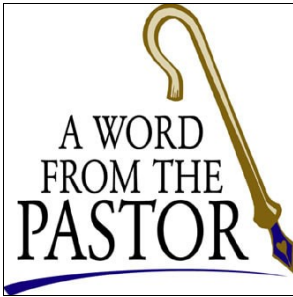




December/January 2019/2020

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With each passing day, week, month and year, one of the ways in which God has challenged and moved me in life is to be more grateful. It is not only because we just celebrated Thanksgiving that I share this, but it also because we are quickly entering the

season of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Of course, we're preparing for Christmas and all that it involves for each of us. For many of us we prepare and setup decorations, gatherings, lists, menus, gifts, and much more. In the life of our church we go from delivering Thanksgiving Baskets to Christmas Baskets, buying Angel Tree gifts, preparing our own church with decorations, the Children's Christmas Play, Advent Candles, Christmas Eve Service, and all the things seen and unseen.

I am so grateful to God for all the ways in which we can celebrate the birth of Christ and what Christ has and continues to do for us. I am also grateful for how we are able to do all that we do, not only for ourselves but also for many who are in need, especially spiritually.

I encourage all of us to be more grateful as we go about all that we do in preparations for Christmas. May we not only prepare the things all around us and on our to do list, but also prepare our hearts and spirits as we look to Christ who came, who died and resurrected for us, who calls us to be living witnesses and disciple-makers, and who will one day return. Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas as well as for Christ's return on day. And as we prepare, Jesus calls us to continually be prepared as we daily do everything for him.

In being thankful for all the gifts we have received as well as being able to give to others, let us always be thankful for and share the gift of Jesus Christ for us and all!

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.

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Sunday Worship:

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

Christian Education:

Sunday's 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Play practice
10:00 a.m. each Sunday

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Packing of Baskets

November 24th @ Noon
Help is needed to sort and pack the Thanksgiving Food Baskets

November 25th (Monday)
Distribution of the Baskets
begins at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, Dec. 7th

Open 10am—2pm
Come early, stay late!

ANGEL'S UNITED

Gifts are due back by
Dec. 15th

Delivery will begin
Dec. 18th

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 Phyllis Duliban family,
Thankyou all so much for your kindness, thoughts, and prayers at this most difficult time as we mourn the loss of our mother, Phyllis.

*With gratitude,
Laurie, Mark & families.*

Dear Members of Carleton UMC,
I wanted to let you know it really perked up my spirits when I read your note. I am so thankful for your kind thoughts and prayers. You really made a difference! I pray that God blesses you many times over for your thoughtfulness.

*Thank you again,
Luke Wegienka*

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rachael Ankenbauer & Ray Little who were married on October 20th.

Congratulations and welcome to Elliana Elaine Bentley, daughter of Kyle & Carrie who was baptized on November 3rd. Thank you to Grandma Elaine for providing the cookies enjoyed at the coffee station that day.

Also, welcome Reese Renee Baker, daughter of Josh & Chelsea Baker, who was baptized on November 11th.

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

Yay! Those who received new Bibles on November 17th were Katelyn Derry, Ella Otter, Henrick Pinchoff, and Sophia Ruhlig. We know they will have many years of adventures using their new Bibles which even comes with an "app" for those tech savvy families.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep Gary & Denise Toffoli and family in your prayers as they grieve the November 18th passing of Gary's mother, Mary.

CHURCH PRAYER NETWORK

Don't forget that Carleton UMC has an email *Prayer Network*. If you have a prayer request just email (carletonumc@gmail.com) or call us 734-654-2833. We will do our best to relay your prayer request as quickly as possible.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Don Vaughn
 3 Brooke Giedlin
 4 Lanette Carmack
 5 *Melissa & Jerry Morin*
 6 Michelle Rutkowski, Lonnie Stump, Barb Young
 7 *Earl & Betty Duby*
 10 Marion Taylor, Shirley Zlatos, *Gina & Henry Giles*
 11 Mike Sweeney, Dave Vallie
 12 Whitney Bednarz, Betty Leonard (93), Marvin Stump, Aaron Vallie
 13 Joyce King
 15 Nancy Young
 16 Barb Abar
 18 Branch Schafer
 19 Jodie Bean
 20 Julia Helka (90)
 22 Paul Oleynik (90)
 23 Ian Stevens, Ryan Stevens, Bill Umbarger
 26 Lana Baas
 28 Darrell Mossburg
 30 Renee Derry
 31 Justin Giles

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Velma Brooks
 2 Bruce Lester
 4 Liam Lake
 5 Earl Heiss
 6 Gavin Metzger
 8 Dave Bean, Patricia Madaski
 10 Fayrene Gibson, *Mike & Tara McLaughlin*
 11 Brad Abar, Melissa Morin, Michelle Toth
 12 Matthew Stump
 14 Kathy LaFlure
 15 Hunter Duschek, *Darrell & Julie Riggs*
 16 Judy Shrewsbury
 17 Denise Toffoli
 20 Andrew Kim, Jonathan Kim
 21 Terry Brey
 24 Mike McLaughlin, Al VanHouten
 26 Paul Etue, Wylie Pinchoff
 28 Bill Trainor
 29 Cale Bodenmiller
 30 Patricia Charles Gardetto
 31 Carol Jeffrey

**IN SERVICE FOR YOU****LITURGIST****SOUND BOARD**

Dec. 1	8:30 Jodie Bean	Jerry Morin
	10:45 Megan Robertson	Trevor Kessell
8	8:30 Dan Gardetto	Jerry Morin
	10:45 Greg Baker	Wyatt Kessell
15	8:30 Terry Brey	Dan Gardetto
	10:45 Cheryl Marlow	
22	8:30	Madonna Bednarz
	10:45 Trevor Kessell	Julie Riggs
24	7:00	D & J Riggs
29	8:30 Madonna Bednarz	
	10:45 Brenda Stump	Joan & Judy

NURSERY (BIRTH TO AGE 3)

- Dec. 1 Barb Young & Lana Baas
 8 Lori Mossburg & Kathy LaFlure
 15 Not Staffed (Children's Christmas Program)
 22 Cheryl Marlow & Jean Baker
 29 Jean Baker & Elaine Gasidlo

Please remember when attending children in the nursery to offer only the approved provided snacks. There are several children with food allergies, so no outside food should be brought into the nursery area.

JUNIOR CHURCH AGE 4 TO 4TH GRADE

- Dec. 1 Karyn Vaughn
 8 Karen Kessell
 15 Children in Worship
 22 Children in Worship
 29 Children in Worship

ANGELS UNITED GIVING TREE

The Angel's United Giving Tree tags are up in the lobby. The idea is that you take a tag or two, shop for the requested gift, and return the gift UNWRAPPED with the tag attached by December 15th. It is important that we have the tag as it has been assigned a "family number" which will help with sorting.

On Sunday, December 15th, immediately after the 10:45 worship the task of sorting and packing the gifts and food baskets will begin. Packing will take place on Monday, December 16th as well.

A sign up sheet has been posted in the lobby for donations of hams or turkeys for the baskets. Details on delivery (Dec. 18th) will be published at a later date.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES**

6:15pm (approximately) Carleton Brass will again offer music from around the world

7pm Family Candle light service. Everyone welcome.

We will have glow sticks for the little ones.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As of November 17, \$5,360.00 in additional contributions have come in from the “Over and Above” campaign. This has helped considerably in covering our current shortfall. The finance committee would like to remind you that there are still envelopes available in the lobby for “Over and Above” giving. We asked you to prayerfully consider supporting this effort to help close the church’s funding shortfall.

If you are over 70 ½ years old and currently receiving distributions from a traditional IRA, you may want to talk to your tax advisor to see if you qualify for making your church donation from your IRA. Your church donation may be a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

How a Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA Works

Normally, when you take a distribution from a traditional IRA, you pay taxes on it since you didn't pay taxes on the money when you put it into your IRA. But if you are age 70½ or older and make a contribution directly from your traditional IRA to a qualified charity, you can donate up to \$100,000 without it being considered a taxable distribution. To avoid paying taxes on the donation, you must follow the IRS's rules for qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), also called charitable IRA rollovers. Most churches, nonprofit charities, educational organizations, nonprofit hospitals and medical research organizations are qualified charities. The charity you give to will not have to pay taxes on your donation.

In an effort to assist the counters that count the church offering after Sunday services, we are asking you to please fill in the amount that is enclosed in the envelope. If the amount is not filled in on the envelope, we are unable to post your contribution to your account. This also causes issues and extra work for the counters when balancing the deposit. We are using envelopes with the flap on them to help with confidentiality of your donation. If you are using an envelope that was assigned to you, you do not need to enter your name on the envelope, we can enter your contribution using the envelope number. Thank you for your help.

Carleton United Methodist Church

General Fund Income and Expense Statement

January 1 - November 19, 2019

Income	
General Fund Income	\$155,714.92
General Fund “Over & Above”	\$5,360.00
Investment Income	\$208.37
Rental Income	\$1,870.00
Advertising Income	\$500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$163,653.29
Expenses	
OUR CHURCH HOME	\$52,440.62
OUR CHURCH PROGRAMS	\$9,068.04
OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$73,713.00
OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY	\$15,362.00
Unpaid apportionments that have been billed	\$12,926.87
Unpaid apportionments December billing	\$2,920.13
TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE	\$166,430.66
NET LOSS AS OF 1/19/2019	(\$2,777.37)



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December 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Communion 10am Christmas Play Practice Noon—Christian Ed Team meeting Noon— Hanging of the Greens	2 1-4pm Greens workshops 6-9pm Greens workshops	3	4 DEADLINE TO DONATE GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS ITEMS TO GRANDMA'S ATTIC 1-4pm Greens Workshops 6-9pm Greens Workshop (if needed)	5	6 4:30-7pm Craft & Baked item drop off	7 10am-2pm Church Bazaar—come shop, have lunch, and enjoy the fellowship. Tell your friends!
8 9:30 am Confirmation Class 10am Christmas Play Practice 6pm Girl Scouts	9	10	11 7pm 4H Group	12	13	14 9am-First Friends
15 Communion 9:30am All children should attend to dress and rehearse for the 10:45am Children's Christmas program Noon— sorting of the Angels Tree— please make every effort to have your tags & purchases back to church by Noon 6-8pm One United Youth	16 Sorting & packing of Angel Tree baskets—lots of help is needed. See Chetti, Elaine or Tom for details	17 Sorting & packing of Angel Tree baskets—lots of help is needed. See Chetti, Elaine or Tom for details	18 6pm Delivery begins of the Angel Tree baskets	19	20	21
22 Worship 8:30 & 10:45	23	24 6:15pm Carleton Brass 7pm Candle-light service	25 Church office closed	26 Church office closed	27	28
29 Worship 8:30 & 10:45 **This is the final day to get your 2019 contributions in. If you need more info please see Bill or Dan.	30 Church office open normal hours	31 Church office closed				



Sunday,
December 1st
12noon

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

Soup is provided.

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**

Shop early for best selection.

Items are hand made so quantities are limited

Proceeds support UMW outreach projects

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

First Friends



Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

**Grab your grown up and come to
hear a short Bible story, play together,
and make new friends.**

The following Saturdays from 9:00-10:00

12/14

2/15

4/18



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

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

10:45
Dec. 15th

Bring your Family!

Invite all your Friends!

Go tell it on the mountain!

It's the
Children's Christmas Program!



Mark Your Calendars!!!

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



January 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
EVERY SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Blended Service			1 Closed	2 Church office open	3 Fun Friday— details to follow	4
5 Communion *10:45 Youth Choir	6	7	8 7pm 4H Group	9	10	11
12 9:30am Confirmation Class *10:45 Children's Choir Noon— Destination Unknown	13 6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	14	15 10am Quilts of Love	16	17 Youth Lock In →→→→→	18 Is scheduled →→→→→
19 Communion *10:45 Children's Bells A Night of Love 6pm Potluck 6:30pm Praise & Worship 7-8pm Love in Action— Mission & Service opportunities	20	21	22 6:30pm Book Club 7pm Swan Creek Garden Club	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

FUN FRIDAY!

January 3rd

WHO: You!

WHAT?

WHERE??

WHEN??



But I am taking suggestions...

Keep watching this space for more details!

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with your Church Family!

Destination Unknown!



Not old enough for Youth Group, but ready for adventure with your friends? Solve a puzzle using your Bible to figure out where we'll go next! In the past we've explored the Toledo Art Museum, The Creature Conservancy, The Scrap Box, Lake Erie Metropark, Sky Zone and more!

Upcoming Dates:

January 12

March 15

These outings are designed for 3rd-5th graders but exceptions can be made! Please fill out a permission slip to attend.

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

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

Everyone is invited A Night of Love



Love God, Love People.

January 19

6:00pm Potluck

6:30pm Praise and Worship

7:00-8:00pm Love in Action (Mission & Service Opportunities)

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