



DECEMBER 2020 AND JANUARY 2021

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Words from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank God for each of you, for your prayers, your care, your support, and your love over the years, and especially as I and my family battled COVID-19. God surely helped me and my family. And through your prayers and care we were able to weather this storm as well as we did. We could feel the prayers of everyone. We were grateful for every call, text, card, letter and other expressions of care and love. Of course, we were blown away by the meals that fed our stomachs and souls. For those who made special trips to get us needed items and medicines. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

As we push forward into the uncertain and challenging future, your actions throughout the 8+ years that I've been your pastor, and especially during this past year of ups and downs, have reminded me of God's amazing grace, faithfulness, and love through each and every one of you.

I wished we never had to go through a lot of what we have, I wish COVID-19 never came to be, I wish we didn't have to make so many adjustments and changes, and I wish we didn't have to be apart much of the time. However, I thank God for how we are connected by God's Love, God's Holy Spirit, and the fellowship we have in Christ today and for all eternity. With such gifts and the presence of God, we can persevere and even thrive as individuals and a community of faith as the Body of Christ.

May we take joy in the blessings we have in Christ, sharing all we can because of the gift of Christ we celebrate this Christmas. And trust in our Lord and Savior as we look at the beginning of a New Year with God's hope and renewal.

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:

In-person worship has been suspended until further notice. We hope your families stay safe and healthy.

Wednesday Night Fellowship
with Devotions - 7pm Zoom

THANK YOU

Dear Church family,
Thank you for the prayers, cards, kind comments and virtual hugs that have been offered following the passing of Joanne's mother, Isabel Jane Kohlstrunk. The support from our church family has meant a great deal.

*Sincerely,
Tom & Joanne Northey & family*

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Dear Friends,  
Please know how much the family of Al VanHouten have appreciated all the efforts of the ladies who came to our home with food on our Memorial Service day. We are very grateful for this wonderful act from our church family.

*Blessings to each of you.  
Jan VanHouten & family*

## IN OUR THOUGHTS

Trevor & Karen Kessell & family on the recent passing of Karen's dad, Allen Nichols.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Don Vaughn  
3 Brooke Giedlin  
4 Lanette Carmack,  
5 *Jerry & Melissa Morin*  
6 Michelle Rutkowski, Lonnie Stump, Barb Young  
7 *Earl & Betty DUBY (60)*  
10 Marion Taylor, Shirley Zlatos  
*Henry & Gina Giles (25)*  
11 Michael Sweeney, David Vallie  
12 Marvin Stump, Aaron Vallie  
13 Joyce King  
15 Nancy Young  
15 Barb Abar  
18 Branch Schafer  
19 Jodie Bean  
22 Paul Oleynik  
23 Bill Umbarger  
25 Lana Baas  
28 Darrell Mossburg  
20 Renee Derry  
31 Justin Giles

## Carleton United Methodist Church General Fund Income and Expense Statement January 1—November 30, 2020

| <b>Income</b>       |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| General Fund Income | \$ 167,367.59      |
| Investment Income   | \$ 108.09          |
| Rental Income       | \$ <u>2,650.00</u> |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b> | \$ 170,125.68      |

| <b>Expenses</b>                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Our Church Home                      | \$ 46,605.13 |
| Our Church Programs                  | \$ 8,599.44  |
| Our Pastoral Ministry                | \$ 77,631.05 |
| Our Outreach Ministry                | \$ 26,004.26 |
| 2020 Apportionments are paid in full | <u>—</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                | \$158,839.88 |

General Fund Excess as of 11/30.2020 \$ 11,285.00

***Our 2020 apportionment obligations  
are paid in full.***

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Velma Brooks  
3 Bruce Lester  
4 Liam Lake  
5 Earl Heiss  
6 Gavin Metzger  
8 Dave Bean, Patricia Madaski  
10 Fayrene Gibson,  
*Mike & Tara McLaughlin*  
11 Brad Abar, Melissa Morin, Michelle Toth  
12 Matthew Stump  
14 Kathy LaFlure  
15 Hunter Duscheck  
*Darrell & Julie Riggs*  
16 Judy Shrewsbury  
17 Denise Toffoli  
20 Andres Kim, Jonathan Kim  
21 Terry Brey  
24 Mike McLaughlin  
26 Paul Etue, Wylie Pinchoff  
28 Bill Trainor  
29 Cale Bodenmiller  
30 Pat Charles  
31 Carol Jeffrey

## 2021 Pledge Card

Attached is the 2021 Carleton United Methodist Church Pledge Card. Please detach and return to the church by mail or include with your offering envelope. Offering envelopes can be mailed to PO Box 327, Carleton MI 48117.

The Finance Committee



***Return this side to the church***

Carleton United Methodist Church  
2021 Estimate of Giving Card

**I want to help support the work of my church.**

**I estimate that during the next year, I will give to my church:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month    \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/ Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Remove stub & keep for your records*

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2021 Estimate of Giving

I estimate that during the next year, I  
will give to my church: \$ \_\_\_\_\_