

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade
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IT'S
 GRADUATION
 TIME!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Scarlett Caldwell, daughter of Blake and Courtney Caldwell and Great-Granddaughter of Deb Wood, graduated from preschool at Hope Lutheran! "Peace out, preschool!"
 Congratulations, Scarlett!



Cailynn Call received her Master's degree in Educational Leadership from SUNY Fredonia!
 Congratulations, Cailynn!



From Ginger Comstock

On May 18th I joined my daughter, Barb, and family to celebrate my grandchild, Bowie King, who graduated, Summa cum laude, from

the University of Hartford Art School on May 18th with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. They describe themselves as an illustrator, printmaker, and aspiring comic colorist.

Needless to say, we were all very proud of them!

Barb, Kim and I made their "bouquet" from paint brushes, colored pencils sharpies, and markers.

Check out Bowie's website to see their illustrations:
<https://bowieo.squarespace.com>

Congratulations, Bowie!



From Nick Tillinghast

On Memorial Day weekend, I graduated from Vassar College with a major in Film Studies and a correlate (minor) in Studio Art, having met the requirements for general and departmental honors. During my senior year, I directed two senior thesis film projects: a short documentary about a local chess club, and a short narrative comedy that I wrote about a surreal job interview, both of which were screened at the college in May. Additionally in May, I performed an hour-long organ recital sponsored by the college featuring the works of Bach, Mendelssohn, and Messiaen.

Over the summer, I plan on finalizing editing on my two thesis films so I can submit them to various local and international film festivals for the next year. I also plan on applying to local production assistant jobs and continuing to develop my own scripts and films.

Congratulations, Nick!



Elle Holland, granddaughter of Mick and Molly Holland, received her Master's degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio on May 16, 2025. She will be a genetics counselor, hopefully in the Buffalo area. She received her bachelor degree from RIT in Rochester, NY and competed on the swim team for four years. She is the daughter of Ryan and Heather Holland. Congratulations, Elle!

Upcoming Events

WEEKLY: Gentle Exercise class - Mondays at 10 am. All are welcome!

WEEKLY: Coffee Break & Open for Prayer, Tuesdays from 9-11am, Arcade UCC library. Bible Study at 10 am.

- Student Art Expo and Reception – Sun., June 1, Wetzel Hall
- Women's Fellowship meeting/picnic – Mon., June 2, Kathy's house
- Strengthen the Church offering, Sun., June 8
- Talent Auction bidding: June 8-22.
- Workers Union meeting, Wed., June 11, 12 pm, Great Room
- Talent Auction will be held June 22 following worship service.
- UCCNY Annual Meeting in Albany, June 6-7.
- VBS – June 25-27, 11:15 am – 3 pm
- Free Community Dinner, Sat., June 28, 4-6 pm



June Birthdays

2 Elli Lang	14 Laurie Sledge
4 Kim Common	19 Bill Schaper
5 Christian Lang	21 Amy Tillinghast
7 Rich Vogt	23 Shannon Rogers
11 Hailie Sopic	24 Joel Ferry
11 Conner Call	25 Sam Tillinghast
11 Carter Call	29 David Czesak
	30 Courtney Caldwell

June Anniversaries

Randy & Debi Lutz – June 15, 23 years
John & Bonnie Cady – June 23, 41 years

June Readings

- 1 Acts 16:16-34**
Ps 97
Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26
- 8 Acts 2:1-21 or Ge 11:1-9**
Ps 104:24-34, 35b
Rom 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17 (25-27)
- 15 Prov 8:1-4, 22-31**
Ps 8
Rom 5:1-5
John 16:12-15
- 22 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and**
Ps 42 and 43 or Isa 65:1-9 and
Ps 22:19-28
Gal 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39
- 29 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Ps 77:1-2, 11-20**
Or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 and Ps 16
Gal 5:1, 13-25
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

June Readers and Greeters

Date	Reader	Greeters
6/1	Sheila Vrenna	John & Bonnie Cady
6/8	Vanessa Adams	Diane Szpak & Edie Holmes
6/15	Jay May	Randy & Debi Lutz
6/22	Debi Lutz	Amy & Nate Tillinghast
6/29	Rich Vogt	Ginger Comstock & Jo Sixt (TOAST)



The next Carillon issue will be a combined issue and cover July and August. If you have anything you would like included before September, please email the church office with it by June 20th!

NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

Arcade UCC's Rummage Sale



A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to and worked at the Rummage Sale last weekend! Your time and support are greatly appreciated and made the sale a big success! \$1450 was given to the church general fund! THANK YOU!!



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Carol Abel on her 45th anniversary of church membership on June 14, and to Helen Boling, Deb Wood and Stacey Fudela on their 20th anniversary of membership on June 12.

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

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!



In Loving Memory of Evelyn Hummer



We extend our deepest sympathy to Al Hummer and his family on the loss of their wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Evelyn Hummer, who passed away on May 2. Evelyn and Al joined our church in 2021, after their previous church in the Buffalo suburbs closed. They worshipped with us regularly whenever they were staying at their "second home," and Evelyn enjoyed participating in church activities such as Gentle Exercise and Bible Study. Pastor Josh officiated at her service on May 7 at the Amigone Funeral Home on Sheridan Drive. Memorial donations may be made to the North Bailey Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary, 966 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst, NY 14226.

Arcade UCC's Outreach Committee Continues to Provide Support to the Local Community



Members of the Outreach Committee took shifts on Sat., May 10 at the Arcade Marketplace to collect food for the local food pantries. 10 boxes of food supplies were delivered to the pantry at the Methodist Church and \$243 in cash that was dropped off at Hope Lutheran's food pantry! \$50 of the cash donation was a memorial gift in memory of Sue Lester from a very kind young man. Thank you to all who participated in any way to help support our community in this vital way!



Vacation Bible School will be held on Tues., June 24 – Thur., June 26 from 11:15 am – 3 pm. The focus this year will be on community with visits to the police station, library and much more! Stay tuned for more information!



Coffee Break and Open for Prayer are every Tuesday from 9-11am! 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!



Student Art Expo at Arcade UCC! Join us Sun., June 1st following worship service for a Student Art Expo and Reception in Wetzel Hall. For a donation to the Imagine That after-school program, you can choose one of the students' original art pieces to take home!



Arcade UCC's Talent Auction Returns! **Sunday, June 22nd**

Bidding will run Sun., June 8 -Sun., June 15.



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

A printed copy of the Amazon Wish List is available by the mailboxes in the Library.

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



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.



Hope Lutheran's Day Camp

We added a week for 2025! Hope Lutheran Church will be offering **SIX** weeks of 2025 Summer Camp. Camp runs Monday-Thursday from 8:30am-3pm for each of the following weeks:

Week 1: July 7-10

Week 2: July 14-17

Week 3: July 21-24

Week 4: July 28-31

Week 5: August 4-7

Week 6: August 11-14

Hope Day Camp is a faith-based camp with daily activities include devotions, science, arts and crafts, music, challenge courses, gym time, free time and more. This is for students in ANY local school district! The program runs from 8:30am-3pm and offers breakfast and lunch each day.

NEW!!! Our Next Generation Day Camp is **NEW** this year and just for 7th graders! It is all the traditional fun, but more of it on another level: **MORE FUN, MORE GAMES, MORE REFLECTION TIME, MORE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT** (Guitar lessons, arts & crafts)!

Half Day Camp is a half-day option for potty trained students Ages 3-5. This program is offered during **Week 4 Only: July 28-31** from 8:30-11:30am.

Register your kiddo and learn more here:

<https://hopearcade.org/daycamp/>



Submitted by Jay May

This year's Ride for Roswell is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th...our team (Team May) is riding on the 10-Mile River Route leaving from the UB Campus at 9:00AM. Our team is made up of family members who have been a significant part of my Cancer Journey; encouraging me, supporting me and pushing me along its path. There were also a lot of giggles, smiles and tears along the way. It's been a tradition of ours to go to the Ride Kick-Off event on Friday, June 27th at the UB campus to celebrate with the parade of the various department's Medical and Research staffs and some of the Cancer Survivors. This part of the weekend is the most emotional part; you get to see some of the patients that were going through the same treatments. We all get to follow up with old friends made through Roswell.

And...this is the 30-year anniversary of the Ride for Roswell! Come out and show your support!

For anyone who would like to stay local and still ride for Roswell, Sheila Vrenna and Ginger Comstock will be riding in the Arcade Park on that same day. Please contact one of them if you would like to join them! They would love to have more folks join them! They will be raising money as well and any money donated will be given to the Ride for Roswell.



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

Donations welcome which are given to various needs in the community.



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.**

Strengthen the Church Offering



The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. **By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.**

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Contributions can be made online at any time [here](#).

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).



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

June 28th – **Team 3** – meatball sub
 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



COMMUNITY DINNER

Sat., June 28

4-6pm

Meatball Sub Dinner - Team 3



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.

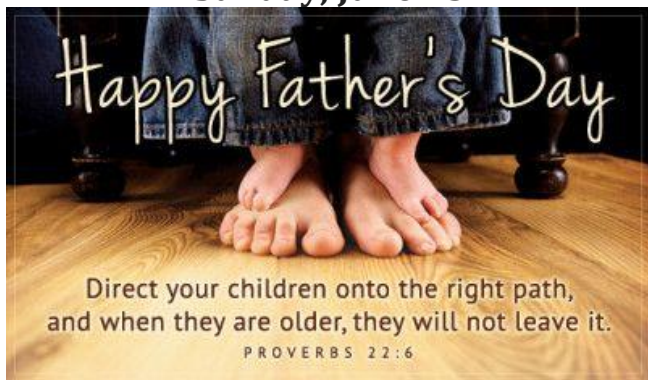
Recognizing Memorial Day



"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived." – George S. Patton

We hope everyone had a safe Memorial Day weekend and we recognize and honor all who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Sunday, June 15th



Happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers, and all men who help to make a difference in a child's life!

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!



Financial News

April 2025

Revenues:

Pledges: \$10,835.00
Regular Giving: \$395.00
Loose Offering: \$399.00
Fundraisers: \$0
Misc. Donations: \$0
Online Service Charge: \$0
Total Revenue: \$11,832.00

Expenditures:

Benevolences: \$1,044.00
Office/Administration: \$2,930.99
Pastoral Administration: \$5,834.27
Worship & Music: \$2,072.80
Education Ministry: \$183.54
Outreach Ministry: \$53.92
Buildings & Grounds: \$969.00
Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: \$0
Total Expenditures: \$13,088.52
Deficit for April \$1,256.52





Council Meeting Minutes May 18, 2025, following worship service

Present: Bill Schaper, Pastor Josh Bower, Deb Wood, Vanessa Adams, Dirk Norwich, Amy Tillinghast (Treasurer), Jay May, Bonnie Cady (Not present: Rich Vogt, Shannon King)

Meeting called to order at 10:50 am by Bill Schaper. Opening prayer by Pastor Josh Bower.

Devotions for July 24 – Dirk Norwich

Pastor's Report –

- **Ordination meeting – July 9th – Pastor Josh and his committee**
- **Imagine That** – About to wrap up – May 29th final day.
- **VBS** – last week of June – Tues – Thur.
- **Cameras** – will order when ready to work on the project – perhaps over the summer
- **Pulpit coverage - July 27th service (Rich?), Aug. 24th service - Bill**

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee – boundaries. Vanessa thinks we should remind folks to respect Josh's days off (Fri. & Mon.). Josh doesn't mind but some things can wait. Josh will write something up for the Carillon and bulletin.

Old/Continuing Business –

Church Cameras – covered in Pastor's Report

- **"Dream On" Open & Affirming – Open & Affirming Committee** – team back together to:
 - Create covenant and then present to congregation (make changes if needed)
 - Mock vote to gauge where folds are and then determine when actual vote will happen or do we need more discernment

New Business –

- **By-Laws:** time to revisit: Bill would like us to review the whole thing to see if anything needs to be updated. Bill will email us a copy – be ready to discuss at the July meeting.
- **Vanessa will take minutes at July meeting too (thank you, Vanessa!)**

Adjourned at 11:10 am. **Next Meeting – July 24, 2025, 6:00pm.**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING May 15, 2025

Members present: Sheila, Dirk, Debi, and Kim

- **Call to Order & Cares and Concerns and Opening Prayer**
Meeting begins 10:49, Sheila opens with prayer. Prayers for Jo S.
- **Community Suppers:** Update: May served 84, \$162 in donations. Team members list up date was sent to Shannon.
- **Shepherd's Program:** Sheila checked with Carol A. about how many stamps she had available prior to the price increase for cards of get well and sympathy.
- **Open for Prayer and Coffee Break:** Will continue each Tuesday over the summer with Pastor Josh and Bible study.
- **Rides to Doctors' Appointments:** One appointment has been scheduled and Sheila and Jim will drive.
- **Food Pantry Collection:** The food collection at Brass went well. 10 boxes of food were collected and \$242 contributed even though the US Postal service was collecting the same day. The food was taken to Methodist church and \$\$ to Hope Lutheran.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Church Picnic:** Will happen this year on Labor Day weekend Aug. 31st. We are hoping to bring games this year to play after dinner so people can continue to socialize more after eating.

- Fall Festival:** Discussion already beginning about our committee basket.
- Adjournment and next Meeting:** A motion to adjourn made by Debi and 2nd by Dirk, Meeting ended at 11:15AM Next meeting tentatively June 29,2025

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Common

WEATHER FORECAST

GOD REIGNS
and the
SON SHINES
EXPECT
SHOWERS
OF
BLESSINGS!



✓ Every day
GOD is good!

The LORD is my Shepherd Ministries

The Carillon

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