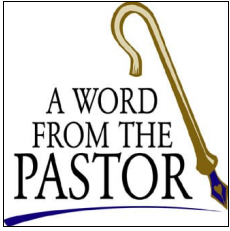




April 2021

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Dear Fellow Disciples of Christ,

Our God is a God of new beginnings. As we are told in 2 Corinthians 5:17, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” And in Lamentations 3:22-23 we are reminded during even the most difficult of times, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

As we journey through Lent, drawing closer to Christ as we revisit his journey to the cross during Holy Week, the last week of Lent, we go through the highs, lows, grieving and finally to the celebration of our risen Lord and Savior!

We all could use more reasons to celebrate with hope, especially when we feel like we are trudging along in life at times. Not only with Easter being near the time we have warmer weather and approach spring, though in Michigan the weather is notoriously unpredictable, we also find or rediscover the joy and hope we have in Christ.

These past 13 months have no doubt been challenging in so many ways, and for some they have been even more challenging with various losses. With feeling the losses and continued losses as we press through this pandemic, let us know that in Christ there is renewal and God’s help, mercies, faithfulness, and love.

And even if you don’t feel such joy at this time, give thanks because in Christ there will still come times of renewal. Remember to pray and talk with your Good Shepherd. Lean on those God has put in your life, family and friends and those near and far. It’s incredibly powerful to find the power, presence, and love of Christ when two or more gather in his name. That is why Christ sent his disciples out in pairs to go into the world in being his faithful witnesses.

What a friend we have in Jesus! Often times we find such feelings of Christ’s friendship through the fellowship of believers. This helps us persevere and shine brightly as Christ’s disciples and living testimonies of his love and saving grace!

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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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

Sunday Worship:

9:30 a.m.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Video link will be emailed on the morning on April 1st.

Good Friday, April 2

1pm at Carleton UMC

Sunday, April 4

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Seating in the sanctuary with overflow and live streaming of the worship service in the parlors.

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 Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. If you need to reach a staff member please call ahead.

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 Sunday, April 21st with delivery taking place Saturday, April 24th & Sunday, April 25th. Each pasty comes frozen and is just \$5.00.

NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Church Family

It has been a long and difficult year for us as we know it has been for many of you. First of all we want to thank you for your many prayers that got us through each challenge. We know God heard each one of them. We also want you to know how much we appreciate the many cards, the phone calls, the gifts...and the amazing meals you provided were like manna from Heaven. We definitely felt loved! God willing, we look forward to being able to worship without fear or restrictions again soon.

Marvin and Brenda Stump



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Annabelle Robertson
- 4 Linda Stahl
- 5 Dan Gardetto
- 6 Tara McLaughlin
- 8 Bradley Barnhart
- 10 *John & Michelle Rutkowski*
- 10 Tim Bodenmiller
- 10 Kelly Branham
- 11 Aaron Gurgul
- 12 David Conn
- 14 *Matthew & Renee Derry*
- 14 *Allen & Ruth Smith (65)*
- 15 Jean Fox
- 16 David Grabetz
- 17 Brad Smith
- 18 Betty Duby
- 18 Bill Vallie
- 19 Ted Robertson
- 20 *David & Tonia Grabetz*
- 20 Joanne Northey
- 21 Sophia Ruhlig
- 22 Jenni Conn
- 23 Deb Kessell
- 24 *Gary & Denise Toffoli*
- 25 Bethany Sweeney
- 26 *Bob & Nancy Young*
- 27 Myra VanWashenova
- 30 *Josh & Chelsea Baker*



**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

- April 4 Greg Baker
- April 11 Terry Brey
- April 18 Trevor Kessell
- April 25 Julie Riggs

Carleton United Methodist Church General Fund Income and Expense Statement January 1—March 18, 2021	
Income	
General Fund Income	\$ 31,140.44
Investment Income	\$ 11.57
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 31,152.01
Expenses	
Our Church Home	\$ 12,466.49
Our Church Programs	\$ 1,929.86
Our Pastoral Ministry	\$ 16,263.34
Our Outreach Ministry	\$ 2,734.35
Unpaid Apportionments	\$ 3,821.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 37,215.04
GENERAL FUND LOSS AS OF 3/18/2021	\$ (6,063.03)

Please remember that your offering envelope is mailable with a first class stamp. If you bring your envelope with you to worship services we ask that you place it in the plates at the doors.



This year we will all be worshipping from home for today's Maundy Thursday worship service with a special service led by our Bishop David Bard. This has been graciously offered by our Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church. A link to the video will be provided in the morning of Maundy Thursday. May we all draw even closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we continue to journey through Lent and this Holy Week, anticipating with joy the celebration of Christ's resurrection!

Maundy Thursday, April 1
No in-person worship service.
A link for an online service with Bishop David Bard will be emailed on that Thursday morning.



April 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			7pm Wednesday Night Devotions & Fellowship on zoom	1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday Worship 1pm here with Pastor Taek	3
4 9:30am Easter Worship with communion	5	6	7 No fellowship & devotions tonight	8	9	10
11	12 6:30pm Worship Committee 7:30pm Mission Committee	13 NEW DATE! 6:30pm Worship Committee	14 7pm Wednesday Night Devotions & Fellowship on zoom	15	16	17
18 Deadline is this week for the Pasty orders Youth Group including 5th graders	19	20 9am Newsletter material due	21 7pm Wednesday Night Devotions & Fellowship on zoom	22	23 Pasty making work day	24 Pasty making day & pick up
25 Pasty pick up day	26	27	28 7pm Wednesday Night Devotions & Fellowship on zoom	29	30	

PASTY SALE

Mission Committee Fundraiser

Orders taken: April 11 & 18

**Orders can also be emailed to Tom
(swshtomn@yahoo.com)**

\$5.00 each

Come FROZEN ready to bake

**All “pastys” will contain:
(no special orders)**

**Ground beef Potatoes
Onions Carrots
Rutabaga**

I would like # _____ @ \$5.00 each

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

**Orders will be FROZEN and available for
pick up on Saturday, April 24th or
Sunday, April 25th**

**COMPLETED ORDERS CAN BE
PLACED IN THE OFFERING PLATE
OR THE BOX IN THE LOBBY.**