

February 2017 Issue  
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***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,

Happy New Year! Yes, this is a little after the fact, but since the last publication of our church's newsletter was for December and January, I wanted to begin what feels like my "New Year's" article since I'm typing this out on early in January. As you can imagine, it can be a challenge to write a month in advance. Some you may find writing itself a challenge, no matter how much time you have. Believe me, I didn't begin ministry with the first thoughts of "I can't wait to write and write, especially regular newsletter articles and sermons." However, I have come to not only see the value of writing, but to also appreciate and enjoy them.

Looking back, I thank God for the way we ended 2016 with the wonderful Advent services, including the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. I also thank God for the way we all pulled together to respond to our church's financial challenge. Special thanks to Bill Vallie and Dan Gardetto for leading us well in stepping up and ending the year well. Thank you to all of you for doing your part and going above and beyond, as well as giving faithfully throughout the year. In light of last year, we have made adjustment to give more in 2017 and for future years as possible. As we strive to be good stewards of our church and its resources, we plan for another year of ministry for the making and maturing of disciples of Jesus Christ.

Looking ahead, I want to build upon the ways God has blessed our church in our worship, in our service to others, and in the ministries of our church that range from infants to our eldest members. I cannot say it enough how thankful I am for each of you and for ways we minister each other and to those who are strangers and those who visit, return, and eventually join our church family.

We are blessed to see new faces on Sunday mornings. It's a blessing when I have a new name to learn because it means there are opportunities to grow in fellowship and ministry to one another and to those around us. It's also a blessing to see new people during a church event or when we are packing and delivering food baskets.

When you see someone new or someone you don't recognize, take the time (even if you have seen someone several times but have forgotten his/her name) to say hello and welcome him or her. In doing so we bring those who are looking for a church to call their home church closer into our fellowship. If you really think about it, friends are people who used to be strangers at one point or another. And what better place to build relationships and friendships than in a community of faith, the church?

Looking farther ahead, on March 1<sup>st</sup> we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. We will have our 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent that leads us to journey with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in his life as well as death, ending with the celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday. This year Easter is on April 16.

As we ended the 2016 well, and in remembering the significance of Christ as the Light of the World, let us shine brightly as Christ lives in and through us...shining forth his love and salvation through us to all who need it.

Blessings on you this New Year!

*Taek*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jake Redburn
- 2 Chuck LaFlure, David Liechti, Lindsey Vallie
- 3 Dennis Finnerty, Dakota Reno
- 4 Darrell Riggs, Tara Wells
- 5 Ivy Ankenbauer
- 7 Pastor Taek Kim, Jeremy Otter
- 10 Matthew Uchtorff
- 11 Corinne Barnhart, Mike King
- 12 Megan Duscheck
- 13 Cindy Goode
- 15 Jean Baker, Patti Finnerty, Wyatt Kessell, Henry Giles
- 16 Tyler Baker, Carol Sieb
- 18 Nicholas Mazur, Tori Mazur
- 19 Megan Robertson
- 20 Hannah Breitner, Lindsay Metzger, Pam Oleynik
- 21 Callie Eaton, Rebekah Kim
- 24 Abbott Otter
- 25 Mike Baxter
- 26 Del Dennis, Evan Gardetto, Anna Gurgul
- 27 Earl Duby
- 28 Chandler Toth

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Don & Karyn Vaughn
- 8 Bob & Mary Redburn
- 14 Bob & Vicki Ewald

## WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

If you would like to make Carleton UMC your home church, speak with Pastor Taek Kim about becoming a member. All adults interested in learning more about being a Methodist or about joining the church membership are invited to speak with Pastor Taek at any time.

Also talk with Pastor Taek if you would like to be baptized or have your infant or child baptized.



*Worship*  
*March 1st*  
*7:00PM*

**SPRING  
FORWARD**  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

*Begins*  
*March*  
*12*



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS



Several families have suffered a loss in the last several weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

Elaine Gasidlo and family on the December 25th passing of her father, Bob.

Deborah Kessell and family lost Deb's mother, Delores Lamb on January 7th.

Dave & Tracey Drouillard suffered the very unexpected loss of his sister, Dolores (Dory) on January 10th.

## BABY BOY IS HERE



Congratulations to Erica and Joe Lake on the January 4th birth of son, Liam Joseph. Everyone is home and doing well.

## Liturgist

- Feb. 5 8:30 Dan Gardetto  
10:45 Brenda Stump
- Feb. 12 8:30 Jan VanHouten  
10:45 Cheryl Marlow
- Feb. 19 8:30 Joan Mueller  
10:45 Mary Baker
- Feb. 26 8:30 Melissa Morin  
10:45 Marvin Stump



## Junior Church (10:45 worship)

- Feb. 5 Christine Mazur
- Feb. 12 Karen & Trevor Kessell
- Feb. 19 No class
- Feb. 26 Karyn Vaughn & Joyce King

## Nursery (10:45 worship)

- Feb. 5 Kim Bodenmiller & Elaine Gasidlo
- Feb. 12 Tonia Grabetz & Lanette Carmack
- Feb. 19 Mary Loving & Gina Giles
- Feb. 26 Denise Toffoli & Lori Mossburg

## KEEP IN TOUCH

Please be sure to notify the church office if your address, email, or phone information needs updating. Every effort is made to catch changes but please make sure we have your most current info.



### **NATIVITY SCENE**

This year during the celebration of Advent a progressive living nativity scene was built. Each of the four Sundays of Advent during the Advent reading a new part of the nativity scene was added with the last Sunday featuring the complete scene. The children were in costume, and were awesome.

A special note of appreciation to the children, parents and teachers who made it possible to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus, in this special manner.

*Carol Y. Sieb  
Worship Committee Chair*



### **COMMUNITY REWARDS**

Don't forget to designate Carleton UMC as your charity of choice in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Carleton has been assigned the NPO number 61321.



### **PRAIRIE FARM PRODUCTS**

Save those Prairie Farm caps marked Our Caps Your Cause. Carleton UMC will receive \$.05 per cap collected. Drop your caps in the jug in the lobby or enter the codes at [prairiefarms.com/our-caps-your-cause-redemption.aspx](http://prairiefarms.com/our-caps-your-cause-redemption.aspx). Follow the screen prompts to select Carleton United Methodist Church.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Angels United Giving tree. Together we supplied coats, toys, and food to over 121 children in the area.

### **NOTES OF THANKS RECEIVED**

Thank you all so much for your prayers, thoughts, and well wishes. I appreciate them whole heartedly.

*Thank you and God Bless  
Michelle McLaughlin*



Dear Church family,

I would like to thank you for all the calls, cards, and prayers during my recent illness. They were really appreciated.

*Helen Jewell*



To the people of Carleton United Methodist Church. My husband, Chris and I have left the Michigan area. He completed his part of the project. We are once again down South. We want to thank you for your hospitality. Also, to the prayer team for the card and prayers for my brother-in-law, Robert Durante. He is doing well after surgery. May God bless you and your works in his name.

*Yours truly,  
Glenda Allen*



Dear Church Family,

Receiving so many thoughtful cards and caring words of sympathy upon the passing away of my father has been appreciated more than I could ever say. You have all helped me through a very difficult time.

*Thank you so very much,  
Elaine Gasidlo*



**American  
Red Cross**

The January 11th American Red Cross blood drive here was very helpful in meeting the critical need in our area. In all 24 people presented to donate. Thank you to everyone for coming out. Special thanks to Aaron and Bill Vallie for preparing the room before and after.

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# **PASTA Lunch**



**Sunday,  
February 12th  
12 noon  
free will  
offering**

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# *Let's Go Bowling!*



## February 26th

Everyone is welcome to meet at Nortel Lanes at 1:00 for a couple of games of bowling with church friends and family!

We will use the Children and Youth fund to pay for shoes and bowling, any contributions to replenish the fund are appreciated!



# PAJAMA PARTY

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:00

Pizza-Crafts-Games-Fun!!!

All Ages Welcome!



# Come Camping July 7-9th!



We have a group camping area reserved at  
Myers Lake Campground in Byron Michigan.

Weekend options for all ages include swimming, corn hole, the  
arcade, relaxing with a book, **fishing**, playgrounds, laughing with  
friends, playing cards, bike rides, baseball,  
sleeping in a hammock,  
and other fun and relaxing pursuits ending with outdoor worship on  
Sunday morning next to a lake...

Oh and did I mention that we take turns preparing  
meals so this is camping made easy!

## Reserve your spot now!

<https://umcamping.org/camps/myers-lake/book-a-group/>  
See Chris Mazur for more information.



# FEBRUARY 2017

Worship: each Sunday 8:30AM Traditional  
10:45AM Blended  
Sunday School 9:30AM

| SUN   | MON   | TUE | WED   | THU   | FRI | SAT   |
|---|---|-----|---|---|-----|---|
| Michigan Returnable<br>Bottles and cans can be left in<br>the container outside the main<br>doors at any time. Funds from<br>the deposits will benefit Mis-<br>sion work. |   |     | 1   | 2<br><br>6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Glory Ringers<br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> Impact  | 3   | 4<br>9 <sub>AM</sub> . Men's<br>Breakfast @<br>5th Wheel<br>Diner |
| 5<br><br>7 <sub>PM</sub> Disciple Bible Study   | 6<br><br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> AA  | 7   | 8<br><br>6-8 <sub>PM</sub> 4H   | 9<br><br>6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Glory Ringers<br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> Impact  | 10  | 11  |
| 12<br><br>Noon—Pasta Lunch<br><br>5:30 <sub>PM</sub> Girl Scouts<br>7 <sub>PM</sub> Disciple Bible Study  | 13<br><br>6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Worship Comm.<br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> Mission Comm.<br><br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> AA | 14  | 15<br><br>6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Quilts of<br>Love—new friends<br>welcome                 | 16<br><br>6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Glory Ringers<br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> Impact | 17  | 18<br><br>OneUnited<br>Youth outing                               |
| 19<br><br>7 <sub>PM</sub> Disciple Bible Study  | 20<br><br>7 <sub>PM</sub> United Methodist<br>Women<br><br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> AA                            | 21  | 22<br><br>7 <sub>PM</sub> Swan Creek<br>Garden Club                                   | 23<br><br>6:30 <sub>PM</sub> Glory Ringers<br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> Impact | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br><br>1 <sub>PM</sub> Family Bowling at Nortel<br>5:30 <sub>PM</sub> Girl Scouts<br>7 <sub>PM</sub> Disciple Bible Study  | 27<br><br>7:30 <sub>PM</sub> AA   | 28  | <b>March 1</b><br><br><b>Ash</b><br><b>Wednesday</b><br><b>service 7<sub>PM</sub></b> |   |     |   |



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