



# January/February 2022

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## *Pastor's Thoughts*

**The light is brighter than the power of darkness.**

When I was an elementary student, I would walk to go to school six days a week. It was around 2.5 miles. The way that I needed to walk was not a highway, but it was an unpaved path. There was no busy traffic and no streetlight at night. Please "Don't get me wrong!" It was a pleasant time to walk along the path in the morning when I was going to school because I could hear all kinds of birds singing and feel gentle breezes.

But as you know, most problems and hardships arise at night. I confess that I was a little rascal. That means I had a curfew to come back home before sunset, but I broke it many times because I loved to play with my school friends in their village. If I played until sundown, I needed to pay for it. That means that I had to come back home through the path in the dark. I will never forget the worst night that I had to come home that way. There was no twilight nor moonlight, and it was completely dark. When I walked at the hill's ridge, I lost my confidence to pass through because it was the darkest point on my way. I was afraid of the darkness, and my feet got stuck there.

It was a desperate situation for me because there was nothing to help me get through the darkness. At that moment, suddenly, a light shined on the path for a couple of seconds. I saw the light that broke the darkness. It made me go over the hill to get back home. The light which accidentally shone my way was a headlight coming from a mile away when a truck went the other way.

Some of you might feel that you are walking in the dark. Sometimes you are frustrated because of the situation that you are facing. If you are really feeling that way, I will encourage you with the promise of God. "In these dark days, lift up your eyes to Jesus, lift your eyes He's still upon the throne,... He never will forsake you, for He is God to Him all things are known,... And trust in Him, He will your burden bear" (From an unknown author's song). "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

### **Definition of Darkness**

The definition of darkness is absent of light. If there is no light, darkness fills in the space. Psalm 119:105 says **God's word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for our path**. If Christians do not keep and hold the word of God as the light of the world, we will walk without the light in the darkness.

### **How to walk with the light**

John Wesley told us to read the Word of God, pray, and sing spiritual songs to develop solid Christian habits for faithful living in the light. It is the means of grace through which Christians can receive God's grace in their daily life.

### **Ministry theme for 2022**

"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." - 1 Timothy 4:8

This is the verse that I choose to be the spiritual theme in our church for 2022. I will think about this topic all year round. That's why I emphasize again and again reading the Bible. Also, prayer will be an essential part of our spiritual life. So, I will repeat the message of prayer from time to time. In 2022, I hope that all of us will become warriors of prayer and feel the presence of God through the Word.

Carleton United Methodist Church is praying for you and remembering each one of your names in our prayer.

Happy New Year

*Pastor Cloud*

### **Our 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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734-654-2833

### **Sunday Worship—**

9:30 a.m.

### **Sunday School—**

10:30 a.m.

### **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.

### **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. The church office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm. We can always be reached by email at carletonumc@gmail.com.

Newsletters are now published bi-monthly for the following two months. The next Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, February 22, 2022 for the March/April Newsletter..

### **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. Please be sure you are using the 2022 boxed set as your number in our giving system may have changed. 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.

### **ANGEL'S UNITED GIVING TREE**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Thanksgivings and Christmas for several local families a bit brighter by donating turkey's, gifts of toys, clothes, and food baskets. It would not have been possible without your continued support.



Gifts are bagged so the children don't see what they are getting



Donations are carefully sorted



The Angel's ready to help families load their cars



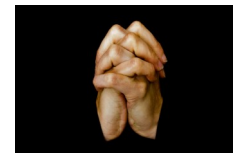
Each family received milk & other perishables along with canned good & meat for several meals.

### **FROM THE CARLETON UMC WOMEN'S GROUP**



Ladies, you are invited.

Please join us on Monday, January 17th, at 6:30pm in the church parlor for our next Women's meeting. Paula Vergowven, the seminary student we support, will be our guest speaker. I'm sure you will find this evening uplifting and inspirational as she shares her testimony and answers questions about her experience attending Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Light refreshments will be provided. Feel free to invite your friends!



### **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.com) 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.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Velma Brooks  
 2 Bruce Lester  
 4 Liam Lake  
 5 Earl Heiss  
 6 Gavin Metzger  
 8 Dave Bean, Patricia Madaski  
 10 Fayrene Gibson,  
*Mike & Tara McLaughlin*  
 11 Brad Abar, Melissa Morin, Michelle Toth  
 12 Matthew Stump  
*Dave & Melissa Leslie*  
 14 Kathy LaFlure  
 15 *Darrell & Julie Riggs*  
 16 Judy Shrewsbury  
 17 Denise Toffoli  
 21 Terry Brey  
 24 Mike McLaughlin  
 26 Paul Etue, Wylie Pinchoff  
 28 Bill Trainor  
 29 Cale Bodenmiller  
 30 Pat Gardetto  
 31 Carol Jeffrey

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

2 Chuck LaFlure, Lindsey Vallie  
 3 Dennis Finnerty, Dakota Reno  
 4 Darrell Riggs, Tara Wells  
 5 Ivy Ankenbauer  
*Don & Karyn Vaughn*  
 7 Jeremy Otter  
 8 Lisa Poy, Iliidia Wiles  
 9 Tenley Gautz  
 10 Matthew Uchtorff  
 11 Corinne Barnhart, Mike King, Katy McLaughlin  
 13 Cindy Goode  
*14 Jason & Heidi Ruhlig*  
 15 Jean Baker, Patti Finnerty, Henry Giles, Wyatt Kessell  
 16 Tyler Baker, Brayden Bentley  
 17 Wanda Miles  
 18 Tori Mazur  
 19 Megan Robertson  
 20 Hannah Breitner, Lindsay Metzger, Pam Oleynik  
 24 Abbott Otter  
 25 Mike Baxter  
 26 Del Dennis (100), Anna Gurgul  
 28 Chandler Toth

**JANUARY LITURGIST**

Jan 2 Julie Riggs  
 Jan 9 Trevor Kessell  
 Jan 16 Megan Robertson  
 Jan 23 Morgan Vaughn  
 Jan 30 Marvin Stump

**JANUARY SOUND BOARD**

Jan 2 Darrell Riggs  
 Jan 9  
 Jan 16  
 Jan 23  
 Jan 30

**JANUARY NURSERY**

Jan 2 Stacey Bodenmiller & Barb Young  
 Jan 9 Megan Robertson & Morgan Vaughn  
 Jan 16 Kim Bodenmiller & Mary Loving  
 Jan 23 Alana Schafer & Michelle Rutkowski  
 Jan 30 Cheryl Marlow & Denise Toffoli

**JANUARY JUNIOR CHURCH**

Jan 2 Children in Worship  
 Jan 9 Karyn & Brenda  
 Jan 16 Karen & Anna  
 Jan 23 Kim Baxter & Megan Robertson  
 Jan 30 Children in Worship

**FEBRUARY LITURGIST**

Feb. 6 Brenda Stump  
 Feb. 13 Tim Bodenmiller  
 Feb. 20 Trevor Kessell  
 Feb. 27 Marvin Stump

**FEBRUARY SOUND BOARD**

Feb. 6  
 Feb. 13  
 Feb. 20  
 Feb. 27

**FEBRUARY NURSERY**

Feb. 6 Jerry Sweeney & Amy Grass  
 Feb. 13 Jennifer Luciw & Megan Luciw  
 Feb. 20 Karen Kessell & Everett Kessell  
 Feb. 27 Kim Baxter & Lanette Carmack

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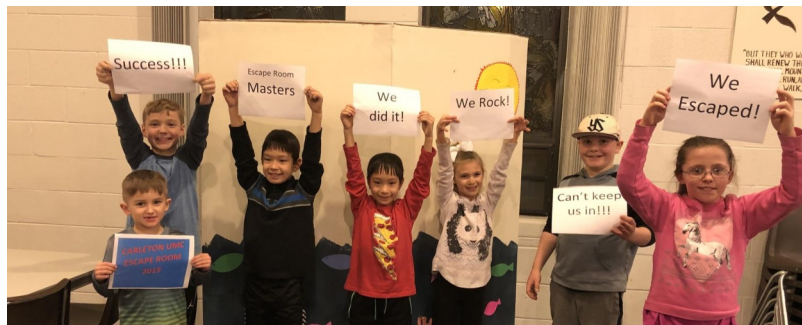
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**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**March 2 7pm**

# Game Night / Escape Rooms

January 8

5:00-8:00



5:00 Game Night Begins

5:30 Preschool Puzzle Room

6:00 Elementary Escape Room

6:30 Youth Escape Room

7:30 Adult Escape Room

**See Karyn Vaughn if you have combination locks, briefcases or safes to loan us beginning ! Everything will be returned.**

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>WALKING TALKING</b> Each evening at 6:30pm join friends as we walk around the church property.						1 Start reading the Bible through in One Year by reading: Gen 1-3
2 <b>Today's reading: Genesis 4-6</b>  <b>Baptism of Tenley Gautz</b>	3 Today's reading: Genesis 7-9  9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm Walking Talking Group	4 Today's reading: Genesis 10-12	5 Today's reading: Genesis 13-15  Quilting Friends—parlors 1-6pm	6 Today's reading: Genesis 16-18	7 Today's reading: Genesis 19-21	8 Today's reading: Genesis 22-24  5-8pm Game night/Escape Rooms—whole family welcome
9 <b>Today's reading: Genesis 25-27</b>  <b>6:30pm Girl Scouts</b>	10 Today's reading: Genesis 28-30  9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm Walking Talking Group  6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	11 Today's reading: Genesis 31-33  6:30pm Girl Scouts	12 Today's reading: Genesis 34-36  7pm 4-H—fellowship hall	13 Today's reading: Genesis 37-39	14 Today's reading: Genesis 40-42	15 Today's reading: Genesis 43-46
16 <b>Today's reading: Genesis 47-50</b>  <b>Youth outing to Imagination Station</b>	17 Today's reading: Job 1-3  9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm Walking Talking Group  6:30pm Women's Group	18 Today's reading: Job 4-7	19 Today's reading: Job 8-10  10am—Noon Quilts of Love	20 Today's reading: Job 11-14	21 Today's reading: Job 15-17	22 Today's reading: Job 18-21
23 <b>Today's reading: Job 22-24</b>  <b>6:30pm Girl Scouts</b>	24 Today's reading: Job 25-28  9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm Walking Talking Group	25 Today's reading: Job 29-31  6:30pm Girl Scouts	26 Today's reading: Job 32-34	27 Today's reading: Job 35-37	28 Today's reading: Job 38-42	29 Today's reading: Exo 1-3
30 <b>Today's reading: Exo 4-6</b>	31 Today's reading: Exo 7-9  9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm Walking Talking Group					

# Pajama Party!!!

February 12 6-8PM



**Games Activities**

**Food & Fun for All Ages!**

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13 <b>Today's reading: Lev 4-6</b>  <b>6:30pm Girl Scouts</b>	14 Today's reading: Lev 7-9  9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm Walking Talking Group  6:30pm Worship 7:30pm Missions	15 Today's reading: Lev 10-12	16 Today's reading: Lev 13-15	17 Today's reading: Lev 16-18	18 Today's reading: Lev 19-21	19 Today's reading: Lev 22-24
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# Paint and Praise Party

March 5th 6-8PM

**Come and praise God with music and a canvas!  
All ages and abilities are welcome!**



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come

before his presence with singing.

(and painting?)

Psalm 100:1-2