



JULY/AUGUST 2025

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Pastor's Thoughts

“Do not deprive the foreigner or the fatherless of justice, or take the cloak of the widow as a pledge. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there. That is why I command you to do this.”

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

Dear Fellow Immigrants,

As we find ourselves in the midst of summer, we are grateful for the relief brought by air conditioners - though, as many of us know, too much of a good thing can sometimes bring an unwelcome guest: a stubborn cold, lingering even as the sun blazes outside. It seems almost paradoxical - a chill in the heat - yet such is the reality of our daily lives. Life, after all, is full of these dualities; every blessing can carry its own challenge. This is why discernment is so essential.

The issue of immigration - particularly illegal immigration - has long been a complex and deeply debated topic in the United States, a nation whose very foundation was laid by immigrants. Over the years, I have listened to a wide range of perspectives from friends, colleagues, and fellow church members. The diversity of opinions is vast, and sometimes, I wonder if even the wisdom of King Solomon could untangle the complexities of this ongoing debate.

Yet, amid all the noise, the Bible offers us clear guidance on how we are to treat immigrants and strangers in our midst.

The Israelites themselves were immigrants in Egypt for 430 years (Exodus 12:41). Time and again, God commanded them to remember their own experience as foreigners (Exodus 22:21; 23:9; Leviticus 19:33-34; Deuteronomy 10:18-19; 24:17-22, and more). God's deliverance of the Israelites from slavery was a profound act of grace, and in response, they were called to extend that same grace to the foreigners living among them - treating them as native-born.

Consider the story in 2 Chronicles 28:9-15: When the armies of Israel defeated Judah, they took 200,000 captives and much plunder. But the prophet Oded confronted them, warning that their lack of mercy had disturbed all of heaven. In response, the soldiers released the captives, clothed the naked, tended to the wounded, fed the hungry, and returned the weak to their homes with dignity. Even in a moment of judgment, God's expectation for His people was to act with compassion.

Similarly, when God used Assyria as an instrument of judgment against Judah, He later punished Assyria for their pride and arrogance (Isaiah 10:5, 13-19). Pride blinds us to God's presence and mercy, while humility opens our hearts to His guidance.

In every circumstance, we are called to two spiritual postures: to embody mercy and to practice humility. When we do so, we reflect the very heart of God - His compassion, wisdom, and justice. The true question is not what solutions we can devise, but how we can faithfully reveal God's heart to those around us.

As followers of Christ, we are reminded that we, too, are foreigners and exiles in this world (1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 11:13-16), for our true citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). We are fellow citizens with God's people and members of His household (Ephesians 2:19). Our lives here are meant to display the values and character of God's Kingdom, where one day all nations will stand together before Him, praising His salvation (Revelation 7:9-10). As Jesus prayed, though we live in the world, we are not of it - even if we are hated by it (John 17:14-16).

Thank you for walking this journey together, my fellow immigrants. May we continue to support one another, extend mercy, and walk humbly, revealing the love and justice of God in all we do.

Blessings,

Pastor Jung Yum

Our 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—

9:30 a.m.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to make Carleton UMC your home church, speak with Rev. Yum about becoming a member. Also talk with Rev. Yum if you would like to be baptized or have your infant or child baptized.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

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. The church office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm. We can always be reached by email at carletonumc@gmail.com. The deadline for the Sept/Oct Newsletter will be on August 21st.

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.

PRAYER CARDS

As a reminder that if you raise a prayer request in worship on Sundays & want to have a card sent, to please fill out a green prayer card (found in the pews) 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.

Special Music

If you would like to share your musical gifts through special music during our worship time, there is a sign-up sheet on the office door. Should you have any questions, please contact Tyler Vaughn (734) 270-2425.



Altar Flowers

You are welcome to bring flowers to the altar any Sunday -- in memory of a loved one, in celebration of someone special, or simply as a gift of worship to God. The sign-up sheet is posted on the office door. Please inform the church office by Thursday mornings to have your dedication included in the bulletin. Please contact Tracey Drouillard (734) 497-6928 for any questions.



Carleton United Methodist Church General Fund Income and Expense Statement January 1—June 17, 2025

Income

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| General Fund Income | \$81,406.49 |
| Investment Income | \$ 4,582.60 |
| Rental Income | \$ 855.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$86,844.09 |

Expenses

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Our Church Home | \$40,264.90 |
| Our Church Programs | \$ 5,625.49 |
| Our Pastoral Ministry | \$43,038.46 |
| Our Outreach Ministry | \$ 3,750.00 |
| Unpaid Ministry Shares | \$ 11,735.10 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$104,413.95 |

General Fund Loss as of 6/17/2025 **(\$17,569.86)**

FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of the Carleton United Methodist Church.

As a reminder your offering envelopes are mailable with a first class postage stamp. Please be sure you are using the 2025 (grey) boxed set as your number in our giving system has changed. If attending worship you may either drop your offering in the plate as you enter the sanctuary or when the Usher's pass the plates during worship.

Annual Clothes Giveaway at Airport Schools



It's that time of year again. As you are cleaning out your closets, please bag up any clean clothes that you would like to donate to the Airport Schools Clothes Giveaway. All sizes of clothes are accepted from infant through adult. The bags may be dropped off at Wagar Middle School on Grafton Rd. anytime from now until July 28. Please place them in the lobby through the middle doors (by the Wagar office). The custodians will then deliver them to the gym. These donations are greatly appreciated by the students and parents in our district that may be in need.

We are in need of volunteers to help sort these clothes in the Wagar gym on the following dates and times:

1. **Monday, July 28 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**
2. **Wednesday July 30 from 12:00 – 3:00**

Volunteers are also needed for the giveaway on **Friday, August 1 from 2:00 pm-7:00 pm.**

If you are able to volunteer on any or all of these days, please call:

Jean Baker: 734-915-1173 or

Cheryl Marlow: 313-702-4929

Thank you, it is much appreciated!

From the Worship Committee

Worship Time Change

Starting September 14th, worship service will start at 10:00am on Sunday mornings. Sunday School will begin at 9:00am.

Carleton United Methodist Women

We closed another season of meetings and plan to start back up in the Fall. All women are invited to attend to help us to support our local missions and any needs of our church. Our rummage sale was a huge success profiting \$1,589. Thank you to Kim Baxter for chairing it and for everyone who helped. We appreciated all the donations!

Kimberly Bodenmiller

President

Quilt Dedication



From the Mission Committee



**PEÑA RODRÍGUEZ
MILAN KENAI**

Missions raised enough to support a student for one year at the SewHope school in Guatemala. Our student is Milan Peña-Rodríguez. He is a kindergartener, so we will be continuing his assistance.

Visitation Ministry

Our church is creating a visitation ministry to keep our church family better connected. We will need volunteers to make friendly visits to those who have been unable to attend church for various reasons and may enjoy visiting with their church family.

The amount of time you want to give is up to you. We would be grateful for whatever time you can offer. Visits can be made in person or with a phone call. If you want to visit in person but don't drive we can align you with another volunteer who does. If you aren't comfortable going alone another volunteer can go with you. Even if you don't want to visit you can still help by providing us with the name of someone you believe may benefit from a visit.

Contact Kim Bodenmiller 734 770 4603 or Pastor Yum with questions or to volunteer or with names of anyone needing a friendly visit.

LITURGIST

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| July 6 | Rachel Y |
| July 13 | |
| July 20 | Denise T |
| July 27 | Cheryl M |
| August 3 | Paul E |
| August 10 | |
| August 17 | Brenda S |
| August 24 | |
| August 31 | Trevor K |

JUNIOR CHURCH

Sign up to lead a week of Junior Church this summer! The theme is "Stories Jesus Told," paired with the book Sharable Parables by Steven James which is available in the Sunday School room. If you have any questions, let Karlyn Vaughn know (734) 740-8002. More details and the sign-up sheet are by the bulletin board in the narthex.

MUSICIANS

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| July 6 | Tyler & Morgan Vaughn |
| July 13 | Tyler & Morgan Vaughn |
| July 20 | Impact |
| July 27 | Tyler & Morgan Vaughn |
| August 3 | Tyler Vaughn |
| August 10 | Tyler Vaughn |
| August 17 | |
| August 24 | Tyler Vaughn |
| August 31 | Tyler Vaughn |

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
August 21st. This will be the deadline for all
contents of the September/October
Newsletter.

July 2025

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| | Your clothing donations for the annual Clothing Give-away can be taken directly to Wagar Middle School and left between the main doors anytime this month. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Independence Day Church Office closed | 5 |
| 6 9:30am Worship with Communion | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:30am Worship | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9:30am Worship | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:30am Worship | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

August 2025

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
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| <i>As always your Michigan Returnable bottles and cans are welcomed by the Mission Committee. Please leave them between the double doors.</i> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:30am Worship with Communion | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Men's breakfast 9:30am at 5th wheel Diner |
| 10 9:30am Worship | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:30am Worship | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 9am Newsletter Material Due | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:30am Worship Backpack Blessing | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9:30am Worship | Sept. 1 Labor Day— Office closed | <div> SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF FALL 2025 Sunday, September 7th 11:00 a.m. (immediately after worship) Classes will be available for all ages Call Church to volunteer to help or lead a class. New volunteers are always welcome. </div> | | | | |