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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

Dear Friends,

With less than 2 months before we move, our last Sunday being on June 13th, I write this second to last article with the help of my entire family. It has been 9 amazing and blessed years, almost a decade! I will write a few words to begin and end this article, and in between are words from Jamie and our children. I truly thank God for watching over us all the years we've been blessed to be together. God has blessed each of us, our church, our ministries, and those near and far from our Carleton community of faith. You welcomed us with excited, joyful, expectant, warm and loving hearts. We worked together hard no matter the obstacles. We shared many stories, laughs and tears. I've seen your families grow, as you have seen our children grow also grow, not only in height but also in faith and love. Each of you, especially the Sunday School teachers, all played an important part of our children's faith in and walk with Christ. It is hard to express my gratitude to God for each of you, for your prayers, support, service, sacrifices, and faithful dedication to God in and through our church. Though this pandemic has made many things difficult, including the passing of members who would otherwise still be with us, we all have been given the opportunities and gifts of drawing closer together in other ways. I honestly did not know what to expect when I and my family first arrived to this wonderful and loving congregation. But we were blown away by how you cared for us as we cared for you. Though I could say so much more, I want to say that my family and I will dearly miss you all and cherish all the memories God allowed us to make over all the years God blessed us with. Now, here are farewell words from my family to you:

I hope you have a good summer. I will miss everyone and hope to see you soon. I hope that you all do well.
-Jonathan

Thank you for being so kind to us. I will miss you all, and I hope that I will see you again. We will miss singing for the church as part of the Youth Choir. I will also miss eating cookies after church. -Andrew

Hi Everyone! I'm so glad I got to be part of this church, and I am going to miss everyone so much. -Rebekah

Dear Church Family,

It is hard to sum up nine years in a newsletter, and even harder to say goodbye. There are no words to express how grateful we have been for your love and friendship over the past nine years. You have loved, embraced and guided our children in their faith, welcomed us into your lives and homes, supported us through challenging times and shared your lives with us. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. This is the community in which we raised our children from preschoolers to youth and in which we formed deep and lasting friendships. We are better for knowing you and will always carry you in our hearts as we leave Carleton to start the next adventure for our family. I know the Poy's are lucky to be joining this community, and I pray they feel your love just as deeply as we have.

With all my love,
Jamie

Now I end our family letter to you with a blessing. May God bless you and your families and friends with all the blessings that you could possibly receive. May you also be a blessing to everyone as much as possible. And may those who have not experienced and received the grace and saving love of Jesus Christ, experience them abundantly through you and your life, faith and love. Amen.

In Christ's Love,

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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Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/CarletonUMC>

Christian Education:

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

Sunday Worship:

9:30 a.m.

We ask that all use facemasks and practice social distancing

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 being a Methodist or about joining the church membership 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

Please notify the church office when your contact information changes such as phone numbers (whether land line or cell), and email addresses.

PRAIRIE FARMS PRODUCT

Please remember to collect your Prairie Farms product bottle caps and place them in the contain between the main doors at church. The church will receive points to rebates for each product number in the Caps for your Cause program from Prairie Farms.

COLLECTION OF ALL CAPS & LIDS

At this time we will be stopping the collection of caps and lids for the school art project. This project has been suspended for the time being. It will be revisited in the fall and we will let you know if they will want to continue at that time.

COLLECTION OF PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

The collection of the plastic grocery bags used to make the sleeping mats will stop for now. The groups that were working on this project has stop making them until after the Covid-19 virus is no longer a threat to society.

MICHIGAN RETURNABLE

Michigan returnable cans and bottles can be left in the container by the main doors at any time. Monies raised benefit Mission outreach programs.

MEMORY BOOK FOR THE KIM FAMILY

As everyone knows Pastor Taek will be leaving us for a new appointment soon. Julie Riggs and others thought it would be great if everyone would write a note to him and/or the family that will be put into a memory book. A story (or stories) about something you did with the Kim Family or Taek alone. The more there are the better the book will be. What an awesome gift for him to have of his time here. So...She is asking that you handwrite (if possible) and mail your memory to the church. And pictures would be great too to include. If you can't handwrite then email your memory to church (carletonumc@gmail.com) and we will print it and put it into the memory book.

Please have your memories to the church by May 17th If you have any questions please contact Julie Riggs (734-735-2484). The church address is P.O. Box 327, Carleton, MI 48117-0327

KIM'S FAREWELL PARTY

On Sunday, May 23rd from 2:00—4:00 pm you will have a chance to say a casual goodbye to the Kim Family. This will be at Ash Carleton Park, 12899 Horan Street, Carleton in the pavilion. This will be as Covid Safe as we can make it. At 2:30 we will have presentation of gifts and any speakers who would like to do so. See you there.



IN SERVICE FOR MAY

Liturgist— on the schedule if worship is held

- 2 Cheryl Marlow
- 9 Youth
- 16 Morgan Vaughn
- 23 Wyatt Kessell
- 30 Jodie Bean

Sound Board

Please consider signing up for one or more Sunday's to work the Sound Board. If you have not been trained on it, you will be shown how. It's not difficult.

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mary Loving
- 1 Shirley Martin,
- 1 Morgan Vaughn
- 2 Cathy Umbarger
- 3 Renee Uchtorff
- 3 *Dan & Pat Gardetto*
- 4 *Ed & Rebecca Mell*
- 5 Holden Otter
- 6 Marlene Gooch
- 6 Alaina Metzger
- 9 Jonah Luciw
- 9 Logan Stump
- 10 Brooklyn Knapp
- 10 Joan Oleynik,
- 10 *Ed & Judy Blaser*
- 12 Allen Smith
- 16 Ryan Oleynik
- 17 Cecilee Carmack
- 17 Reagan Eaton
- 17 Ryan Schafer
- 18 Tayton Ruhlig
- 20 Cheryl Hause
- 20 *Richard & Vickie Garrison*
- 21 *Brian & Whitney Bednarz*
- 21 *Jim & Carol Sieb*
- 22 Jason Ruhlig
- 23 Jim Marlow
- 24 Ruth Smith
- 25 Ray Wiles
- 25 *Aaron & Anna Gurgul*
- 26 Shawn Robards
- 27 *Terry & Diane Brey*
- 39 Brenda Stump



Carleton United Methodist Church General Fund Income and Expense Statement January 1—April 13, 2021	
Income	
General Fund Income	\$ 42,138.05
Investment Income	\$ 15.56
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 42,153.61
Expenses	
Our Church Home	\$ 16,982.43
Our Church Programs	\$ 2,759.74
Our Pastoral Ministry	\$ 24,486.77
Our Outreach Ministry	\$ 3,424.80
Unpaid Apportionments	\$ 7,642.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 55,295.74
GENERAL FUND LOSS AS OF 4/13/2021	\$ (13,142.13)

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.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Carleton UMC will honor all graduates on Sunday, May 23rd.

Those who are graduating from high school, college, or post-secondary institution are invited to submit their name to the church office by Sunday, May 16th. Please do not assume we know you are graduating, turn in your name soon.

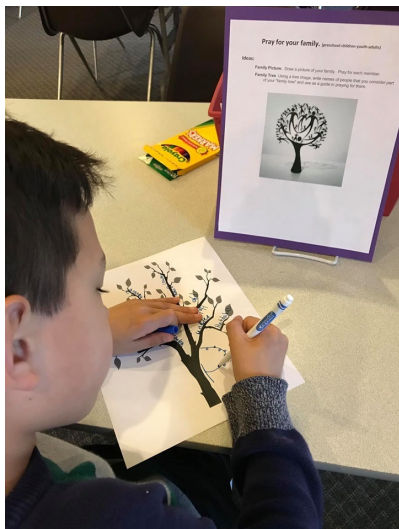
National Day of Prayer

May 6

Prayer Stations for ALL ages

Come when you can and stay as long as you would like!

4:00-7:00



Please wear masks as you move to the different stations.
Hand sanitizer will be available in the hallway.

Mark Your Calendar

May 9 is our Youth Service and Confirmation



All gifts and talents are welcome - art, vocal and instrumental music, dance, readers, poets, people who can PowerPoint, ushers, and someone to give a message to the adults and children are all needed - plus any other talents you would like to share!

See Jamie Kim or Karyn Vaughn if you would like to participate in planning and leading worship.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Please note that In-person Worship has been suspended until further notice.						
2	3 6:30pm United Methodist Women at Carleton UMC fellowship hall — masks required	4	5	6 National Day of Prayer—Stations open at church 4-7pm Masks required	7	8
9 Mother's Day with Youth Led Service & Confirmation	10 Meetings on Zoom: 6:30pm SPR 7:00pm Trustees 8:00pm Church Council	11	12	13	14	15
16 Deadline to submit your Grad's name for Grad Sunday May 23rd)	17 Memory book deadline	18	19	20 9am Newsletter	21 Youth group outing	22
23 Grad Sunday Kim's Farewell Party @ Ash Carleton Park (Horan Street) 2-4pm	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					