



# Carleton News

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Carleton United  
Methodist Church

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### *PASTOR'S THOUGHTS*

Dear Friends in Christ,

During these past 3+ months, I have experienced what many of you have been experiencing, which I have called pandemic fatigue. I am not complaining, but more coming to a realization that we are all in one way or another, in varying degrees, and with varying circumstances are feeling the effects of doing what we can to help with the stopping of the spreading of COVID-19. And thank God that so far we have done a good job because our state is one of the three states that is on track in containing the virus. And though restrictions have lifted and as many people enjoy the lifting of restrictions, we pray and hope that in light of people relaxing more that we still stay vigilant so we continue the trend of containing and lowering the cases of COVID-19.

Since we began having worship services at home through online videos and mailing of messages to those who do not use or have access to the internet or email, I will continue to record and upload videos of our services as I am able. At this time we are not able to have music in our recorded videos as we work through how to do so without copyright infringements when using YouTube and Facebook. The plan is also to have help when I am away on vacations for services to be uploaded. If we do not have the services uploaded, we will try to have guest preachers pre-record their messages so they are available, as well as their messages printed beforehand to be mailed. As I prepare the PowerPoints for each Sunday, they do take some time in uploading videos to the computer and having them played by the press of a button on the computer. Though it may seem like a simple thing, sometimes computers/technology doesn't play nice and it takes hours rather than an hour to get one video to play right.

I share all of this because I thank God for the ability to learn how to do this, as well as to see if there are people who would like to be part of a team to do this work. Let me know if you are interested in giving your time freely to the ministry of our church as we create worship services that bring each other closer to God and reach those who cannot attend in-person services now and in the future.

Finally, I thank God for all who have done the vital ministry of running the sound and slideshows on Sundays, for those who have recorded songs, children's messages, and other parts of the worship service such as the words of welcome and prayers. Most do not know what seems like a simple video sometimes takes a lot more time and effort.

Thank God that we are able to do it as well as have. May God help us continue doing so, and even better, as we do so with more joy and help.

Blessings in Christ,

### ***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:**

June 21 to Sept. 1st — 9:30 a.m.

No nursery care or Junior Church will be available at this time.

### **Christian Education:**

Sunday school does not meet during the summer.

### **Social Distancing Seating**

Please follow the directions of the Usher's as you enter the sanctuary. The pews have been marked following the Social distancing guidelines.

### **Masks are to be worn**

Please continue wearing your mask during worship. If you do not have one there are some available as you enter the building.

### **We ask that you**

take one.  
Use it  
Take it home  
Wash it  
Wear it again next week

Hello Church Families!

We finally get to come back to church! Things will be a bit different and it will be a good idea to prep your children - especially the younger ones to let them know what to expect. They will see people in masks, some pews will be taped off, we won't have hymnals or Bibles, and we won't be singing or greeting with hugs and handshakes. But we'll be back together!

Although it's not feasible to hold Junior Church or open the nursery at this point, children of all ages are always welcome in the sanctuary! Although having children beside you in church is not the same worship experience, it is an excellent chance for them to learn by watching you! Here are some ideas to help not just occupy them in the pews, but to engage them in worship as well.

1. **Look Ahead.** We will be getting the bulletin through email a few days before worship. Help older children bookmark the verse in their Bible ahead of time. If it is a story, help younger children bookmark the story in a Children's Bible. Look for key words like love, or hope and have children listen for that word.

2. **Whisper and Coach.** Children are still learning about all the parts of worship. Call attention to what's next in easy to grasp words, "it's time to say thank you to God". Encourage them to participate...give them a heads up on the response for the call to worship. Suggest what to listen for, "Everyone is hungry in this story, I wonder what Jesus will do?" Share your love of worship, "this is my favorite verse/song...". Check out the blog [Worshiping with Children](#) for more ideas - under the topical index.

3. **Pack a Worship Bag.** While children are always learning, there are already many parts of the service they can participate in...and there are other where tools can help them focus. Here are some suggestions to start...

- Age appropriate Bible
- Spiral Notebook
- Pencils and crayons

4. **Grab a "Welcome Back Pack".**

Bags will be waiting for the children when they return to church. The things inside are gifts to add to their worship bag. Depending on your child's age, you will find.

- Pipe Cleaners (to fidget with, or make objects/people to go with the Bible story)
- Sensory Bottles
- A Prayer Finger Labyrinth or a Sanctuary I Spy game
- Fidgets - to occupy hands while eyes, ears, and minds are taking in the service.

(Extra notebooks and crayons to take will be also available if you don't have them!)

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

-Karyn Vaughn, Christian Education Chair

### **JUST A REMINDER**

Please email your prayer requests to the church at [carletonumc@gmail.com](mailto:carletonumc@gmail.com). A card will be prepared and signed by Pastor Taek letting them know we are praying for them.

### **RECYCLE UPDATES**

The collection of Prairie Farm Caps as well as caps and lids of all sizes and colors will continue.

Unfortunately the Michigan Returnable bottle and can collection can not continue at the present time. Until the restrictions on the limits are lifted, we will be unable to accept your donations at this time.

### **ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Annual Back-to-school Clothing Drive will not take place this summer due to the Covid-19 restrictions on the use of the buildings on school property. If you are able to save your donations until next year that would be wonderful. Please do not bring your donations to the church as space is very limited. If you are unable to hold on to your donations at home we understand and encourage you to donate them to another worthy cause.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

6 *Pastor Taek & Jamie Kim*  
 8 Jan VanHouten  
 9 Vera Otter  
 10 *Rich & Chris Mazur*  
     Ronnie Gibson, Chloe Ruhlig  
 11 *Rich & Linda Stahl, Ray & Ilidia Wiles*  
     Greg Baker, Jodie McEwan, Melissa Vallie  
 12 *Paul & Joan Oleynik*, Tessa Mooney  
 13 *Marvin & Brenda Stump*  
 15 *Gary & Laurie Breitner*  
     Barry Jones, Jerry Morin  
 16 Pat Gretzler, Clifton Robertson  
 17 Elliana Bentley, Kelly Miller  
 18 Devin Finnerty, John Finnerty  
 19 *Jim & Cheryl Marlow*  
 20 *Chuck & Kathy LaFlure*  
 21 Gary Loving  
 22 John Rutkowski, Edna Trainor-Lancour  
 24 Grace Otter  
 26 Hailey Nolan  
 27 Mary Vogler  
 29 Helen Jewell  
 31 *Ted & Megan Robertson*  
     Shirley Redburn, Amelia Ruhlig

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

3 Laurie Breitner  
 6 Abby Gray, Aaron Smith  
 7 Everett Kessell  
 8 Mary Baker, Berkle Black  
 12 Jeff VanWashenova, Carl Zlatos  
 13 Madonna Bednarz, Bob Redburn  
 14 Mark Buell  
 15 Don Grant  
 16 *Ivan & Velma Brooks*  
     Brian Bednarz, Aiden Beidler, Lori Mossburg  
 17 Tristan Oliver  
 18 *Tim & Kim Bodenmiller, Greg & Kelly Branham,*  
     *Ronnie & Fayrene Gibson, Bill & Cathy Umbarger*  
     Grace Anson, Alexis Winters  
 20 Hadley Schafer  
 21 *Dennis & Patti Finnerty, Jeff & Kelly Miller*  
     Krystal Stump  
 22 *Gary & Mary Loving*  
 23 Hailie Black  
 24 Shurley Lester  
 25 Barb Frankhouse, Chloe Sweeney  
 26 *Jim & Jerry Sweeney*, Mary Redburn  
 27 Kathy Alexander, Stacey Bodenmiller  
 28 *Dave & Jodie Bean, Al & Jan VanHouten*  
     Bev Buell, Randy Smith, Carolyn Trainor  
 31 *Bob & Barb Abar, Michael & Lana Baas*

Carleton United Methodist Church  
 General Fund Income and Expense Statement  
 January 1 - June 18, 2020

**INCOME**

General Fund	\$ 69,850.62
Investments	89.89
Rental Income	525.00
 Total Income	 <u>\$ 70,465.51</u>

**EXPENSES**

Our Church Home	\$ 27,045.03
Our Church Programs	3,436.71
Our Pastoral Ministry	38,348.27
Our Outreach Ministry	2,678.46
Unpaid Apportionments	<u>11,328.25</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 82,836.72
General Fund Loss as of 6/18/2020	(\$12,371.21)

Paycheck Protection Program Loan \$ 15,181.87

This is a government loan to assist with payroll and utility expenses that have been encountered during the COVID-19 shutdown. It is anticipated that much of this loan will be forgiven later this year. The amount of this loan that is forgiven will be used to offset the current general fund loss.

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**CARDS RECEIVED**

Dear Church Family,

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards on the loss of my brother Roy. It is times like this that our Faith, Church family and friends mean so much to us. A special thanks to Pastor Taek for his visit and kind words.

*Sincerely,*  
*Ruth & Allen Smith & family*

**WORDS OF THANKS**

Thank you to those who helped with a short-notice church cleanup on June 20th to remove weeds, spray weed preventer, edge the lawn around the church and sidewalks, remove weeds around the gardens, and trim hedges, and clean debris from the parking lot. Special thanks to Greg Baker, Mike Baxter, Tim and Kim Bodenmiller, Tom and Joanne Northey, Jane Rossio, John Rutkowski and Pastor Taek for taking the time to help make for quicker work of beautifying our church.