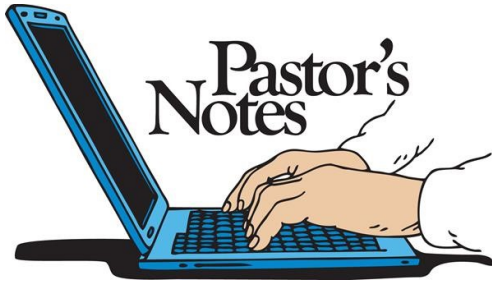


We Are a Church With A Vision

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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As time passes, not only are receiving gifts not as important for me as giving, but I have also worked hard to make giving a part of my life throughout the year. While it definitely feels good to give, I find more fulfillment in knowing the one who gave me everything I have, including my very life. This makes all the difference in the world and in heaven when we focus on remembering that God is our provider, as well as the

one who calls us to live for Him by loving Him and others.

Speaking of time, Christmas is fast approaching, and so is a new year! The other day someone told me that as you get older, time seems to go by faster and faster. That wasn't the first time I heard that. And from experience, it certainly seems like time seems to go by more quickly as I get older.

I can remember when I was a child and I helped my parents put our Christmas tree up, decorating it with so many ornaments that it looked like it would fall over because of all the weight. I remember being so excited I had a hard time sleeping Christmas Eve. And I remember waking up early to begin Christmas Day. Our tradition was to wait until our parents woke up and we gathered around to have a Christmas devotional and sort of a mini-worship service that my dad led. It was torture when I was very young since I could see the present, and it felt as though the 5-minute family devotion was stealing away my entire day of enjoying my Christmas toys.

As a pastor I have no real problems falling asleep after our Christmas Eve Candle Light Service, especially having three young children that keep me joyfully busy and ready for rest by the end of most days. This year Christmas Eve is on a Saturday. And Sunday we will have one worship service on 10:45 a.m. Depending on the timing of travel plans, and this year being the year we travel to Texas to be with Jamie's side of our family, Jamie and kids may have already driven off by then, unless plane ticket prices take in miraculous dive before Christmas. Then I will leave for Texas sometime after worship on Christmas Day or the day after to be with all together. And after a wonderful time we will return on Friday.

Why do I share all of this? It is because though time seems to pass more quickly as we get older, we also come to appreciate more the time we have with one other. So we not only make the sacrifices needed, but take joy in cherishing all the people and the gifts God has granted us. And one of the greatest ways of loving God and others is by sharing what we are able to share, and doing so all throughout the year.

So take the time to look at the gifts God has given you. Consider how you value them, how you use them, how you share them, and how you honor God with them. And when it comes to all the people God has placed in your life, may you always grow in love and service so that your life and witness to those you know and those God puts in your path may witness Christ and his saving love in their own lives too!

In Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Taek".

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men invite all to help them fill a day of “manning” the Red Kettle for the Salvation Army. A sign-up sheet has been posted at the church office for Saturday, December 10th. Again, this year they will be at Busch’s Market on Grafton from 8:45 a.m. to about 8:00 p.m. Sign-up for as many time slots as you would like and grab a partner to help you. Families are welcome to sign-up as well.



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the calls, concerns, and prayers during my recent health issues. They are all appreciated.

Edna Trainor-Lancour

Thank you to Rev. Kim, Kim Bodenmiller, and the OneUnited Youth group for coming to rake our leaves on Sunday. Our yard looks great.

Earl & Betty Duby

WALK TO EMMAUS



As some of you know I went on the Walk to Emmaus in late October. It was amazing. I enjoyed 3 days and night of singing, learning, laughing, worshipping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Everything centered on God’s grace and love. I feel renewed and stronger in my faith. I want to say Thank you to Joanne Northey for being my sponsor and everyone who prayed for me. If anyone has any questions about this awesome Walk please ask me.

Julie Riggs

GREENS WORKSHOPS

Remember the Greens workshops are Monday, Nov. 28th from 1-4^{PM} and 6-9^{PM}. Also on Wednesday, Nov. 30th from 1-4^{PM}. The late work time on Wednesday will only be held if needed. Call the church 734-654-2833 before coming on Wednesday.



The church will be open to receive your donations of crafts & baked goods from 4 –7^{PM} on Friday, Dec. 2nd.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Remember to come and shop the United Methodist Women’s Annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, December 3rd from 10:00^{AM}. to 2:00^{PM}. Pick up your “fresh” evergreen wreathes and swags, baked goods of all kinds and crafts.

Tell your family, friends, and co-workers.

BAZAAR — DEC. 3rd

10^{AM}-2^{PM}

LADIES ADVENT TEA—DEC. 11th

Ladies, (ages 12 and up) come and enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and good food. The Advent Tea is an annual event that honors the coming of Christ. You are welcome to be a hostess (co-hostess) or a guest. A hostess sets a table, makes a dessert (keep it simple) and invites 8-10 guests. Your guests can be friends or people who have signed up on the guest list posted at the office. If you are thinking of hosting a table with 8 to 10 of your lady friends, please sign up as soon as possible. We must have a confirmed hostess count by Dec. 4th for this event to take place. We hope you will make this event part of your Advent season. If you have questions call the church office at 734-654-2833.

*Hostesses please have your tables ready by
6:30^{PM} as guests begin arriving by
6:45^{PM}.*



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DURING THE 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE



Saturday December 24th

*Carleton Brass at
6:30^{PM}*

Worship at 7:00^{PM}

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway with the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Twenty-nine families were able to have a better holiday because of your generosity. Thank you to the drivers who took the time to help with deliveries. You are so appreciated. Thank you to everyone who donated turkeys and funds to purchase the perishable items needed. We can not thank you enough. Carleton UMC is truly a blessing to the community!



ANGEL'S UNITED GIVING TREE Donations due by December 11th

The Angel's United Giving Tree is now up in the lobby. The idea is to take a tag from the tree, shop for the requested item, and return the gift UNWRAPPED to the church by Sunday, December 11th.

Also at Christmas time the families on the list (which currently is close to 30 families and growing) will receive food baskets. Donations of non-perishable food items and household staples such as paper towels, shampoo, soap, laundry soap, and toilet paper will also be welcome. Please donate what you can.

A sign up sheet for turkeys and ham is posted. If you are able to purchase an additional turkey or ham but don't have room in your home freezer to hold it until December 15th there is limited room in the church freezer. Call the church office and we will help you find room to hold your donation. The sorting and packing of the food baskets will take place on Sunday, December 11th immediately after the 10:45 worship so lots of hands will be needed that day. Delivery of the Christmas baskets and gifts will take place on Thursday, December 15th beginning at 6:00PM. A sign up for drivers has been posted by the church office. Please remember that we ask that no school age children accompany you on deliveries. If you have questions, please call the church office at 734-654-2833.

Can't shop for gifts or food? A donation can is available in the lobby. As in the past we would like to supply each family with a turkey or ham for their holiday dinner as well as groceries. If you are able to donate a turnkey or ham place sign up in the lobby so we can get a count of how many we will not have to purchase.



There is a new opportunity to help support the church! Carleton UMC has been approved for the Prairie Farms 'Our Caps Your Cause' program. Many of the Prairie Farms milk (of all kinds) and orange juice jugs have specially marked Our Caps Your Cause lids. Under the logo is an 8-digit code, which is worth \$.05 to the church.

Codes can be entered at home at: prairiefarms.com/our-caps-your-cause-redemption.aspx, after selecting Carleton United Methodist Church from the drop-down menu OR just drop the lids into the jug outside of the church office. Prairie Farms products are sold at Busch's.



Kroger Community Rewards Program has approved the Carleton United Methodist Church as a rewards participant. Using your Kroger Plus card when shopping at your favorite Kroger you can help your church as well.

Those folks who already have a Kroger Plus card can log into the Kroger site at krogercommunityrewards.com. Follow the prompts on the screen to update your organization preface from the drop down list. **Carleton UMC is NPO number 61321.**

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, don't worry you can still help. You can also log into the krogercommunityrewards.com site and request a digital card. This way only uses whatever ID (code) you like at the register such as your cell phone number.

The Kroger Community Rewards site is very easy to use. We hope you will log in today and update your preference to **Carleton UMC 61321.**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Don Vaughn
3 Brooke Giedlin
4 Lanette Carmack
6 Michelle Rutkowski, Barb Young, Lonnie Stump
10 Helen Rees, Marion Taylor, Shirley Zlatos
11 Dave Vallie, Michael Sweeney
12 Whitney Bednarz, Betty Leonard,
Marvin Stump, Aaron Vallie
13 Joyce King
15 Nancy Young
19 Jodie Bean
20 Julia Helka
22 Paul Oleynik
23 Ian Stevens, Bill Umbarger
26 Lana Baas
28 Darrell Mossburg
30 Renee Derry
31 Justin Giles

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 Jerry & Melissa Morin
7 Earl & Betty Duby
10 Henry & Gina Giles

WORSHIP NOTES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 4th Second Sunday of Advent
8:30^{AM} Traditional Worship
9:30^{AM} Sunday School
10:45^{AM} Blended Worship
Communion offered at both worship services

Sunday, Dec. 11th Third Sunday of Advent
8:30^{AM} Traditional Worship
9:30^{AM} Sunday School
10:45^{AM} Blended Worship
7:00^{PM} Ladies Advent Tea

Sunday, Dec. 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30^{AM} Traditional Worship
9:30^{AM} Sunday School
10:45^{AM} Children's Christmas Program
Communion offered at both worship services

Saturday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
6:30^{PM} Carleton Brass gathering music
7:00^{PM} Candle light worship

Sunday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day @10:45^{AM}
No Sunday School today
Join us at one service at 10:45^{AM}

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day. If a pastoral emergency arises, please call Kathy LaFlure at 734-344-9383 and she will be happy to help. We will check the church answering machine daily at lunch time for messages.

DECEMBER LITURGIST

Dec. 4 8:30 Terry Brey
10:45 Cheryl Marlow
Dec. 11 8:30 Jan VanHouten
10:45 Megan Robertson
Dec. 18 8:30 Dan Gardetto
10:45 Judy Shrewsbury
Dec. 25 10:45 Morgan LaFlure

SOUND BOARD

Dec. 4 8:30 Dan Gardetto
10:45 Aaron Gurgul
Dec. 11 8:30 Dave Bean
10:45 Bill & Cathy Umbarger
Dec. 18 8:30 Joan & Judy
10:45 Bill & Cathy Umbarger
Dec. 24 7^{PM} Darrell Riggs
Dec. 25 10:45 Aaron Gurgul (one service today)

NURSERY (10:45) CAREGIVERS

Dec. 4 Joyce King & Elaine Gasidlo
Dec. 11 Cheryl Marlow & Cheryl Southworth
Dec. 18 Children's Christmas Program -Open but not staffed
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—open but not staffed
Dec. 25 Christmas Day—open but not staffed

JUNIOR CHURCH LEADERS (10:45)

Dec. 4 Karyn Vaughn & Joyce King
Dec. 11 Karen & Trevor Kessell
Dec. 18 No Class—Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 25 No Class—activity cart will be available



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Special offering envelopes will be in the December 4th bulletins so you may make a special donation during Advent. Please be sure to put your name on the envelope to receive proper tax credit.

SPECIAL GIVING

There are several outreach opportunities for giving of time and talent this Advent season.

Donations of funds for the Angels' United Giving Tree and the accompanying food baskets can be left in the container in the lobby.

Gifts from the Angel Tree are due back by December 11th.

Giving of your time to help sort or deliver the Angel Tree baskets would be another great outreach. Sorting takes place on December 11th. Delivery will take place on Dec. 15th.

Maybe your family would like to help with the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. That sign-up sheet is on the office door.

Traditional 8:30 a.m.
Blended 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.



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December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Nov. 30 1-4 ^{PM} Greens Workshops 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	1 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	2 Building open from 4-7 ^{PM} for Bazaar set up & delivery of items	3 10 ^{AM} —2 ^{PM} Christmas Bazaar
4 Second Sunday of Advent 7:00 ^{PM} Disciple Bible Study	5	6	7 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	8 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	9	10 Bell Ringing for Salvation Army
11 Third Sunday of Advent ANGELS UNITED GIVING TREE DEADLINE Advent Tea— 6:30 ^{PM} Doors open 7 ^{PM} Program begins 7:00 ^{PM} Disciple Bible Study	12	13	14 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	15 6 ^{PM} Angel Tree Delivery 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	16	17
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:30 Traditional Worship 10:45 Children's Christmas Program 6:00-7:30 ^{PM} OneUnited Christmas party 7:00 ^{PM} Disciple Bible Study	19	20	21 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	22 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	23	24 6:30 ^{PM} Carleton Brass 7 ^{PM} Christmas Eve Worship
25 CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP TODAY IS AT 10:45AM ONLY There will not be an 8:30 or 10:45 service or Sunday School No Disciple Bible Study tonight or next Sunday, Jan. 1st.	26	27	28 Bible Study will not meet this week.	29	30 Just a reminder that 2016 giving needs to be postmarked by Dec. 31st	31
	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ALL WEEK					



Sunday,

December 25th

and



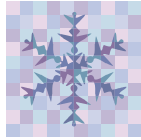
Sunday, January 1st

One service only

at 10:45A.M.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Velma Brooks
2 Bruce Lester
5 Earl Heiss
6 Gavin Metzger
8 Patricia Madaski, Dave Bean
9 Irene Shaffer
10 Fayrene Gibson
11 Melissa Morin, Michelle Toth
12 Matt Stump
14 Kathy LaFlure
15 Hunter Duschek
16 Judy Shrewsbury
17 Denise Toffoli
20 Andrew & Jonathan Kim
21 Terry Brey
23 Beth Young
24 Alvin VanHouten, Mike McLaughlin
26 Paul Etue
28 Bill Trainor
29 Cale Bodenmiller
31 Carol Jeffrey



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Mike & Tara McLaughlin
15 Darrell & Julie Riggs

**Next Newsletter deadline:
9AM January 23rd**



***MARK THOSE CALENDARS!
ONEUNITED YOUTH LOCK-IN
JANUARY 15- 16, 2017
8PM SUNDAY TO 8AM MONDAY***

SEE JAMIE KIM FOR DETAILS

***LOOKING AHEAD:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH CROSS COUNTRY SKIING***

END OF YEAR STEWARDSHIP

Year-end is a perfect time to take stock and reflect on our many blessings. It seems only natural to express our gratitude with a gift. While many of these gifts will be given to family and friends, you may also have been blessed by our church and other charitable organizations. Wouldn't it make sense to remember these special organizations too? Charitable giving is a great way to provide welcome support for others and in return it also has a way of blessing the giver.

When members of a congregation recite their membership vows upon becoming members of a church they are asked to support the church with their time, talents and gifts. One of the ways to support your church or a worthy cause is with an End of the Year Financial Gift. This is much easier than you might think. For example you could give an amount to the church that is the same value as a gift you might give your spouse, children or your girl/boyfriend. You could tithe your Christmas bonus from work or maybe give an amount equal to one hour of your pay. You could give an amount equal to the value of what you spend on Christmas cards and postage. How about giving the church an amount equal to the cost of your Christmas dinner? When you think about it, it really is easy to give a bit more for a worthy cause.

Please note that all donations postmarked by December 31, 2016 will be credited to your 2016 Giving statement. Giving statements will be issued in the first few weeks of the new year, so this time table is very important in helping us maintain accurate records.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017

Envelopes for 2017 will be available soon. If you are not currently using your giving envelopes or would like a set (to ensure accurate giving records), please request a set by calling the church office (734-654-2833) as soon as possible. As in 2016 our envelopes are available with first class postage.

As a reminder we ask that you only use the current year envelopes and either destroy or return to the church any envelopes you may have left over from previous years. Since your envelope number may or may not have changed from a previous year, we also would like to encourage you to write your name on your offering envelope.



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HOLY LAND TOUR

Join the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences and Revs. George Lewis (pastor at Carleton UMC 1993-1998) and Sherry Parker-Lewis on a 10 day tour of the Holy Land. This is an opportunity to travel with friends from around the state of Michigan and see and walk among the cities we have only read about. The dates are November 7 to 16th, 2017. More information and brochures are available from the church office.

WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

Traditional 8:30 a.m.

Blended 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m.

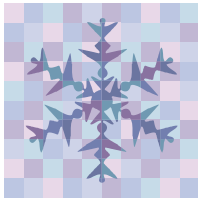
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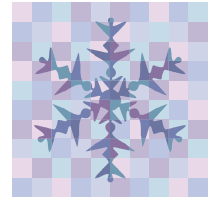
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January 2017



Don't forget: Every Sunday worship is at 8:30 and 10:45^{AM}
 Sunday School begins at 9:30^{AM}

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship today is at 10:45^{AM} only Sunday School & the 8:30 worship will not meet this week.	2	3	4 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	5 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	6	7
8 Worship at 8:30 or 10:45 Sunday school is at 9:30 7 ^{PM} Disciple Bible Study	9 6:30 ^{PM} SPR 7 ^{PM} Trustees 8 ^{PM} Church Council	10	11 12:30—6:30 ^{PM} Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	12 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	13	14
15 2017 Pledge cards due back 7 ^{PM} Disciple Bible Study <div>8^{PM} OneUnited Youth Lock in to 8^{AM} Monday</div>	16 7 ^{PM} United Methodist Women	17	18 6:30 ^{PM} Quilts of Love 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	19 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	20	21
22 7 ^{PM} Disciple Bible Study	23 9 ^{AM} Newsletter material deadline	24	25 6:30 ^{PM} Bible Study	26 6:30 ^{PM} Glory Ringers 7:30 ^{PM} Impact	27 LaFlure/Eichler rehearsal	28 LaFlure/Eichler wedding
29 Worship Today 8:30 Traditional 10:45 Contemporary 7 ^{PM} Disciple Bible Study	30	31				

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