



May/June Newsletter 2026

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From the Pastor's Pen

Miracle Sunday

“For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”

Romans 12:4-5

Dear Carleton Family,

I still clearly remember a conversation I had with a pastor from Ethiopia in a classroom at Concordia Theological Seminary. Out of curiosity, I asked him, “How many church members do you have?” He responded, “Maybe 8 to 9 million members.” I clarified, “No, not your denomination, but your local church.” He smiled and said, “Yes, we have around eight to nine million members now. I am the president of my denomination.”

He was the head of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), the largest Lutheran church in the world. A few years later, I asked him the same question: “Now, how many members do you have?” He replied, “Over 10 million.” I was stunned by the rapid growth of the church in Ethiopia. That leader is Rev. Dr. Yonas Yigezu Dibisa, who has served as the President of the EECMY since 2017. He completed his doctoral studies with the support of Lutheran churches in the United States, and today, the membership of his church has reached fifteen million.

It was a profound privilege that while I was studying at the seminary, I witnessed pastors from Africa, South America, Eastern Europe, and Asia—sponsored by U.S. churches—complete their studies and return to exercise leadership in their home countries.

Because of these experiences, I am so grateful that the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has designated **May 17th** as **Miracle Sunday**. The theme of this campaign is “**Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously!**” It is a global effort to raise a permanent endowment for theological education for pastors outside the United States. There is currently a significant disparity in pastoral training: in the U.S., about 71% of UMC clergy have a Master of Divinity or similar degree, whereas in the Central Conferences (outside the U.S.), that number is less than 5%. Our goal is to raise enough funds to provide 500 scholarships annually for students preparing for ordained ministry in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

I strongly believe this is the right step for our churches in the United States to materialize our connectedness as brothers and sisters and to strengthen the global church by providing proper training for pastoral leadership.

I am deeply glad that we can participate in this meaningful initiative. Special offering envelopes will be provided for Miracle Sunday on **May 17th**. Please pray for the churches and their leaders around the world as you prepare your hearts for this special Sunday.

Blessings,

Rev. Jung Yum

Message from the Finance Committee Possible Tax Advantages

For those who are over 70½ years old, there are possible tax advantages when making your church donations. Please check with your tax or financial consultant.

To donate your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to your church tax-free, you must use a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. By transferring funds directly from your IRA to your church, you satisfy your RMD without the distribution being counted as taxable income. For 2026, the annual limit for QCDs is **\$111,000** per individual.

How to Execute a QCD

- **Eligibility:** You must be age 70 ½ or older.
- **Direct Transfer:** The money must go **directly** from your IRA custodian (e.g., Fidelity, Vanguard, Schwab) to the church. If you withdraw the money first, it becomes taxable income.
- **No Quid Pro Quo:** You cannot receive any goods or services (such as event tickets or auction items) in exchange for the donation.
- **Documentation:** You will receive a year-end statement acknowledgment from your church confirming the gift and keep records from your IRA custodian.

Key Benefits

- **Tax Relief:** The donation is excluded from your adjusted gross income (AGI), which can help keep you in a lower tax bracket and may reduce taxes on Social Security.
- **Satisfies RMD:** The amount donated counts toward your annual RMD requirement.
- **No Deduction Needed:** You do not need to itemize deductions to benefit, as the income is never added to your return.

Disclaimer: Please consult with a tax professional or your IRA custodian before initiating a transfer to ensure compliance with current IRS regulations

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—
10:00 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. New member classes run periodically, so let Rev. Yum know if you are interested.

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 will have new hours for the summer. We can always be reached by email at carletonumc@gmail.com.

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 Tyler'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 fresh 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—April 21, 2026

INCOME

General Fund 58,683.62 \$
Investment Income 1.43 \$
Rental Income 355.00 \$

TOTAL INCOME 59,040.05\$

EXPENSES

Our Church Home 24,706.44 \$
Our Church Programs 3,865.98 \$
Our Pastoral Ministry 29,312.12 \$
Our Outreach Ministry 1,609.67 \$
Unpaid Ministry Shares 8,205.84 \$
TOTAL EXPENSES 67,700.05 \$

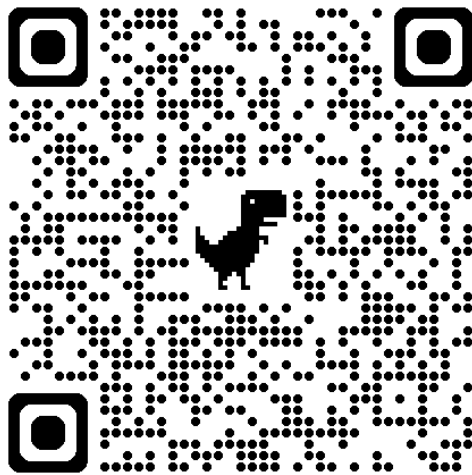
NET LOSS AS OF 4/21/2026 (8,660.00) \$

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.

Light up your summer with Jesus! Join us for Vacation Bible School (VBS) as we learn how Jesus is the Light through songs, stories, activities, and more. VBS will take place June 23-25 from 6-8pm and is open to children from pre-school through 5th grade. During VBS, the nursery will be open as a separate space for toddlers and families. Registration forms are available in the narthex or scan the QR code to register. Please register by May 24th! We are also looking for volunteers to help out with VBS! We still have spots open for decorating crew, skit team, Bible story station, nursery room, and more! If you're interested in serving, more information and a sign-up sheet can be found on the whiteboard in the narthex.



Thank you for all the prayers and cards sent due to my heart surgery and recovery. It is good to be back in church.

Darrell Riggs

JESUS IS THE LIGHT

VBS 2026

CARLETON UMC

JUNE 23-25

6-8PM

I would like to thank you all for the prayers, cards, texts, and calls I received following my eye surgery. The care and concern shown meant so very much to me.

Joanne Northey



Carleton United Methodist Church
sponsored by the United Methodist Women

Rummage Sale

Friday, May 15th &
Saturday, May 16th

9:00am - 4:00pm

11435 Grafton Road
Carleton



Get great deals on
household goods, toys,
women's accessories, & many
more.

Your DONATIONS will support the Women's
Ministry Outreach programs



Donation and sponsorship opportunities available



SAT. JUNE 6



REGISTRATION
& RACE DETAILS

1-MILE CHUGGA CHUGGA
FUN RUN STARTS AT 7:30AM

CARLETON CHOO CHOO 5K
RUN/WALK STARTS AT 8AM

COURSE STARTS AND ENDS AT
ASH PARK IN CARLETON, MICHIGAN



Proceeds directly support the
Airport Community Schools
cross country team & run club programs

Ladies Night Out

Our next gathering is May 12th at
Farmer's Café in Carleton at
6:30. Please let Karyn Vaughn
know if you are coming! 734-740-
8002.

(Date TBD for June)



On Mothers Day
May 10 missions will
have its annual bake
sale. Proceeds will
be used to support
Milan, our student at
SewHope's school in
Guatemala.
Donations of baked
goods will be greatly
appreciated.



Special Services:

May 10th - Youth-led Service
May 17th - Miracle Sunday
May 31st - Guest Preacher (Abe Yum)
June 7th - Graduation Sunday
June 14th - Blessing of the Quilts Sunday

Upcoming meetings:

Church Council - 5/11 at 8pm
Christian Ed - 5/18 at 7pm



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

May 3rd - Julie Riggs
May 10th - Youth Led
May 17th - Marvin Stump
May 24th -
May 31st - Cheryl Marlow

June 7th - Paul Etue
June 14th -
June 21st -
June 28th -

JUNIOR CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have some wonderful volunteers to lead Junior Church and Sunday School once a week—but we are always looking for more! No teaching experience is needed, just a loving heart and caring smile! Don't want to sign up for a specific Sunday? Become a substitute! Contact Karyn Vaughn (734-740-8002) with questions.

MUSICIANS

May 3rd - Tyler & Marsha
May 10th - Tyler
May 17th - Tyler & Impact
May 24th - Tyler
May 31st - Tyler

June 7th - Tyler & Marsha
June 14th - Tyler
June 21st - Marsha
June 28th - Tyler

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

June 23rd. This will be the deadline for all contents of the July/August Newsletter.

May

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>3 Communion</p> <p>9a Sunday School 10a Worship</p>	4	5	<p>6 Game Day 11:30a</p>	7	<p>1</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9</p>
<p>10 Youth Service</p> <p>Mothers Day Bake Sale</p> <p>10a Worship 9a Sunday School</p>	11	<p>12 Rummage Sale drop-off 9-12 & 5-7</p> <p>Ladies' Night Out @ Farmer's Café 6:30pm</p>	<p>13 4-H Meeting</p> <p>Rummage Sale drop-off 9-12 & 5-7</p>	<p>14 Rummage Sale drop-off 9-12</p>	<p>15 UMW Rummage Sale 9a-4p</p>	<p>16 UMW Rummage Sale 9a-4p</p>
<p>17 Miracle Sunday</p> <p>Last day of Sunday School</p> <p>Popsicles on the Playground - 11a</p> <p>New Member Sunday</p> <p>10a Worship 9a Sunday School</p>	<p>18 Christian Ed 7pm</p>	19	<p>20 Men's Lunch @ Bray's in Flat Rock at Noon</p>	21	22	23
<p>24 10a Worship</p>	25	26	27	<p>28 Pastor gone through 5/31</p>	29	30
<p>31 Guest Preacher Abe Yum</p> <p>Summer Junior Church "Grow!" Kick-off</p> <p>10a Worship</p>					<p>As always your Michigan Returnable bottles and cans are welcomed by the Mission Committee. Please leave them between the double doors.</p>	<p>Pop can tabs will also be collected in a bucket in the narthex for the Ronald McDonald foundation.</p>

June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Game Day 11:30a	4	5	6
7 Graduation Sunday Communion 10a Worship	8	9	10 4-H Meeting	11	12	13
14 Blessing of the quilts 10a Worship	15	16	17 Men's Lunch @ Bray's in Flat Rock at Noon	18	19 Family Camp	20 Family Camp
21 Family Camp 10a Worship	22	23 Jul/Aug news- letter material due VBS "Jesus is the Light" 6p-8p	24 Swan Creek garden club meet- ing VBS "Jesus is the Light" 6p-8p	25 VBS "Jesus is the Light" 6p-8p	26	27
28 10a Worship	29	30				