



# November 2019

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sometimes we may ask such things as “Why bother?” and “Is it worth it anymore?” Sometimes when the kids and I take the time to recycle, I wonder if it’s really worth it when the giant recycling container/dumpster is full and I have to lug it all back home and wait until it’s emptied again. Sure, after a few times of that happening I drove back to check to see if it’s not full first. Then I was thankful they posted a schedule of when the giant recycling dumpster is emptied so I could plan accordingly. But more than asking if it’s worth my time and effort to recycle, I also wondered if it’s making much of a difference at all when it seems like an unlimited amount of trash is thrown out all over the world. That image made me remember a time when I once saw some people crossing Grafton Road as I was driving and seeing them throw garbage bags into the woods or ditches. I’ve also been swimming found garbage on the shore. For part of the time I wanted to relax and enjoy myself rather than pick up trash. Then it was harder to convince myself to get back into the water when seeing certain things were washing up on the shore.

However, after looking past the challenges, I find it is worth it when I see my children making more of an effort to not waste, not throw trash on the floor or on the ground at the park or anywhere they’re not supposed to. It is worth it when we walk around Carleton and people sometimes leaving trash by our house or on our lawn and help make it not only cleaner but also safer. One neighbor was surprised to find a load of trash under their tree which they didn’t see all of because the branches were hiding it all. A part of me wants to simply say it’s human nature to make and throw away trash as conveniently as possible. Yet, I think it’s also a learned behavior.

What I am saying is that it would be easier for me to not care so much about what trash is thrown around my house, around the village, and around the country and world than to do something about it. I could “save time and energy” by not stopping my children from polluting and teaching them to throw away trash properly. I could actually not care and actually encouraging my children not to care too by throwing trash out my car window rather than throwing it in the trash, and simply say that someone else will take care of it, or that nature will, or that it doesn’t really matter in the end.

Okay, I’ve spent a lot of time on recycling and littering. I shared all of that to say how what seems to be obvious and teachable sometimes is not. It’s easier to wonder what it matters what we do, why bother, and if it is really worth the effort. All of what we do does matter! From the words that come from our mouths, the thoughts we have about ourselves, others, and God, and how we treat ourselves and others.

It all matters to God. It also matters to others, near and far. Your life does make a difference. Your life as a follower of Jesus Christ allows not only for you to live fully and purposefully, but also lovingly SO THAT others will experience and draw closer to Christ. So know and remember when you wonder why you “bother” to do all you do that it’s for the love of Jesus Christ, the One who gave you everything so you could have the life you have now and the promised eternal life eternal one day. Whether you’re just old enough to read these words and understand them or whether you’re at an age where you can barely read these words with tired eyes, Christ wants you to remember everything you do is worth it when you do it for him!

In Christ’s Love,

**Mission 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.*

**Contact Us**

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**Sunday Worship:**

8:30 a.m. Traditional  
10:45 a.m. Blended

**Christian Education:**

Sunday's 9:30 a.m.

**NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE****All Saints Sunday**

November 3rd

**Children's Play Practice**

November 10th at 10am

**Bring Your Own Bible**

Family fun —Nov. 17th  
Potluck! Bring your Bibles

**Packing of Baskets**

November 24th  
Help is needed at noon to  
sort and pack the Thanksgiving  
Food Baskets

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

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.

**CHURCH OFFICE**

The church office is open Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please feel free to leave a message if you happen to call during office hours but we may have been called away. Bulletin information should reach us by Wednesday if at all possible. Newsletter's are published 10 times a year. Deadlines are always 20th of the month.

Please notify the church office when your contact information changes such as phone numbers (whether land line or cell), and email addresses.

**THANK YOU**

From the Family of Mike King,

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends mean to us...Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thanks so much for all the prayers and support.

*Mike, Joyce, & Jessica*

Thank you,

Thank you everyone for all your prayers lifted on behalf of Chuck during his most recent surgery. Doctors were able to repair the right knee and he will start physical therapy very soon. Since he is able to walk on it, he is able to get around pretty well already.

*Love & prayers,  
Kathy LaFlure*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Josh & Chelsea Baker on the birth of daughter, Reese Renee born on October 9th. Congrats to Greg & Mary Baker, proud grandparents.

Logan Matthew Stump, son of Matt & Krystal was baptised on September 29th.

**JUST A REMINDER**

Please fill out a green prayer request card for those you have lifted in prayer during worship so we can send a note of encouragement to them. If you do not have their address handy when filling out the green prayer card, that's okay. We can always follow up with you.

**OPPORTUNITY TO RECYCLE**

Adding to the ongoing Prairie Farms product bottle caps will be a collection box for any and all caps and lids. Color and size does not matter. All bottle tops, product lids, and the like are being collected for an art project at Grosse Ile school. Please leave your Prairie Farm caps in the milk jug and the rest of your lids/caps in the orange tub on the bottom.

**MICHIGAN RECYCLES**

Michigan returnable cans and bottles can be left in the container by the main doors at any time. Monies raised benefit Mission outreach programs

**BIBLE SUNDAY**

Bible Sunday will be celebrated on November 17<sup>th</sup>  
All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older who have not yet received a Bible from Carleton UMC will be given a new Bible.

Please call the church office 734-654-2833 (or email us: carletonumc@gmail.com) today if you have a third grader (or older) that needs a Bible.



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Emily & McKenzie Duscheck, Rock Otter, Loren Young
- 2 Virginia Oliver
- 3 Mike & Joyce King
- 4 Cale & Stacey Bodenmiller
- 6 Dawn Gray
- 7 Lyla Lake
- 8 Liam Bednarz, Elaine Gasidlo
- 10 Jackson Vallie
- 11 Austin Etue
- 14 Traci Reno, Dawn Schaller
- 16 Shirley Buckingham, Tonia Grabetz
- 17 Rebecca Miller, Tom Northey
- 18 Todd Gray
- 19 Katelyn Derry
- 20 Erica Lake
- 21 Keelyn Bednarz, Ryan Black
- 23 John Mazur, Corky Naumann, Jordan Reno
- 24 Kim Bodenmiller
- 25 Ellie Baker
- 26 Judy Blaser
- 27 Bab Abar, Karyn Vaughn
- 28 Riley Mossburg
- 29 Truman Gurgul
- 30 Kathie Brazon



### THANKSGIVING BASKETS & ANGELS UNITED

Missions has selected dates for fall deliveries for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

#### FOR THANKSGIVING

We will sort on Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> after the 10:45 service and deliver on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets will be posted for drivers and donations of turkeys. We will also collect monetary offerings to purchase perishables and other items needed to complete thanksgiving dinners. Since the schools have done an excellent job collecting nonperishables, and our ability to purchase close to wholesale through MCOP, we don't need, although we won't refuse, donations of food (besides turkeys).

#### FOR CHRISTMAS

We will need a little more help. The person who has coordinated the Angels United gift tree is stepping down and as a result we need to step up a bit. Missions is asking for 5-10 people to help by contacting the families to whom we will be delivering Christmas gifts (sorting Dec 15-18<sup>th</sup> with delivery on the 18<sup>th</sup>), to determine what those gifts should be. These calls (3-7 per person) will need to be made by November 17<sup>th</sup> so the Angel tree can go up on the 24<sup>th</sup>. So guess what: a third sign up sheet for this task, with more in December for Christmas.

I hope everyone can find a little time to help accomplish these tasks.

### IN SERVICE FOR YOU

#### LITURGIST

- Nov. 3 8:30 Jodie Bean  
10:45 Richard Mazur
- 10 8:30 Diane Brey  
10:45 Julie Riggs
- 17 8:30 Dan Gardetto  
10:45 Wyatt Kessell
- 24 8:30 Madonna Bednarz  
10:45 Marvin Stump

#### NURSERY (BIRTH TO AGE 3)

- NOV. 3 Betty Duby & Madonna Bednarz  
10 Alana Schafer & Ruth Smith  
17 Michelle Rutkowski & Kathy LaFlure  
24 Joan Mueller & Judy Shrewsbury

#### JUNIOR CHURCH AGE 4 TO 4TH GRADE

- Nov. 3 Karen & Trevor Kessell  
10 Karyn Vaughn  
17 Children in Worship  
24 Chris Mazur

#### Carleton United Methodist Church

#### General Fund Income and Expense Statement

January 1 - October 19, 2019

Income	
General Fund Income	\$137,986.27
Investment Income	187.00
Rental Income	1,870.00
Advertising Income	500.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$140,543.27</b>
Expenses	
OUR CHURCH HOME	\$ 49,067.51
OUR CHURCH PROGRAMS	7,954.46
OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY	66,518.83
OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY	15,362.00
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS	10,006.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE</b>	<b>\$148,908.80</b>
<b>NET LOSS AS OF 10/19/2019</b>	<b>\$ 8,365.53</b>

**Grow, Worship, Serve and Play**  
with your Church Family!

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**is B.Y.O. Bible!**

**Grown-ups, Kids... (Everyone!)**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are  
getting a new Bible!**

**(Isn't that awesome???)**



**To celebrate, bring your favorite Bible or Bible  
Storybook to church! After the  
10:45 Service, we'll gather for a Potluck and  
learn and share a bit about the  
Best Book Ever!**

**Growing with God...Reaching Out to the World!**

Questions? Call the church office (734-654-2833).

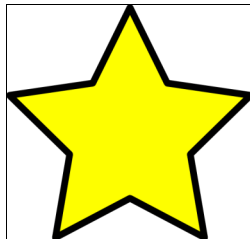
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your Church Family!

# **On November 24th, come and start a new Advent Tradition!**

**At 9:30, We will get ready for Advent by reading *Marta and the Manger Straw* and making a craft to help us remember to show love as we wait for Christmas!**



**To start showing love right  
away...plan to stay after church to  
help pack Thanksgiving Baskets!**



**Growing with God...Reaching Out to the World!**

Questions? Call the church office (734-654-2833).

**Grow, Worship, Serve and Play** with  
your Church Family!

**10:45**

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Bring your Family!**

**Invite all your Friends!**

**Go tell it on the mountain!**

**It's**

**the**

**Children's Christmas Program!**



**Rehearsals begin during Sunday School on  
November 10<sup>th</sup>!**

**Mark Your Calendars!!!**

**Growing with God...Reaching Out to the World!**

Questions? Call the church office (734-654-2833).



Sunday,  
December 1<sup>st</sup>  
12noon

Ever wonder how the church gets decorated for the Advent season? It all happens on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Join us for a soup and salad lunch then help with “hanging of the greens”.

Soup furnished

Bring a salad or dessert to share





# Carleton United Methodist Church

## Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sponsored by: United Methodist Women Society

11435 Grafton Road, Carleton, Michigan

**Saturday,  
December 7, 2019**

**10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**COOKIES BY THE POUND**

**BAKE SALE**

**CRAFTS OF ALL KINDS**

**FRESH GREENS- SWAGS, WREATHES,  
& CENTERPIECES**

**CHRISTMAS TREASURE'S FROM  
GRANDMA'S ATTIC**

**LUNCHEON AVAILABLE**

**Shop early for best selection.**

**Items are hand made so quantities are limited**

**Proceeds support UMW outreach projects**



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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<b>3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b> Communion today  United Methodist Men Bake Sale all morning	4	5	6	7 8am to Noon Health Fair at Carleton UMC  6:30pm UMW Book Club	8 10:30am Fri- day Quilting Friends	9
<b>10</b> 10am Children's Play Prac- tice begins  9:30am Confirmation Class  6pm Girl Scouts	11 6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	12	13 7pm 4H group	14	15	16
<b>17 Bible Sunday</b>  Communion today  Noon—B.Y.O. Bible! lunch and activities	18 6:30pm United Meth- odist Women	19	20 9am Newsletter material due  10am Quilts of Love  7pm Swan Creek Garden Club	21	22	23
<b>24</b>  12noon Sort and package the Thanksgiving Baskets  6pm Girl Scouts	25 6pm Delivery of the Thanksgiving Baskets begins. Drivers must be 21 years of age or older.	26	27	28	29	<b>30</b>

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### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**



We know that its only the beginning of November but we hope you have started thinking of what you can make and contribute to the December 7<sup>th</sup> Bazaar here at Carleton UMC. The UMW welcomes all your handmade crafts, bake goods (do you have a family favorite), and gently used Christmas items that are still good but maybe you no longer use them. Need more info? Ask Brenda Stump, Jean Baker, or Ruth Smith.

**GREENS WORKSHOPS:** In preparation for the bazaar "Greens Workshops" will be held on Monday, December 2nd and Wednesday, December 4th. At these workshops the fresh evergreen wreathes are made that are sold at the bazaar. Lots of help is needed. Monday's workshops are held from 1-4pm and 6-9pm. If attending please bring gloves and hand clippers (if you have them). No experience necessary. The ladies will show you what to do. Wednesday's workshops will be the same times if needed. Please call Wednesday morning to see if you are needed.