

*From the  
Pastor*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Though I grew up in the church, it wasn't until I was around 12 years ago that I knew in my heart and placed my faith in what Jesus Christ did for me over 2,000 years ago on the cross. I felt an overwhelming sense of gratefulness for Jesus forgiving me of my sin and giving me life eternal through his death and resurrection. It was when I about 14 years old when I heard a sermon from our youth pastor who told of the great suffering and price Jesus paid so we could not only accept his gift of salvation but also so that we could follow and live for him. So from then on I not only understood what it was to accept Christ as my Savior, but also as my Lord. What a difference it made in my life as a student, when I worked in the corporate world, and of course when I entered into ministry as a pastor.

As we near the end of Lent with Holy Week beginning on Sunday, April 9, let us all recall the times when we either realized who Christ was and is to us or when we became more aware and thankful for what Christ did for us. As we revisit and remember Christ's last days, with the joyful finish of his resurrection on Easter Sunday, let us renew our joy and commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Knowing how important the early and formative years of faith are for children and youth, we make sure to teach them well with various ways and methods; from worship and the ways they are involved in and participate in worshipping God to the fun activities and ministries we provide to them and their families. We take care and have joy in teaching them about God's love for them, how they can express their love for God, and how to be in a joyful and meaningful relationship with God and others.

We, adults, too are always learning and growing as followers of Jesus and children of God. We too are to be renewed in our love for, joy in, and faith in our Lord and Savior!

So I invite you to enter into these last days of Lent with renewed focus and dedication, finding greater joy and thanksgiving to the One who loved you so much he took all your sins, died, and rose again so that you could have life abundant on earth and eternal in heaven. I am brought to a place of greater gratitude as we near Holy Week. Palm Sunday is on April 9; Maundy Thursday, April 13 with a worship service at 7 p.m.; Good Friday, April 14 with a service at 1 p.m. with Willow UMC joining us at our church; and Easter Sunday, April 16 with one worship service at 10 a.m.

Take time to truly appreciate that God has blessed us with life, with one another, and with the gifts of salvation and abilities to share what God has given to us.

In Christ's Love,

*Taek*

### **LITURGIST**

April 2	8:30	Terry Brey
	10:45	Megan Robertson
April 9	8:30	Jan VanHouten
	10:45	Greg Baker
April 16	10:00	Tim Bodenmiller
April 23	8:30	Madonna Bednarz
	10:45	Lori Mossburg
April 30	8:30	Jodie Bean
	10:45	Marvin Stump

### **NURSERY ATTENDANT (LATE SERVICE)**

April 2	Madonna Bednarz & Betty Duby
April 9	Corinne Barnhart & Barb Young
April 16	Jean Baker & Sharon Gruber
April 23	Amy Grass & Jerry Sweeney
April 30	Cheryl Marlow & Tonia Grabetz

### **JUNIOR CHURCH (LATE SERVICE)**

April 2	Chris Mazur & Joyce King
April 9	Karen & Trevor Kessell
April 16	Activities are on the cart in the lobby
April 23	Karyn Vaughn & Gina Giles
April 30	

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

The Danzeisen family on the March 15th passing of Cecil. He will be greatly missed.

### **NOTES OF THANKS**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for our prayers, cards, and support during the recent loss of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Marie Marlow-Bitel. Words can not express our gratitude for the love shared at this most difficult time. Thanks to the UMW for a wonderful luncheon and a special thanks to Pastor Taek for his caring visits and prayers. We are so blessed.

*Thankfully,  
Jim and Cheryl Marlow and family*

We would like to thank everyone for the kind words and prayers during Cecil's sickness and death. It is a comfort knowing he is no longer suffering.

*Thank you, The Danzeisen family*

Thank you, Church family, for all of your prayers, concern, and support throughout my journey back to good health. It has made a significant difference!

*Judy Shrewsbury*

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and support during my recent ear surgery and recovery. Knowing there were so many praying for me, gave me peace during my procedure. I love you all,

*Morgan LaFlure*

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Just a reminder that if you or someone you care for is ill or hospitalized, please call the church office so arrangements can be made for Pastor Taek to visit them. We would also like to be able to keep them in our prayers. Due to privacy restrictions, the hospital is prohibited from calling us unless the family specifically asks them to.

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

10 John & Michelle Rutkowski  
14 Allen & Ruth Smith, Matthew & Renee Derry  
20 David & Tonia Grabetz  
24 Gary & Denise Toffoli  
26 Bob & Nancy Young



### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

2 Annabelle Robertson  
4 Millie Breitner (86), Linda Stahl  
5 Dan Gardetto  
6 Tara McLaughlin  
8 Bradley Barnhart  
10 Tim Bodenmiller  
11 Aaron Gurgul  
15 Jean Fox  
16 David Grabetz  
17 Brad Smith  
18 Betty Duby, Bill Vallie  
19 Ted Robertson  
20 Joanne Northey  
23 Deborah Kessell  
25 Bethany Sweeney  
27 Myra VanWashenova



### **PALLET PAINTING**

Thank you to Kim Baxter for making the arrangements for the March 14th *Pallet Painting* party. Thirteen people signed up to create their master pieces, some for themselves and some for gifts to others. Special thanks to The Painting Barn and Monica Baker for hosting us.



### **PASTY SALE**

Thank you to the Mission Committee for another successful Pasty sale in March. In all about 200 pasties were made and sold. We appreciate all the hard work that goes into them.

**Carleton United Methodist Church  
General Fund Income and Expense Statement  
January - March 19, 2017**

**Income**

General Fund Income	\$36,755.63
Investment Income	\$ 13.99
Rental Income	\$ 300.00
Advertising Income	\$ —
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$37,069.18</b>

**Expenses**

Our Church Home	\$17,544.44
Our Church Programs	\$ 1,521.26
Our Pastoral Ministry	\$18,348.98
Our Outreach Ministry	\$ 1,878.00
Unpaid Apportionments	<u>\$ 4,365.20</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE</b>	<b>\$43,657.88</b>

**NET LOSS AS OF 3/18/2016** **\$(6,588.70)**

Pension apportionment is paid to date.  
Common Budget Apportionment - nothing has been paid in 2017.

Just a reminder that if you are not using Offering Envelopes and would like a set, just call the church office or indicate 'offering envelopes' on the attendance pad. A set will be left for you at the Usher's table. The use of Offering Envelopes will ensure you get the proper credit for your giving each year.

If you do need to use an envelope from the pew, please be sure to write your name on the envelope to ensure you receive proper giving credit.

**MEN AND BOYS BANQUET**

The Annual Banquet for All Men and Boys sponsored by the United Methodist Women will be on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. A delicious dinner that looks very much like what "mom" would have made will be served promptly at 6:30PM. Tickets go on sale April 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets prices are \$8.00 adults (12 & up) and \$3.50 for children 3 to 11. Children 2 and younger are free.

**LADIES AND GIRLS BANQUET**

Ladies, you will want to mark those calendars now for the Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Ladies & Girls Banquet sponsored by the United Methodist Men. Tickets go on sale May 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets prices are \$8.00 adults (12 & up) and \$3.50 for children 3 to 11. Children 2 and younger are free. All tickets must be purchased by May 14<sup>th</sup> (none will be available at the door).

**QUILTS OF LOVE**

The next gathering of the Quilts of Love will be on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. If you can sew on a button or tie a knot you can help with this ministry. Please come out and help.



**APRIL ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a fun activity during the month of April. The idea is to open one door each day, read the scripture, and either rejoice or pay the "fine". Proceeds from this calendar will go towards the classroom heating upgrade.

# **RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR CHELSEA**



Bring in your plastic grocery bags and help the residents at Chelsea Retirement home with an ongoing project.

They use the bags to make mats for the homeless. It takes about 700 bags for one mat measuring 4 foot by 6 foot.

This is an ongoing project, so collect those bags and bring them to the container by the office. We will take care of delivering them to Chelsea.



# 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.



Office hours: 9<sup>AM</sup>—2<sup>PM</sup>  
Monday—Thursday

# APRIL 2017

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Email: carletonumc@gmail.com

***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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Don't forget to bring in your Michigan Returnable bottles and cans for the missions. Donations can be left at the main doors.						1 9 <sup>AM</sup> United Methodist Men at Fifth Wheel Truck Stop
2 <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> Glory Ringers Perform 7 <sup>PM</sup> Disciple Bible Study	3	4	5	6  6:30 <sup>PM</sup> Glory Ringers 7:30 <sup>PM</sup> Impact rehearsal	7	8
9 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Men & Boys Banquet tickets on sale now Youth Choir performs Girl Scouts 7 <sup>PM</sup> Disciple Bible Study	10 6:30 <sup>PM</sup> United Methodist Women	11	12 4H Group in fellowship hall	13 7 <sup>PM</sup> Maundy Thursday Worship  Glory Ringers will practice after worship	14 1 <sup>PM</sup> Good Friday Worship with Willow UMC here	16 Easter Breakfast set up in the fellowship hall and kitchen
16 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 8:45 <sup>AM</sup> Breakfast 10:00 <sup>AM</sup> Worship service No early church or Sunday School today	17  Church office closed all week	18	19 6:30 <sup>PM</sup> Quilts of Love	20	21	22
23 <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> Men & Boys Banquet tickets on sale now Joyful Noise Children's Choir performs 7 <sup>PM</sup> Disciple Bible Study	24 6:30 <sup>PM</sup> Worship Cmte. meeting	25 Life Line Health Screening here	26 6 <sup>PM</sup> Girl Scouts Bridging using the fellowship hall	27 6:30 <sup>PM</sup> Men & Boys Banquet—tickets available at the door	28	29
30 8:30 <sup>AM</sup> Traditional worship 10:45 <sup>AM</sup> Contemporary Worship 7 <sup>PM</sup> Disciple Bible Study						

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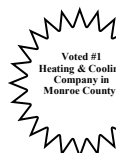
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# **EASTER WEEK SPECIAL WORSHIP TIMES**



Palm Sunday

**Sunday, April 9th**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday School 9:30<sub>AM</sub>**  
**Worship 8:30 & 10:45<sub>AM</sub>**



**Thursday, April 13th**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**Worship begins at 7<sub>PM</sub>**

**MAUNDY**  
*Thursday*



**Friday, April 14th**  
**Good Friday**  
**Worship begins at 1<sub>PM</sub>**  
**Willow United Methodist Church**  
**will join us at Carleton UMC**

**Easter Sunday—April 16th**  
**8:45<sub>AM</sub> Breakfast sponsored by**  
**the UMM**

**If you would like to provide a**  
**Breakfast Casserole**

**(pans provided) please sign up at the office.**



**10:00<sub>AM</sub> Worship (only one Easter worship service)**  
**Sunday school will not meet**



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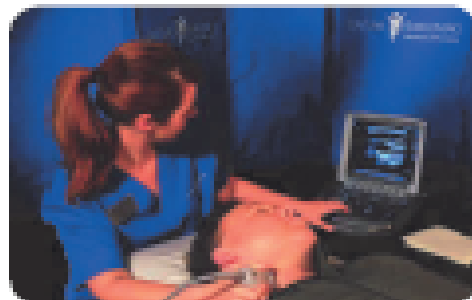
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