it may need a bit more work than just replacing the fixture itself.

Replacing refrigerator in the Great Room:

Refrigerator will be replaced at some point over the summer (before Fall Festival in October).

Boiler Room water issues: Randy will patch the hole where the ethernet cable comes into the boiler room which was one source of the leaking problems we had last winter.

Fire Inspection: Kathy will contact Wyoming County regarding our annual fire inspection. At this time, she will address the alarm in the ladies' room in the annex with the inspector.

Opening and Closing schedule:

June: Ginger Comstock

July: Kathy May

August: Bruce Dennis

September: Dona Roll

Next meeting: as needed

The Carillon

The Carillon is being compiled, proofed, printed and mailed/emailed by Shannon King and Audrey Erick. We hope to produce a quality newsletter. Any suggestions are welcomed. The deadline for the September issue is August 20, 2025.

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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