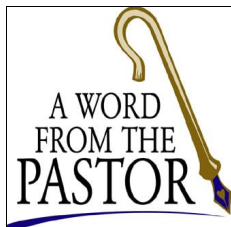




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Dear Disciples of Christ,

We journey again through Lent, having begun with Ash Wednesday on February 17th. Last year we had Ash Wednesday service at church just before we had to go to online worship services, which was on March 15, 2020. It's amazing to think it has been that long. It's also hard to remember that we had in-person worship services when things seemed to be better with the pandemic, having worshiped in the sanctuary from June 28 to November 8, 2020. Having resumed in-person services on February 21, we pray COVID cases in Monroe County and our area continue to drop, especially with more and more people receiving the vaccine.

As we journey through Lent, looking forward to celebrating Easter on April 4, be intentional about doing what Christ did well when things were overwhelming, when people were asking and even demanding more and more from him, when his purpose and the ongoing needs of those around him were seemingly at odds, and when he was tired and even in anguish. Christ took time to be alone. Christ took time by himself to pray. Christ took time for his own renewal and restrengthening. Christ took time not only to be his best for others, but first and foremost to be close to God the Father and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus also did at times rest with his disciples, even falling asleep on the boat that ended up being tossed and battered in a storm which Jesus calmed down after being woken up. I'd like to imagine that Jesus then went right back to sleep. And Jesus also took some of his closest friends/disciples with him when he wanted company as he was preparing and wrestling with going to the cross to die for our sins and all that entailed with taking on our sins, being temporarily separated from God the Father and God the Holy Spirit when he went to hell in our place.

So, if Jesus, though God who became human in order to save us, needed to take time to get away and for rest, not only physically but also spiritually, let us all make sure to do so, especially during Lent. Draw even closer to God than you have before. In any relationship, it is possible to draw closer or father apart, even if you've known each other your entire lives. How well we walk in life directly relates to how well we walk with God, how closely we walk with Jesus Christ, and how in-step we are with God's Holy Spirit.

May you daily take up your cross and follow Jesus so that you may not only know the joy of living for God every day, in everything and every relationship, but that you may also know the loving, strengthening and renewing relationship you can continuously have when walking closely with God.

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:

9:30 a.m.

We ask that all use face-masks and practice social distancing

Christian Education:

Immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Worship service

Wednesday Night

via Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/260302180>

Meeting ID 260 302 180

To join by phone call only:

Dial: 1-312-626-6799

And enter the Meeting ID 260-302-180

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to make Carleton UMC your home church, speak with Pastor Taek Kim about becoming a member. All adults interested in learning more about joining the church are invited to speak with Pastor Taek at any time.

Also talk with Pastor Taek if you would like to be baptized or have your infant or child baptized.

CHURCH OFFICE

The staff of Carleton UMC is still practicing social distancing. Kathy is in the office Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to Noon. If you need to reach a staff member please call ahead. We do check the answering machine for messages daily and will return your call just as soon as we are able.

Please notify the church office when your contact information changes such as phone numbers (whether land line or cell), and email addresses. Phone directories are available in the office upon request.

OPPORTUNITY TO RECYCLE

Carleton UMC continues to collect the Prairie Farms caps and bottle caps of all colors and sizes. Please place your donations in the correct side of the container. There is also a container for your plastic grocery bags. We will distribute them to the groups that are making the sleeping mats as we are able.

MICHIGAN RECYCLES

Michigan returnable cans and bottles can be left in the container at anytime.

Thank you for your continued contributions to these ministries.

**ORDER FORMS NOW AVAILABLE**

Order forms are now available for the delicious pastys made by our Mission Committee. All orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 21st with delivery taking place Saturday, April 24th & Sunday, April 25th. Each pasty comes frozen and is just \$5.00.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Matthew Derry, Brent Mossburg
- 5 Christine Mazur
- 6 Julia Bage, Lori Giedlin
- 7 Courtney Black, Florence Greer
Alana Schafer
- 8 *Michael & Bethany Sweeney,*
Ivan Brooks, Joe Lake
- 9 Cliff Uchtorff
- 10 Ian Ankenbauer, Jordan Toffoli
- 11 *Cliff & Renee Uchtorff,*
Francine Herzog
- 12 Ella Schafer
- 13 John Brazon
- 14 *Russell & Dawn Schaller,* Kate Giedlin
- 16 Emmett, Lydia, Maddie Gray
- 17 Avery Brown
- 18 Amy Eaton
- 19 Jerry Sweeney
- 23 Angie VanWashenova
- 24 Halee Grass, Nik Schafer
- 27 Rachael Little, Leland Morin
- 30 Chelsea Mossburg



**PRAYER
REQUEST**

The church continues to have an email prayer network. Please email the church at carletonumc@gmail.com with your request. An email will be generated just as soon as we are able to do so.



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.

LITURGIST

- Feb. 28th Joanne Northey
- March 7th Morgan Vaughn
- March 14th Jamie Kim
- March 21st Tracey Drouillard
- March 28th Cheryl Marlow
- April 4th (Easter) Greg Baker

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will take place during worship for all those in pre-k through 4th grade.

The Junior & Senior High Classes will meet in person about 10:30 a.m.

The Builders Class with Tim Bodenmiller will continue to meet over Zoom at 11:00 a.m.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY

The next Newsletter deadline is March 20th.

Just a reminder that the church office is open Monday thru Thursday 9am to Noon. We are closed on Friday's. Should you have an pastoral need or prayer request, please call. If we do not answer at church you may call the parsonage at 734-654-2833 or Kathy's cell at 734-344-9383.

NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Church Family,
Mike and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers. Mike's right eye is still in the healing process. They say this is very common in near sighted people, that the retina tears over time, but has to be dealt with immediately. My bone scan (first one in 7 years) since my diagnosis of breast cancer was clear of cancer to the bones, showing instead, osteoarthritis to the spine, lumbar, knees, and feet, some of which is a side effect of the drug I take as a cancer preventive.

My mom, had her first elder dose of chemo last Monday and seems to be taking it well so far, she will continue with treatment, every three weeks. They did however find a mass in her breast; this latest finding may complicate things. Continued prayers for her, my best example of a true warrior.

*Love in Christ,
Mike and Kim*



Thank you to everyone who made my 13th birthday extra special during Sunday's worship service, Feb. 21, with all the signs, cards and birthday wishes!

Rebekah Kim

LENTEN RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

The Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church has put together an amazing resource for families to observe Lent together in a family friendly, hands on way.

Here is a link to the booklet (A Lenten Journey.pdf - Google Drive) of ideas. Each week, you may choose to do activities together that only require things you can find easily or already have at home! If you need a hard copy of the booklet, just let Karyn Vaughn or Kathy LaFlure know and we'll get one to you!

Supplies you will need at home:

Week One: Optional: crayons, cardstock, glue, yarn, puffy paint

Week Two: Crayons, markers, or colored pencils, Timer

Week Three: Clear jar with lid, Glitter glue (6-8oz), Scissors

Week Four: Optional: loud instruments of any kind

Week Five: Legos of blocks, yeast, 1 T sugar, 1 t salt, 4 c flour, 1 egg (optional), salt for pretzels tops

Week Six: Look for a Holy Week in a Box to be picked up at the church before Palm Sunday! (3/21-3/28)

There are also corresponding "Playlists" - more ideas for learning, growing in faith and worshiping as a family - on the Michigan Conference website. Check those out at: 2021 Lent at Home Playlist Collection - The Michigan Conference (michiganumc.org).

Let Karyn Vaughn (734-740-8002) know if you have any questions or need help gathering the supplies needed!



QUILTS OF LOVE

The Quilts of Love will meet on Friday, March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Quilts of Love is still planning on donating quilts to Hospice this year and would welcome any quilts made at are lap size. If anyone has questions they can contact Joanne Northey (jmom3north@gmail.com).



OF SPECIAL INTEREST

From Joanne Northey:
After my mom passed away in November, it fell on me to try and find a place that would take her various pieces of medical equipment - wheelchair, shower chair, etc. The first few places I tried were not interested and places I found online were either out of state or too far away to be of much use. Then I came across the World Medical Relief site, located in Southfield. They have a full list of medical equipment & supplies that they will accept. I drove up and they were quite happy to receive my donated items.



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I imagine that there are plenty of others who have ended up with medical equipment and I just wanted to get the word out that World Med will take many items. The entire list can be seen on their website <https://www.worldmedicalrelief.org/product-donation>.

What was also special to me is up until about five years ago, my mom volunteered weekly at World Med for many years. I feel she would be quite pleased to know her items were donated there.



Dear Members and Friends of the Carleton United Methodist Church,

As Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I wish to announce to you the appointment of Rev. Cloud Poy, our new pastor effective July 1, 2021. Rev. Cloud Poy was introduced to our Staff Parish Relations Committee by our District Superintendent, Rev. LuAnn Rourke, on behalf of Bishop David Bard, who set this new appointment. We are excited about the spirit, gifts, and abilities that Rev. Cloud Poy will be bringing to our congregation.

Rev. Cloud is married, and her name is Lisa. Rev. Cloud Poy comes to us from the northern part of Michigan. For the past six years he has spread God's word and love in three small churches in the Boyne City area. We will be planning a warm welcome for Rev. Cloud and Lisa Poy after their arrival in July, when we will begin our shared ministry under his leadership. In the meantime, of course, we will also be celebrating the ministry of Rev. Taek Kim, to thank him for his years of faithful service as we pray God's blessing upon

his future. We are so pleased to make this announcement to you, and know that you will enjoy meeting Rev. Cloud Poy and his wife Lisa. Please hold them in prayer during these months of transition. Pray, too, for the whole Cabinet, including Bishop David Bard, as they continue to meet, pray, and discern God's will in the appointment-making process.

Trusting God's amazing grace, Christ's faithful love, and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as we move into the future.

Serving Christ with you,
Earl Heiss, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair

Rev. Cloud Poy

Cloud (Eun Sik Poy) went to the Philippines on a short-term mission while studying Theology at the Central Theological School in Seoul, Korea. He then answered a call to pastoral ministry and decided to do higher theological education and moved to the United States.

He studied Theology at God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio, for his Bachelor's degree. He then went to Asbury Seminary to study missiology; however, he transferred from missiology to Master of Divinity because he believed that would be the groundwork for mission work. After graduation, he was commissioned by the United Methodist Church as a pastor, and he is now working in at a church in Northern Michigan.

Rev. Cloud is interested in Multi-Ethnic ministry based on his concern as a Korean pastor at American churches. He is currently studying for his doctorate degree (D. Min) at Talbot School of Theology at Biola University in California.

It was while he was praying for a holistic care center for pastoral workers, that he met his wife, Lisa, who has the same vision for "the care center for pastors and missionaries." Both of us pray for the ministry of care for the soul.

Lisa Hwang Poy (Korean name: Kyungsuk)

Lisa majored in Mission English (B.A.) at Seoul Theological University. She then graduated from the same school majoring in Christian Counseling (M.A.C.). During her graduate school study, she served as an unordained pastor at the Korean Coast Guard for three years, leading Friday and Sunday worship for the police officers.

After her ministry at the Korean Coast Guard, she served in a newly planted church located in Doksan-dong, Seoul, as a lay minister. At the same time, she worked in marketing for a Christian Broadcasting Company (now called Good T.V.). After working for about a year, God called her to serve O.M.S. (One Mission Society), a mission agency; she worked there for thirteen years.

While working as an office manager, Lisa taught English to missionary candidates at the Evangelical Missionary Training Center in the Korea Evangelical Holiness Church. She built up a relationship with homeland assignment missionaries, who stayed at the training center. It was a challenge for her to have a concern about missionary member care, naturally, because she could hear missionaries' real life and anxiety at the mission field. She earned a Th.D. in "Self-Expressive Writing Therapy for Missionary (Spiritual Guidance for Missionaries)" at the specialized graduate school of divinity.

In August of 2018, she went to Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, for her second doctoral program (D.Min). She felt that God gave her the heart to start a member care ministry in the United States. A few days later, she met her husband, Cloud, and in December of that year, she married him and moved to the States.

Lisa has already finished the missionary training at O.M.S. H.Q. in Greenwood, Indiana. At the same time, she completed the associate missionary training at the Korea Evangelical Holiness Church. Hence, she was in the process of funding for member care ministry. Marriage was a new chapter in her life, and her ministry field changed from Korea to the States. Now she is in a transition period to adjust to the new area.



March 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 7pm Zoom Fellowship & Devotions	4	5	6
7 9:30am Worship	8 6:30 SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	9	10 7pm Zoom Fellowship & Devotions	11	12 10am—3pm Quilts of Love	13
14 9:30am Worship 6:30pm Girl Scouts	15	16	17 7pm Zoom Fellowship & Devotions	18	19	20
21 9:30am Worship	22	23	24 7pm Zoom Fellowship & Devotions	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship 6:30pm Girl Scouts	29	30	31 7pm Zoom Fellowship & Devotions	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	