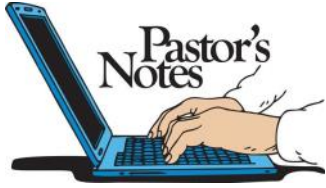


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# CUMC NEWS

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*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..*



Dear Friends in Christ,

Do you enjoy finishing something? Find satisfaction in completing a project? Do you sometimes, while doing something are yearning for the “finish line?” I can’t help think and hear in my mind the words “Are we there yet?” There are those times when we simply look forward to things being done.

Of course there are times when we don’t want to reach the end of something, especially when it’s a vacation or celebration or special journey in life. However, when it seems like work, we sometimes want some things to come to a place of completion. And on the rare occasion we find ourselves at the end of hard project and actually wished it wasn’t over. Those are the strange experiences where you almost say to yourself, “Let’s do that again!”

Each year we repeat certain major events of our faith history. And we have finished the Lenten season with the celebration of Easter. Yes, we remember that Christ is risen! Thank God for the hope we have in life on earth and life promised eternally in heaven. We’ve journeyed through Lent and remembered and drew closer to Jesus and in remembering what on earth we are doing for heaven’s sake.

On the cross on Good Friday, Jesus said, “It is finished.” And though Christ’s ministry and work of living and dying for us was completed in Christ living a holy life and being the perfect sacrifice to pay our debt of sin, the ministry of Jesus actually began through each of his disciples and each of us on that first Easter Sunday!

As a friend once told me, “We never graduate as Christians.” He meant that no matter our age, we are always serving God through every way possible; whether it’s at home, at work, with family, friends or strangers, something you’ve been doing most all of your life or something new.

It is easy to say that we’re done or that Christ took care of everything and we can sit back and relax until either Christ comes again or we go home to the Lord, whichever comes first.

However, we must constantly remember Christ’s words to us, lest we forget what we’re doing here on earth for and lose motivation and purpose, and simply saying “Are we there yet?”

Here these words of Christ, and I pray you’ll be saying more often to yourself something more like “What’s next?” and “Can we do that again?”

*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” -Matthew 4:19 (New International Version)*

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” -Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)*

*Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? -Mark 8:34-37 (NIV)*

*Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” -Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)*

Imagine Christ speaking these words to you. Take account of how you’re responding to him, and may your response be an ever-growing one of love.

Blessings in Christ,

### **MAY LITURGIST**

- 7 8:30 Joan Mueller  
10:45 Cheryl Marlow  
14 8:30 Jan VanHouten  
10:45 Jamie Kim  
21 8:30 Terry Brey  
10:45 Julie Riggs  
28 8:30 Madonna Bednarz  
10:45 Megan Robertson

### **NURSERY ATTENDANT (10:45)**

- 7 Brenda Stump & Erin Otter  
14 Florence Greer & Kim Bodenmiller  
21 Gina Giles & Tonia Grabetz  
28 Kathy LaFlure & Mary Loving

### **JUNIOR CHURCH**

- 7 Chris Mazur & Joyce King  
14 Trevor & Karen Kessell  
21 Activities are on the Cart  
28 Karyn Vaughn & Gina Giles

### **FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

June 4<sup>th</sup> will start the summer schedule for worship. There will be one service starting at 9:30 a.m.. Sunday School will not meet during the summer months. Leaders for Junior Church will be needed. A sign-up sheet will be been posted at the office.

Mark your calendar and note the time change.

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Mary Loving, Morgan Vaughn, Shirley Martin  
2 Cathy Umbarger  
3 Renee Uchtorff  
5 Holden Otter  
6 Marlene Gooch, Alaina Metzger  
10 Joan Oleynik  
12 Allen Smith, Jim Young  
15 Richard Mazur  
16 Ryan Oleynik  
17 Cecilee Carmack, Ryan Schafer  
20 Cheryl Hause  
23 James Marlow  
24 Ruth Smith  
26 Shawn Robards  
29 Brenda Stump



### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4 Ed & Rebecca Mell  
10 Ed & Judy Blaser  
20 Richard & Vickie Garrison  
21 Jim & Carol Sieb, Brian & Whitney Bednarz  
25 Aaron & Anna Gurgul  
27 Terry & Diane Brey

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Trisha & Terry Thomas on the April 1st loss of her father, Raymond.

John & Kathie Brazon on the recent passing of their nephew, Royce Florence.

### **BAKE SALE**

The Mission Committee will hold a Bake Sale on Mother's Day Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Donations of baked items would be greatly appreciated.

So guys this is your chance to "treat" your Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Cousins or the lady next door to a home baked item. And the best part you don't have to clean up the mess!

### **REMEMBER:**



**SUNDAY, MAY 14TH**



### **CALLING ALL GRADUATES**

Graduate Sunday will be celebrated this year on Sunday, June 11th. If you or someone in your household is graduating from high school, college or other post graduate program, please let the church office (654-2833) know by Sunday, May 28th. Please do not assume we know you have a Graduate in the family, call us.



### **ATTENTION ALL LADIES AND GIRLS**



The 2017 annual Ladies & Girl's Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. A wonderful dinner of pork tenderloin will be prepared by the United Methodist Men. Tickets will be sold after all services beginning May 7th. Adults are \$8.00, children 3 to 12 are \$3.50, & as always those ladies under age 2 are free. It is important to purchase tickets ahead of time as they will not be for sale after May 14<sup>th</sup> or at the door. Entertainment this year will be provided by "Shout" the Acappella part of the *Heaven Sown Ministries*.



For one night only! Come hear the story of how two people from Carleton, Randy Oley, your local pharmacist, and his daughter Amy Oley, rode their way across the United States on high wheel bicycles! Randy will share all about this once in a lifetime trip. Hear about the mountains of California, the salt flats of Utah, and how they braved the highways to get from San Francisco to Boston in just 53 days. His presentation will be on Saturday, May 20th at 7 p.m.

**Carleton United Methodist Church  
General Fund Income and Expense Statement  
January - April 23, 2017**

**Income**

General Fund Income	\$52,557.52
Investment Income	\$ 38.91
Rental Income	\$ 500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$53,096.43</b>

**Expenses**

Our Church Home	\$27,894.88
Our Church Programs	\$ 2,372.54
Our Pastoral Ministry	\$27,499.29
Our Outreach Ministry	\$ 2,504.00
Unpaid Apportionments	\$ 9,127.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE</b>	<b>\$69,397.71</b>

**NET LOSS AS OF 4/15/2014**      **\$ (16,301.28)**

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 & 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 & remember to destroy any envelopes from previous years as your number may have changed.

*Also, donations intended for the United Methodist Men or Women should be given directly to them and not placed in the offering plate or on the offering envelopes.*



**CLOTHING DRIVE**

As the kids finish up another great school year, and you are cleaning out those closets don't forget the annual Clothing Drive. Donations can be brought in at any time and left in the chapel. This Give Away takes place at Wagar Middle School in August just before the start of a new school year. All sizes of clothing (and type) is needed from infant to adult, including winter. If you have questions, please see or call Jean Baker.

**CALENDAR FUN**

As the end of the month of April approaches we would like to thank all those that participated in the Calendar Fund-raiser for the new classroom heat. Please leave your donations in the box marked in the lobby, turn it into the church office, or mark your "special" offering envelope as Classroom heat. We would like to thank the United Methodist Women for sponsoring this fun activity.





# MAY 2017

Church office hours:  
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**DON'T FORGET:**  
**Michigan Returnable Bottles**  
**& Cans can be left in the con-**  
**tainer in the West entrance at**  
**any time in support of mission**  
**outreach.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 6:30PM Glory Ringers 7:30PM Impact	5	6
7 Ladies & Girl Banquet tickets on sale  7PM Disciple Bible Study	8 6:30PM SPR 7PM Trustees 8PM Church Council	9	10 <b>4 H Group</b>	11 6:30PM Glory Ringers 7:30PM Impact	12	13 12-5pm Friends of Potter Ceme- tery Spaghetti dinner
14 <b>Mother's Day Bake Sale</b>  <b>YOUTH SERVICE 10:45</b>  FINAL DAY to purchase La- dies & Girl Banquet tickets  7PM Disciple Bible Study	15	16	17 6:30PM Quilts of Love	18 6:30PM Ladies & Girls Banquet	19	20 7PM Randy Oleynik Bike trip across the country story
21  Wheels Day with potluck im- mediately after the 10:45 wor- ship under the pavilion	22 9AM Newsletter material due in the office	23	24 Swan Creek Gar- den Club	25 7:30PM Impact	26	27
28  Worship at 8:30 & 10:45	29  Memorial Day— the church office will be closed	30	31		<b>JUST A REMINDER;</b>  <b>SUMMER WORSHIP</b> <b>SCHEDULE BEGINS</b> <b>JUNE 4TH...</b>  <b>WORSHIP IS AT</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	



# SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

**June 4th**

**thru**

**September 3rd**

**Worship 9:30 a.m.**

Sunday School will be on break

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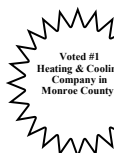
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