

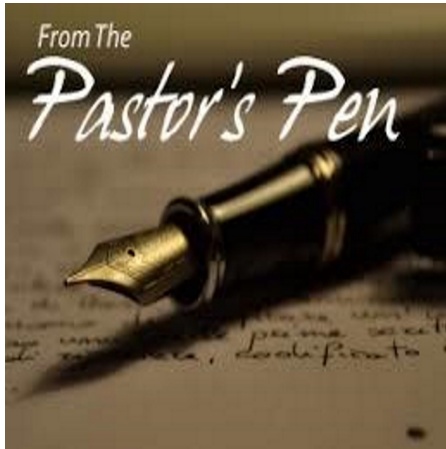


November/December 2023

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“Radiant People, Brilliant Life, Bright Future”



Pastoral ministry at Carleton United Methodist Church in 2023 was like gold mining works, digging deep into the Bible to find hidden treasures of God. Simultaneously, it was an exciting endeavor to discover God's gifts within people for the betterment of the Church.

United Methodist Church pastors are privileged to engage in three aspects of pastoral ministry within the Church. Firstly, they are tasked with preaching the Word of God to help Christians gain complete understanding and knowledge of God's unchanging plan for us. Another privilege is presiding over the sacraments to invite people to be involved in the life of Jesus Christ.

Lastly, they hold the position of Chairperson of the Lay Leadership Committee, responsible for nominating lay servants to engage in ministry within the local Church. In 2023, as a pastor, it was exciting moments to ask and encourage people

to work together for the Kingdom of God. I believe that the pastoral ministry at Carleton United Methodist Church in 2023 has produced exciting and productive results, inspiring me to envision an optimistic outlook for the church's ministry in 2024.

The Apostle James' Theory of Faith and Action

I want to share the ministry motto of the Apostle James, who is regarded as one of the prominent pastors of the Jerusalem Church. James emphasized that the focus of his ministry was to translate Christian faith into action. His theory was an action-oriented Christian faith rooted in trust in God. He said Christian faith should be manifested in practical actions to benefit those in need. In essence, James stressed that the Christian faith ought to be actively practiced in the life of Christians rather than being a mere intellectual agreement with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

As a pastor at Carleton United Methodist Church, I wholeheartedly support putting Christian faith into action, and I believe that genuine Christian faith, rooted in trust in God, should be expressed in practical action.

Ministry Campaigns In 2023

Carleton United Methodist Church's primary ministry focus for 2023 included four campaigns to reconnect individuals with a deep spiritual relationship with God and foster a strong sense of community.

Worshiping Community: Carleton UMC is a local faith community, resembling a close-knit family, bound by love and care, offering words of encouragement. We gather to worship God and serve people.

Bible Reading Church: Engaging with the 365 Bible will nourish your soul with the Word of God and guide you toward a healthy Christian spiritual life. We encourage people to read 3 chapters a day. Additionally, we invite them to attend an intensive 2-hour Bible reading class every Monday.

Prayerful Church: We extend a warm invitation to prayer warriors to join us for a prayer fellowship every Wednesday at the church. Together, we seek to experience the workings of the Holy Spirit during our prayer time.

Invitation to Reconnect with the Church: The Member Care team sends cards to individuals who have become disconnected, encouraging them to rejoin our faith community.

These are Bible-based campaigns that emphasize Christian faith in action. We plan to continue these biblical campaigns in 2024

Pastor Cloud

NOVEMBER LITURGIST

Nov. 5 Tim Bodenmiller
 Nov. 12 Paul Etue
 Nov. 19 Karyn Vaughn
 Nov. 26 Wyatt Kessell

NOVEMBER JUNIOR CHURCH

Nov. 5 Karen Kessell
 Nov. 12 Karyn Vaughn
 Nov. 19 Jennifer Luciw
 Nov. 26 Kim Baxter

DECEMBER LITURGIST & ADVENT READERS

Dec. 3rd Paul Etue
 Dec. 10 Brenda Stump
 Dec. 17 Youth
 Dec. 24 (9:30) Lisa Poy
 Dec. 24 (7pm) Greg Baker
 Dec. 31 Julie Riggs

DECEMBER JUNIOR CHURCH

Dec. 3 Karen Kessell
 Dec. 10 Karyn Vaughn
 Dec. 17 Children's Program
 Dec. 24 (9:30) Activities on the cart

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: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—10:30 a.m.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 James Baber, Rock Otter, Loren Young
 2 Virginia Oliver
 4 *Cale & Stacey Bodenmiller*
 6 Dawn Gray
 7 Lyla Lake
 8 Elaine Gasidlo
 9 Marissa Manley
 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 Ryan Black
 23 Jordan Reno
 24 Kim Bodenmiller
 25 Ellie Baker, Gary Toffoli
 26 Judy Blaser
 27 Bob Abar, Karyn Vaughn
 28 Riley Mossburg
 29 Truman Gurgul

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Don Vaughn
 3 Brooke Giedlin
 4 Lanette Carmack
 5 *Jerry & Melissa Morin*, Grant Conn
 6 Michelle Rutkowski, Lonnie Stump, Barb Young
 8 Melissa Leslie
 11 Michael Sweeney, David Vallie
 12 Marvin Stump, Aaron Vallie
 14 Brandon Gautz
 15 Cory Fogle, Nancy Young, *Pastor Cloud & Lisa*
 16 Barb Abar
 18 Branch Schafer
 19 Jodie Bean
 22 Paul Oleynik, Connie Palywoda
 25 Lana Baas
 28 Darrell Mossburg
 29 *Cory & Kathy Fogle*
 30 Renee Derry

There will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 5th sponsored by the Men's Fellowship. Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from this sale help the Men support local charities and outreach projects.





MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee will be distributing Thanksgiving Food Baskets on Monday, November 20th. There is a sign up sheet posted in the lobby to donate turkeys and hams for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Please help. There will also be a basket to receive your free-will donations to purchase items needed to fill the baskets. We know that everyone's budget is stretched in these times of everything going up in cost but if everyone gives a little, we can make a difference in our community.



ANGELS UNITED GIVING TREE

The Angels United Giving Tree will be ready by Sunday, November 12th. The idea is to take a "tag" or two. Shop for that requested gift and then return it to church UNWRAPPED by Sunday, December 10th. This date is very important as it takes time to sort and catalog all the family requests. Distribution will take place on Wednesday, December 20th.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, morning worship will take place as usual at 9:30 a.m..

Evening worship will be starting at 6:15pm when Carleton Brass will welcome us with music from "Christmas from Around the World" followed by worship at 7:00pm. We will have candles for the adults and glow sticks for the children.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to make Carleton UMC your home church, speak with Pastor Cloud 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 Cloud at any time. Also talk with Pastor Cloud if you would like to be baptized or have your infant or child baptized.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Just a reminder to keep the church office up-to-date if your mailing address, email, or phone number changes. It is vital that the church records are as accurate as possible.

BULLETIN AND NEWSLETTERS

Bulletin information is due into the church office by Tuesday of each week. Office hours are Tuesday & Thursdays 9am to 2pm. Newsletters are now published bi-monthly for the following two months. The next Newsletter deadline is Monday, December 18th for any new covering January & February 2024.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Dear Friends,

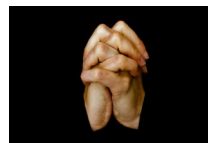
Thank you for all who prayed for Chuck's recent shoulder surgery. The calls and cards are very much appreciated. He is well on the mend with physical therapy starting very soon.

*Love and prayers,
Chuck & Kathy LaFlure*

Church Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, kind words, and cards of sympathy at the recent loss of my brother Tom's wife Deborah. Also, thank you to Rev Poy and Lisa for your support and for attending the funeral. Everyone's kindness meant so much to my family and myself. God bless you.

Cheryl Southworth



PRAYER CARDS

As a reminder that if you raise a prayer request in worship on Sundays & want to have a card sent, to please email (carletonumc@gmail) or call us 734-654-2833 with the name and address. This will help to continue the much appreciated ministry of letting folks know others are praying for them. You can also leave written notes on Kathy's desk or in the box on the office door.

Telling the Stories

The children in Junior Church and Sunday School started in Genesis and have learned the stories of Creation, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac, Jacob and Esau, Rebekah, and Joseph! After songs, prayer and hearing the story of the day, the children choose how they want to retell or represent the story (or another Bible story) through acting it out, playdough, art, blocks, Legos, or even by creating a comic strip!



The children are also learning to study and apply the Bible to their lives. Here are the questions we use, feel free to use them in your Bible reading time!

I wonder...

What part of the story did you like best?

What part of the story is the most important?

Where are you in the story or what part of the story was about you?

Paint and Praise Party (Pizza too!)

November 17th 6-8PM

Come and praise God with music and a canvas!

A snack or dessert to share would be awesome!



All ages and abilities are welcome!

Ideas will be provided but this is an open ended painting experience.



Make a **joyful noise**
unto the Lord,
all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with
gladness:
come before his pres-
ence with singing.
Psalm 100:1-2
(and painting?)



FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Attached is the General Fund Income and Expense Summary as of October 15, 2023. As you can see the general fund is in the deficit by \$4,416. We are still running behind in paying our Ministry Shares, and hope that we are able to catch up by the end of the year. Typically November and December are fairly good months for contributions. Hopefully, if contributions this year are good, we should come close to breaking even for 2023. We will continue keeping a tight control on spending, and pray that contributions will catch up by the end of the year.

We ask that all Giving for the 2023 Tax Year reach us by Sunday, December 31st.

**Carleton United Methodist Church
General Fund Income and Expense Statement
January 1 – October 15, 2023**

Income

General Fund Income	\$ 146,176.50
Investment Income	\$ 136.55
Rental Income	\$ 705.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 147,018.15

Expenses

OUR CHURCH HOME	\$ 54,531.92
OUR CHURCH PROGRAMS	\$ 9,792.97
OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ 66,166.36
OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY	\$ 12,394.90
UNPAID MINISTRY SHARES	\$ 8,548.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 151,434.95

GENERAL FUND LOSS AS OF 10/15/2023	\$ (4,416.80)
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PLEASE CONSIDER

If you or someone you know, is considering buying new furniture of any type, OR you are downsizing, helping your parents downsize, or having to empty a deceased persons home, *IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING* based in Monroe, is in need of furniture, including mattresses from beds. Families and individuals that are in need of these items are referred to *IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING*. Drop off days are Wednesdays 2-4, and Saturdays 10-12 @ 610 West Elm Street, Monroe. They also take household goods, but I encourage you to save those for our own church rummage sale, we use proceeds to support this mission and others here in our community, and church. The number for *IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING* is 734-241-6088 if you have any questions.

Sincerely, The Carleton United Methodist Women



WOMEN'S NEWS

We hope you can join us on Sunday, November 26th, right after church for the Soup n salad luncheon and Hanging of the Greens. This is when we make our church beautiful for Christmas. It's a delicious meal and many hands make light work. It will really put you in the Christmas spirit!

As we prepare for the Christmas Bazaar, happening on Saturday, December 2nd, we are asking for your help to make this a success. We need crafts, home baked goods... cookies, pies, etc..., gently used Christmas items, and help with wreath making. You can drop off your used Christmas items on Sunday, Nov. 26th or during any of our greens workshops or the setup day. Help spread the word and come out and shop.

Important dates

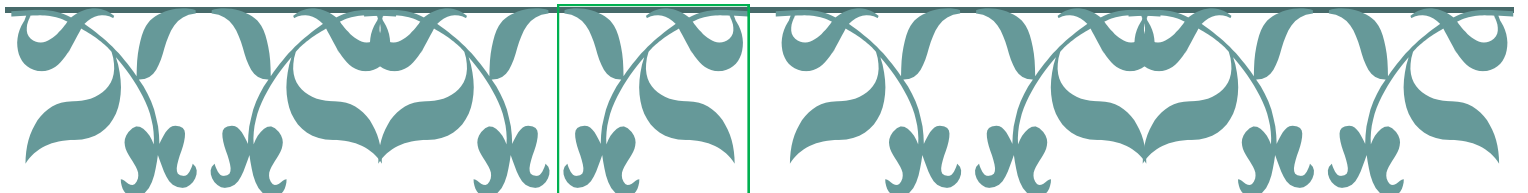
Hanging of the Greens	Sunday, Nov. 26 th	after church
Greens workshop	Monday, Nov. 27 th	1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
	Wednesday, Nov. 29 th	1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. *if needed

If you have never helped make the wreaths before...not to worry. You will be shown what to do. Bring gloves and hand clippers if you have them.



Set up of the Bazaar	Friday, December. 1 st	4-7 p.m.
Bazaar	Saturday, Dec. 2 nd	10 a.m.—2 p.m.

There is a flyer within this newsletter that we hope you will print and share with friends, family, places of work, etc. If you need more flyers, they will be available at church on Sunday, November 12th. We hope you tell your friends and family about our Bazaar and encourage them to come shop.





Monday Morning
Bible Reading
9:30 am - Noon

Wednesday
Prayer Fellowship
10- 11 am



Wednesday
Evening Bible
Study (New Testament)
6:30 - 7:30pm

November 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
WALKING TALKING Each evening at 6:30pm join friends as we walk around the church property. THANKSGIVING BASKETS Distribution will be on Monday, November 20th. . Donations of turkeys will be needed.			1 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 11:30am-1:30pm Game Day 6:30-7:30 Bible Study	2 8am –Noon Health Check will be here. Low cost testing and lots of information available	3	4
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Bake Sale hosted by the Men Laity Sunday with Trevor Kessell as our speaker Impact Praise Band and Tyler Vaughn on piano Confirmation Class with Pastor Cloud	6 9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts	7	8 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 6:30-7:30 Bible Study	9	10	11 9am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast at 5th Wheel Diner
12 Communion Sunday Marsha Metz on the organ Angels United Tree is ready Confirmation Class with Pastor Cloud @ 11:30 am 2pm Walk with Friends	13 9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	14	15 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 6:30-7:30 Bible Study	16	17 6-8pm Paint & Praise (& Pizza) all welcome	18
19 BIBLE SUNDAY All are invited to bring your Bibles to church. Tyler Vaughn is on piano 6:30pm Youth Dinner	20 9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30 UMW Distribution of the Thanksgiving Baskets will take place today.	21	22 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 6:30-7:30 Bible Study	23 THANKSGIVING church office closed		25
26 10:30am Children’s play practice—all children and youth are invited Marsha Metz in on the organ Hanging of the Greens —Soup n Salad luncheon for all workers. See Brenda Stump for details Confirmation Class 11:30am, 2pm Walk with Friends	27 9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Study 1-4pm & 6-9pm Greens workshops	28	29 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 6:30-7:30 Bible Study Greens workshops will be held if needed	30	Dec 1 4-7pm Set up for the Bazaar	Dec. 2 10-2 Christmas Bazaar

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10 Worship 9:30 a.m. with communion Marsha Metz on organ ALL ANGELS UNITED GIFTS MUST BE BACK TODAY. 10:30am Children's play practice—all children and youth are invited 11:30 am Confirmation Class 2pm Walk with Friends	11 Monday Morning Bible Study 9:30-11am 6:30pm Girl Scouts	12	13 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 6:30—7:30pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 Worship 9:30 a.m. with Children's Christmas Program Tyler on piano 6:30 Youth dinner	18 Monday Morning Bible Study 9:30-11am	19	20 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 6:30—7:30pm Bible Study Angels United Tree distribution	21	22	23
24 Worship 9:30 a.m. with Marsha Metz on organ 2pm Walk with Friends Carleton Brass 6:15pm Worship 7:00 pm with candles With Midge Dionne on piano	25 Christmas Day The office will be closed	26 Church office closed	27 Church office closed Prayer Time and Bible Study will not meet today.	28 Church office open 9-12	29	30
31 Worship 9:30 a.m. with Marsh Metz on organ Today is the final day to Giving for the 2023 Tax Year will be accepted.	JANUARY 1, 2024	Jan 2 Church Office open	Jan. 3 10-11am Prayer Fellowship 11:30am-1:30pm Game Day 6:30—7:30pm Bible Study			



Carleton United Methodist Church Annual Christmas Bazaar

Sponsored by: Carleton United Methodist Women

11435 Grafton Road, Carleton, Michigan

**Saturday,
December 2, 2023**

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

**FRESH GREENS- SWAGS, WREATHS,
& ARRANGEMENTS**

HANDMADE CRAFTS OF ALL KINDS

TABLES OF BAKED GOODS

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

Proceeds support United Methodist Women's outreach projects