

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

Pastor Josh Bower

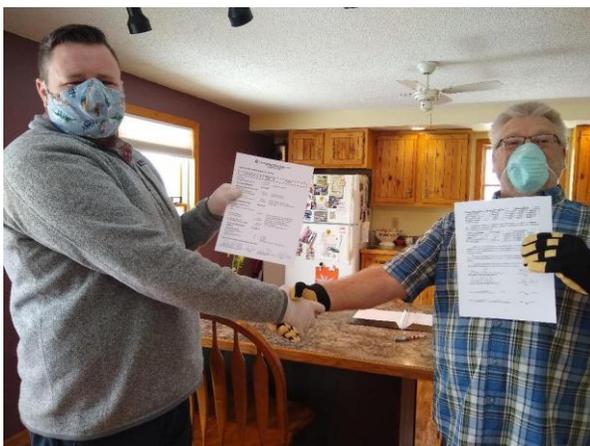
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Dec. 2025 – Jan. 2026

Congratulations, Pastor Josh Bower, on Receiving Your Ordination!

On Wednesday, November 12, Pastor Josh met with the CSEOA Association in Ohio, Committee on Ministry, and was unanimously approved for ordination!

We are so extremely happy for you, Pastor Josh and we recognize all of the time, dedication and hard work you committed to receiving your ordination...all while putting so much energy, heart and soul into your ministry at Arcade UCC! We couldn't be more proud to call you our pastor!





Pastor Emeritus Bob Dievendorf Visits Arcade UCC

It was so wonderful to welcome Pastor Emeritus, Bob Dievendorf and his sister Karen, back to Arcade UCC on November 2. During his trip east to visit family, Pastor Bob made sure to join his church family for Sunday service as well. Following the service, a special coffee hour was held and with Pastor Bob's birthday being the very next day, of course there was cake (an absolutely scrumptious one at that! Thank you, Edie Holmes!) and singing to celebrate his special day. It was so great to spend time with Pastor Bob and everyone was thrilled to see him again!





December Birthdays

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| 3 Randy Lutz | 16 Sheila Vrenna |
| 7 Jessica Langley | 17 Stacey Fudella |



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 | 31 Shirley Kriedeman |



January Anniversaries

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| 1 Lary & Barbara Schaefer – 43 years |
| 3 Bill & Karen Schaper – 56 years |

December Bible Readings

- 7 Is 11:1-10
Ps 72:1-7, 18-19
Rom 15:4-13
Matt 3:1-12
- 14 Isa 35:1-10
Ps 146:5-10 or **Luke 1:46b-55**
James 5:7-10
Matt 11:2-11
- 21 Isa 7:10-16
Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
Rom 1:1-7
Matt 1:18-25
- 28 Isa 63:7-9
Ps 148
Heb 2:10-18
Matt 22:13-23

January Bible Readings

- 4 Jer 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12
Ps 147:12-20 or Wisd of Sol 10:15-21
Eph 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18
- 11 Isa 42:1-9
Ps 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matt 3:13-17
- 18 Isa 49:1-7
Ps 40:1-11
1 Cor 1:1-9
John 1:29-42
- 25 Isaiah 9:1-4
Ps 27:1, 4-9
1 Cor 1:10-18
Matt 4:12-23

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!



ARCADE UCC
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 AT
5PM
PLEASE JOIN US!



Upcoming Important Dates at a Glance

- **Gentle Exercise class** every Monday at 10 am, Wetzel Hall, all are welcome!
- **Coffee Break & Bible Study**– 9am-11am every Tuesday. All are welcome!
- **Sunday, Nov. 30 – Advent begins**
- **Tues., Dec. 2-Thur., Dec. 4: Christmas Extravaganza with Arcade Elementary School!**
- **Thur., Dec. 4 – Women’s Fellowship Christmas Party, 4:30pm, The Grove**
- **Sun., Dec. 14, 3 pm – Pioneer Community Chorus Annual Christmas Cantata, Arcade UCC**
- **Mon., Dec. 15 – Workers Union meeting, Great Room, 1 pm**
- **Sat., Dec. 20, 6:30 pm – Christmas Tractor Parade in Arcade**
- **Wed., Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 5 pm**
- **Sat., Dec. 27, 4-6 pm – Free Community Dinner, mac & cheese, Team 1 is working**



Opportunities for Christmas Giving

Reverse Advent giving to local PAC food pantries. This year we are trying a different theme each week then planning on delivering to the pantry each Monday. Here are the themes, but please feel free to bring what you can.

Week 1-Nov. 30th: Cereal and canned fruit

Week 2-Dec. 7th: Peanut butter, jelly, soups, tuna

Week 3-Dec. 14th: Baking mixes, flour, sugar, spices

Week 4-Dec. 21st: Toiletries/paper products, boxed noodles and potatoes and other sides.



The Giving Tree at Pioneer Central School

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 Arcade Market. Donations of all sizes help with the mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Send checks payable to Pioneer Giving Tree to Pioneer High School, PO Box 579, Yorkshire, NY 14173, Attn: Louise Harrick. Thank you for putting smiles on the faces of these young people this Christmas!

News of Our People

Looking Back at Halloween! Imagine That Trick-or-Treating



Bruce's Angels



So much fun was had by all at the Imagine That Halloween trick-or-treating at Arcade UCC! Everyone joined in the ghoulish fun and the costumes were spook-tacular!

(Photo credit: Bonnie Cady)

Harvest Service and Buffalo Bills Watch Party

Arcade UCC held a Harvest worship service on Sun., November 16, followed by a Buffalo Bills watch party with pizza and wings for all! It was a fun-filled, football-themed worship service, complete with kickoff, huddles, playlists, and high-fives! This service also welcomed several guests and old friends through our congregation being “harvesters of our faith.”

Another bonus was a win by the Bills!!
(Photo credits: Bonnie Cady & Dona Roll)

Thank you to all who joined us! We would love to see you again!





Congratulations to Ginger Comstock, one of our most dedicated members, on her 45th anniversary of church membership! She and Gordon joined our church on January 4, 1981.

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.

**Women's Fellowship
Christmas Party**



**The Grove (formerly
Chanderson's)**

Thursday, December 4

4:30 pm

All women of the church invited!

We will be ordering from the menu.

**Sign up outside of the sanctuary
if you plan to attend.**



Gentle Exercise... Did You Know?

Arcade UCC offers a Gentle Exercise Class every Monday at 10 am in Wetzel Hall and all are welcome! The class collects monetary donations that are given to the local food pantries, local benefits to help community members, to Arcade UCC and to individuals in need. The donations are voluntary and not required in order to take the class. However, it has been an amazing community outreach to help others through the generosity of those who attend the class! Thank you to those who continue to help! And on top of the contributions that are made through the class, it is a ton of fun with a lot of laughs! All while exercising, moving and getting/staying healthy! Join us!!

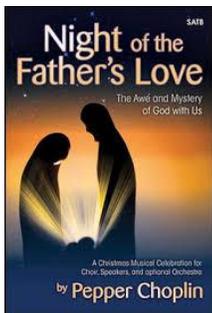


The Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Arcade Tops will begin November 14 and continue until December 24. We do not ring on Sundays. There will be no ringing on Thanksgiving. Times are one-hour blocks (minimum) from 9 am to 6 pm. You can certainly sign up for more than one hour if you wish!

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.



Christmas Cantata!

Arcade UCC
Sun., Dec. 14
3pm



Please join us for our Annual Community Chorus and Performers production of "Night of the Father's Love," by Pepper Choplin. Free admission. All are welcome!



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.



Christmas Extravaganza with Arcade Elementary

Tues., Dec. 2-Thur., Dec. 4

We need volunteers to greet, read stories to classes and more! If you are able to join us, please sign up on the sheet outside of the sanctuary. All volunteers must have a background check completed. This process is quick and easy. See Pastor Josh for more info!



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. Bible Study offered as well! 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.

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:

Dec. 11 from 10 am – noon.

Anyone in need is welcome! Please spread the word!



Community Dinner Committees-2026

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

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

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

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

GIVING
as an act of worship
BEFORE GOD
2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

Community Dinner Dates for 2026:

Jan.31-Team 4

Feb.28-Team 2

Mar.28-Team 3

April 25-Team 4

May 30-Team 1

June 27-Team 3

July 25-Team 1

Aug.29-Team 2

Sept.26-Team 4

Oct.24-Team 3

Nov.28-Team 2

Dec.19-Team 1

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).



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, or should be added, please let us know. Thank you!



Committee Reports

OUTREACH COMMITTEE October 26, 2025

Members Present: Sheila, Ginger, Dirk, Chet, Jo, and Kim

- **Call to Order & Cares and Concerns and Opening Prayer:** Meeting begins 11:00AM, Sheila opened with prayer. We're happy to have Jo back!
- **Review of Minutes:** motion to approve by Dirk. 2nd by Jo. Approved.

Old Business:

- **Community Suppers:** Sept. served 92 and \$188 taken in. October. served 101 and \$172 taken in. New schedule of teams needed. Sheila will check with team leaders about possibly keeping the same months.
- **Shepherd's Program:** Continued thanks to Carol and Karen for doing this special job for us.
- **Bible Study and Coffee Break:** Continues each Tuesday. It has been mentioned that the Arcade Herald has yet to update to Bible Study and Coffee Break.
- **Rides to Doctors Appointments: Margaret Homan Memorial:** There are none scheduled at present.
- **New Photo Directory:** Kim will contact Shannon about the release form to be made available the day of the 9th. A motion was made to compensate Stacey for the work she plans to do on the directory. Motion by Ginger, 2nd by Kim.
- **Bus transportation to local churches:** Kim will check to see if people can request a Sunday run for church attendance. Sheila has # to call for Regional Transit Service to check for Sunday am runs. They may consider if they get enough requests.

New Business:

- **Food Collection at Arcade Marketplace:** Planning Nov. 8th from 10AM to 4PM.
- **Reverse Advent Food Collection:** Kim will talk with Shannon about letting people know we will do this again this year since the need is great. Last year's list of suggested foods she made for the bulletin was very helpful for ideas that are most useful and she will place this information in the Carillon as well.

•**Adjournment and next Meeting:** Dirk moved to adjourn, Ginger seconded. The next meeting to be Nov 30, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Common

MARY HOSFORD FISHER WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Meeting Minutes – November 3, 2025

The meeting was opened by chair, Suzanne Norton. There were 9 members present.

Joys and Concerns were shared:

Devotions: Sheila read devotion "Hot Fudge Bible" based on John 1:14

Minutes of the previous meeting: After reviewing the minutes to the September meeting, a motion to approve was made by Sharon Hawley, seconded by Diane Szpak. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Corner & Correspondence: Suzanne read a very heartfelt note from Diane Szpak for all the help provided for Paul Sanio's memorial service in September.

Finance Report: Ginger Comstock provided a financial report from September 1, 2025 – October 28, 2025. Sheila Vrenna made a motion to approve the report, Jo Sixt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Coffee sign up seems to be going well. Birthday Sundays being provided by Ginger Comstock and Dona Roll are very helpful and appreciated.

Suzanne reported that we have traditionally given 10% of the proceeds from our Fall Fest candy and bake sale to the General Fund. The dollar amount from the 2025 Fall Fest would be \$82.20, but Suzanne requested we up the amount to \$200.00. Sharon Hawley made a motion to donate \$200 of the proceeds to the General Fund, Diane Szpak seconded. Motion carried Unanimously.

New Business:

Christmas bonuses and donations were discussed.

Karen Schaper made a motion to approve gift amounts, Jo Sixt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy May made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Pioneer Giving tree, Karen Schaper seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2025 Women's Fellowship Christmas party was discussed. Suzanne Norton and Sharon Hawley will visit the Rusty Nail in Delevan and The Grove in Yorkshire to set up a date and time. Dates being discussed are December 1 or December 8.

Our special "Harvest" service will be held on November 16 with service starting at 10:30 with a Buffalo Bills watch party following. Pizza and wings are being provided and those in Women's Fellowship that wish to provide snacks are encouraged to do so.

Other Business:

Officers for 2025-2026 were discussed and will be as follows:

Chair – Suzanne Norton
Co-Chair – Helen Knose
Secretary – Kathy May
Treasurer – Ginger Comstock
Asst. Treasurer – Kathy May
Devotions – Sheila Vrenna

Dianne Szpak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20pm, Sheila Vrenna seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting – March 2, 2026

Respectfully submitted – Kathy May, Secretary



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL-BLESSINGS PROJECT

If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Memorial-Blessings Project, please fill out this form and return it in the offering plate or to the church office at 297 Main St., PO Box 95, Arcade, NY by **December 15, 2025**. Please include your name and/or church offering envelope number.

Given by: _____
 In Memory of _____ \$ _____
 In Honor of _____ \$ _____
 For Blessings Received \$ _____

This year's Christmas Memorial-Blessings donations will be given to Crabb Oil to be used to assist those in need with their home heating bills, etc.

Please enclose payment with this form. **Checks may be made payable to Arcade UCC. Please write Memorial Blessings in the memo.** Thank you for taking part in this project. If you have any questions, please call the church office, (585) 492-4530.



(Cut out to return with your Christmas Blessing offering or use the one found in the weekly worship bulletins.)



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 February issue is January 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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