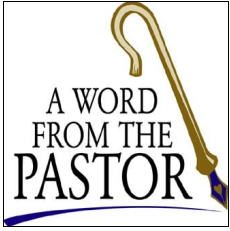




March 2020

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lately I've heard the words, and with good and understandable reasons, "I'm so busy!" or "I'm so overwhelmed." I've been hearing it more and more, and it seems like there's no end. Sure some are saying it with a smile on their faces and saying how incredibly blessed they are. But most are lamenting it.

Though there are still 24 hours a day, there seems much less time to spend with each other, to call someone up and talk for a while, to enjoy a nice walk or book or whatever it is one enjoys when there is leisure or extra time. Even young people seem to be busier than ever.

Of course, being busy to a certain extent is simply a part of life, which it has been since the days of Adam and Eve! In fact, you could argue people were busier before due to having to hunting, gathering, make fires, stay safe and alive, as well as fending off the next threat or attack. And in some places in the world, that is still the way life is and it's a daily fight that can determine whether they live or die. For most of us, we are usually concerned about things that people in some parts of the world could only dream of experiencing.

As we enter Lent, this year beginning on February 26 with Ash Wednesday, we begin to journey with Christ to the cross. During the 40 days of Lent, the last week is Holy Week, with Palm Sunday, April 5, then Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Then we will celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter, April 12th.

As we pray throughout the year, I encourage you to take time to pray even more, asking God to help you in a world that often screams for your attention and for you to be so busy. Pray to God for wisdom to find ways in your busyness to do more than things and to get things done but to also live. And in all you do and with all you interact with and relate to, see how you are a living witness of Jesus Christ.

I also encourage you to consider what it means to have a day not only to rest once a week, but to also rest in the Lord. The rest we have with God is an active rest that includes worshipping God, which is no doubt done in church but also in talking walk, working on a craft, sitting quietly in your favorite spot, sitting with someone you love, or almost anything else that allows you to find rest and renewal with God. I am aware and understand that some of you have to work on Sundays, and God also understands that. Just use a portion of the time God has given you to spend it uninterrupted with the One who loves you, saved you, and calls you to walk with Him as He always walks with you.

As a pastor, I used to joke with people who said they were too busy for church that if I weren't a pastor that I just might be too busy for church also. But I know don't use the word "church" anymore. Instead, I put God in the place of the church. And it's not only about Sunday, which of course is incredibly important, Sundays worshipping together that is. It is also about every single day that we must not say that we're too busy for God. Christ not only died for us so that we could have eternal life, but also that we may live, truly live every day for the love of God and others. No matter what our current state in life is, we must see that daily taking up our cross and following Christ (Luke 9:23) is a joyful way of living compared to being focused on getting as much stuff done as possible. In fact, living for Christ gives meaning and purpose to all the things we do, not only all of the relationships God has granted us. So during this Lent, take time to pray and ask God for wisdom as you take more time for what matters most.

Blessings,

**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

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 joining the church 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

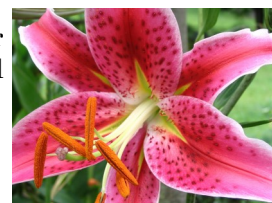
Michigan returnable cans and bottles can be left in the container at anytime.

Thank you for your continued contributions to these ministries.

**ORDER FORMS NOW AVAILABLE**

Order forms are now available for the delicious pastys made by our Mission Committee. All orders must be placed by Sunday, March 8th with delivery taking place Saturday, March 14th & Sunday, March 15th. Each pasty comes frozen and is just \$5.00.

Easter plant order forms are also available now for the lovely Easter Hybrid lilies that will grace our sanctuary on Easter morning. All plants will cost just \$8.00.



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

3	Matthew Derry, Brent Mossburg
5	Christine Mazur
6	Julia Bage, Lori Giedlin
7	Courtney Black, Florence Greer Alana Schafer
8	<i>Michael & Bethany Sweeney,</i> Ivan Brooks, Joe Lake
9	Cliff Uchtorff
10	Ian Ankenbauer, Jordan Toffoli
11	<i>Cliff & Renee Uchtorff,</i> Francine Herzog
12	Ella Schafer
13	John Brazon
14	<i>Russell & Dawn Schaller,</i> Kate Giedlin
16	Emmett, Lydia, Maddie Gray
17	Avery Brown
18	Amy Eaton
19	Jerry Sweeney
23	Angie VanWashenova
24	Halee Grass, Nik Schafer
27	Rachael Little, Leland Morin
30	Chelsea Mossburg

**THE UNITED METHODIST MEN WILL SPONSOR A**

PASTA Lunch

**Sunday,
March 22nd
12 noon
free-will
offering**

**IN SERVICE FOR YOU**

<u>LITURGIST</u>	<u>SOUND BOARD</u>
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March 18:30	Ethel Heiss	Pam Ross
10:45	Richard Mazur	
8 8:30	Dan Gardetto	Kathy Jones
10:45	Morgan Vaughn	
15 8:30	Jan VanHouten	Pam Ross
10:45	Brenda Stump	Trevor Kessell
22 8:30	Jodie Bean	Dan Gardetto
10:45	Mary Baker	
29 8:30	Terry Brey	Pam Ross
10:45	Marvin Stump	

NURSERY (BIRTH TO AGE 3)

March 1	Kim Baxter & Michelle Rutkowski
March 8	Denise Toffoli & Lanette Carmack
March 15	Cheryl Marlow & Florence Greer
March 22	Angie VanWashenova & Elaine Gasidlo
March 29	Cathy Umbarger & Mary Loving

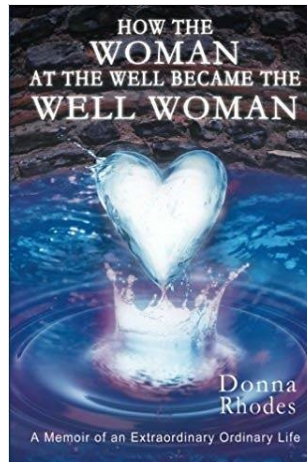
JUNIOR CHURCH AGE 4 TO 4TH GRADE

March 1	Karen Kessell
March 8	Karyn Vaughn
March 15	Children in Worship
March 22	Chris Mazur
March 29	Karyn Vaughn

IN OUR PRAYERS

Allen & Ruth Smith and family on the passing of their niece, Amber Smith. Amber passed away Feb. 4th.

Bill & Carolyn Trainor & Kim Bodenmiller & families on the passing of their son/brother, Sean who passed away unexpectedly, Feb. 18th. Sean and his family lived in Texas.

BOOK CLUB

The UMW Book Club is now reading "How the Women at the Well Became the Well Woman" by Donna Rhodes. All women are invited to participate in this book club. Copies of the book are available at the church and are \$14.00. This book will be discussed on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

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!

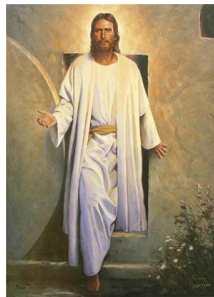
Growing with God...Reaching Out to the World!

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

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SPOILER ALERT:

**Jesus Died But
Jesus is ALIVE!!!**



But you already knew that, so let's celebrate with an



Early Easter Egg Hunt!

April 5th @ 9:30

Followed by the Palm Sunday Parade at 10:45!
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Questions? Call the church office (734-654-283)

Grow, Worship, Serve and Play with your Church Family

May 7 5:00-8:00
National Day of Prayer



Pray for the world



Playdough Prayers—Thank you, God!



Praising God for who He is



Prayer Walk for those who lead

For ALL ages
STOP BY ANY TIME - STAY AS LONG AS YOU WOULD LIKE!

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March 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Communion Sunday 10:45 Youth Choir performs Easter plant & Pasty Sale order forms available	2	3	4	5	6	7 8am Emmaus reunion group at Farmers Cafe
8 Easter plant & Pasty Sale order forms available	9 6:30pm Staff Parish 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	10	11 7pm 4H Group	12	13 10:30am Friday Quilting Friends Pasty Work bee	14 9am UMM at 5th Wheel Diner Pasty Work bee
15 BLANKET SUNDAY (special offering) 9:30 Confirmation Class Pasty sale orders delivered Noon— OneUnited Youth Noon— Destination Unknown	16	17	18 10am Quilts of Love	19 6:30pm UMW Book Club	20	21
22 9:30AM Armor of God Deadline for Easter plant orders Noon—Pasta Meal	23 9am Newsletter material due	24	25 7pm Swan Creek Garden	26	27	28
29 GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY There just might be a few extra boxes of Girl Scout Cookies for sale!	30	31				



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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.