



# Carleton News

July/August 2021

Rev. Eun Sik (Cloud) Poy, pastor

Carleton United  
Methodist Church

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## Pastor's Thoughts—

God wants Christians to live a brilliant life. The brilliant Christian life means living in the radiant light of Jesus Christ and following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, learning spiritual insights, and sharing them with those who have not experienced them yet. There is a biblical story about the transfiguration of Jesus. One day Jesus Christ went up a high mountain, and his disciples followed him. As Peter, James, and John followed Jesus to the top of the mountain, they saw Jesus turning dazzling white, and also saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus.

It was an unexpected and surprising sight for them. So, Peter was amazed and said “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters.” This unexpected sight was an event that gave them joy, hope, and confidence to become a brilliant people who could tell others what they saw and experience on the mountain.

Unexpected Joy to Find Morel Mushrooms: When I was in Korea, I could easily buy black mushrooms, shiitake mushrooms, and oyster mushrooms at the market. And because I always bought it, I can tell the difference in shape and taste.

When I moved to Petoskey 7 years ago, I discovered for the first time in my life a new type of mushroom called the morel mushroom. People in northern Michigan hold the annual Morel Mushroom Festival in season and go out to collect them in the wild. I heard that Morel mushrooms are expensive. So, people keep their secret spots without telling others when they find them. Last May, while walking in the backyard of the parsonage, I found Morel mushrooms.

"Is Morel here?" I was amazed. Of course, a few days later, it was gone, but finding morel mushroom in Carleton was an unexpected joy that I treasured in my heart like a happy memory. After that happen, I remembered what Philip Yancey says, “how wonderful and happy it would be to meet "God in an unexpected place"?"

It is my spiritual insight to share with you. I was happy to find Morel's in an unexpected place, and it surprised me. However, what about seeking and finding God? We believe that God is with us anytime and anywhere, but ironically, we only seem to find Him very occasionally.

We must remember that God is always with us and is not far from us, but very close to us. Do not be surprise when God answers your prayer requests, and when you find God's guidance because Jesus said “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” Matthew 7:7. In John 16:24, “Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full.”

Practical applications to your everyday life:

- ◆ To rejoice always in presence of God
- ◆ To pray continually in the name of Lord, Jesus Christ.
- ◆ To give thanks in all circumstances because God's steadfast love endures forever.

As a pastor, I pray that Carleton UMC will become a church led by the Holy Spirit so that all members of the church become radiant people, lead their brilliant life, and look for a bright future.

*Rev. Cloud Poy*

**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.

The nursery is now open for those little ones needing a break from sitting in worship.

Junior Church will be offered each Sunday if a volunteer has signed-up. Please consider signing up for a Sunday this summer. Materials are provided and can be found outside the church office..

**Social Distancing Seating**  
Please be considerate of those who still need to social distance while in worship.

**Masks are not required** at this time. You are encouraged to use your own discretion as to whether you need to mask or not.



### **JUST A REMINDER**

Please email your prayer requests to the church at carletonumc@gmail.com. A card will be prepared and signed by the members of the congregation letting them know we are praying for them.

### **RECYCLE UPDATES**

The collection of Prairie Farm Caps will continue as well as the collection of Michigan Returnable bottles and cans. Please place your donations in the appropriate containers between the double doors.

### **SWEATPANTS FOR SCHOOL**

There is a container in the lobby for your donations of new and gently used children's sweatpants. This collection will be divided among the elementary buildings to have on hand should a need arise during the school day.



### **QUILTS OF LOVE**

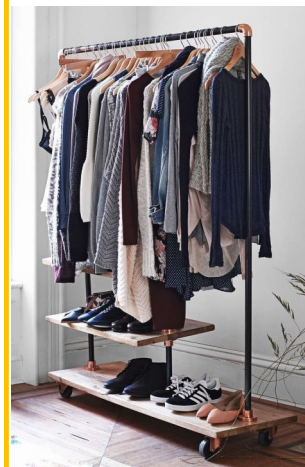
On Sunday, June 26th the Quilts of Love quilting group blessed another wonderful group of lap quilts headed to the Monroe area hospice care. This group of dedicated ladies never fail to amaze us as to the designs and colors. Thank you ladies on a job well done.

### **FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:**

The church office will be open through the summer on most Tuesday & Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. Should you have a pastoral need or prayer request, please call. If we do not answer at church you may call the parsonage at 734-654-2001.

Also, please remember to call us if you or someone you love is admitted to a hospital or care center. Most of the time the facility is not allowed to notify us, so we would greatly appreciate being notified by family members or friends.

### **CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY**



There will be a *CLOTHING GIVE AWAY* at Wagar Middle School in August. A final date has not yet been determined. When you are going through your closets getting ready to shop for those back to school clothes, please consider donating your gently used clothing (All sizes) to this great outreach. When a drop-off date has been set we will send out an email. Please do not bring your donations to church as we do not have storage room available. Again this is for all sizes including infant, toddler, school ages, and adults.

### **JULY LITURGIST**

July 3	Julie Riggs
July 10	Terry Brey
July 17	Lisa Poy
July 24	Tim Bodenmiller
July 31	Anna Gurgul

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to Calyssa Reno and Morgan Vaughn, our 2022 graduates. Calyssa graduated from Monroe High and Morgan from Airport. They should be very proud of their achievements.



Position available: Pianist

Position available: Pianist for the Carleton United Methodist Church, Carleton, Michigan.

This is a paid hourly position for the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sundays and other times when needed: EX: Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, and special services.

Other duties may include: Accompanist for special music, adult choir, children's choir, soloists, and communion services. Arrange for tuning and maintenance of piano upon request of the Pastor in consultation with the Trustees.

Qualifications: Excellent keyboard skills, knowledge about music; ability to work with choirs, Pastors, and other musicians. The ability to play the Allen Organ is a plus.

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 Jan VanHouten
- 9 Vera Otter
- 10 Ronnie Gibson, Chloe Ruhlig
- 11 *Rich & Linda Stahl, Ray & Ildia Wiles*  
Greg Baker,
- 12 *Paul & Joan Oleynik (63)*, Tessa Mooney
- 13 *Marvin & Brenda Stump*
- 15 *Gary & Laurie Breitner*  
Barry Jones, Jerry Morin
- 16 Clifton Robertson
- 17 Elliana Bentley
- 18 Devin Finnerty, John Finnerty
- 19 *Jim & Cheryl Marlow*
- 20 *Chuck & Kathy LaFlure*
- 21 Gary Loving
- 22 John Rutkowski, Edna Trainor-Lancour
- 24 Grace Otter
- 26 Hailey Nolan
- 27 Mary Vogler
- 31 *Ted & Megan Robertson*, Amelia Ruhlig



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Laurie Breitner
- 6 Abby Gray, Aaron Smith
- 7 Everett Kessell
- 8 Mary Baker, Berkle Black
- 12 Jeff VanWashenova, Carl Zlatos
- 13 Isaac Grubke, Pastor Cloud
- 14 Mark Buell
- 16 *Ivan & Velma Brooks (63)*, Lori Mossburg
- 17 Tristan Oliver
- 18 *Tim & Kim Bodenmiller, Greg & Kelly Branham,*  
*Ronnie & Fayrene Gibson, Bill & Cathy Umbarger*  
Alexis Winters
- 20 Hadley Schafer
- 21 *Dennis & Patti Finnerty*, Krystal Stump
- 22 *Gary & Mary Loving*
- 23 Hailie Black
- 24 Shurley Lester
- 25 Barb Frankhouse, Chloe Sweeney
- 27 Kathy Alexander, Stacey Bodenmiller
- 28 *Dave & Jodie Bean*,  
Bev Buell, Randy Smith, Carolyn Trainor
- 31 *Bob & Barb Abar, Michael & Lana Baas*

Carleton United Methodist Church  
General Fund Income and Expense Statement  
January 1 - June 15, 2022

**INCOME**

General Fund	\$ 57,821.28
Investments	46.93
Rental Income	345.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 58,213.21</b>

**EXPENSES**

Our Church Home	\$ 29,858.71
Our Church Programs	3,610.77
Our Pastoral Ministry	32,242.61
Our Outreach Ministry	3,803.75
Unpaid Apportionments	<u>9,027.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 78,542.84</b>
<b>General Fund Loss as of 6/15/2022</b>	<b>(20,329.63)</b>

The above is the General Fund Income & Expense Summary as of June 15, 2022. As you can see the general fund is in the deficit by over \$20,000. Typically we are running slightly behind at this time of year, but this year is not looking good.

General fund giving has been dropping each year slightly. We are down almost \$3,000 from last year and if we compare to 2019 (pre-Covid) we are down over \$7,000 this year compared to the same time period in 2019. Hopefully, if we can increase weekly attendance, giving will increase with it.

We are doing our best to control expenses. Most expenses are running about the same as last year except our church utilities and maintenance, these expenses are up considerably over last year.

**WALKING TALKING**  
 Each evening weather permitting  
 at 6:30pm join friends as we walk  
 around the church property. 5 times  
 around equals 1 mile

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<i>Pray daily: Sunday: Pray for your church family</i>	<i>Pray daily: Monday: Pray for your family &amp; relatives</i>	<i>Pray daily: Tuesday: Pray for your school &amp; job</i>	<i>Pray daily: Wednesday: Pray for your country &amp; community</i>	<i>Pray daily: Thursday: pray for your friends &amp; neighbors</i>	<i>Pray daily: Friday: pray for global mission and missionaries</i>	<i>Pray daily: Saturday: pray for the Sunday service &amp; your pastor</i>
3 Today's reading Hos 4-6 Communion	4 Today's reading Hos 7-10	5 Today's reading Hos 11-14	6 Today's reading Amos 1-3	7 Today's reading Amos 4-6	8 Today's reading Amos 7-9	9 Today's reading Jon 1-4  12:30 pm Jodie McEwan Memorial service —here
10 Today's reading Is 1-3 10:30 am Women's Society Make-it Take-it craft event. All ladies welcome	11 Today's reading Is 4-6	12 Today's reading Is 7-9	13 Today's reading Is 10-12  4H meeting	14 Today's reading Is 13-15	15 Today's reading Is 16-18	16 Today's reading Is 19-21
17 Today's reading Is 22-24	18 Today's reading Is 25-27	19 Today's reading Is 28-30	20 Today's reading Is 31-33	21 Today's reading Is 34-36	22 Today's reading Is 37-39	23 Today's reading Is 40-42
24 Today's reading Is 43-45	25 Today's reading Is 46-48	26 Today's reading Is 49-51	27 Today's reading Is 52-54	28 Today's reading Is 55-57	29 Today's reading Is 58-60	30 Today's reading Is 61-63
31 Today's reading Is 64-66						

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<i>Pray daily:            Sunday: Pray for your church            family</i>	1 Today's reading Mic 1-3	2 Today's reading Mic 4-7	3 Today's reading Nah 1-3  <b>6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q&amp;A with Pastor Cloud</b>	4 Today's reading Zeph 1-3	5 Today's reading Jer 1-3	6 Today's reading Jer 4-6
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21 Today's reading Jer 49-52	22 Today's reading Hab 1-3	23 Today's reading Lam 1-5	24 Today's reading 1 Chr 1-3	25 Today's reading 1 Chr 4-6	26 Today's reading 1 Chr 7-9	27 Today's reading 1 Chr 10-12
28  Today's reading 1 Chr 13-15	29 Today's reading 1 Chr 16-18	30 Today's reading 1 Chr 119-21	31 Today's reading 1 Chr 22-25			



## WHAT'S AHEAD IN SEPTEMBER?

- September 7th @ 6:30pm Gospel Question and Answers: bring you questions for group discussion
- September 11th @ 10:30am Sunday School Kick Off
- September 12th @ 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading resumes (join us)
- September 12th @ 7pm Trustees and @ 8pm Church Council
- September 13th @ 7pm Member Care and Outreach Committee meeting