

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade
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November 2025



Upcoming Important Dates at a Glance

Sun., Nov. 2 – Pastor Bob Dievendorf joins us for service, special coffee hour to follow

Mon., Nov. 3, 11:30 am – Women’s Fellowship meeting, Great Room

Sat., Nov. 8 – Food Collection at Arcade Market

Sun., Nov. 9 - Church directory photo shoot – after service

Sun., Nov. 16, 10:30 (note special time!) – Special Harvest Service, followed by pizza and wings at noon and a Buffalo Bills Watch Party!

Mon., Nov. 17, 1 pm – Workers Union meeting, Great Room

Sat., Nov. 29, 4-6 pm – Free Community Dinner, spaghetti, Team 2 working

Sun., Dec. 14, 3 pm – Christmas Cantata, Arcade UCC



3 Robert Dievendorf
3 Audrey Erick
8 Lary Schaefer
13 Cherry Carl
13 Helen Boling

November Birthdays
15 Brad Gertis
18 Collin Tuttle
27 Grace Gilbert
28 Suzanne Norton
30 Carol Abel



1 Blake & Courtney Caldwell – 11 years

November Bible Readings
2 Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Ps 119:137-144 or Isa 1:10-18 and Ps 32:1-7
 2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10
9 Haggai 1:15b-2:9 and Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 or Job 19:23-27 a and Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
 Luke 20:27-38
16 **Isa 65:17-25** and Isa 12 or Mal 4:1-2 a and Ps 98
 2 Thess 3:6-13
 Luke 21:5-19
23 Jer 23:1-6 and Luke 1:68-79 or Jer 23:1-6 and Ps 46
Col 1:11-20
 Luke 23:33-43
30 Is 2:1-5
 Ps 122
 Rom 13:11-14
Matt 3:1-12

Margaret Homan’s “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 appt.

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE **Fall Festival Highlights!** **20 Years of Fall Fest**

The 2025 Fall Festival was the 20th year anniversary of the event and our best one to date! With 200 gorgeous baskets, over 35 gift certificates to area businesses, delicious homemade chowder and hot dogs that attracted many around the community, scrumptious baked goods from the Women's Fellowship that were a hit, a gorgeous quilt that inspired numerous ticket sales, and an incredible team of Arcade UCC volunteers to make the day run so smoothly, it was an incredible day! This year's festival raised \$10,800 before expenses! A new record! 10% of the profit goes back to the community through a donation to A Future with Hope community center. A HUGE thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to make this year's Fall Festival so successful! Thank you to the chowder crew for prepping the meat and veggies and for your long night of cooking! Once again, a **special thank you to Debi Lutz, Deb Wood and Vanessa Adams** for organizing, setting up, decorating, making all of those beautiful baskets and ensuring that the day was perfect! The hours you dedicated to this event were too numerous to mention, but we can say that this year, your preparations for the Fall Fest began in **July**! That is a **LOT** of work and your dedication does not go unnoticed. You are greatly appreciated! This wouldn't happen without you!



WOW! Women's Fellowship Exceeds Previous Years Fundraisers!!

UCC Arcade Church had a fantastic Fall Festival this year on all fronts. Over 200 baskets sold for a record year - it was a hit as always and the weather cooperated!! Let's not forget our famous chowder and the brave men who stayed up all night to cook it!

Women's Fellowship participated with a bake sale and quilt raffle. The bake sale yielded \$822 – that's a lot of cookies and brownies folks!! This money pays for the coffee and kitchen needs for our after-service coffee hour, as well as gifts for various causes throughout the year.

The quilt sale made \$1014 – also a record breaker! Our very own Kathy May worked her magic and created another gorgeous quilt. Anyone would be happy to win this beautiful handiwork, and the lucky winner was Madeline Delucci from Freedom, NY. The quilt sale proceeds go into our scholarship fund.

So, there ya' have it folks. We are not just pretty faces – lots of work is involved!!

Respectfully,
Women's Fellowship



Behind the Scenes of the Chowder Magic



The famous Fall Festival chowder began with a crew of helpers who chopped vegetables and prepped the beef and chicken in

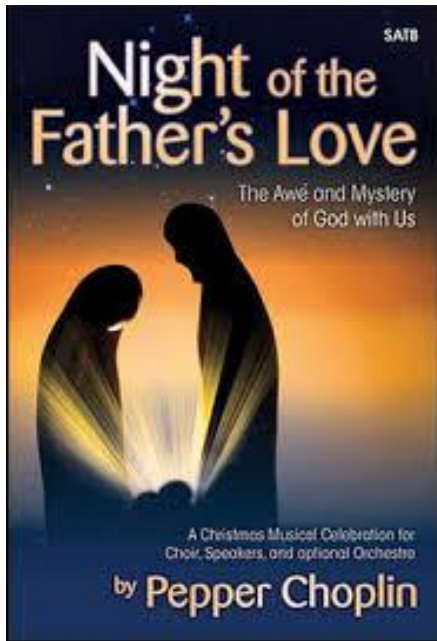
Wetzel Hall. Then, late in the evening on October 10, the chowder magic began! The vegetables and meat were added to the cauldron, the fire was lit and a team of steadfast men worked their magic to create the most scrumptious chowder you've ever tasted! Rich Vogt, Rick Vogt, Dirk Norwich, Jeff Mason and Bruce Dennis started the whole process late that evening. Then Rich and Rick forged into the night, with an "all-night marathon" of stirring the chowder! Their night morphed into day with continued help selling the chowder throughout the Fall Fest! We appreciate all you guys do to create this delicious chowder each year!

*Photo credit: Jeff Mason.

Membership Anniversary

Congratulations to Gloria Vogt on her 15th anniversary of church membership on November 21.

***If anyone has good news they would like in the upcoming issues of the Carillon, please contact Shannon King in the Church office, uccarcade@gmail.com or 585-492-4530.*



**Pioneer Community Chorus and
Performers
Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 14, 3 pm
Arcade United Church of Christ**



213th Annual Report Update

The 213th Annual UCC Arcade meeting was held on October 19, 2025. The committee reports from the Annual Report passed unanimously with 31 members present and voting. There were four motions: 1) Annual reports; 2) 2024-25 Financial Reports; 3) the 2025-26 proposed budget; and 4) the nominating report for church officers and committee members for 2025-26 (following corrections made). All passed unanimously. Thank you again to all who worked on the committee reports.



Come Be Included in Our New Church Directory

On Sunday, November 9th immediately following worship, photographer, Kristen Sledge-Whitcomb, will be taking photographs of all members and friends of Arcade United Church of Christ Congregational in the Great Room for a new photo directory for our church family. Please extend this information and invitation to anyone who has been or is now associated with our church. We want everyone to be included.

People not attending coffee hour are asked to go first. Then Krissy will continue until everyone is photographed. Please plan to be in church on November 9th and dressed for your photo.

Several of our new members/attendees have pointed out to the Outreach Committee that they really wished to be able to get to know people at church and to reach them by phone, text, email or mail. As we looked back at our most recent directory, we realized that it had been nearly 10 years since we've had a new directory and many things have changed in that time. A new update with our Pastor Josh will be so useful and a wonderful piece of church history.





The Harvest Service

Join us for a special Harvest Service on Sunday, November 16 at 10:30 am (note the special time!). Bring those family members, friends, and acquaintances whom you have reached out to and shared the love of Jesus Christ.

The service will be followed by pizza and wings at noon and a Buffalo Bills' watch party! We hope you and many others can join us!



Photos from Paul Sanio's military service on Saturday, Sept. 27. Photo credit: Dona Roll.



Coffee Break/Bible Study

From 9-11am each Tuesday, Arcade UCC is hosting a "Coffee Break" for the community. It is held in the church library.

Coffee and goodies are served free of charge and the community is welcome to stop by to enjoy good conversation and a hot beverage. Good for the body and soul! Welcome all!



Arcade Area Food Pantry

The food pantry located at the United Methodist Church on the corner of Pearl and Main Streets is open every Monday and Thursday from 12:30-2pm. During this time, bags of food are brought out to the vehicles.

The Hope Lutheran Satellite Food Pantry is also open to all families in the community on the following upcoming dates:

Wed., Nov. 5, 4-7 pm

Sat., Nov. 15, 9-11 am

Wed., Dec. 3, 4-7 pm

Sat., Dec. 20, 9-11 am

Wed., Jan. 7, 4-7 pm

Sat., Jan. 17, 9-11 am

(every first Wednesday from 4-7 pm and third Saturday from 9 -11 am of the month)

The drive-thru food truck in the Arcade Park will be held:

Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 from 10 am – noon.

Anyone in need is welcome! Please spread the word!



Don't forget to set those clocks back 1 hour! The time change officially occurs at 2 am on Sunday, Nov. 2.



Prayer List Updates

As you look at the prayer list in the Sunday bulletins, if you see anything that should be updated, please contact Shannon in the church office. Of course, we are all ready to pray for anyone in need, but if you see a name that no longer needs to be listed, please let us know. Thank you



DOING THE MOST GOOD®

The Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Arcade Tops will begin November 14 and continue until December 24. We do not ring on Sundays. There will be no ringing on Thanksgiving. Times are one-hour blocks (minimum) from 9 am to 6 pm. You can certainly sign up for more than one hour if you wish!

Please bring music if you like, bring the kids, dress festively! We have a chair if needed. Also remember to dress warmly as we are in the foyer and it can be chilly. We thank Tops so much for letting us stand inside.

Our community has been so very generous with their volunteering and donations all these years and we thank you for that. Let's hope this year will be no different. Much of the money raised will be given to the local food banks of Arcade, Delevan and Sardinia.

To sign up to ring the bell, please call Dawn Harrison at 585-492-2428.



The Giving Tree

Pioneer schools will once again be participating in the Giving Tree. This program provides families in need with gift cards which allow them to purchase clothing, toys and food for their children through the generous donations of the community. Gift cards are purchased from area businesses like Upstate Big Box Liquidators and Arcade Market and also Old Navy for clothing. Donations of all sizes help with the mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Send checks payable to Pioneer Giving Tree and mail to Pioneer High School, 12125 Countyline Rd., Yorkshire, NY 14173, Attn: Louise Harrick. Thank you for putting smiles on the faces of these young people this Christmas!



Reverse Advent!

Once again reverse advent is happening at Arcade UCC! We will begin this year on the first day of advent, Sunday, November 30, 2025. The idea for this project is to set aside a food item each day of advent rather than remove a treat or item from the more traditional advent calendars. The food items we gather will then go to benefit our local food pantry which has been very busy lately.

If you feel so moved, a word of Christmas encouragement could be written on the food items such as Joy, Hope, Wonder, etc. Food can then be dropped off at the church for transfer to the food pantry or for those who might find this difficult, the Outreach committee members will arrange pick up after Christmas which can be arranged by calling any of the Outreach members or by leaving your name and a call back number as a message on the church answering machine.

If you need ideas for what the food pantries could use most, they have recently expressed interest in the following:

- Boxed cereal - *Cheerios, etc.
- Canned fruit – peaches, pears, mixed fruit, pineapple
- Jelly
- Baking mixes
- Flour, sugar, seasonings, other baking items
- Toiletries/paper products
- Boxed noodles, potatoes, other sides
- Peanut butter
- Canned soups

Last year we did well with this project, and we hope that we can do even better this year! We thank you all in advance for your faithful help as we are able to serve others in this way!

Bryson King of Freedom is only 13-years-old, but he can boast that he has four years of experience growing giant pumpkins. At the age of nine, he decided that he wanted to take on this enormous task, and he has proved that age doesn't matter. This young man gathered experience from the experts, followed instructions, got some great support from his family members and, in the process, has become very knowledgeable about the whole growing cycle of these giant gourds.

In 2022, at 664 pounds, King's largest pumpkin was not large enough for competition. But the pumpkin did travel to be on display at Dollywood, and was later carved on the Food Network.

In 2023, Bryson took a pumpkin to the Ohio Valley pumpkin growers' competition, where his pumpkin weighed in at 1,429 pounds, and he finished 19th out of 38 pumpkins. Last year, in 2024, King took a pumpkin to Saratoga Springs, where his pumpkin weighed in at 1,506.5 pounds. In the standings, he was seventh out of 25 pumpkins. He took a second pumpkin to Clarence, where he finished third, and his pumpkin weighed 1,188 pounds. His dad, Tadd, took a third pumpkin to Ohio and finished in sixth place with that pumpkin weighing 2,036.5 pounds.

Heading into this year, the family had high hopes. But as with all growers, the weather can have a great impact on the finished product. There were many factors that could have caused problems, but the immense heat definitely affected the growth, as shown by a couple of the pumpkins developing bad spots quickly. Any spot on a pumpkin can cause disqualification in a contest. As the final pumpkin continued growing, King still had hopes that it would last until October, but that one developed some rot around the stem, and was not good enough for competition either.

There is a bright ending to this tough season for King. Artist Eric Jones bought the pumpkin from the King family and carved it at a festival at Way Fruit Farm in Pennsylvania on Sunday, Oct. 12. Jones did not disappoint as he carved a witch on a broom in the large gourd.

King said that he was excited that his pumpkin was chosen for the carving, and, all in all, this was still a good year. "We pushed one of the pumpkins to the limit as it was growing 60 pounds per day. We learned a lot from how it grew and how much it could handle." When the teen was asked what he would say to other young people who would like to try something, and they are discouraged because of their age, he said, "Don't let others talk you down. If there is something you'd like to try, go for it."



Artist Eric Jones bought the pumpkin from the King family and carved it at an event in Pennsylvania, making this end to the growing season a bit brighter.



Bryson King had hopes of taking one remaining pumpkin to Ohio for competition, but even that pumpkin got bad spots, making it unfit.

**** Article from Herald Courier, October 16, 2025**

Carillon Newsletter

The Carillon is being compiled, printed and mailed by Audrey Erick and Shannon King. Please continue to watch for the deadline date for your articles and reports and give them to Shannon in the church office. We hope to produce a quality newsletter. Any suggestions are welcomed. The deadline for the December/January combined issue is **November 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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