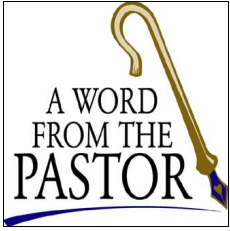




# February 2020

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the second time I've not written my normal pastoral article, and it's for an important reason. On January 3<sup>rd</sup> my sister texted me about what she heard in the news regarding our denomination, The United Methodist Church (UMC) publicized a formal **proposal** (no decision has been made yet) to split over the issues of same-sex marriage and LGBTQ clergy. Many of you have already heard of this news.

What you may not know is that our denomination actually first discussed this very same issue when our denomination was founded in 1968. And there has been significant debate on and off since, with much attention on the special General Conference last year where they voted to not change anything. But due to the building division over fundamental and irreconcilable differences, our denomination has come to make this proposal to split, which was made by a mediation group consisting of members of the different positions on this issue. A vote on this proposal will take place at the May 2020 General Conference, which meets every 4 years.

If this proposal passes in May, and as simply as I can put it, it will allow for "traditional" churches that are opposed to same-sex marriage and LGBTQ clergy to split away to create a new denomination, having until Dec. 31, 2024 to decide whether to leave The UMC or not. Churches that remain in The United Methodist Church will be supporting the acceptance of same-sex marriage and LGBTQ clergy. A few things to note include that many of the "traditional" churches who have actively opposed to same-sex marriage and LGBTQ clergy have been preparing to leave The UMC. This proposal allows for churches to keep their property, provisions of \$25 million to create and sustain the beginnings of the new denomination, current clergy and UMC staff pension plans remaining in place, and other details that can be found in the links provided below.

You may go online to read the full 9-page proposal as well as the Questions & Answers regarding the proposal. I wish they could have made the links shorter, but I'd suggest simply searching online by typing in the titles "Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation" and "Council of Bishops: Frequently Asked Questions about the United Methodist Mediation Team." I am aware that not everyone has access to the internet or uses computers and/or smartphones, including those who are in nursing homes and homebound. If you would like these documents and you're among those who are not able access them and/or do not have someone to print these documents out for you, please call us at the church and we'll send them out to you.

As always, let us all continue praying for our denomination, for all United Methodists, and all who are affected by our denomination's decisions, especially on this matter. Finally, let us all continually demonstrate the love of Christ, especially with the challenging decisions that may be made in the next few years.

Blessings,

Online Documents and Q&A on the Proposed Split of The UMC:

**Council of Bishops: Frequently Asked Questions about the United Methodist Mediation Team**

[https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-united-methodist-mediation-team-13133711?fbclid=IwAR2P0d3k1\\_gZDNvJUqom4j6h42CQLNAJ1ITzm8LHKGOUh6EDlq1jTGFVNeI](https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/frequently-asked-questions-about-the-united-methodist-mediation-team-13133711?fbclid=IwAR2P0d3k1_gZDNvJUqom4j6h42CQLNAJ1ITzm8LHKGOUh6EDlq1jTGFVNeI)

**Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation**

<https://cdnsc.umc.org/-/media/umc-media/2020/01/03/15/48/Protocol-of-Reconciliation-and-Grace-through-Separation>

**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

There will not be a full Contemporary Worship this month

**Christian Education:**

Sunday's 9:30 a.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 26th  
Worship 7pm

**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.

**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. Phone directories are available in the office upon request.

**OPPORTUNITY TO RECYCLE**

Carleton UMC continues to collect the Prairie Farms caps and bottle caps of all colors and sizes. Please place your donations in the correct side of the container.

**MICHIGAN RECYCLES**

Michigan returnable cans and bottles can be left in the container at anytime.

Thank you for your continued contributions to these ministries.

**BROOMS AND DISHCLOTHS FOR SALE**

There are several discounted brooms for sale near the bookrack. These brooms have a slight crack in the plastic covering the top of the straw near where the handle attaches to the broom. The imperfection does not affect the performance or wear ability of the product. Each of these discounted brooms is only \$5.00 instead of the normal \$8.00. Get your discounted broom before they are gone.

There are also dishcloths for sale at the same display. They are 2 for \$6.00 and last a long time. Please help support the UMW projects by purchasing the dishcloths and brooms.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jake Redburn
- 2 Chuck LaFlure, David, Liechti, Lindsey Vallie
- 3 Dennis Finnerty, Dakota Reno
- 4 Darrell Riggs, Tara Wells
- 5 Ivy Ankenbauer, *Don & Karyn Vaughn (20)*
- 7 Taek Kim, Jeremy Otter
- 8 Ilidia Wiles, *Bob & Mary Redburn*
- 10 Matthew Uchtorff
- 11 Corinne Barnhart, Mike King, Katy McLaughlin
- 12 Cindy Goode
- 14 *Jason & Heidi Ruhlig*
- 15 Jean Baker, Patti Finnerty, Henry Giles,  
Wyatt Kessell
- 16 Tyler Baker, Brayden Bentley, Carol Sieb (80)
- 17 Wanda Miles
- 18 Nick Mazur, Tori Mazur
- 19 Megan Robertson
- 20 Hannah Breitner, Lindsay Metzger, Pam Oleynik
- 21 Callie Eaton, Rebekah Kim
- 24 Abbott Otter
- 25 Mike Baxter
- 26 Del Dennis (98), Anna Gurgul
- 27 Earl Duby
- 28 Chandler Toth



## IN SERVICE FOR YOU

### LITURGIST SOUND BOARD

Feb. 2	8:30 Ethel Heiss	
	10:45 Julie Riggs	
9	8:30	Pam Ross
	10:45 Wyatt Kessell	
16	8:30 Dan Gardetto	
	10:45 Wanda Miles	
23	8:30	Dan Gardetto
	10:45 Marvin Stump	

### NURSERY (BIRTH TO AGE 3)

Feb. 2	Joan Mueller & Judy Shrewsbury
9	Barb Young & Lana Baas
16	Joyce King & Alana Schafer
23	Brenda Stump & Lori Mossburg

Please remember that no outside snacks are to be brought into the nursery. There are allergy approved ones provided.

### JUNIOR CHURCH AGE 4 TO 4TH GRADE

Feb. 2	Kim Baxter & Jamie Kim
9	Karen Kessell
16	Children in Worship
23	Christine Mazur

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep the family of Peggy Hornberger in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve her December 13th passing.

Please keep Joan Mueller and family in prayer as they mourn the December 28th passing of her brother, David.

## 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.

## NOTES RECEIVED

Edna Trainor-Lancour would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, and prayers during her illness. She is back to playing just a bit and we hope she continues to improve and is able to return to all her normal activities very soon.

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The Osterhout family wishes to thank Pastor Taek for creating a warm, meaningful, personal memorial service for David. If we didn't know better, we would have believed that he knew David well. The UMW, Aaron Vallie, Marvin Stump, Gary Toffoli, Kathy LaFlure, and those donating food had to go the extra mile for us due to the awful weather. Joan and Judy were very proud to invite family and friends into our church home. All who came experienced a clean, welcoming, loving church. For some it was a rare church visit and they were able to feel the love and acceptance of Christ.

## CARLETON UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The women's group would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the women and men who helped in any way with our 2019 Christmas Bazaar. We want you to know that we appreciate you; whether you helped with our spectacular wreaths and greens, were a baker of delicious cookies or other goodies, created clever handcrafted items, donated items to Grandma's attic, made us lunch, hand washed dishes, helped with setup or cleanup, advertised in any way, or shopped!

This year's bazaar profits were \$2,861.66. It's gratifying to know that the bazaar profits along with our other earnings go toward sponsoring a local seminary student, helping a school in Africa with ties to our church, improvements in the Appalachian Mountain area, Children's Methodist Home, UM retirement community, and helping local children and families in our own area. It was a lot of work but we couldn't have done it without you!





Christmas 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting Angels United!

This year we were able to add joy to 39 families with 97 children during the holiday season!

We provided food which included perishables, canned goods and a ham or turkey. The children received clothing, socks, underwear, coats if needed and toys.

We received many positive comments and wanted to share some of them with you.

*"Everything was perfect and is very appreciated. It was beyond what we were expecting! Thank you so much and Merry Christmas and God bless all of you."*

*"Everything is great! Your group is amazing. Thank you and everyone that had a hand in improving my children's Christmas! It was a surprise and awesome."*

*"You have truly blessed my family and we can't thank you enough!"*

*"Everything is perfect and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. My family appreciates all of you more than you can know! I pray for the day that I can donate instead of receive. Merry Christmas to you and your families!"*

Thank you again for your generous support. It truly was awesome and we are grateful. Christmas is always blessed by showing kindness and spreading joy.

Angels United



# Come Camping!

June 26-28

## Bishop Lake Recreation Area (Brighton)

Upper Loop Sites 28,30,32,34 & 36 are all CUMC people you know!

Book a site nearby or come up for the day on Saturday!

We generally each take responsibility for one meal or snack so for most meals you can just show up! In between meals, enjoy hiking, mountain biking, swimming, human foosball, gaga ball, fishing, archery, volleyball, cornhole, board games, cards and lots of fellowship!



Questions? Talk to the Vaughns, Mazurs, Kessells, Kims, Baxters, or Vallies for more information and to get included in meals!

**Grow, Worship, Serve and  
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# First Friends

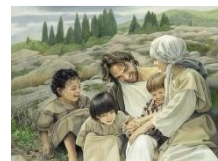


## **Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers**

**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**

**2/15      4/18**



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

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

**MARCH 22 @ 9:30**  
**WE'LL WRAP UP OUR STUDY**  
**OF THE**  
**ARMOR OF GOD**  
**WITH A**

**BIBLICAL**  
**BATTLE!**



**All are welcome –**  
**preparation for the battle begins in**  
**February in Sunday School!**

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

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





# FEB. 2020

| SUN                                                      | MON                                                  | TUES | WED                         | THURS | FRI                                   | SAT                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
|                                                          |                                                      |      |                             |       |                                       | 1<br>8am Emmaus<br>Reunion at<br>Farmers Cafe |
| 2 Communion Sunday<br>10:45 Youth Choir performance      | 3                                                    | 4    | 5                           | 6     | 7                                     | 8                                             |
| 9<br>9:30 Confirmation Class<br>10:45 Joyful Noise Choir | 10<br>6:30pm Worship Cmte.<br>7:30pm Mission Cmte. e | 11   | 12<br>7pm 4H Club           | 13    | 14                                    | 15<br>9-10am First<br>Friends Play<br>Group   |
| 16<br>6-8pm OneUnited Youth                              | 17                                                   | 18   | 19<br>7pm Swan Creek Garden | 20    | 21<br>10:30am,<br>Quilting<br>Friends | 22                                            |
| 23                                                       | 24                                                   | 25   | 26                          | 27    | 28                                    | 29                                            |





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## COMMUNION AT CARLETON UMC

Beginning February 2, 2020 the communion bread used during communion at Carleton UMC will be free of the top 8 allergens. It is made by a company in North Carolina called Pure Knead. It is gluten free, dairy free, egg free, fish free, peanut, soy, tree nut free, and shellfish free. We hope this will allow anyone attending our worship services to be able to partake of communion without free of an allergic reaction. If you have any questions, please call the church office.