



# The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

Pastor Josh Bower

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Editor: Shannon King

## February 2026

### Upcoming Events

#### February

- Mondays at 10 am – Gentle Exercise in Wetzel Hall with Shannon. Dress comfortably! All are welcome!
- Tuesdays from 9-11 am – Coffee Break and Bible Study, Church library, all are welcome – spread the word!
- Thur., Feb. 5 – Preorders for soup due!
- Sun., Feb. 8 – Super/Souper Bowl! Preordered soup can be picked up after service - donations for food pantry collected
- Feb. 13-15 – Arcade Winterfest!
- Sat., Feb. 14, 9 am-2 pm: Women's Fellowship Winterfest Bake Sale, Church Library
- Sat., Feb. 14, 10 am – Chili Cook-off! The Women's Fellowship will have a table in the alcove on Main St. with their delicious chili!
- Tues., Feb. 17 – Thur., Feb. 19, 9:15 am-noon: Winter Break Community Vacation Bible School, Grades preK-4<sup>th</sup>
- Feb. 28, 4-6pm – Community Dinner, spaghetti, Team 2.



### February Birthdays

5	Megan Roll Brown	15	Tom Call
5	Sydney Taylor	19	Helena Vogt
9	Kathy May	22	Yolanda Rogers
11	Nicole Bower	23	Wyn Roll
12	Jeff Mason		



### February Anniversaries

- 2/4 Bill & Madeline Hall – 54 years  
2/23 Pastor Josh & Nicole Bower – 8 years



### February Bible Readings

1	Mic 6:1-8 Ps 15 1 Cor 1:18-31 <b>Matt 5:1-12</b>
8	Isa 58:1-9a, (9b-12) Ps 112:1-9, (10) 1 Cor 2:1-12, (13-16) <b>Matt 5:13-20</b>
15	Ex 24:12-18 Ps 2 or Ps 99 2 Peter 1:16-21 <b>Matt 17:1-9</b>
22	Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Ps 32 Rom 5:12-19 <b>Matt 4:1-11</b>

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

### Community Christmas Cantata



Dear Singers, Players, Readers, & Behind-the-Scenes-We-Couldn't-Do-It-Without-You Supporters,  
Leading you on this journey to Bethlehem every December is beyond humbling. Your forbearance, grace, grit, and trust get me through. Together, we are a healing presence in our little corner of the universe. May it be so for many years to come!  
This season, my wish for you is that you find Peace, experience Hope, know Joy, and share Love.

Deeply,  
Dona



### Imagine That Christmas Pageant!



Our after-school kids from the Imagine That program did a GREAT job telling us the Christmas story on Thursday, Dec. 18. So many smiles, so much love and support, and absolutely adorable!



## Mary Hosford's Women's Fellowship Annual Christmas Dinner



## Women's Fellowship Ends a Great Year with a Christmas Celebration



Women's Fellowship as well as other ladies from UCC gathered at The Grove Restaurant on December 4<sup>th</sup> for a fun Christmas celebration. Sheila led the opening prayer.

Suzanne bestowed Gratitude Awards – those given from the heart – no certificates, plaques or trophies needed!

Shannon King (said Suzanne) makes me look like a better chairperson than I am. She calls every week to check on events, flyers, quilt tickets and notices in the bulletin and Carillon, making sure that our events don't overlap and then gets them on the church calendar. What would we do without her??

Suzanne Norton (says article author, Bonnie Cady) is an organized leader with lots of attention to detail. She truly cares about each and every member of UCC as well as her duties as our Women's Fellowship leader!

Karen Schaper is our Ministry of Caring – When Karen delivers her muffins and cookies from her and Bill (funny we didn't know Bill was an accomplished baker! 😊), it says to the recipient, "We Care!" Birthdays, celebrations, losses, etc., they know someone is thinking of them and that they care.

Kathy May gets the Quilting for Scholarship award. Every year she makes a fabulous quilt that keeps our scholarship fund growing. What a talented lady! Kathy says she has faith that our youth attendance will grow. What a great goal!!



Sharon Hawley is our Ministry on Wheels lady. She has spent many, many years shopping for coffee hour, dinners and memorial luncheon supplies. It's like having our own private Amazon!! Just give her the list and it arrives!

Vanessa Adams – our Jack of all Trades – Far Cry, Worship Music, tech booth, Fall Fest, Imagine That Kids Program and so much more, including putting together a last-minute Sunday service when needed.

Carol Abel and Karen Czesak – Have spent many years working with Christian Education and Women's Fellowship. Currently with outreach ministry, they are sending cards to church members for celebrations of any kind and families that are grieving a loss. This service is greatly needed and appreciated!!

Sheila Vrenna – a very special lady that wears so many hats! Outreach ministry is such a large part of our church activities and as chair, Sheila keeps us busy both inside the church and out in the community. Imagine That, Rummage Sale, Food Pantry, Rides to appointments and community dinners keep her running! Phew!!!

Ginger Comstock and Dona Roll – As busy as these two ladies are involved with community activities, they still find time to treat us to a Birthday Sunday every month! This is so appreciated by Women's Fellowship as well as our ice cream addicts! Music is a huge priority for them as well!!

Diane Szpak– Gets a well-deserved Hospitality Award. Always the first to greet new people, her long-time care of Paul Sanio and the beautiful memorial service show what Christian love looks like. She is a hug specialist!

Edie Holmes– Our very own pastry chef who is always willing to bake a beautiful and delicious cake for any occasion, even on short notice. Our bake sales have become legendary because of Edie's pies. (We fight over them!) She is also always willing to sign up and work any event and she makes it fun!!

Jo Sixt – The worker bee award describes her!! She always says, "what can I do to help" and is willing to do whatever it takes to make the event special. She is dedicated to Tuesday morning coffee hour/ prayer time and community dinners.

Liz Lowth – Has spent many years collaborating with Women's Fellowship at dozens of events. Currently recovering from health issues, she will soon be up and running full steam!

Shirley Kriedeman - Shirley has been a dedicated member of Women's Fellowship and Workers Union for many years. She is kind enough to set the dining room tables for our monthly community dinners, and it always looks great! Her brownies are famous!

Helen Boling – Helen's artistic talents were very clear when she set up the Imagine That Art Expo! Wow! It was beautiful! As co-chair of Women's Fellowship she is a great partner with me (Suzanne) as we bounce ideas back and forth to produce plans.

Bonnie Cady (added by Shannon 😊) - Bonnie is just beautiful inside and out! She is always ready to help and lend a hand! Bonnie is an amazing photographer and writer! We are blessed to have her in our church family!

So, there you have it folks! Our ladies have lots of talent and enthusiasm for every project we do. This past year we had a chili cookoff, Rummage Sale, Art Expo for Imagine That, Annual Picnic at Kathy May's, Paul Sanio's Memorial Service, Antique Arts weekend, Fall Festival, quilt sale, and another bake sale. Not too bad for a bunch of "Senior" ladies!! 😊 Best of all, we love each other and everything we do. It's not work when done with love!

*Submitted by Bonnie Cady on behalf of Suzanne and Women's Fellowship*

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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](mailto:uccarcade@gmail.com) or 585-492-4530.***

**Lenten Food Collection** – If you have extra and wish to help the local food pantries, we will have a place to collect any donations and will get them to the pantries. There is always a need for various food items to help support our local PAC food pantries. We thank you in advance for your support.



## In Memoriam

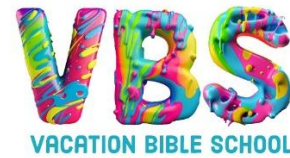


We are deeply grateful for the example William Kerstetter showed during his life and for the profound influence he had on his grandson, Pastor Josh Bower. Mr. Kerstetter passed away peacefully at his home in Pennsylvania on December 12, and we extend our sympathy to his family on the loss of their husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, and brother.

While his family members were watching online, Pastor gave a heartfelt tribute to his Pappy during the December 7 worship service. He later officiated at his Pappy's memorial service on January 10 at the Rote United Methodist Church.

Pastor wrote the following on his Facebook page on December 15: *"My Pappy was the most kind-hearted man I have ever met. He helped anyone in need and never expected anything in return. He cherished his family and every person he met became an instant friend. I am blessed to have had this wonderful man as my grandpa for 31 years and his impact on my life cannot be overstated. His memory will be a blessing to me and all who knew him until we meet again."*

Memorials may be sent to his church, of which he was a longtime trustee and very active member, or to the local fire department, of which he was a founding member: Rote United Methodist Church, 102 Beagle Road, Mill Hall, PA 17751 or to the Lamar Township Vol. Fire Company, 91 Firehouse Road, Mill Hall, PA 17751.



## Free Community Winter Break Vacation Bible School at Arcade UCC!

Arcade UCC is delighted to offer Vacation Bible School during the winter break! Kids will get to spend some time in a fun and safe environment where they will participate in fun and educational activities, take part in interactive Bible stories, have snacks, do crafts, play games, and much, much more! See below for signup and more info!

**Dates:** Tuesday – Thursday, Feb. 17-19

**Time:** 9:15 am – Noon

**Ages:** Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Cost:** FREE!

**Sign up:** Register your child with the link below. A permission slip will be sent to you.

**More Questions:** Call 585-492-4530 or email [uccarcade@gmail.com](mailto:uccarcade@gmail.com)

Middle and High School helpers are welcome!

**Registration can be completed on the Arcade UCC website at:**

<https://www.arcadeucc.com/vbs>

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## Souper Bowl of Caring

It's that time again! **Souper Bowl of Caring presale soup sale** with pickup after worship service on **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Our soups this year are: Beef on Weck, Buffalo Chicken, Cabbage Patch, Hamburger, Mushroom and Taco. **Cost is \$7 per 12oz. and all proceeds go to our local food pantries.** Contact Vanessa Adams at 716-258-1022 to place your order. There will also be a sign up at church on Sunday, Feb. 1. **All orders need to be received by Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.**

If you do not want soup but would like to support Souper Bowl of Caring you are welcome to make a monetary donation and/or bring your non-perishable food items to church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026!

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in our community!



The Women's Fellowship of Arcade UCC will be holding a Bake Sale during the Arcade Winterfest on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am – 2 pm. Be sure to stop by Arcade UCC while you're out enjoying the Winterfest to pick up some delicious goodies!! The Bake Sale will be set up in the church library.



**Please consider providing baked goods for the Women's Fellowship Bake Sale**

**during the Winterfest (Sat., Feb. 14). Thank you in advance for your help!**

**Mark Your Calendars!  
Palm Sunday Cantata  
Sunday, March 29, 3 pm**

**More information to come!**



## 2026 ARCADE WINTERFEST!



There are so many activities happening the weekend of the Arcade Winterfest, February 13-15! Come on out and join in the fun! Check the Arcade Winterfest Facebook page for a schedule of events and/or to register for events:

<https://www.facebook.com/arcadewinterfest>

The theme this year is, "Winterfest is for Lovers," which matches perfectly as it falls on Valentine's Day weekend!

Our Winterfest Committee works very hard to bring you so many great events, such as the craft show, chili cook-off, pancake breakfast, parade, scavenger hunt, 5K run/walk, fun activities for kids, hockey tournament, dodgeball tournament, and so much more! It all kicks off Friday, Feb. 13 at 6:30 pm with the Winterfest Pageant, which is held at the Arcade Elementary School (admission \$5). Again this year, the Arcade Free Library will be having a book sale, and the Women's Fellowship of Arcade UCC will have their Bake Sale as well. They will also be participating in the Chili Cook-Off! There is truly something for everyone! We hope to see you out and about at this year's Winterfest!!

**Lion's Club Winterfest Pancake Breakfast**

**Arcade UCC Wetzel Hall**

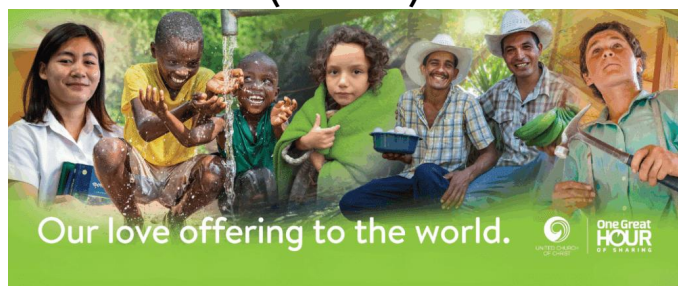
**Sat., February 14, 2026, 8-11am**





As you're getting into that spring cleaning, please keep in mind, our **Rummage Sale** will be coming up before long! **Friday, May 1** and **Saturday, May 2**. Please hang onto any items that you could donate for the sale! Drop-off dates will be announced soon. Thank you in advance!

## One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports partners worldwide with ministries that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries, and both international and domestic disaster response.

Arcade UCC will recognize OGHS in March. Please watch for offering envelopes in the Sunday bulletins toward the beginning of the month. Other ways to donate: mail checks to United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 71957, Cleveland, Ohio 44194 or give online via a secure donation form using this link: <https://support.ucc.org/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/one-great-hour-of-sharing/one-great-hour-of-sharing-donation>

## 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](http://www.arcadeucc.com) for up-to-date information, pictures, calendar of events and more!



## 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!

## DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation recently notified us that our church and annex buildings are among those that are being nominated to become part of a Downtown Commercial Historic District. Being part of such a district offers some protection from the effects of federal and/or state sponsored or assisted projects, and makes properties eligible for state preservation grants. Listed properties are also eligible for certain tax credits, but that will not pertain to us, since the church is tax-exempt.

A meeting of eligible property owners is scheduled for February 2 at the Arcade Village Office to learn more about the proposed district. Property owners who object to having their property listed have to do so before the NYS Board for Historic Preservation meets to consider the district on March 12. Further information is available from the Church Historian, Jeff Mason.





## Looking Back on Christmas 2025...

*This was submitted by Karen Czesak, taken from a Facebook group titled, "The Grandparent's Club."*

Christmas changes after 50 years...  
Not because it loses its shine—  
but because you finally see  
where it was shining all along.

When I was younger,  
I thought Christmas lived  
in the doing.  
The lists.  
The errands.  
The rushing from one moment  
to the next.

I thought the magic depended  
on how full the house was,  
how loud the morning felt,  
how much we packed  
into a single day.

I didn't know then  
that magic gets quieter with age.

Now it shows up  
before anyone else wakes.  
In the soft glow of the tree  
reflecting years I've lived.  
In the silence that isn't empty—  
just full of remembering.

After 50, Christmas carries layers.  
Each ornament is a chapter.  
Each tradition remembers  
who started it  
and who kept it going.  
Each song brings back a version of myself  
I didn't know I'd miss.

You start noticing  
how many Christmases are behind you,  
and how precious the ones ahead have become.

I didn't understand before  
how quickly children grow into adults,  
how parents turn into memories,  
how a year slips past  
without asking permission.

But here I am now—  
moving slower,  
listening more,  
holding tighter.

Because Christmas after 50  
isn't measured in excitement.  
It's measured in gratitude.

It's lingering in hugs.  
It's saying the prayer twice.  
It's letting the dishes wait  
so the moment doesn't have to.

It's realizing the gifts that mattered most  
were never wrapped.  
They were the voices at the table.  
The people who came back home.  
The ones who are no longer here—  
but still somehow present.

And maybe that's the gift of growing older.  
You stop trying to recreate the past  
and start honoring it.  
You stop chasing the feeling  
and start recognizing the blessing.

So here's to Christmas after 50—  
where joy is softer,  
faith is steadier,  
love is deeper,  
and meaning feels close enough to touch.

And if you're here reading this,  
may you know this truth:  
the same God who carried you  
through every December before  
is still with you now.

Still faithful.  
Still present.  
Still making all things sacred—  
even the quiet ones.





## Looking Ahead to 2026...

*This was submitted by Karen Czesak, taken from a Facebook group titled, "The Grandparent's Club."*

This next year,  
I'm choosing joy.  
Not because life suddenly became lighter,  
or because every unanswered prayer found its ending—  
but because I've learned what it costs  
to carry heaviness longer than necessary.

I've learned that sorrow can take up residence  
if you let it.  
That grief doesn't always announce itself  
loudly—  
sometimes it slips in quietly  
and settles into the ordinary days.

So this year,  
I'm choosing joy on purpose.

I'm choosing it in the mornings  
when my body reminds me of all the years I've lived.  
In the mirrors that tell the truth about time.  
In the memories that ache and bless me  
all at once.

I'm choosing joy in the small, overlooked  
moments—  
coffee growing cold on the counter,  
laughter drifting in from another room,  
the sound of someone I love just being here.

I'm choosing joy without waiting  
for life to make sense first.

Because I know now—  
waiting for perfect is how joy gets postponed  
until it's almost forgotten.

This next year,  
I'm choosing joy even when the house is quiet.  
Even when the calendar is full  
and my heart still feels a little empty.  
Even when I miss people  
I can't call anymore.

I'm choosing joy that coexists with sadness.  
Joy that doesn't deny the hard things,  
but refuses to let them have the final word.

I've carried enough "what ifs."  
Enough "if onlys."  
Enough seasons where surviving  
was mistaken for living.

This year,  
I'm living.

I'm choosing joy in slowing down.  
In saying no without guilt.  
In loving deeply without keeping score.  
In being present instead of productive.

I'm choosing joy that doesn't need permission  
or approval  
or explanation.

Joy that looks like peace.  
Joy that sounds like gratitude.  
Joy that feels like finally exhaling  
after holding my breath for years.

I don't know everything this next year will bring.  
I don't know what it will take  
or what it will ask of me.

But I know who I am now.

And that's someone who chooses joy—  
not because life is easy,  
but because life is precious.

This next year,  
I'm choosing joy.

And I'm not waiting another season  
to begin.



## In Memoriam

### CARLTON W. TALBOT II

We learned recently that Carlton W. Talbot II passed away peacefully at his home in Bridgton, Maine, on December 30, 2024 at the age of 87. He came to our church as the interim pastor in 1983. After being called as our pastor, he and Jane moved into the parsonage on Park Street and remained here until they returned to Massachusetts in 1990. Carl's parents, Carlton and Cora Talbot, had been longtime friends of the late Gordon and Leah Caner of Arcade. They moved here from Batavia after their son became pastor and were active in the life of our church.

During his time here, Carl was active in the Pioneer Association of Churches, the Arcade Lions Club and the Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce, and was heavily involved with the observance of our church's 175th anniversary in 1988. Carl organized and led multiple retreats for our church family at Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center and at Camp Duffield. It was at the 1989 retreat when Rev. Dr. William Briggs, our State Conference Minister at the time, spoke about the new health and nutrition project that was starting in the remote mountains of Honduras. There was a major need for a medical doctor to help with the project. It was at this retreat that Dr. Gordon Comstock answered the call and our 36-year involvement with NY/HELP Honduras had its beginning.

After leaving the ministry, Carl worked as the manager of the Songo River Queen excursion boat in Naples, Maine. At the time of his passing in 2024, he was survived by his wife, Jane; his three children, Andrew, Jill and Jeffrey; his stepson, Matthew; his sister, Claudia; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. There were no memorial services. His obituary can be found at [hallfuneralhome.net](http://hallfuneralhome.net) in Casco, Maine.

## Financial News

### November 2025

#### Revenues:

Pledges: \$5,127.33  
Regular Giving: \$435.00  
Loose Offering: \$565.00  
Fundraisers: \$0  
Misc. Donations: \$153.00  
Online Service Charge: \$-13.99  
**Total Revenue: \$6,266.34**

#### Expenditures:

Benevolences: \$0  
Office/Administration: \$2,659.43  
Pastoral Administration: \$5,949.52  
Worship & Music: \$2,503.19  
Education Ministry: \$0  
Outreach Ministry: \$0  
Buildings & Grounds: \$1,118.95  
Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: \$0  
**Total Expenditures: \$12,231.09**  
Deficit for November \$5,964.75

### December 2025

#### Revenues:

Pledges: \$6,256.33  
Regular Giving: \$495.00  
Loose Offering: \$398.50  
Fundraisers: \$200.00  
Misc. Donations: \$88.00  
Online Service Charge: \$-10.61  
**Total Revenue: \$7,427.22**

**Transferred from Savings to cover deficit \$10,000**

#### Expenditures:

Benevolences: \$1,603.18  
Office/Administration: \$1,137.66  
Pastoral Administration: \$5,458.14  
Worship & Music: \$1,236.22  
Education Ministry: \$0  
Outreach Ministry: \$230.42  
Buildings & Grounds: \$2,176.43  
Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: \$0  
**Total Expenditures: \$11,842.05**  
Surplus for December \$5,585.17

Budgeted Revenue: \$117,244.00

Expenses: \$161,018.49

YTD Revenue received as of December 31, 2025:

\$35,717.52 + \$10,000 from savings

YTD Expenses as of December 31, 2025: \$35,122.20



# Committee Reports

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

January 11, 2026

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

- **Call to Order & Cares and Concerns and Opening Prayer** Meeting begins 10:45AM, Sheila opened with prayer. Prayers for Suzanne and Stacey.
- **Review of Minutes:** motion to review at next meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Community Suppers:** Dec. served 45 and \$152 taken in. Dirk reported he ordered roaster liners.
- **Shepherd's Program:** Continued thanks to Carol and Karen for doing this special job for us.
- **Bible Study and Coffee Break:** Continues each Tuesday.
- **Rides to Doctors Appointments: Margaret Homan Memorial:** There are none scheduled at present.
- **New Photo Directory:** . Kim will contact Shannon about ordering the paper for the directory. Stacey has suggested heavy bond paper. We will order the white 3 ring binders, with 1" rings, 5 ½ x 8 ½" for the directory. Each will hold a maximum of 200 pages. There will be a place for the church picture on the front. Stacey has said she was volunteering to do the work for the directory and has not requested any amount to do the work. However, we feel she should be paid for her time. We will try to find out what would be a reasonable amount for this type of work.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Lenten Food Collection:** We will again collect food for Lent but will only ask without any pressure for anything people are able to contribute. Kim will contact Shannon about placing a notice in the Carillon and bulletin. Ash Wednesday is February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Adjournment and next Meeting:** Has not been scheduled yet. TBA
- **Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Common**

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The Endowment Committee held two meetings in November. At the first meeting, we re-elected our officers for 2025-26: Jeff Mason as chair and Randy Lutz as treasurer. We also reviewed the dollar amounts that were available for disbursement between then and September 30, 2026. At our second meeting, we voted to give \$1,000 to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to be used to assist a family within our church family with expenses related to a serious medical issue, as needed. We also voted to provide \$500 to the Village of Arcade to assist customers who are having trouble paying their electric bills during the winter heating season.

## COUNCIL MEETING – January 18, 2026

**In attendance:** Bill Schaper, Rich Vogt, Dirk Norwich, Jay May, Vanessa Adams, Kim Common, Bonnie Cady, Amy Tillinghast, Pastor Josh Bower, Kathy May (subbing for Shannon)

**Opening Devotional:** Bill Schaper – "The Privilege of Serving Your Church"

**Devotions for March 26 meeting:** Rich Vogt

### Pastor's Report:

Pastor Josh reported a very busy but nice Christmas Season. There was nearly twice the need for help during this Christmas Season and because of this the Discretionary Fund has taken a hit and needs to be watched. There have already been 4-5 requests for help since January 1. The Imagine That program continues to flourish and their Christmas program was a highlight in December. The event was well attended by the children's family members and UCC church family. Amy Tillinghast mentioned that she didn't feel connected to the Imagine That program due to the fact that she is working when they meet and unable to participate. She wondered if more pictures could be run onscreen during Sunday church service. Vanessa Adams suggested maybe this could be done during offering time. Bonnie Cady volunteered to be responsible for getting pictures to Vanessa who will include them onscreen.



### Old/Continuing Business:

Church Cameras - Wiring for the cameras is complete and installation of the cameras will take place soon.

Open and Affirming – Final vote on becoming an Open and Affirming church will come soon.

### New Business:

The church roof continues to lose shingles with all the wind events that have happened this year and this should be addressed sooner rather than later. Bill Schaper said we have been keeping up with repairs every year at a cost of \$2,000-\$3,000 a year, but last year it was not addressed. Jay May questioned if there were grants from UCC Conference for repairs? Vanessa will check with Western Area UCC and Pastor Josh will send some national UCC links to Jay for him to investigate.

Pastor Josh reported he had received a call from Emily Hung from NYS Clean Energy Hub regarding space to host a Health and Housing Resource Fair on April 11. The purpose is to provide resource information for those in need of help. After discussion, all agreed it would be a great idea to host. Logistics of who would be responsible for overseeing this event will be discussed later.

Church sign – After updating the programming software for the sign, we have not been able to upload new information to the sign. Bill Schaper reported he is not receiving any response from the company that sold us the sign, and we need to go in a different direction to solve this problem. He would like to speak with the people at Utz Tire as they have the same sign and have been able to get around this issue. Jay May volunteered to speak with Utz as he is there several times per week anyway.

Mtg. adjourned: 11:30am. Next Mtg.: March 26, 2026



### The Carillon

The Carillon is being compiled, proofed, emailed, printed and mailed by Shannon King and Audrey Erick. Please give your articles and reports to Shannon via email or written out. We hope to produce a quality newsletter. Any suggestions are welcomed. **The deadline for the March issue is February 20, 2026.**

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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