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## CARLETON NOTES



*Our Vision Statement: With God's guidance, we envision Carleton United Methodist Church as a family, alive and growing in a trusting environment; preparing everyone who enters to live and serve in the world..*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Michigan Returnable Bottles & Cans are always welcome. A container for them has been placed inside the main doors.						
1 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> Crop Walk for Hunger 4:30-6PM Confirmation Class	2 Classroom heating upgrade work to begin— will run all week	3	4	5	6	7
8 6-7:30PM Girl Scouts	9 6:30PM Worship 7:30PM Missions	10 7PM Finance Committee	11 6PM 4 H Group	12	13	14 9AM United Methodist Men fellowship at 5th Wheel (N. Telegraph Rd)
15 Communion today 12Noon Church Council 12—4PM OneUnited 4:30-6PM Confirmation	16	17	18 6:30PM Quilts of Love	19	20	21
22 Fellowship hall rental (Baker) 6-7:30PM Girl Scouts	23 9:00AM Newsletter Material due	24 Life Line Screening Call 1-866-229-0469 for appointments	25 7:00PM Swan Creek Garden	26	27	28
28 Contemporary Worship @ 10:45AM 4:00—6:00PM Trunk & Treat. Cars participating should be in place by 5PM	30	31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2 8:30—12Noon Project Health Check		

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are a few times Jesus became frustrated, upset, and once very angry, as we read in God's Word in the Gospel of John, chapter 2, verses 13-16, when Jesus made a whip out of

cords and overturned tables after chasing those who were making the temple of worship into a marketplace.

Now please do not misinterpret this and think Jesus is saying the church shouldn't have baked good sales to raise money for a church ministry or when we have our annual church Christmas Bazar, or any other fund raising event. Our fundraising events are not to line our own pockets or grow our own businesses. They are all about God's "business" of seeking first the kingdom of God and making disciples of Christ.

With that clarified, just one more thing. Just because Jesus made a whip out of cords, chased people out of the temple who were doing the wrong business in the church, and overturned tables does not mean you can go to work or get home or at a restaurant or any other function and point to Jesus after getting arrested or losing your job or being asked to leave the premises.

Sometimes I wonder why I give such points of clarification as I just have in the two above paragraphs, but we humans sometimes need to not only have assurance of things we are doing when such lessons are given, but also warnings so as not to give the wrong instructions or implications. One example is when (in the Gospel of Mark 14:47-53) the disciple Peter tried to defend and save Jesus from being arrested, pulled out a sword and cut the arresting person's ear off. Jesus healed the man's ear and then rebuked his disciples for acting in the very opposite way he told them to.

If we counted how many times we were angered because of something happening in the world, something happening to us, something we've done, or as in the case of Peter, something happening to someone you love, then the list could fill pages and pages. If you could list the top 5 things that angered you the most, what would you write next each one about how you acted or responded? Did you implode, explode, or implode and then explode or even explode and then implode? Would there have been words thrown out that you wished you could take back? Hopefully nothing was thrown, and if so not at anyone but rather like a golf club that was lost into the little or large pond that only annoyed the fish and/or birds; the only cost to you was your cool and the cost of the club lost and the cost to replace it. There are ways in which anger can be expressed and released appropriately. Do we make mistakes? Sure! But it should never be at the cost of harming anyone else verbally (not only with yelling but also with gossip and words of malice) and, almost without needing to say, never at the cost of harming anyone physically.

God knows us all. God knows what we are feeling and thinking. God knows what we say under our breath as well as what we'd like to do if we had the power as well as none of the consequences. Yet God not only still loves us, God also calls us to overcome the desire and tendency to do that which is

harmful and I would even say evil; overcoming what's in you and well as what is thrown at your with good (Romans 12:21).

I share this because the most pain I see in the world, near and far, is from a person's harmful reaction or a group's hurtful or harmful actions. Our reactions to what hurts us can make the difference between a blessed life of grace, forgiveness and peace and a life that is terribly sad and filled with mercilessness (on others as well as oneself), as well as being unforgiving (again, of others as well as oneself) and filled with constant war and seeking revenge.

I remember when I was young and my friends and I were being bothered by someone who thought it was fun to pick on and even beat up those who were smaller or weaker than he was. I admit that for a while I learned on my own not only to defend myself but fight back. The day came and during a tough fight, I actually landed a punch squarely on his face and knocked "Goliath" down. It was as if I had taken down the evil troll of our school's playground. And if you're wondering where the teachers or school recess monitors were, the fight lasted less than a minute. We were only in elementary school. Well, let me end this story by saying that I knew he'd try fighting me again until he won. And that was no way to spend the rest of the school year. So I went up to him at the end of class, said I was sorry for knocking him out (yes, that's what I said), and I put my hand out as a gesture of peace. He shook my hand and that was the end of it. Though we played well on the playground from then on, I will be honest and say he never became a close friend. Sometimes it just doesn't end that way.

I'll end with saying God gives us the freedom to follow His ways. So you can choose to fight and fight, quarrel with those who want to quarrel with you, or you can stick out your hand. And even if the other person refuses to take your hand and attempts to fight more and more, see that Christ shows us another way. And that way, I'll be honest may look and feel like defeat for yourself, to the one you're in a fight with, and to those who may be witnesses. But know that Jesus is always 100% right. If that doesn't persuade you to be a person of peace and love, then I don't know what else would, because instead of fighting Christ allowed himself to be defeated so we could be saved.

May your life of grace, forgiveness, and peace in Jesus Christ not only bless you, but also bless and even save others close to you and distant from you.

In Christ's Love,

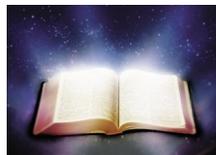
**Carleton United Methodist Church**

**General Fund Income and Expense Statement**

**January—September 19, 2017**

General Fund Income	\$126,094.22
Investment Income	\$93.25
Rental Income	\$1,580.00
Advertising Income	\$500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$128,267.47</b>
Our church home	\$50,684.79
Our church programs	\$6,631.38
Our pastoral ministry	\$59,902.31
Our outreach ministry	\$6,383.00
Unpaid apportionments (Due now)	\$12,823.90
<b>Total Expenses to Date</b>	<b>\$136,435.38</b>
<b>Net Loss to date</b>	<b>-\$8,167.91</b>

Pension & District apportionment is paid to date \$2,000 of the outstanding Common Budget apportionment has been paid



**THE GIFT AND LOVE OF GOD'S WORD**

On Sunday, September 24th, Carleton UMC celebrated Bible Sunday by giving Bibles to four great kids. Those receiving Bibles were Holden Otter, Myra VanWashenova, Jackson Vallie, and Chloe Sweeney, Congratulations kids and happy reading!



**CHURCH OFFICE DEADLINES**

Deadline to have something in the weekly bulletin — WEDNESDAYS

Deadline for the newsletter is about the 20th of each month.

Every effort is made to have the most accurate information possible at the time of printing. Submissions can be sent to the church office by email:

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Eric Eaton
- 3 Hazel Jedryczka, Karen Kessell, Mark Young
- 4 Alberta Dombek, Erin Otter, Jeanette Richman
- 5 Julie Riggs
- 6 Calyssa Reno
- 7 Trevor Kessell, Ryan Gasparovich
- 10 Jack Barnhart
- 12 Brittany Grass
- 13 Clara Gurgul
- 19 Shirley Brannon
- 23 Cheryl Marlow
- 24 Muriel Southworth

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Bob & Nancy Stone
- 8 Tom & Joanne Northey
- 12 Carl & Shirley Zlatos
- 17 Joe & Erica Lake
- 18 Matt & Krystal Stump
- 20 Jack & Corinne Barnhart
- 23 Jeff & Angie VanWashenova
- 25 John & Kathie Brazon
- 26 Greg & Mary Baker

**CHURCH CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, November 7th

All members of Carleton UMC are encouraged to come at 7:00PM for the General Church Conference. Non-members may come to this conference to learn more, but will not have a vote on any action items.

Staff Parish Relations will meet at 6:30PM.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

Our sympathy to the Schuon family on the loss of Jerry. Jerry was a great community supporter having served many years on the Airport School Board.

Our hearts are breaking for Gary & Mary Loving on the loss of his brother Bob in a car accident on September 19th.



Congratulations to Darrell & Julie Riggs on the birth of their eighth grandbaby. Cheryl & Andy welcomed a son the morning of September 20th. He joins two older brothers and an older sister at home.

**PRAYER CARDS**

Just a reminder that if you would like a prayer card sent to someone you name in worship, to please fill out one of the Green Prayer Cards found in the pew pockets and place it in the offering plate.



**Next Newsletter deadline: October 23rd**



### OCTOBER LITURGIST

1st 8:30 Jan VanHouten  
10:45 Cheryl Marlow  
8th 8:30 Jodie Bean  
10:45 Richard Mazur  
15th 8:30 Terry Brey  
10:45 Tim Bodenmiller  
22nd 8:30 Madonna Bednarz  
10:45  
29th 8:30 Diane Brey  
10:45 Contemporary Worship

### JUNIOR CHURCH

**Just a reminder that Junior Church is intended for all children age 4 to 4th grade**

1st Christine Mazur  
8th Karyn Vaughn  
15th Children in Worship  
22nd Trevor & Karen Kessell  
29th Kim Baxter

### NURSERY

**The Nursery is open for the 10:45 service each Sunday and is for all children birth to age 3. If a child has celebrated their 4th Birthday they move up to Junior Church**

1st Madonna Bednarz & Betty Duby  
8th Corinne Barnhart & Jean Baker  
15th  
22nd  
29th



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The Carleton United Methodist Church will host a day of screening on Tuesday, October 24th.

Getting screened is simple, painless, and non-invasive.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR EARLY AND WATCH THE BULLETINS FOR DETAILS**

October 1st World Communion Sunday

November 5th All Saint's Sunday  
A pasta luncheon will follow the 10:45 service sponsored by United Methodist Men

November 26<sup>th</sup> The first Sunday of Advent

December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve  
Morning worship **10:00 a.m.** (only)  
Evening worship begins with  
Carleton Brass at 6:30 p.m.

December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day—the office will be closed until January 3rd.

### LABELS FOR EDUCATION

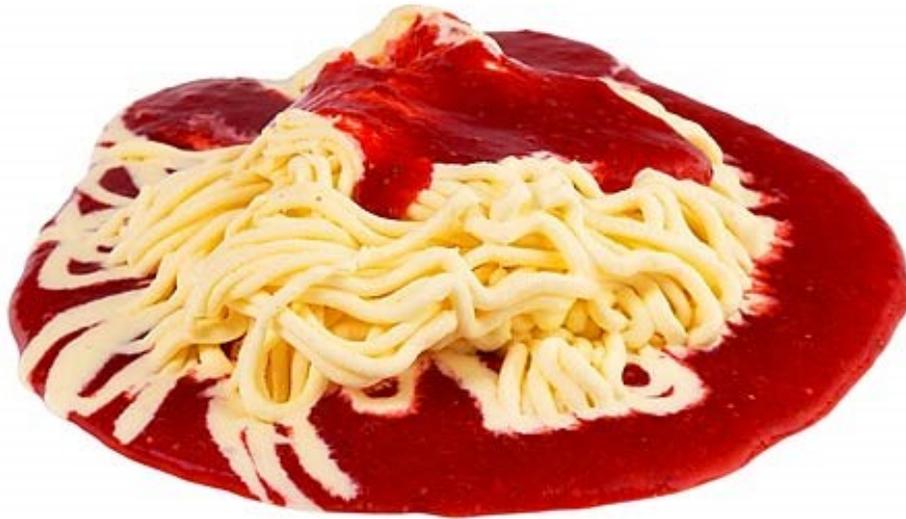
The collection of Labels for Education will be ending soon. If you have been holding on to yours, please bring them in by the end of October so that they can be sent in before the coordinator leaves for the winter. Labels from all sorts of products have the words Labels for Education somewhere near the UPC codes on the can, label, or packaging. Watch for them on all Campbell, Pace, Pepperidge Farms, Spaghetti's, Swanson, and V8 Juices.



# Trunk or Treat! Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>



4:00-5:00 Games  
5:00 Trunk or Treat  
5:15 Dinner



# Pasta Lunch

SUNDAY November 5th  
at Noon

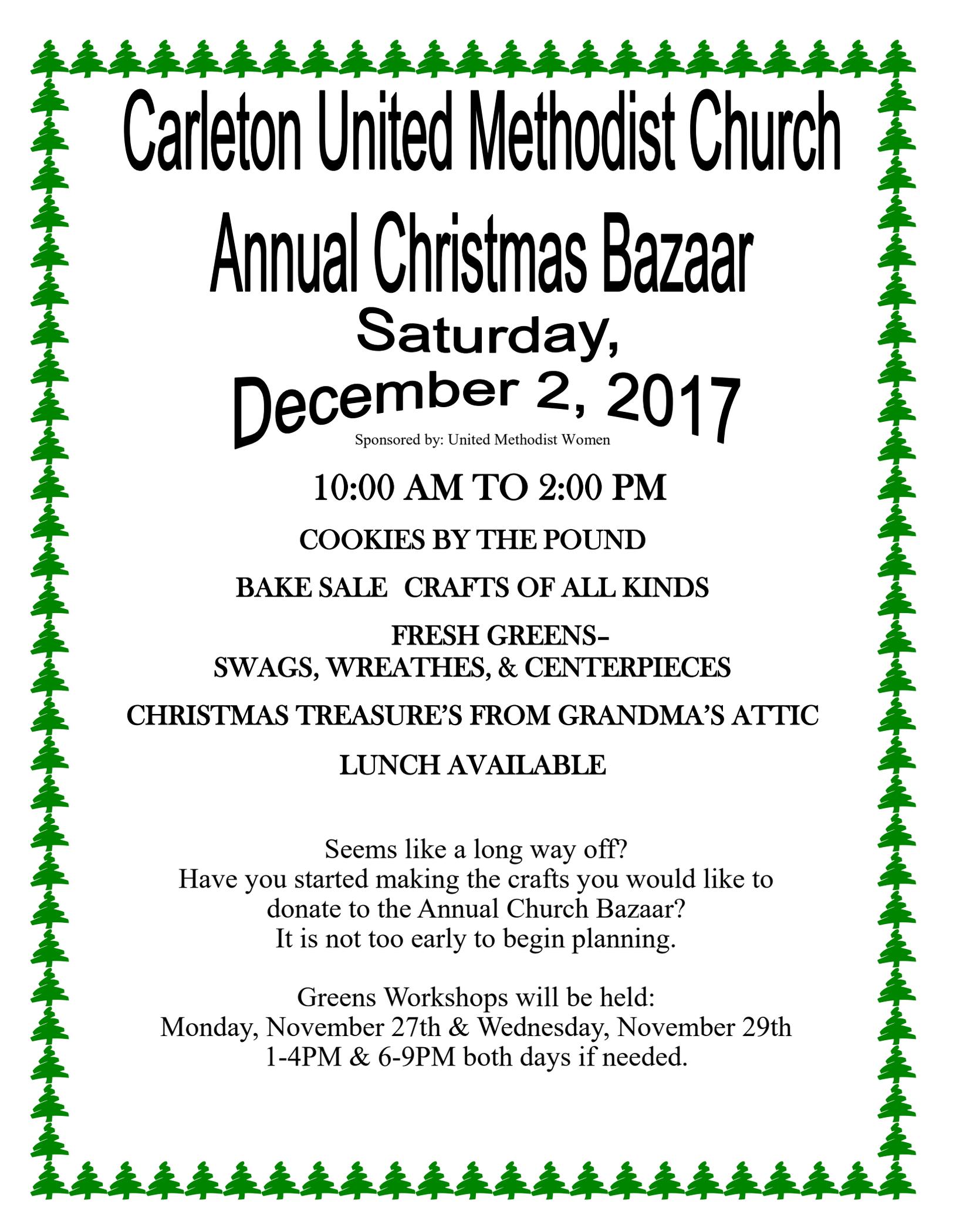
OPEN TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY

FOLLOWS THE CHURCH ALL SAINTS SERVICE.

IT WILL BE A GOOD TIME TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND  
FAMILIES TO WORSHIP AND LUNCH.

FREE WILL DONATION AT THE DOOR

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men



# Carleton United Methodist Church

## Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday,  
December 2, 2017

Sponsored by: United Methodist Women

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

COOKIES BY THE POUND

BAKE SALE CRAFTS OF ALL KINDS

FRESH GREENS-  
SWAGS, WREATHES, & CENTERPIECES

CHRISTMAS TREASURE'S FROM GRANDMA'S ATTIC

LUNCH AVAILABLE

Seems like a long way off?  
Have you started making the crafts you would like to  
donate to the Annual Church Bazaar?  
It is not too early to begin planning.

Greens Workshops will be held:  
Monday, November 27th & Wednesday, November 29th  
1-4PM & 6-9PM both days if needed.

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