

# The Carillon

United Church of Christ, Congregational, Arcade

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**September 2025**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Free School Supply Giveaway!



For the fourth year in a row, Arcade UCC provided a free school supply giveaway for Pioneer Middle and High School students. While the elementary schools within the district provide the needed supplies for their students, families of middle and high school students are given the opportunity on a first-come, first-serve basis to gather their school supplies at Arcade UCC.

The Arcade Salvation Army generously supplied the backpacks for this giveaway again this year and members of the church spent a few hours filling those backpacks with the school supplies provided by the church and generous donations. A special thank you to Judy Haberer for coordinating this donation from the local Salvation Army and delivering the backpacks to us each year! In all, 165 backpacks were filled and handed out to families in the Pioneer community!

All backpacks were given out well before the end of the time allotted for the giveaway!

This outreach program has had great success over the past four years and is met with sincere appreciation from area families. We thank all of our volunteers who helped to make this happen! Our community is so grateful!!





### September Birthdays

7	Bruce Dennis		
7	Linda Korczak	16	Autumn Osburn
9	Ashley Romance	19	Len Mason
10	Chris Karpinski	22	Jaleesa Sledge
14	Wally Lowth	25	Vanessa Adams
16	Courtney Caldwell	29	Dona Roll

### September Anniversary

David & Karen Czesak, 9/21, 40 years

### September Bible Readings

7	Jer 18:1-11 and Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 or Deut 30:15-20 and Ps1 <b>Philemon 1:1-21</b> Luke 14:25-33
14	Jer 4:11-12, 22-28 and Ps 14 or Ex 32:7-14 and Ps 51:1-10 <b>1 Tim 1:12-17</b> Luke 15:1-10
21	Jere 8:18-9:1 and Ps 79:1-9 or Amos 8:4-7 and Ps 113 <b>1 Tim 2:1-7</b> Luke 16:1-13
28	Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Ps 91:1-6, 14-16 or Amos 6:1a, 4-7 <b>1 Timothy 6:6-19</b> Luke 16:19-31 Psalm 146



### Upcoming Important Dates at a Glance

- On **September 7**, we will celebrate **Commitment Sunday** – a time when we prayerfully and generously respond to our commitment in support of our congregation for 2025-26. PLEASE, plan on joining us for worship that day as we commit to God our financial support. This is a **VERY** special day this year, because the UCC NY Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Marsha Willimas will be joining us! Please plan to be here for this wonderful service!
  - **Women's Fellowship** meeting, Mon., Sept. 8, 11:30 am, Arcade UCC
  - **Workers Union** meeting, Wed., Sept. 10, Lois Anneler's home in Rushford, noon
  - **Memorial Service** for Paul Sanio, Sat., Sept. 27, 11 am. Luncheon to follow.
  - **Free Community Dinner**, Sat., Sept. 27, 4-6 pm, sloppy joes, Team 4 working
  - **Budget Hearing** – Sunday, Sept. 28
  - **Sept. 28** -Deadline for non-financial **annual reports** from committees.
  - **Fall Festival** – Sat., Oct. 11
  - **Annual Meeting** – Sunday, Oct. 19
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### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**Reminder to Committees/Groups!**  
**Please submit your non-financial annual reports for 2024-2025 by September 29<sup>th</sup>!**  
 Email them to Shannon at [uccarcade@gmail.com](mailto:uccarcade@gmail.com) if possible! Thank you!



The Nominations Sign-up sheet for the upcoming Annual Meeting will be available on the sign-up table outside the Sanctuary door from September 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>.



## September 7, 2025 Promises to be an Amazing Sunday of Worship!



The UCC NY Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, will be joining us for our September 7 worship service at 9:30 am! She will be speaking on the importance of supporting and partnering with God's work in our current world. The service will be themed around the 2025 UCCNY Annual Meeting. There will be a small reception to follow the service. We are so excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Williams to join us on this day and we hope that all of you can join us as well!



### Stewardship – Commitment Sunday

**Sunday, September 7** is **Commitment Sunday**, a time when we prayerfully and generously respond to our commitment in support of our congregation for 2025-2026. A pledge card has been mailed out with a letter from Pastor Josh. Your card can be returned by dropping it off in the offering plate when you attend in person service or by mailing it to the church (PO Box 95, Arcade, NY 14009.) Your commitment for the 2025-2026 year is greatly appreciated.

*From Ginger Comstock*

### 35<sup>th</sup> UCC General Synod

Attending the UCC General Synod for me, whether as a delegate or a guest, is always a combination of reconnecting with friends I have made along the way and meeting new people who become friends. The community feeling is very much present throughout the entire time.

The Synod in Kansas City was five days of a whirlwind of plenary sessions, workshops, wonderful worship with great music, as well as times to visit the many exhibits to buy t-shirts, books and other things.

Part of the business of the synod was nearly a dozen resolutions that the delegates became familiar with, discussed, publicly spoke for and against, and finally voted on. As a guest, I could attend the discussion on whichever resolution I chose, where I could gather information and perhaps voice an opinion even though I could not vote.

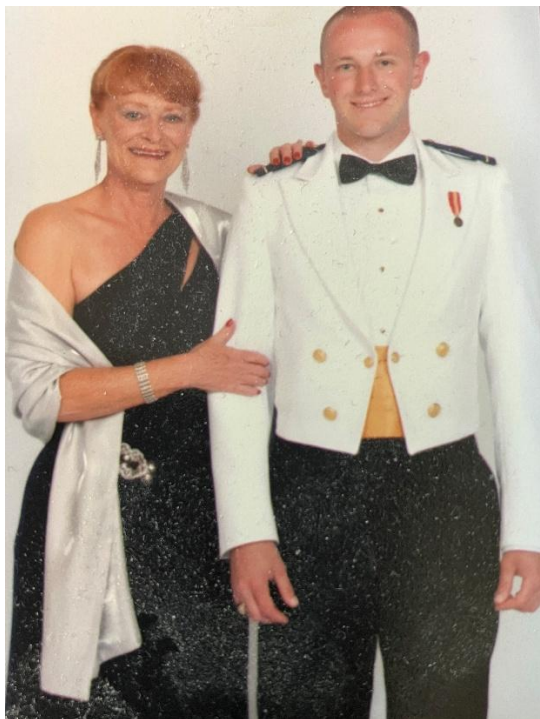
Each day we explored different restaurants and had some great BBQ, which Kansas City is famous for, as well as many others.

On our way to our hotel, we drove by the Kansas City Central Library where the exterior of the parking garage is clad with a Community Bookshelf.

There was also time for a little fun.



I plan to continue to go to future synods as long as I am able.



## Lieutenant Commander Collin E. Tuttle

Prospective Commanding Officer, CGC  
*Mobile Bay*

A native of Western New York, LCDR Collin Tuttle received a commission from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in 2012. He arrives in 2025 to serve as *Mobile Bay's* 20<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer.

A permanent cutterman, he has previous afloat tours as Deck Watch Officer on board CGC *Active* (WMEC 618) in Port Angeles, WA, Executive Officer on board CGC *Katmai Bay* (WTGB 101) in Sault Sainte Marie, MI, and Operations Officer on board CGC *Mackinaw* (WLBB 30) in Cheboygan, MI.

LCDR Tuttle holds a Bachelor's Degree in Marine and Environmental Sciences from the US Coast Guard Academy and a Master's Degree in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has completed two tours at the Coast Guard Academy as an instructor of Marine Science, where he taught and mentored more than 500 members of the Coast Guard's officer corps during their tenure as cadets. While at the Academy, he taught ten

courses in Meteorology, Oceanography, Geospatial Information, and Great Lakes Science.

He is a proud parent of two daughters: Juliette, age ten; and Eleanor, age four. He is joined by his Partner, Missy.

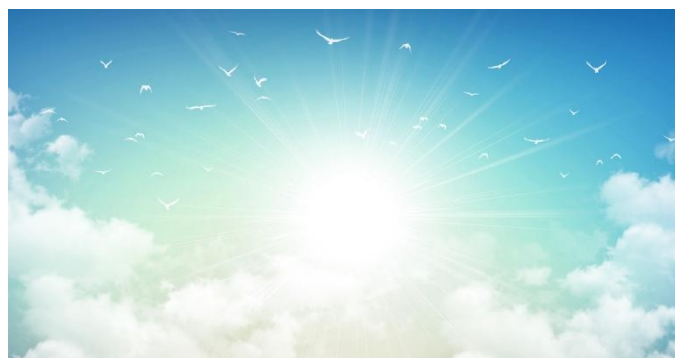
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### In Memoriam

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Roxanne Walton Tuttle on the loss of their mother, step-mother, grandmother and sister. Roxanne passed away peacefully at home on July 3.

Roxanne and Jack joined our church in 1995, and their son Collin was confirmed here in 2005. Roxanne was active in church functions, including her service on the Endowment Committee. Jack died in 2009, and she moved to Silver Lake several years later. She and her companion, John Migliore, continued to worship with us occasionally, most recently this past Easter.

While living in Arcade, Roxanne was the owner/operator of the former Fashion Emporium, and later was a home visitor for the Even Start program at Pioneer. She took enormous pride in the accomplishments of her son, Collin, whose career in the Coast Guard is detailed in the accompanying article. Following a service at the funeral home in Perry, Roxanne is now with her parents and Jack at the Wethersfield Smith Corners Cemetery.



Pastor Hope Harle-Mould recently had 14 devotionals published in the July-September issue of *These Days*. A copy can be found in the church library near the mailboxes. His devotions can be found in the Sept. 7-20<sup>th</sup> section. Below, you will see his Saturday, Sept. 20 devotion which has a special connection to Arcade UCC.

**Wise as serpents, gentle as doves**  
**Amos 8:4-7**

### Meet Me at the Neighbor

*We will...*

*Practice deceit with false balances,  
Buying the poor for silver  
And the needy for a pair of sandals.*  
Amos 8:5b-6

God calls us to care for those exploited by the powerful; Dr. Gordon and Ginger Comstock listened. From New York, they traveled to Honduras twice a year for thirty years.\* They built the first medical clinic in the Yoro Mountains. Partnering with the indigenous Mataderos tribe and reaching twelve villages, they constructed four schools, started two sewing classes, supported a furniture-making school, and hired a permanent nurse.

I joined NY/HELP Honduras on a mission trip with my fourteen-year-old daughter, Jessie. The warmth, welcome, and joy of the Honduran people were contagious. Despite language barriers, we put roofs on homes, painted schools, installed stoves, bought one hundred Honduran-dressed dolls for resale, and hosted soccer tournaments. Please pray for La Laguna, not needy people but friends teaching us to walk humbly with God.



*God, may I trust in your ways as my  
Honduran friends do as they pray. Amen.*

*Hope Douglas Harle-Mould, Buffalo, NY*

\*Laney Hill, "The Small Town, Big Heart Doctor,"  
*Herald-Courier*, October 31, 2019,  
<https://www.herald-courier.com/articles/the-small-town-big-heart-doctor/>.



## NY/HELP News

### NY/HELP Honduras Work Trip - August 2025

At the beginning of August, NY/HELPers traveled to the mountains of Honduras to spend a week in the village of La Laguna.



Here's a photo of el grupo. Rigo, Anna, **Reina Castro**, **Mirtila Garcia**, Aracely, Mirtila's sister, Judy, Judy's new best friend (we'll have to get her name when all are stateside), **Jen Muttillio**, and **Drew Toner**!

While there, they painted the outside of the clinic building, which had not been painted in a number of years. Reina, the Honduran coordinator, and Rigo, the group's translator, helped with the painting as well.



*Drew w/Cousin  
Anna & Grandma  
Judy*



*Reina*



The kids especially enjoy it when people from NY/HELP visit. They like the games, bubbles, kites, and having books read to them. They are often at the windows looking in and grinning when the group is eating. They seem so happy to please.



*Judy with bubbles*



*Boy flying a kite*



*Anna with bubbles*

Entertaining the children...creating memories of a lifetime!



*Jen reading to girls*

From Ginger Comstock:  
The children always seem to be happy, unless they are at the clinic because they are sick. They love interacting with our group. They love it if we have books for them, and especially if we read the books to them. They are basically like kids anywhere!

From Jen Muttillio, Judy Toner's daughter/Anna's Mom:

"Mom had many conversations about their needs and how we can help. Made it out of the mountains yesterday (Tuesday). ... We painted the clinic, entertained the children, and visited two schools, La Laguna and Los Mataderos."

Ginger:

Their houses are relatively simple, one or two rooms with hopefully a stove made of Adobe and a stove pipe to take the smoke out. The roofing material (lamina) has to be transported up the dirt road at the bottom of the mountain.

Jen:

"Donations provided a roof for a man named Ivan. Here are pictures of his present home, the roofing material, and the area that will become his new home. He made progress on his new place while we were in La Laguna."



Ivan's present home,

roofing material,



making progress on his new home.





Do YOU want to help?

We're thrilled to announce an online fundraiser for NYHELP/Honduras through Pampered Chef! Our goal is to raise \$1,417.00, which will help cover one month's salaries, medical supplies, and contribute to purchasing school supplies. Here's the great part: once we reach \$650.00 in sales, Pampered Chef will donate 30% directly to NYHELP, and Dona will add another 10%! That means a total of 40% back to NYHELP! For instance, if we hit \$5,000 in sales, NYHELP will receive \$2,000—goal accomplished! Plus, you'll get to enjoy new, high-quality products that make meal prep easier and more enjoyable!

Here's how you can help the wonderful people of Honduras:

1. Join our Facebook event page if you're a Facebook user:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2003003373440363>

2. If you're not on Facebook, check out our NYHELP/Honduras Pop-up Shop here:

<https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/2290408dve>

3. Spread the word! Invite your friends by forwarding this message or giving them a call.

**Deadline to qualify for the Pampered Chef giveback to NY/HELP is Thursday, September 4.**

If you have any questions, please reach out! Text Dona at (716) 676-2573, send her an email at [drroll@yahoo.com](mailto:drroll@yahoo.com), or send her a Facebook message here: <https://m.me/donarae.roll>.

## NEWS OF OUR PEOPLE



**Congratulations to Cailynn Call, who is the new assistant principal at Springville Elementary School!**

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Ginger Comstock and Sheila Vrenna rode with a few other participants at the Arcade Park on Saturday, June 28 for the Ride for Roswell. They raised \$2,242 for Roswell Park! Wonderful news! Thank you for your time and dedication to this great cause!

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Dona Roll has been using her connection with Pampered Chef as a consultant to help fundraise for various causes including NY/HELP (see previous article) and the local PAC Food Pantry! Thank you to all who have purchased products in support of her fundraising efforts! Be good, do good! 😊



***\*\*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.***



## Did You Know?

*From Bonnie C.*



Four years ago, when John and I joined UCC Arcade, we never imagined how big a part of our lives it would become. Working with “our kids” in both the afterschool program and VBS has been amazing – watching these kids grow and thrive makes the work so worthwhile. Various other committees and projects were fun, as well as getting to know all the fantastic people in the church. Being asked to be on the Council was a great honor and I happily accepted.

One thing I truly enjoy is being a member of the Women’s Fellowship. Anyone can join, there are no dues and all are welcome. When I first joined, I had no idea about everything this group does, so maybe other church members feel like I did. They work hard to coordinate with all the other committees at the church to make sure that everything runs smoothly and nothing conflicts with something else. The basic premise is that we try to meet what the church needs at any particular point in time.

One of the biggest things that the Fellowship pays for is all the coffee and supplies for coffee hour after Sunday’s service, as well as making sure that we have volunteers for the goodies we all enjoy. The annual bake sale covers this expense and 10% goes to the general fund. This is the only fund raiser that the Fellowship keeps.

100% of the rummage sale profits go to the general fund.

A \$2000 donation was given to the Pioneer School system for a \$500 scholarship each year for 4 years to an Arcade student in honor of Margaret and Hal Homan. The funds for this come from the annual quilt raffle so generously crafted by Kathy May and any remaining funds are used as the need arises.

The current choice of funding is to help with the children’s programs, as they are expensive and much needed. On July 30, the women voted to give \$200 to help fill the kids’ backpacks for the free school supply giveaway. Kudos to the ladies for that!! The only way to grow our church is to increase the number of younger members and children.

So, there ya’ have it folks! There’s not a lot of money but what they have is distributed as best they can and very willingly!!



### Quilt Tickets – Fall Festival Women’s Fellowship Scholarship Fund

Be sure to get your quilt raffle tickets! Kathy May once again

created a beautiful quilted masterpiece! Thank you so much, Kathy, for your time and hard work! The raffle will be held at 3 pm at the **Fall Festival on Sat., October 11**. Tickets can be purchased for \$2 each or 6 for \$10. See a Women’s Fellowship member to get them or stop by the church office. Proceeds will go toward the Women’s Fellowship Scholarship Fund. The women are excited for the Fall Fest and will be ready with their **baked goods, cookbooks** and **quilt raffle**! Be sure to stop by and see them on October 11<sup>th</sup>!



## FALL FEST AT ARCADE UCC!

Chowder, Basket Raffle, and all the usuals!

This year's Fall Fest will happen on  
Saturday, October 11, 2025.

Doors open at 11:00 am and Ticket

Drawing will begin at 3:00.

**(Ticket Booths will close at 2:15 this  
year.)**

Reverse Bingo begins at 2:30.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:**

**BUFFALO BILLS**

**BASKET RAFFLE!**

Basket includes a **Josh Allen Jersey** along  
with other **Bills' items!**



Tickets are now available from Vanessa  
Adams, Debi Lutz, or Deb Wood, at Arcade  
Marketplace, Crabb Oil and of course, at  
Fall Fest for \$10.00 each.

Stay tuned for details on our Arcade UCC  
FB page!! Proceeds go to the General Fund  
and a portion will be given to the  
Community Center at Hope Lutheran.

**Credit cards will be accepted for most  
items!**

Committee Chairs please talk to your  
members and put a basket together from  
your committee too-thanks! It takes a  
Village.....Thank you!!!!



**Memorial Service  
for Paul Sanio will  
be held on Sat., Sept.  
27 at 11 am. A  
luncheon will follow.**

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**Worker's Union Meeting  
Lois Anneler's Rushford home, Wed.,  
Sept. 11 at noon.**

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### **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. On the following  
Thursdays, a food truck will be at the Arcade Park  
from 10am-12pm for drive-thru pick-up on the  
following Thursdays:

September 11, October 9, November 13,  
December 11.

The PAC Food Pantry located at Hope Lutheran  
will be open each month on the first Wednesday  
from 4-7pm and the third Saturday from 9-11am.

Anyone in need is welcome! Please spread the  
word!

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### **Arcade's Arts & Antiques Festival**

**Sat., Sept. 13  
10 am – 5 pm**

**For the Arcade Arts and Antiques  
Festival, the Women's Fellowship  
will be displaying the homemade  
quilt and selling raffle tickets.  
Refreshments will be for sale as  
well. And Debi Lutz will be selling  
tickets for the Fall Festival Bills  
Basket. Join us in the alcove  
between the large display windows  
off Main Street!**

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED



**2025 Suggested Offering Date: October 5th**

The Neighbors in Need offering supports ministries of justice and compassion, with one third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two thirds supporting UCC justice ministries.

While many of our churches collect the offering on part of World Communion Sunday, contributions to this offering can be collected on any Sunday during the calendar year. We thank you for your support and generosity.

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### 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 new website with a whole new look, (same address) 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! 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).

## Financial Report

### June 2025

#### Revenues:

Pledges: \$7,220.00  
Regular Giving: \$180.00  
Loose Offering: \$325.00  
Fundraisers: \$1,750.00  
Misc. Donations: 060  
Online Service Charge: \$-21.22  
**Total Revenue: \$9,453.78**

#### Expenditures:

Benevolences: \$0  
Office/Administration: \$3,289.25  
Pastoral Administration: \$5,334.27  
Worship & Music: \$1,288.44  
Education Ministry: \$0  
Outreach Ministry: \$0  
Buildings & Grounds: \$2,078.99  
Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: \$0  
**Total Expenditures: \$11,990.95**  
Deficit for June \$2,537.17

### July 2025

#### Revenues:

Pledges: \$8,645.00  
Regular Giving: \$65.00  
Loose Offering: \$202.00  
Fundraisers: \$10.00  
Misc. Donations: \$0  
Online Service Charge: \$-10.61  
**Total Revenue: \$8,911.39**

#### Expenditures:

Benevolences: \$0  
Office/Administration: \$2,384.58  
Pastoral Administration: \$5,334.27  
Worship & Music: \$2,391.53  
Education Ministry: \$760.18  
Outreach Ministry: \$0  
Buildings & Grounds: \$1,194.43  
Pastor/Parish/Stewardship: \$0  
**Total Expenditures: \$12,064.99**  
Deficit for July \$3,153.60

Budgeted Revenue: \$120,475.00

YTD Revenue received as of July 31, 2025:  
\$90,229.67





## Committee Reports

### COUNCIL MEETING July 24, 2025

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

**Opening prayer:** Rich Vogt

**Devotions:** Dirk Norwich – A poem from Shawnee Chief Tecumseh

**Pastor's Report:** Youth Day at the lake will be August 7. Invitations have been sent out to families. Music with a meaning is going well. Continuing visits with homebound church members. September 14 will be confirmation Sunday for Little Rick Vogt. Communion will be served.

**Church cameras:** Cameras and everything needed to set them up have been ordered and will be here July 29.

**“Dream On” Future Planning:** Nathan Tillinghast has asked to run a TikTok page for the church. No meeting set as yet for Open & Affirming. Hoping for a congregational vote very soon.

**New Business:** Mary reported to Rich that the thermostat in the men's room was turned all the way up. Please just check the thermostats when you are in the building.

After closing with the Lord's Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

**Next Meeting:** September 18, 2025 – 6pm

### Outreach Committee Meeting

August 17, 2025

Members present: Sheila, Dirk, Jo, Ginger, Chet, & Kim.

- **Call to order, Cares & Concerns and Opening Prayer** – began at 10:45 am
- **Review of Minutes** – no questions. Passed.

#### Old Business –

- **Community Dinners** – May served 60, \$98 in donations.
- **Shepherd's Program** – Carol A. and Karen C. continue to send out cards.
- **Open for Prayer and Coffee Break** – Canceled this week only due to school supply giveaway. Will continue every Tuesday with Pastor Josh and Bible study.
- **Rides to Doctor's Appointments** – One appointment scheduled – Jim will drive.
- **New Photo Directory** – Stacey has said she can put directory together. Sheila will try to find someone to do pictures for directory.
- **Church picnic** – August 31<sup>st</sup>. Hoping to bring games to play after dinner so people can socialize more after eating. We will meet at 9:30am that Sunday to prepare.
- **Fall Festival** – Decision was made about our committee basket.

**New Business – none**

**Meeting ended @ 11:33 am. Next meeting 9/14.**

### ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

August 17, 2025

The Endowment Committee met on August 17. Our investment policy has not been revised since 1998, so we reviewed the draft of several proposed updates. No action has been taken yet.

The Endowment Fund has funded three recent projects, including \$1,000 to cover the balance of expenses for the backpack giveaway for middle and high school students; \$2,109 for security cameras; and \$8,516 for the new windows in Wetzel Hall and on the stair landing by the Church Street sidewalk door.

Since the fiscal year ends on September 30, the Endowment Committee will be meeting again in September to determine how to distribute the

money we are required to spend this year on "mission" projects. Please contact a committee member if you have a project (preferably in Western New York) that you want us to consider for funding.

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**The Carillon**

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 any of the above members. We hope to produce a quality newsletter. Any suggestions are welcomed. The deadline for the October issue is September 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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