The Carillon

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Fall Festival Highlights!
21 Years of Fall Fest

The 2026 Fall Festival was the 21st year of the event and our best one to date! With over 200 gorgeous baskets, around 40 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 (made by the talented Kathy May), 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 $11,500 before expenses! A new record! 10% of the profit goes back to the community through a donation to A Future with Hope community center/food pantry and to the UCC NY Conference 'Together in Love' initiative. 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 Rich Vogt, Rick Vogt and the chowder crew for prepping the meat and veggies and for your long night of cooking! Thank you to Women's Fellowship for their Bake Sale to help fund kitchen/coffee hour supplies and the Quilt Raffle to support their scholarship fund for Pioneer. A heartfelt thank you to Stacy Gertis who not only shared her talents by painting our front windows so beautifully for the Fall Fest, but also provided face painting the day of the festival! We want to give a shout out to Skip Tillinghast and Gary Jaros for providing awesome music in the pavilion! 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! It is a **LOT** of work to make this church-wide fundraiser so successful and your dedication does not go unnoticed. You are greatly appreciated! This wouldn't happen without you!













Women's Fellowship Fall Fest Recap!

Women's Fellowship participated in the Fall Festival with a bake sale and quilt raffle and both were extremely successful! The bake sale proceeds pay for the coffee and kitchen needs for our after-service coffee hour, as well as gifts for various causes throughout the year.

Our very own Kathy May and her talented quilting abilities created another gorgeous quilt, which brought in $900! This will go toward the scholarship fund for Pioneer. Everyone wanted to win this beautiful handiwork, but the lucky winner was Michelle Karpinski, who volunteers every year at our Fall Festival! Thank you for your time and congratulations,
Michelle!











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 9, 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! Dirk Norwich and Bruce Dennis helped start the whole process that evening and then Rich Vogt and his son Rick Vogt forged on into the night, with an "all-night marathon" of stirring the chowder! Their night morphed into day with continued help of selling the chowder throughout the Fall Fest! We appreciate all you guys do to create this delicious chowder each year!

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Membership Anniversary

Congratulations to Jay and Kathy May, Al Hummer, and Tom and Cailynn Call on their fifth anniversary of joining the church on November 21.

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Congratulations to Adam Romance, who recently received the prestigious American Degree at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Adam was very active in the Pioneer FFA Chapter prior to his graduation in 2025. His parents, Justin and Denielle, traveled to Indianapolis to watch Adam receive this honor.

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***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.*

Rev. Joshua Bower's Ordination Celebration at Arcade UCC











Saturday, October 24 marked a very special occasion at Arcade United Church of Christ. A special service was held at 1 pm to recognize and celebrate the ordination of Rev. Joshua Bower. Many members of the church had traveled to Columbus, OH on September 20 to witness and be a part of the ordination service which was held at St. John's UCC. Now it was the day to bring the celebration back home! Members of Arcade UCC, Rev. Bower's family and friends and even Jared Page and his father from St. John's UCC in Columbus joined in the celebration!

The Arcade UCC Choir and Far Cry filled the sanctuary with beautiful music, scripture readings were given by Jeff Mason, Debi Lutz and Rich Vogt, and the Rev. Gary Ferner gave the sermon. Even the Happy Scientist made an appearance, conducting the "Elephant Toothpaste" experiment with the youth who were present for the service.

At the end of the service, several members of the church presented Rev. Bower with some very special gifts to commemorate the occasion. The Arcade UCC church family honored Rev. Bower with a beautiful quilt created by Sharon Hawley and Kathy May, which was crafted from the various t-shirts that represented Imagine That, various VBS programs which have been held at Arcade UCC and more. The Women's Fellowship and Workers Union each gave a monetary gift in appreciation and congratulations. Dona Roll and Ginger Comstock presented Rev. Bower with a new stole from the most recent synod.

The service was followed by a wonderfully catered luncheon with delicious food and spirit-filled fellowship. The women of the church blessed us with scrumptious desserts to top off the day as well.

Congratulations, Rev. Joshua Bower!

Upcoming Important Dates at a Glance

Sun., Nov. 1 – Women's Fellowship Meeting, following service

Sat., Nov. 14, 10am-4pm – Food Collection at Arcade Market

Mon., Nov. 16, 1 pm – Workers Union meeting, Great Room

Sat., Nov. 28, 4-6 pm – Free Community Dinner, spaghetti, Team 2 working

Sun., Dec. 13, 3 pm – Christmas Cantata, Arcade UCC



November Birthdays

3 Robert Dievendorf
3 Audrey Erick
8 Lary Schaefer
13 Cherry Carl
13 Helen Boling
15 Brad Gertis
18 Collin Tuttle
27 Grace Gilbert
28 Suzanne Norton
30 Carol Abel



November Anniversaries

1 Blake & Courtney Caldwell – 12 years

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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.

November Bible Readings

1 Josh 3:7-17 and Ps 107:1-7, 33-37
Mic 3:5-12 and Ps 43
1 Thess 2:9-13
Matt 23:1-12

8 Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25, and Ps 78:1-7
Wisd of Sol 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 and Wisd of Sol 6:17-20 or Ps 70
1 Thess 4:13-18
Matt 25:1-3

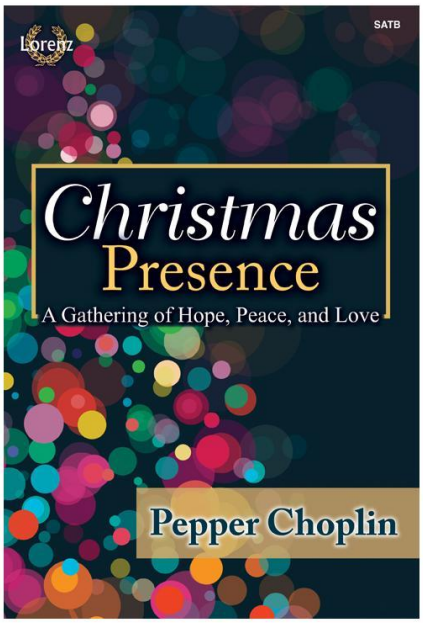
15 Judg 4:1-7 and Ps 123
Zeph 1:7, 12-18 and Ps 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thess 5:1-11
Matt 25:14-30

22 Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24 and Ps 100 or Ezek34:11-16, 20-24 and Ps 95:1-7a
Eph 1:15-23
Matt 25:31-46

29 Isa 64:1-9
Ps 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



Our Outreach committee will be doing another food collection at Brass' Arcade Market on Sat., Nov. 14 from 10am-4pm for our local food pantries. Thank you for your time and service to our community!!



Pioneer Community Chorus and Performers
Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 13, 3 p.m. Arcade UCC.

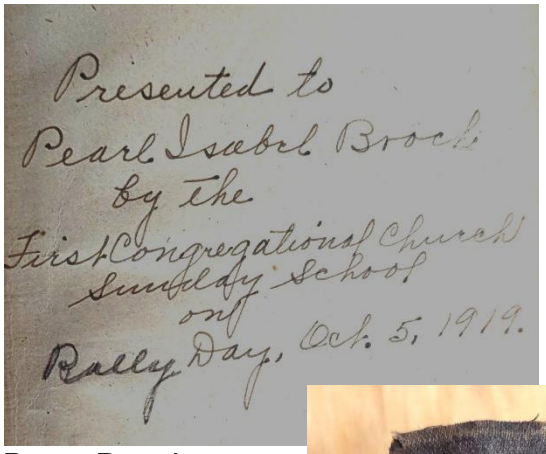
"Christmas Presence: A Gathering of Hope, Peace, and Love" by Pepper Choplin

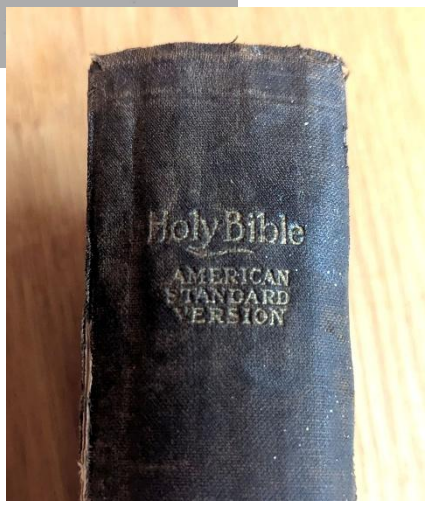
Publisher's description:
"From the pen of Pepper Choplin comes Christmas Presence, a musical telling of the Christmas story and its impact on our lives and the lives of those around us. From the energetic opener, The World Awaits Your Coming, to the reflective Still They Are Here, this work inspires us to dwell on the important and profound way that Christmas brings us together through the joy of Christ's birth. Beautiful original melodies and thoughtful texts are paired with and inspired by favorite carols of old in a unique and creative way. The finale features an inspiring call to action: "Go into the world to be a Christmas Presence, bringing hope, peace, and love to a world in need."



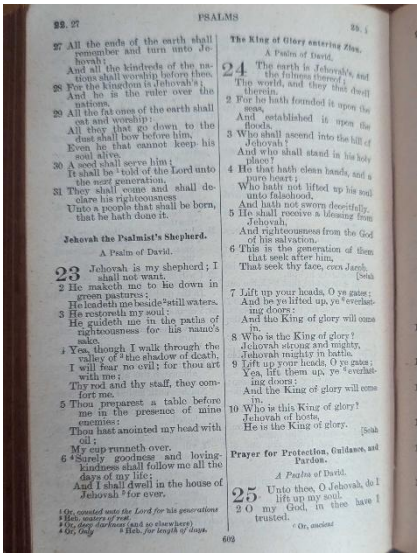
107-Year-Old Bible Returns to the Church

From Jeff Mason, Church Historian





Bruce Dennis recently received a Bible from his aunt, the former Sheila Dearing. She has been doing some downsizing and felt this Bible should come back to Arcade after a long multi-state journey. It belonged to the late Pearl Brock Dearing, who was Sheila's mother and Bruce's grandmother. Pearl received it as a girl at the church Sunday School Rally Day on October 5, 1919. Thanks to Bruce, it is now part of the church archives, but you might need a magnifying glass if you want to read it for very long. A later photo of Pearl is in the framed photo of the 1927 Philathea Class on the wall in Shannon's office.



Lydia's Closet - The free clothing closet at Crossroads Church of the Nazarene

369 Route 39 W, Arcade, NY 14009 *(located across from Tractor Supply)*

- **Phone Contacts:**
  - Georgia: **(716) 473-3870 or Pastor Tom: 716-640-7162**
- **Open Hours: Tuesdays 1–5 PM (or by appointment – Call Georgia or Tom)**
  - All clothing is **completely free** with no income or residency requirements, and no limit on how many items you can take.
  - The closet offers options for children, teens, and adults
  - If you need to schedule a visit outside of regular Tuesday hours, call Georgia to set up an appointment.
  - Spread the word!





Crew and Scarlett proudly show off the pumpkins they carved at school. All the kids' pumpkins were lined up on the bleachers in the gym and the school invited all the kids back that night to see them all lit up! What a fun Halloween event for all!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
October 11, 2026

Members present: Sheila, Dirk, Ginger, and Kim

•**Call to Order & Cares and Concerns and Opening Prayer**
Meeting begins 11:15, Sheila opens with prayer. Prayers for Sarah B., Lary S., Vetter family, and Sheila's brother Jim L..

•**REVIEW of minutes:** Minutes from Aug. Dirk moves to accept. Ginger seconds. Minutes accepted.

•**Community Suppers Update:** Aug 97 and collected $128 and Sept served 117 and collected $135.

•**Shepherd's Program:** Karen Schaper has agreed to help us with this mission and is doing a fabulous job. Thanks Karen!

•**Open for Prayer and Coffee Break**: Continues on Tuesdays with Pastor Josh returning to Bible Study.

•**Rides to Doctors' Appointments**: No new request have been noted.

•**New Photo Directory:** The directories have been handed out and were well received! Estimated cost was $12.76 each. Donations would be accepted.

•**New Business:**

•**School Supplies Giveaway:** Dirk's update on the numbers is approx. since people continued to request them after they were all given out but he was able to continue to give out some supplies after the filled bags were gone. Approx. 170 bags and next year he is planning 180 bags.

NEW BUSINESS:

•**Food Collection:** Will take place Nov. 14, 2026 at the Arcade Market between 10-4pm.

•**REVERSE ADVENT:** Will begin on Sunday Nov. 29, 2026.

•**Adjournment and next Meeting:** A motion to adjourn made by Dirk and 2nd by Ginger, Meeting ended at 11:08AM

•Next Meeting Nov.16,2026.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Common



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. 4, 4-7 pm
Sat., Nov. 21, 9-11 am
Wed., Dec. 2, 4-7 pm
Sat., Dec. 19, 9-11 am
Wed., Jan. 6, 4-7 pm
Sat., Jan. 16, 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. 19 and Dec. 17 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. 1.

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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.

THE SALVATION ARMY DOING THE MOST GOOD®

The Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Arcade Tops will begin November 17 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. Monetary 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 Herrick. Thank you for putting smiles on the faces of these young people this Christmas!



Reverse Advent!
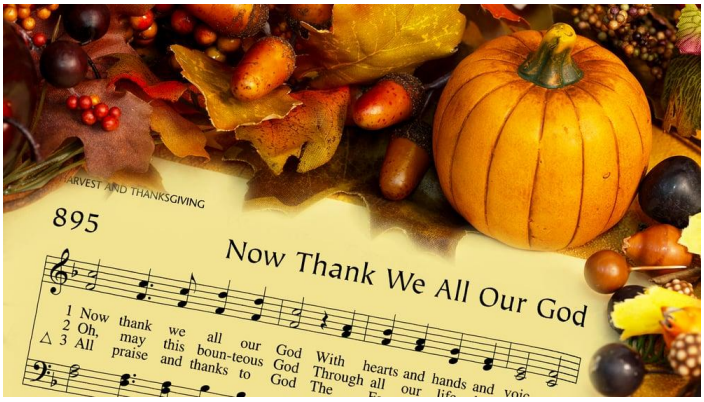
Once again reverse advent is happening at Arcade UCC! We will begin this year on the first day of advent, Sunday, November 29, 2026. The idea for this project is to set aside a food item each day of advent rather than remove a treat or item from the more traditional advent calendars. The food items we gather will then go to benefit our local food pantry which has been very busy lately.

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
- Jelly
- Baking mixes
- Flour, sugar, other baking items
- Toiletries/paper products
- Boxed noodles, potatoes
- 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!





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, 2026.**

We welcome 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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