



November/December 2021

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Pastor's Thoughts

The best thing is yet to come!

Now! Summer fades into fall, and winter will take its place soon. What are the signs of seasonal change that you feel? I drove the car to go to Monroe downtown with Lisa for groceries. While I was driving, I saw many leaves change color and fall off. In the summer it was lush green with its density, but as summer fades into late fall the colors starts to change to the yellows and oranges I noticed as I was driving.. Eventually, trees will be left with bare branches. Trees without leaves looked like dry, skinny bodies. But, don't be discouraged. Trees have reasons for dropping leaves. The reason is to prepare for next season, spring.

These days, I often hear about some of the members of the church whose health is deteriorating. Some of them say they are hospitalized or that family and friends are sick. It breaks my heart every time I hear the news. But I am sure, that every situation we face has a reason in God's sight and that He is in control of all our problems. So, in the name of the Lord, I encourage all of you who are going through all kinds of physical decline and mental turmoil.

It is my encouragement as a Pastor for you. God's greatest blessing has not come to you yet, but it is coming to you little by little and day by day. C.S. Lewis once said, "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind." God will do the most extraordinary things for all of you. In 1 Corinthians 15:49-50, "And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable."

With God, "you are stronger than your struggles" trust in Him, be encouraged, and keep standing on Christ and his promises. He is an unsinkable solid rock for you and me.

COVID Cases Increasing and vaccination increasing

These days, the total number of confirmed COVID cases are increasing in Michigan. And also, hospitalizations have been steadily increasing again. As a pastor, I earnestly ask you all to take care of your health in this situation. Especially, drink plenty of water every day and wash your hands after going out.

Some is good news that I share with you, "more than 5,308,437 which is 53.3% Michigan residents are fully vaccinated and also, 5,781,965 which is 57.9% took at least 1 dose (all data from Google). After that, Coronavirus have brought us fear and panic, but now the statistic tells us that vaccination is steadily progressing. It brings me hope and confidence that very soon our churches will go back to our usual gatherings without facial masks hugging each other.

Spiritual Vaccination

"Vaccination" is good news for all of us, and it brings us hope and joy. However, I am hoping you could think about the spiritual sense of vaccination in our Christian life.

In Ezekiel 47, it tells us the process of how the Spirit of God covers us and protect us from all kinds of evil influences. In verse 1, "I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east." When Ezekiel saw the water coming out from the temple, it was only ankle-deep. After that, water was getting deeper and broader, and then was knee-deep. The Spirit of God led Ezekiel into the deeper side that was up to the waist-deep. In verse 5, water eventually became a river, and covering his entire body was deep enough to swim in like a river. The water that Ezekiel talked about is not actual water, but it is the Spirit of God coming down and leading him into the presence of God.

Verse 12, "fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing". It sounds like that when you come to Church, a place of worship (temple), the Spirit of God fully covers you up, and you would be fully protected from evil by the power of the presence of God.

Please come! Come into the deep water! The water coming out from the holy temple will protect you and heal you from all kinds of spiritual crises and challenges. If you stay in God's presence, you can soak the spiritual water. Your leaves will not wither, but your life will prosper because your spirit is fully vaccinated.

Now you are in the vaccination process physically, and you will be fully vaccinated sooner and later. However, it is time to think about your spiritual vaccination. "Come into the deep water," which is the presence of God. The Spirit of God fully vaccinates your soul from evil influence.

All members of Carleton UMC pray for your well being. "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well" (3 John 1:2).

Pastor Eun (Cloud) Poy from the well

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to make Carleton UMC your home church, speak with Pastor Cloud 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 Cloud at any time.

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

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee has set dates for Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets and Angels United gifts..

The Thanksgiving baskets will be given out Nov 22. Once again we are asking for donations of Turkeys, and money to help pay for other food items. A sign up sheet for turkey donation /help will be up in November.

In the past we delivered the baskets, however in the past few years we have asked that the gifts be picked up. We still need a few people to help load cars, and make a few deliveries.

The Angel's United Tree will be displayed by Nov. 21st.

NOVEMBER LITURGIST

Nov. 7 Brenda Stump
Nov. 14 Joanne Northey
Nov. 21 Wyatt Kessell
Nov. 28 Marvin Stump

NOVEMBER SOUND BOARD

Nov. 7 Aaron Gurgul
Nov. 14 Mark Young
Nov. 21 Mark Young
Nov. 28 Joan & Judy

NOVEMBER NURSERY

Nov. 7 Kim Baxter & Lanette Carmack
Nov. 14 Cheryl Marlow & Barb Young
Nov. 21 Megan Robertson & Michelle Rutkowski
Nov. 28 Lori Mossburg & Jean Baker

NOVEMBER JUNIOR CHURCH

Nov. 7 Children in Worship
Nov. 14 Karyn Vaughn & Brenda Stump
Nov. 21 Karen Kessell & Anna Gurgul
Nov. 28 Kim Baxter & Megan Robertson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Emily Duscheck, McKenzie Duscheck, Rock Otter
Loren Young
2 Virginia Oliver
3 *Mike & Joyce King*
4 *Cale & Stacey Bodenmiller*
6 Dawn Gray
7 Lyla Lake
8 Liam Bednarz, Elaine Gasidlo
10 Jackson Vallie
11 Austin Etue
14 Traci Reno, Dawn Schaller
16 Shirley Buckingham, Tonia Grabetz
17 Rebecca Miller, Tom Northey
18 Todd Gray
19 Katelyn Derry
20 Erica Lake
21 Keelyn Bednarz, Ryan Black
23 John Mazur, Jordan Reno
24 Kim Bodenmiller
25 Ellie Baker
26 Judy Blaser
27 Bob Abar, Karyn Vaughn
28 Riley Mossburg
29 Truman Gurgul
30 Kathie Brazon

UMW NEWS

The ongoing Craft Sale will be open for *FRIENDS & FAMILY* on Saturday, November 6th from 10am to Noon. Spread the word. Also if trimming your evergreens, please save the trimmings for Cindy Good to make Evergreen swags that will be sold at a later date.

In the spring there are plans to hold a rummage sale during the Carleton Garage Sale days. Please save your household items (**no clothing**) for this Rummage Sale. A drop off date will be announced at a later date.

UMM NEWS



The United Methodist Men met for breakfast and fellowship on Saturday, October 23rd with nine present. It was good to get together after about 18 months. Watch your weekly bulletin for the date of the next breakfast meeting.

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Angel's United Giving Tree will be on display by November 21st.

Remember the idea is to take a tag or two, shop for the requested item, and return (UNWRAPPED) with the tag attached to the church by Sunday, December 12th.

The gifts will be passed out on Thursday, Dec, 16th. Help will be needed at the church to assist families at the pick up and distribution times. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the church office in December.

DECEMBER LITURGIST

Dec. 5 Terry Brey
 Dec. 12 Jodie Bean
 Dec. 19 Morgan Vaughn
 Dec. 24 Megan Robertson
 Dec. 26 Marvin Stump

DECEMBER SOUND BOARD

Dec. 5 Aaron Gurgul
 Dec. 12 Don Vaughn
 Dec. 19 Joan & Judy
 Dec. 24
 Dec. 26 Aaron Gurgul

DECEMBER NURSERY

The list is coming. If you are able to volunteer for nursery (we need at least one adult), please see Jean Baker.

DECEMBER JUNIOR CHURCH

Dec. 5 Children in Worship
 Dec. 12 Karyn & Brenda
 Dec. 19 Christmas Program
 Dec. 26 Children in Worship

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S & ANNIVERSARIES**

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

ADVENT WREATHE

The Advent Wreath readings and lighters will be available very soon. If asked, please say yes. You will not have any prep work to do. Simply come forward at the beginning of the worship service after the Liturgist does the announcements and welcome. The readings will be provided and the lighting taper will be on the altar. Light the taper from the altar candle to light the candle or candles on the wreath.

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

Christmas Eve worship will begin at 6:15pm with Carleton Brass Christmas from Around the World. Worship will begin at 7:00pm. We will have candles for the adults and glow sticks for the children.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Just a reminder to keep the church office up-to-date if your mailing address, email, or phone number changes. It is vital that the church records are as accurate as possible.

Newsletters are now published bi-monthly for the following two months. The next Newsletter deadline is Monday, December 20th for any new coming January & February 2022.

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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Sunday Worship:
 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—
 10:30 a.m.

Carleton United Methodist Church
General Fund Income and Expense Statement
January 1 - October 17, 2021

Income	
General Fund Income	\$ 140,563.41
Investment Income	\$ 39.14
Rental Income	\$ 300.00
TOTAL INCOME	<hr/> \$ 140,902.55
Expenses	
OUR CHURCH HOME	\$ 44,919.81
OUR CHURCH PROGRAMS	\$ 6,998.66
OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ 63,129.65
OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY	\$ 11,680.70
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS	\$ 10,176.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<hr/> \$ 136,728.82
GENERAL FUND SHORTAGE	\$ 3,997.73

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for all the prayers, calls, texts, and cards sent during my recent knee replacement surgery. They were all greatly appreciated. Also, thank you for praying for Chuck during his appendectomy. It was successful and he is well on the road to recovery.

*Love and prayers,
 Kathy & Chuck LaFlure*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Beverly & Mark Buell on the September birth of Great Granddaughter, Evelyn Grace to Kayla & Stephen Chappell. Kayla & Stephen are serving in the military currently stationed in California.

Our sympathy to Mary Redburn & family on the passing of her husband, Bob. Bob passed away unexpectedly on September 9th.

Our hearts are breaking for Britany Grass and family on the recent loss of daughter, Hazel during birth on September 17th.

Congratulations to Bob & Nancy Young on the birth of granddaughter, Emmie Clare, to Bobby & Ashley on October 19th. Emmie joins Adalynn & Mason at home.

FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of the Carleton United Methodist Church.

As a reminder your offering envelopes are mailable with a first class postage stamp. If you do bring your offering to worship, please place in the plates stationed at the sanctuary entrance doors. We will continue to collect Sunday offerings in this manner until further notice.

All year end giving for the **2021 Tax year** should reach the church office by Friday, December 31st. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please call Bill Vallie or Dan Gardetto to make other arrangements.



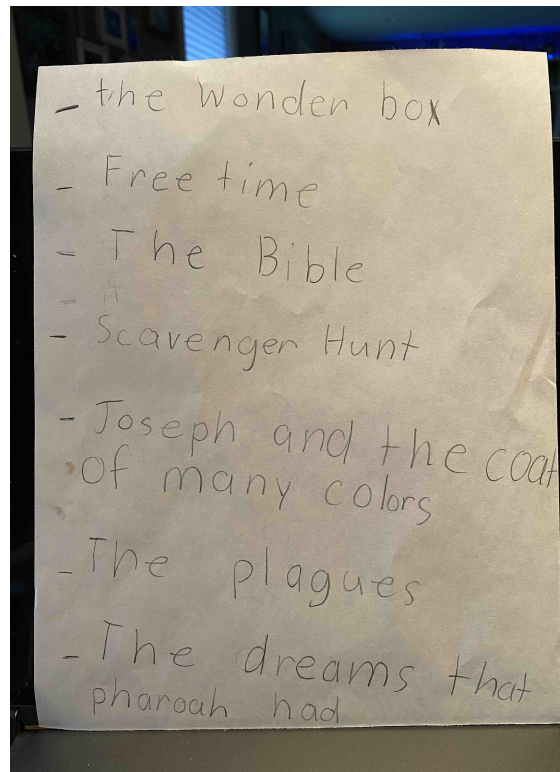
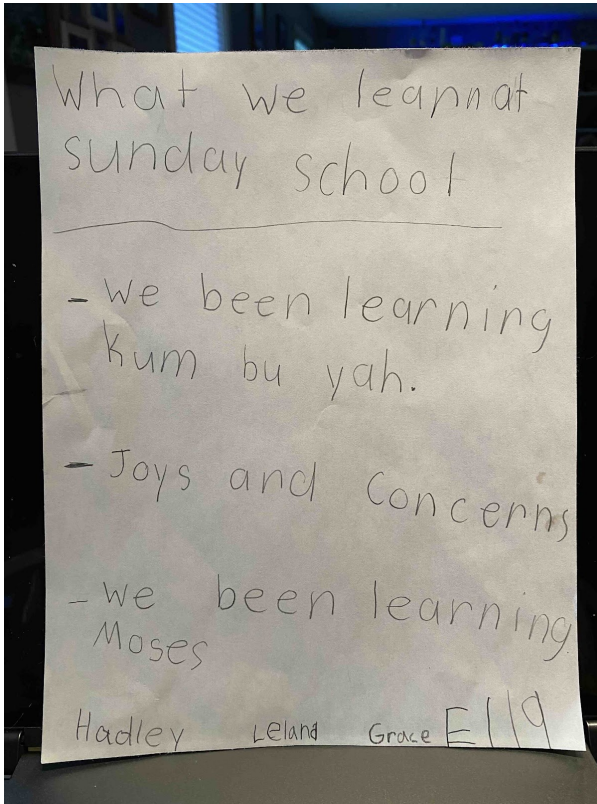
PRAYER CARDS

As a reminder that if you raise a prayer request in worship on Sundays & want to have a card sent, to please email (carletonumc@gmail) or call us 734-654-2833 with the name and address. This will help to continue the much appreciated ministry of letting folks know others are praying for them. You can also leave written notes on Kathy's desk or in the box on the office door.

November 2021

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>WALKING TALKING Each evening at 6:30pm join friends as we walk around the church property.</p> <p>THANKSGIVING BASKETS Distribution will be on Monday, November 22nd. Donations of turkeys will be needed.</p>	1	2	3	4	5 Euchre/Game Night 7:00 - all are welcome	6 10am-Noon Craft Sale at Carleton UMC. Invite your friends & family
<p>7 Children's Christmas Program practice begins at 10:30 am. All children and youth are invited to participate</p> <p>Souper Service Project 10:30am</p> <p>Craft sale ongoing in the Fellowship Hall</p>	8 6:30pm SPRC 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	9	10 4H Country Critters 7pm	11	12	13 Charge Conf via Zoom (at church) SPRC 3pm General 3:30pm
<p>14 Children's Bells preform 9:30am</p> <p>Craft sale ongoing in the Fellowship Hall</p>	15	16	17 Quilts of Love 10am Swan Creek Garden 7pm	18	19	20
<p>21 Bible Sunday</p> <p>Joyful Noise Choir 9:30am</p> <p>Craft sale ongoing in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Youth Group trip to the Aquarium after church</p>	22 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution	23	24	25	26	27
<p>28 Hanging of the Greens 11:30am Soup & Salad will be served after Sunday School then all hands will be needed to decorate the church and grounds for Advent.</p> <p>Craft sale ongoing in the Fellowship Hall</p>	29*	30				

What We Learn At Sunday School by Hadley, Leland, Grace and Ella



Our children, from the young preschoolers all the way up to fourth graders, are learning a lot together! They begin with Junior Church - joys and concerns, the Lord's Prayer, a prayer chorus (Kum Ba Yah) and some praise and worship songs. In September, they learned about Joseph and reconciliation. Now they have begun learning about Moses and awe. Each week, they open a Wonder Box and find an object they connect to the story they are learning...a robe reminds us of Joseph, can you guess how insects remind us of Moses? Then they have some "Free Time" or Choice Time to either respond to the story in their own way such as blocks, art, puppets, or to work on the activity sheets for the week or even to dig into another Bible story! This is also a time of making friends with children their age or older or younger, and the adults who volunteer to be their guides! They end each morning by splitting into groups by age for more Bible learning, games and activities on their developmental level with their Sunday School class. Thanks to Hadley, Ella, Grace and Leland for their help with this article and to Annabelle, Wylie and Paisley for the burning bush artwork!

Christmas Program Information



This year's program needs readers to read part of the Christmas story and others to dress the part (Mary Joseph, angels, shepherds, animals...) There will be no lines to memorize.

Adults should see Karyn Vaughn if digging through the costume box and ironing costumes is your thing!

Any children or youth that want to sing or play Christmas hymns are also welcome!

November 7 10:30am Sign Ups for readings and non speaking parts as well as musical contributions.

November 21 Practice 11:00-11:30am

December 5 Practice 11:00-11:30am

December 12 Practice 11:00-11:30am

December 18 Dress Rehearsal and Donuts at 9:00am

December 19 Christmas Program during 9:30am worship

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<p>5 Communion Sunday</p> <p>Craft sale ongoing in the Fellowship Hall</p>	6	7	8 4H Country Critters 7pm	9	10	11
<p>12 Children's Bells perform 9:30am</p> <p>Craft sale final day in the Fellowship Hall</p>	13	14	15	16 Angel's United Tree & Food Baskets Distribution	17	18 9am Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
<p>19 Children's Christmas Program 9:30am</p>	20 January/February News due into the church office 9AM	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 6:15pm Carleton Brass 7pm Worship	25 Christmas Day— Church and office are closed until January 4th.
<p>26 Worship 9:30am</p>	27	28	29	30	31 All donations for 2021 Tax year must be post-marked by Dec. 31st.	

Updated Youth Calendar -- SAVE THIS PAGE

Youth Events

Sept 19 Bigger or Better Road Rally 6-8
Oct 17 Kackleberry Farm Corn Maze 6-8
Oct 30 3-7 Help with Trunk or Treat (and get candy!)
Nov 7 "Souper" Service Project 10:30
Nov 21 Aquarium trip - Sea Life Michigan
Dec 4 Babysitting (fundraiser) 3:30-8:30
Dec 19 Christmas Party 6-8
Jan 16 Imagination Station
Feb 20 Sledding - Willow Metropark
Mar 18 Zap Zone & Overnight @ Church
April 3 & 24 Car Wash (fundraiser)
May 8 Youth Led Service
May 13 Ropes Course
June 17-19 Family Camp
July Meet Up at Turtle Cove?

Looking Ahead...

July 25-28 2023
Youth 23 in Daytona Beach, FLA

All Church Events

Oct 30 Trunk or Treat 4-6
Nov 5 Euchre/Game Night 7:00
Nov 7 "Souper" Service Project 10:30
Dec 4th Parent's Night Out 4-8
Dec 19th Christmas Program 9:30
Jan 8 Escape Rooms/Games 5-8
Feb 12 Pajama Party 6-8
March 12 Paint and Praise Party
April 10 Early Easter Celebration
May 22 Popsicles on the Playground
June 17-19 Family Camp