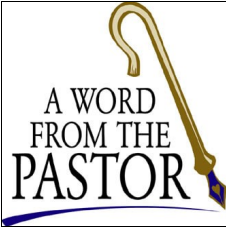




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Dear Church Family,

I share with you quite differently as I have in the past, especially with times being as different as they are with this pandemic. As you pastor, as one who has not only been called to care for and love you, but over the past, almost, 9 years, you have allowed me to be your pastor and to care for you, your family, and friends. So, I wanted to share that though you may see it as my “job” to do difficult things, for me it is not only my ministry but also as a servant of Jesus Christ with the responsibilities of a “Shepherd’s helper.” Jesus is our Shepherd, and I have been called and given the incredibly honored and joyful ministry of being you pastor. Jesus called me to love his sheep. And I have striven to do so. Therefore, and I know you may know this, but I wanted to share in my writings this month that it always hurts when a member of our church family passes away. From the first funeral services I officiated soon after I arrived that included Mary Vanderbush’s service that was on October 29, 2012 and Ivan Danzeisen’s on Nov. 27, 2012, to the most recent services, I grieve and continue to miss them, understandably. As with each loss, our latest being Corky Naumann, I will surely miss her and each one as you do. What I share is one way that we can connect a bit more through what we are told in Scripture about being the body of Christ, connected to each other by the Holy Spirit, and when one of us hurts, we all hurt...as well as when one rejoices, we all rejoice. (1 Corinthians 12:26)

Again, this month I write something quite different, sharing from my heart. And as fellow disciples of Christ, we know that we do not end in sorrow, grief and despair. It is because of Christ that we have a reason to give thanks, to honor and celebrate the lives of those who are now with the Lord, and we can live with courage, joy and love because we know the one who rose from the dead, our Good Shepherd Jesus, will also raise us up one day to eternal life and reunion with him and all those who have gone before us. Let us always keep that promise and hope we have in Christ.

With joyful hope 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.

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKdSPRxEJ35RaLqUIIZi-sQ>

Wednesday Night Fellowship and Devotions:

To login,;
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/260302180>
Meeting ID: 260 302 180

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To join by phone call only:
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And enter the Meeting ID: 260 302 180



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jake Redburn
- 2 Chuck LaFlure
- 2 David Liechti
- 2 Lindsey Vallie
- 3 Dennis Finnerty
- 3 Dakota Reno
- 4 Darrell Riggs
- 4 Tara Wells
- 5 Ivy Ankenbauer
- 5 *Don & Karyn Vaughn*
- 7 Taek Kim
- 7 Jeremy Otter
- 8 Ilidia Wiles
- 8 *Bob & Mary Redburn*
- 10 Matthew Uchtorff
- 11 Corinne Barnhart
- 11 Mike King
- 11 Katy McLaughlin
- 13 Cindy Goode
- 14 *Jason & Heidi Ruhlig*
- 15 Jean Baker
- 15 Patti Finnerty
- 15 Henry Giles,
- 15 Wyatt Kessell
- 16 Tyler Baker
- 16 Brayden Bentley
- 16 Carol Sieb
- 17 Wanda Miles
- 18 Nick Mazur
- 18 Tori Mazur
- 19 Megan Robertson
- 20 Hannah Breitner
- 20 Lindsay Metzger
- 20 Pam Oleynik
- 21 Callie Eaton
- 21 Rebekah Kim
- 24 Abbott Otter
- 25 Mike Baxter
- 26 Del Dennis (99)
- 26 Anna Gurgul
- 27 Earl Duby
- 28 Chandler Toth



IN OUR PRAYERS

Those among us that have suffered losses recently are:

The Grant family on the loss of Don on Dec. 8th.

The Sweeney family on the loss of Jim on Dec. 15th.

The Harvell family on the loss of Charlotte on Dec. 27th.

The Maxwell family on the loss of their sister-in-law Kit (wife of George) on December 28th.

The Naumann family on the loss of Corky on Dec. 31st.

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.

NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers and cards received upon the recent death of our sister-in-law, Kit Maxwell. Also, please continue prayers for her husband and our brother, George, as he is dealing with his health issues during this most difficult time.

Prayerfully,

Jean Baker and Cheryl Marlow



This year's family camp is June 18-20 at Maumee Bay State Park in Ohio (a 45 minute drive). We are booking sites around 233-239. We are on the same property as Maumee Bay State Lodge if you are not into camping but want a vacation with church family! There are also 2 and 4 bedroom cabins on the property. As always - we welcome day visitors as well. There is an inland lake for swimming and kayaking, a beach on Lake Erie, a fishing pond, playgrounds, a golf course, biking and hiking trails, and a boardwalk with a nature center. We plan meals so each family only has to cook once, so be sure to let us know if you are coming!

Call Karyn Vaughn with any questions! 734-740-8002.