

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,

Take a moment as you read these words and think of, or picture their faces in your mind, the people who you are thankful for because they helped you to become the person you are today or have helped shape you in one way or another for the better.

They may include family, such as your parents, a brother or sister, grandparents, an uncle or aunt, cousin, and maybe a niece or nephew. They may include certain friends, possibly someone who was once a stranger but has become a close friend, someone you work(ed) with, maybe a teacher, mentor or boss, and possibly even someone you had conflicts with that ended up being what you needed to learn and grow in not only handling life in the future, but also to help others when facing similar challenges.

There are those who have been a part of our lives in one way or another who have blessed us, taught us, encouraged us, and left gifts with and within us for life and love. We no doubt give thanks for each of them. We also give God thanks and praise for putting such people in our lives.

Though up to a certain age and depending on the situation at work or somewhere that we cannot choose who we spend a majority of our time with, whether they are positive or negative influences in our lives, for the most part we are able to choose who we want to have influence and affect our lives as well as who we want to spend time with and grow with in faith and life.

Interestingly, as Christians we actually can forget the most wonderful, powerful, blessed, and life-giving person of all to spend time with...and yes, I'm talking about Jesus. Think about it. What difference does walking closely with Christ make in our lives? It mostly depends on us. Jesus did not make any of his disciples follow him. He invited them. And with us, it is the same.

As I have encouraged you to do before, I do so again now. In learning to walk with Jesus more aware of his presence in your life as well as more intentionally following and living for him, take time each day to talk with him, to pray to him, to decide how you're going to live for him...at home, at work, in your personal and professional relationships, and whether you're alone or with others.

Simply beginning the day is a good start, whether it is praying (which is simply talking with God), praying the Lord's Prayer, saying and thinking about your favorite verse or something Christ said, journaling, or something else that can become a regular habit, a spiritual habit.

Most all of you have committed to mind and heart the Lord's Prayer. This along with Psalm 23 and a few other verses are those that I use regularly to re-center myself in Christ and to help me make the most of each day and each interaction and relationship God has blessed me with. Walking closely with Christ helps me to overcome barriers or as needed walk away from them or around them. Walking closely with Christ helps me forget the past things that I need to let go of, as well as not look forward so far as to lose my vision of the present and what Christ would have me do now. Walking closely with Christ reminds me to forgive myself and others. Walking closely with Christ reminds me of his purpose for me on earth to be a faithful and loving servant of his as I strive to be his light and in doing so fulfill the Greatest Commandments (in loving God and others) and the Great Commission (in making disciples).

Do you desire to bear good fruit as a branch of the Vine? Do you desire to bear good fruit for God in all you do and with every person God places in your path? Then stay as closely connected to Christ, the Vine, striving to grow in faith and love in him because when all is said and done, that will make the biggest difference in the world for everyone in your life and everyone God puts in your path. And may everyone who has encountered you, who has been blessed to know you, whether it was only for a moment, maybe a day or whether it was for many years or even a lifetime, that they will be thankful that you were in their lives, that you helps shape them in one way or another, and most importantly that they were drawn closer to Christ because of you.

In Christ,

Taek

JUNE LITURGIST

4 Tim Bodenmiller
11 Marvin Stump
18 Madonna Bednarz
25 Jodie Bean

NURSERY ATTENDANT

4 Denise Toffoli & Michelle Rutkowski
11 Ruth Smith & Lanette Carmack
18 Joan Mueller & Megan Robertson
25 Elaine Gasidlo & Alana Schafer

Please remember to sign you child in and out of the nurse on the table by the door. This is an insurance requirement. Thank you.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Dave Toth
2 Candace Kurbel
4 Tracey Drouillard
5 Jim Sieb
7 Jessica King
9 Amy Grass, Ella Otter
12 Klarissa Eichler
14 Joan Mueller
16 Mary Danzeisen
19 Josh Baker
20 Adriana Smith
21 Mary Bojarski, Bob Stone, BJ Smith
22 Gina Giles, Randy Oleynik
23 Corbin Derry
24 Andrew Barnhart
29 Michael King
30 Jamie Kim, Austin Finnerty



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep Beth Young and family in your prayers on the May 3rd passing of Jim. Jim will be greatly missed.



There is a need for volunteers to staff Junior Church for the summer. It is set up to almost run itself this summer, no planning and very little setup needed. Interested persons should contact Karyn Vaughn, or sign-up in the lobby. There will be a short information meeting at 10:30 on 5/28 and 6/4 in the preschool classroom. If you can't make either of these times, please see Karyn and she will arrange a one-on-one walk through.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The church newsletter deadline is the 20th of each month. Published 10 times a year combining July/August & December/January. The next deadline is June 20th. Information can be sent to carletonumc@gmail.com. Thank you.

MISSION NEWS



The Mission Committee has decided that since the school districts are distributing food baskets on a regular basis that we will be collecting paper products, toilet paper, towels, napkins etc. for a Summer distribution. All donations should reach the church by June 25th so deliveries can be made before the 4th of July.

Beginning in October the Mission Committee will continue to collect and distribute food for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6 Ryan & Courtney Black
11 Charles & Amie Long
13 Chris & Avery Brown
15 Adolph & Hazel Jedryczka (66)
16 Houston & Shirley Brannon (61), Todd & Dawn Gray
17 Aaron & Lindsey Vallie
19 Trevor & Karen Kessell
21 Paul & Tara Etue
23 Jeremy & Erin Otter
26 Earl & Ethel Heiss
26 Darrell & Lori Mossburg
29 Randy & Pam Oleynik



FROM THE OFFICE:

Did you know that each Green Prayer Card you submit is then taken and a Prayer Card is uniquely created for that named person. Green Prayer Request cards submitted this week will be the Prayer Cards you sign next week. So please remember to submit a Green Prayer Request Card (found in the pews and at the Usher's table) for all requests you would like a card prepared for.

Also, the newsletter notifications and church prayer network are generate from the church membership data base using a Gmail account. If for some reason you are not getting these emails, please check your settings or add a filter to unblock the church email address of carletonumc@gmail.com. We do know that one server "iCloud" is blocking them because of the group setting. If you need the instructions on how to set the filter to allow carletonumc@gmail.com through, call the church office.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

June 4th

thru

September 3rd

Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School will be on break

**Carleton United Methodist Church
General Fund Income and Expense Statement
January - May 21, 2017**

Income

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund Income | \$68,874.02 |
| Investment Income | \$ 38.91 |
| Rental Income | \$ 600.00 |
| Advertising Income | <u>\$ 400.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$69,912.93 |

Expenses

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Our Church Home | \$30,991.21 |
| Our Church Programs | \$ 2,819.16 |
| Our Pastoral Ministry | \$32,089.27 |
| Our Outreach Ministry | \$ 3,767.00 |
| Unpaid Apportionments | <u>\$10,612.50</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE | \$80,279.14 |

NET LOSS AS OF 5/21/2017 \$(10,366.21)

Pension apportionment January—May have been paid.
Currently we are five months behind on Common Budget appointments.
2017 District apportionments are paid in full.

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.

Vacationing this summer? Missing worship this summer? Your weekly offering envelopes are mailable with a first class postage stamp. We appreciate your continued giving to support the ministries at Carleton UMC.

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.

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.



PLASTIC BAGS FOR CHELSEA

Thank you to everyone who brought in the thousands of plastic bags for the mat project at Chelsea. The response to the need has been met for now, so we will not be collecting them for now. The residents 'thank you' for your tremendous help in filling their supply closet to the top with bags. Each mat takes hundreds of bags and about 7 steps to the process. Finished mats will be taken to Neighborhood Service Organization in Detroit.



VBS

Christmas in July

Carleton United Methodist Church

Join us each night from 6:30-8:00 PM

Monday, July 24th to Thursday, July 27th

Fun for Preschoolers through Fifth Graders!

Crafts, Snacks, Games, and Bible Lessons!

**Fun for All!
Free for All!
Can't Wait!**

**Carleton UMC is on Grafton Road across from the Airport Schools.
Call 734-654-2833 to register or for any questions**



JUNE 2017

Church office hours:
Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
WORSHIP AT 9:30 a.m.

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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|-----|------------------------------|---|-----|---|
| REMEMBER IN THE SUMMER WE WORSHIP AT 9:30 A.M. EACH SUNDAY | | | | 1 <div>Rev. Kim & Joan Mueller will be attending Annual Conference this Sunday. Pray for all attending in Traverse City.</div> | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Worship at 9:30 a.m. | 5 | 6 | 7 4H Group | 8 | 9 | 10 Stump rental |
| 11 Worship at 9:30 a.m. Graduate Sunday | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 6:00 p.m. Heaven Sown Farewell concert at Woodland Church on VanHorn in Brownstown |
| 18 FATHER'S DAY Worship at 9:30 a.m. with communion Quilts of Love dedication | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Worship at 9:30 a.m. | 26 | 27 | 28 Swan Creek Garden Club | 29 | 30 | |

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