

The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

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Rolling Stones

All expectations are flipped on Easter morning. The women arrive at the tomb, expecting to find Jesus' body, but instead, they are met with an empty space and a giant stone that has already been rolled away. And while the resurrection is obviously the headline here, let's pause for a moment and acknowledge the practical side of things: that stone was enormous. It was heavy, dusty, dirty, immovable. And rolling stones – literally or metaphorically – is hard, heavy, exhausting work.

What stones are blocking our way? Sure, we don't have a physical tomb to deal with, but we all have metaphorical stones that keep things buried. That apology we know we should make but keep avoiding because it's easier to pretend we forgot. The difficult conversation we should have but instead distract ourselves with another episode of whatever we're binging on TV. That church supply closet in the basement that we've been meaning to clean out, but honestly, we're a little scared of what might be living in there. The committee meeting where we'll inevitably be "voluntold" to lead yet another event. The thing is, these stones don't just move themselves. They sit there,

blocking the way, keeping us from seeing what's possible. Sometimes they even keep us from witnessing resurrection.

Resurrection isn't just something that happened to Jesus. It's something that happens through us and to us when we choose to roll away the stones keeping us stuck. Wendell Berry, in his poem *Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*, tells his audience to,

"Be like the fox who makes more tracks than necessary, some in the wrong direction. Practice resurrection."

What if resurrection is less about one big miraculous moment and more about the small, daily choices we make? The moments where we choose courage instead of fear. The moments where we lean into the work of transformation, even when we're exhausted. The moments where we don't wait for someone else to move the stone, but get in there and start to push it ourselves.

And we can always take heart that the women at the tomb didn't have to move the stone themselves. In Matthew's Gospel, an angel does it for them. Sometimes, we get the same grace, day after day. We receive help we weren't expecting, a moment of clarity we didn't ask for, a push from God through others when we were just about ready to give up.

So this Easter, maybe ask yourself a few questions -
What's your stone that needs rolling?
Who might help you move it? And what resurrection is waiting on the other side?

And if nothing else, let's at least roll away the stone in front of that church supply closet before whatever is living in there starts charging rent. Happy Easter, and happy rolling.

Peace,

Pastor Josh

Upcoming Events April

- Mon., 4/7 - Women's Fellowship mtg., 11:30
- Sun., 4/13 - Palm Sunday Cantata, 3 pm, Hope
- Sat., 4/26 - Free Community Spaghetti Dinner –
4-6 pm, Wetzel Hall
- Sun., 4/27 - Begin to bring in items for
Rummage Sale, take to Wetzel Hall
- Sun., 4/27 - Outreach meeting after service
- Sat., 5/3 - Earth Day town-wide clean-up,
9am-noon, meet at Village Office



April Birthdays

1	Molly Holland	19	Debbie Roll
1	Justin Schaefer	20	Skip Tillinghast
6	Madeline Hall	24	Patty Langley
12	Bill Hall	24	Adaline Gertis
18	Jay May	25	Jo Sixt
19	Eddie Holmes	26	Bonnie Cady

April Anniversary

Peter & Connie Roll – April 7, 25 years

April Bible Readings

- 6 Isa 43:16-21 and Ps 126
Phil 3:4b-14
Isa 43:15-21
John 12:1-8
- 13 Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40
Isa 50:4-9a and Ps 31:9-16
Phil 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49
- 20 Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 65:17-25 and
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
- 27 **Acts 5:27-32** and Ps 118:14-29 or
Ps 150
Rev 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



April Readers and Greeters

****Please note: Greeters are now being asked to also fill the role of Usher on their day. If you are unable to fill this role, please contact Shannon in advance and we will find someone to take the Usher's duties for you. Thank you!**

Date: 4/6
Reader: Nate Tillinghast
Greeters/Ushers: Diane Szpak & Edie Holmes

Date: 4/13
Reader: Kim Common
Greeters/Ushers: Randy & Debi Lutz

Date: 4/20
Reader: Rich Vogt
Greeters/Ushers: Jeff Mason & Mike Tanner

Date: 4/27
Reader: Sheila Vrenna
Greeters/Ushers: Jay & Kathy May



NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE

UCC Night at Beer Justice!



Friday, March 14 (3/14) was π Day, and those who attended Beer Justice that night were in for a treat! Skip and Nick Tillinghast provided great music for UCC Night! Special guest, Sam Tillinghast, joined them for a couple numbers as well! It was a great turnout as members of Arcade UCC packed the place! It was a fun night and a Pi Day to remember for all who came!
(Photo credits: Vanessa Adams and Jeff Mason).



Gwen Becht celebrated her 97th birthday during the birthday celebrations after a March worship service. Gwen's birthday was March 12. Happiest of birthdays, Gwen!!

(photo credit Ginger Comstock)



Two of the Roll cousins, Dona and Wyn, were confirmed into membership 60 years ago, on April 11, 1965.

Roxanne Tuttle joined our church 30 years ago, on April 30, 1995.

If anyone has good 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.



Committees for Community Dinners

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

April 26th – **Team 4**, spaghetti

May 24th – **Team 1** – sloppy joe

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

**UPCOMING FREE COMMUNITY
DINNER**
Saturday, April 26, 4-6 pm
Spaghetti dinner
Dine-in only!
Spread the word!

Earth Day Cleanup



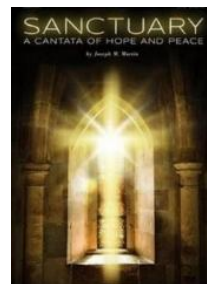
Arcade's Earth Day Townwide Cleanup

Arcade will be having its annual Earth Day townwide cleanup on **Saturday, May 3** from **9am-noon**. **Meet at the Arcade Village Office by 9 am** to receive gloves, bags and your assignment of where to help clean up! All are welcome to help beautify our community! Your help is greatly appreciated!



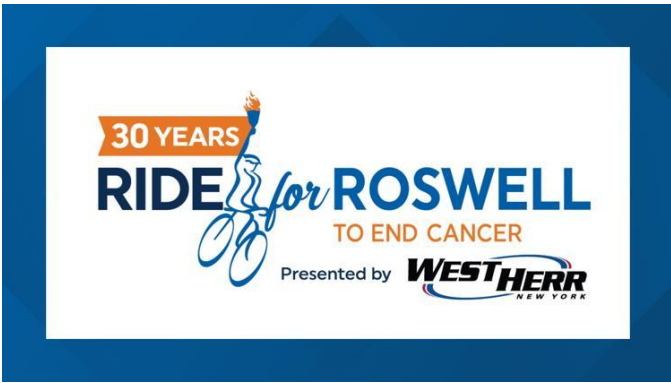
Margaret Homan Memorial "Rides to Doctors" Mission

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.



Palm Sunday Cantata News!

This year's Pioneer Association of Churches (PAC) **Palm Sunday Cantata** will be performed at **Hope's Community Center, April 13th at 3:00 p.m.** **Free admission!** Accessible to all! Pioneer Area musicians, dancers, and friends will present *Sanctuary: A Cantata of Hope and Peace* by Joseph M. Martin. Come and experience this musical journey of faith and discover a place of refuge in God's unfailing love and sanctuary of grace. Enter into Holy Week with us. Donations of toiletries and non-perishable food items will be collected to support our PAC Food Pantries.



Ride for Roswell

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.



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.

Coffee Hour, Open for Prayer and Bible Study Every Tuesday Morning!



Coffee Break and Open for Prayer continue on Tuesdays from 9am – 11am! Come enjoy free coffee, refreshments and good conversation! Bible Study will be held at 10am as well. Meet in the church library. Open to the community. Spread the word!



**Gentle Exercise Class
Every Monday at 10 am in Wetzel Hall.
All are welcome!
See Shannon King with questions.**

RUMMAGE SALE

**Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3
9am-4pm
Arcade UCC Wetzel Hall (basement)**

Rummage Sale to benefit the General Fund Organized by Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship is organizing a rummage sale to be held on **May 2 and 3 from 9am – 4pm. All profits will be donated to the general fund.** Everyone is encouraged to participate. The following is a **partial** list of suggested items that can be donated. As you do your spring cleaning, keep these in mind. Please have all items clean and ready for sale. **We are unable to accept items until Sun., April 27. Please bring items directly to Wetzel Hall.**

Clothing: Baby and children's clothing – **ADULT CLOTHING accepted only with original sales tag.**

Kitchen: dishes, cookware, dish towels, pot holders, small appliances, utensils, heaters, canning supplies.

Bedding: blankets, sheets, quilts, bedspreads, comforters – **NO BED PILLOWS please.**

Home: afghans, throws, deco pillows, throw rugs, tablecloths, picture frames, knick-knacks, antiques, curtains, draperies, antique furniture.

Bath: small accessories, towels, washcloths, bath mats, scales, shower curtains (NEW shower curtains only please)

Electronics: DVD's and DVD players, CD's and players, radios, game systems, record players, fans, heaters, all in working condition – **NO TV'S OR COMPUTERS**

Personal: purses, scarves, gloves, jewelry, watches, belts, etc. **NO SHOES**

Crafts: All craft items – yarn, buttons, craft books, thread, trims, fabric, batting, polyfill, scissors, etc.

Kids: Toys, games, car seats, booster seats, high chairs, strollers, baby furniture

Outside: lawn ornaments, urns, flower pots, gardening tools, lights, lawn furniture

Books: All books – **NO ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

Sports: Sporting equipment (especially kids) balls, bats, hockey sticks, shin guards, skates, helmets (biking, snowmobiling, motorcycle) adult and kids, skis, camping gear, hunting and fishing gear, sleds, games

Hand tools: Saws, hammers, drills and bits, trimmers, screwdrivers, etc.



Join us for an unforgettable evening that combines the fun of sampling an array of culinary delights with the joy of making a difference. Enjoy complimentary valet parking, entertainment by Brother James, silent auction, raffles and more!

**Thursday, April 3, 2025
6:00-9:00pm**

Fox Run at Orchard Park, One Fox Run Lane,
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Basket Raffle tickets go on sale starting Thursday, March 13 at 3:00pm and from 8:00am-8:00pm from March 14 through April 2 at the Fox Run Front Desk. View the baskets and take a chance!

Spirits for Seniors Yeti Raffle

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**Drawing
April 3, 2025
at Sips, Suds & Sweets**

**Total Value
Over \$750**

**Tickets
1 - \$10
3 - \$25**

Must be 21+ Years of Age to Purchase. Need Not Be Present To Win.

You may also purchase tickets for the Yeti Cooler Raffle.

MEAT RAFFLE

TO BENEFIT
DUNKIRK CAMP AND
CONFERENCE CENTER

MAIN TRANSIT FIRE DEPARTMENT
6777 MAIN ST, WILLIAMSVILLE NY 14221
FRIDAY APRIL 11TH

DOORS OPEN 6:00PM
FIRST SPIN 7:00PM

\$10 PER TICKET

TICKET INCLUDES:
BEER, SODA AND A CHANCE AT DOOR PRIZES
DOOR PRIZES: FREE WEEK AT CAMP &
BUFFALO BILLS BOOZE BASKET
(NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL ALLOWED)

BASKET RAFFLE AND SIDE RAFFLES
AT ADDITIONAL COST

**FOR TICKETS EMAIL RACHEL
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**What Does a
Mobile Device
Security Strategy
Look Like?**

To Secure Your Mobile Devices:

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1. To prevent unauthorized access, your device should be protected with a strong password, PIN, or biometric authentication, like fingerprint or facial recognition.
2. Automatic updates ensure your device receives the latest security patches, protecting you from vulnerabilities and threats. You will also get access to the latest features and enhancements as soon as they are released.
3. Only download apps from official app stores such as Apple App Store (IOS) or Google Play (Android). Before downloading, check reviews, app permissions, and the previous downloads an app has before installing.
4. Install trusted software to remotely track your device. This software also enables remote wipe capabilities in the event your device is lost, stolen, or decides to go on its own adventure.
 - **Find My iPhone - For iOS Devices:**
 - Open the Settings app
 - Tap on your name at the top, then select Find My
 - Tap Find My iPhone and toggle it on
 - You can use the Find My app or iCloud website to remotely wipe your device if needed



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.

- **Locate My Device - For Android Devices:**
 - Open the Setting app
 - Go to Security
 - Tap on Find My Device and toggle it on
 - You can then use the Find My Device app or website to remotely wipe your phone if needed

5. Be cautious when logging into online services or performing sensitive transactions over public Wi-Fi networks which can be insecure. Instead, consider using your carrier's cellular network. If Wi-Fi is the only option, keep a close eye out for any app or browser warnings, and if you receive one of these warnings, disconnect from the network immediately.

- Only use trusted mobile payment applications such as Apple Pay or Google Pay.
- When setting these up, use a credit card instead of a debit card as it carries extra protections.
- It is important to verify payment information before completing a transaction. Confirm that you know who the recipient is before transferring funds.
- Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) across all your accounts and apps. An extra layer of protection against being pinched by cyber-attacks.



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!



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!



Committee Reports

Outreach Minutes

March 23, 2025

PRESENT: Sheila, Ginger, Dirk, Jo, Debi and Chet

CALL TO ORDER and Prayers and Concerns:

Meeting was called to order at 10:45 am. Sheila opened with a prayer.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Jo to accept the February minutes, seconded by Ginger. All approved the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY SUPPER: Feb. served 100, collected \$171.00 in donations. Dirk's co-worker Adam was a great help.

SHEPHERD'S PROGRAM & LETTER WRITERS: Carol Abel and Karen Czesak continue to send out cards for get well and sympathy.

OPEN FOR PRAYER and COFFEE BREAK: Will continue as usual while Jim & Sheila are away.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTIONS: Next collection will be Sat. May 10th at Brass's.

RIDES TO DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT: None scheduled at this time.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY: Chet, Debi and Ginger are working together to find a photographer. It was thought that Universal's package prices were higher than people would be willing to spend. Need to find out what fees may be charged for a phone app directory.

MAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION: Will be May 10th from 10am to 4pm at Brass' Market Place. Will keep our usual schedule of teams and times.

NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Debi and second by Chet to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am. Next meeting will be April 27, 2025 after church.

BUILDING & GROUNDS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

January, 31, 2025

In attendance: Bill Schaper, Randy Lutz, Bruce Dennis, Dona Roll, Kathy May, Ginger Comstock

The purpose of the meeting was to transfer information from the past Building & Grounds members and to organize the current members. Although Bill Schaper and Randy Lutz are no longer officially on the committee both have agreed to help the committee with whatever they can.

Topics covered: elevator, lawn maintenance, basement windows, ceiling tiles, sink fixture, carpet cleaning, plowing, cleaning, roof repair. Full minutes from meeting in the church office.



Worship Music Minutes March 13, 2025 7:00 P.M.

Present: XVanessa Adams XPastor Josh Bower (ex-officio) XKim Common XGinger Comstock XKathy May XDona Roll (ex-officio) XSkip Tillinghast XHelena Vogt XRich Vogt

- Joys and concerns shared
- **Opening Devotions Discussion- Cosmic Eye** <https://youtu.be/8Are9dDbW24>
Redefine what it means to be ordinary. Cultivate meaning and purpose. Embrace your community and contribute. Get out into Nature.
- **Budget-** question regarding FICA addition; Vanessa will contact Amy
- **Worship**

Lent /Easter – “Good Enough” from WorshipDesignstudios.com- very much appreciated. Josh is enjoying this series, after even one Sunday. Positive feedback from the group. The website is not as intuitive as Sanctified Art.

Holy Week – Vanessa will talk to Shannon about ordering Palms.

Decision: Agape meal -- Thursday, 4/17 at 6pm. - foot washing and hand washing.

Agape meal- crock pot Beef Stew- Vanessa will share recipe that they used in WI for Maundy Thursday. Sign up for people attending so we know how much to make. No Good Friday service.

Easter: more music

Pastor Josh's Sundays off:

April 27th- Ask Lennox

May 25th- Celebration of the Arts - Dona

June 29th – ask Bill.

July 13th -

- **Technology:** small issue with the optic camera in the back of the church but Skip switched it with the one on the East wall and they are currently working
- **Music:** Palm Sunday 40 min Cantata 4/13, 3pm, at Hope: *Sanctuary (A Cantata of Hope and Peace)* by Joseph M. Martin; no dancers this year
- **Next Meeting:** May

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 May issue is April 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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