



January/February 2023

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Pastor's Message

Futurist Alvin Toffler's Ubiquitous Theory

I still remember seeing Alvin Toffler on television. He was talking about the meaning of the Third Wave that he wrote in 1980. It was about the transition from an industrial society to an information-based society that will take place in the future.

We now live in a society where all information is accessible anytime, anywhere, through an internet connection. We can get all kinds of information through our computers and mobile phones. It gives us convenience.

Information and Action

Nonetheless, one problem is that even if we know the information, we can still touch it and have it immediately. For example, last spring, I built a camping trailer. Before I started my project, I had to collect all information on where and how to get all parts. I phoned people and googled to find the right store to buy the needed parts. So, I went to the store, bought the parts, and completed the project. When I finished the project, I learned good lessons. It means that if you want to build a camper trailer, you will need all the information on how to buy all the parts. And then, you should go to a physical store to purchase the parts to complete your project.

The point is this. Having only information doesn't mean everything works. If we want real change, we should act on what we know. Christian action can bring us the actual power to change our lives and the lives of those around us.

The Apostle James' Theory of Faith and Action

James spoke of the Christian faith in action. His theory refers to an action-oriented Christian faith. James said that the right Christian faith to accomplish God's will is faith in God and conduct worthy of that faith. "If faith is real—if we truly trust God—then our faith will lead to all practical actions for the benefit of others in need." In short, James emphasized that Christian faith should be practiced in the life of a Christian, not simply an intellectual assent to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Plans of Carleton UMC for 2023

As the pastor of Carleton United Methodist Church, I wholeheartedly support following the theory of James the Apostle because it is not only the teachings of James but also the teachings of Jesus. In John 5:17, Jesus said, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I

too am working." God the Father is always at his work for us because he so loves us, and also, his son, Jesus Christ, is still working to save us. Therefore, the church must hold on to the gospel of Jesus Christ, make disciples of all tribes and nations, and bring "justice" and "love" to the "poor and wounded" people of the world.

I want to share with you the 2023 ministry plan of Carleton United Methodist Church.

1. **Worshipping Community:** Carleton UMC is a local faith community like a family, united in love and care with words of encouragement. We come together and focus on worshiping God and serving people.

2. **Bible Reading Church:** Reading through the 365 Bible will nurture your soul with the Word of God and lead you to a healthy Christian spiritual life. We invite you to the Bible reading program consisting of 3 chapters a day. We also ask you to an intensive 2-hour Bible reading class on Monday.

3. **Short-term Mission Trip:** We will recruit and send a short-term mission team to go to the mission field for 4 weeks in South Korea in the summer of 2023.

4. **Prayerful Church:** We welcome prayer warriors to have a prayer fellowship together on Wednesday at Church. We pray together to experience the works of the Holy Spirit in our prayer time.

We invite you to join the mission and ministry of Carleton United Methodist Church in 2023.

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.

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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 21, 2023 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. Beginning January 1, 2023, please be sure you are using the **2023 (pink)** boxed set as your number in our giving system HAS CHANGED. Please discard any previous years envelopes in the nearest recycling bin or return to the church office.

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 turkeys, hams, gifts of toys, and clothes for the 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



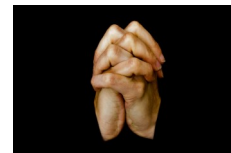
The Angel's ready to help families load their cars



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

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22 7pm



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, Isaac & Adriana Grubke*
 16 Judy Shrewsbury
 17 Denise Toffoli
 21 Terry Brey
 24 Mike McLaughlin
 25 Yvonne Miller
 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 Ilidia Wiles
 9 Tenley Gautz, Lisa Poy
 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
 23 Anna Baber, Sarah Baber
 24 Abbott Otter
 25 Mike Baxter
 26 Del Dennis, Anna Gurgul
 28 Chandler Toth

JANUARY LITURGIST

Jan 1 Tim Bodenmiller
 Jan. 8 Joan Mueller
 Jan. 15 Cheryl Marlow
 Jan. 22 Trevor Kessell
 Jan. 29 Denise Toffoli

JANUARY NURSERY

The nursery for babies, toddlers and those up to age 3 is always open.

JANUARY JUNIOR CHURCH

Jan 1 Activities are available on the cart
 Jan. 8 Jennifer Luciw
 Jan. 15 Kim Baxter
 Jan. 22 Karen Kessell
 Jan. 29 Jennifer Luciw

JANUARY - WHOSE PLAYING

Jan 1 Tyler Vaughn
 Jan. 8 Marsha Metz
 Jan. 15 Morgan Vaughn
 Jan. 22 Marsha Metz
 Jan. 29 Marsha Metz

FEBRUARY LITURGIST

Feb. 5 Marvin Stump
 Feb. 12
 Feb 19
 Feb 26

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FEBRUARY JUNIOR CHURCH

Feb. 5 Karyn Vaughn
 Feb. 12 Jennifer Luciw
 Feb 19 Kim Baxter
 Feb 26 Karen Kessell

BIBLE SUNDAY

Bible Sunday was celebrated on November 20th with Le-Land Morin and Amelia Ruhlig receiving their Bibles. We hope they will enjoy them for years to come.

FAMILY NEWS

Our hearts go out to the Sieb family on the unexpected loss of Jim. Jim will be greatly missed as a member of our church family, the men's group, and as a member of the church trustees and church council.

David & Jenni Conn welcomed a baby boy, Grant to their family on December 5th. Grant joins sister Isabel at home. All are doing well.

January 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Start reading the Bible through in One Year by reading: Gen 1-3</p> <p>Today's reading: Genesis 4-6</p> <p>1-3pm First Walk at Crosswinds Marsh</p>	<p>2 Today's reading: Genesis 4-6</p> <p>9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>3 Today's reading: Genesis 7-9</p>	<p>4 Today's reading: Genesis 10-12</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship 10-11am</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A with Pastor Cloud</p>	<p>5 Today's reading: Genesis 13-15</p>	<p>6 Today's reading: Genesis 16-18</p>	<p>7 Today's reading: Genesis 19-21</p>
<p>8 Today's reading: Genesis 22-24</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>9 Today's reading: Genesis 25-27</p> <p>9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p> <p>6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council</p>	<p>10 Today's reading: Genesis 28-30</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>11 Today's reading: Genesis 31-33</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship 10-11am</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>12 Today's reading: Genesis 34-36</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>13 Today's reading: Genesis 37-39</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>14 Today's reading: Genesis 40-42</p> <p>9am Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 5th Wheel Diner</p> <p>5-8pm potluck and game night</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>
<p>15 Today's reading: Genesis 43-46</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>16 Today's reading: Genesis 47-50</p> <p>9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>17 Today's reading: Exo 1-3</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>18 Today's reading: Exo 4-6</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship 10-11am</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>19 Today's reading: Exo 7-9</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>20 Today's reading: Exo 10-12</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>21 Today's reading: Exo 13-15</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>
<p>22 Today's reading: Exo 16-18</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>23 Today's reading: Exo 19-21</p> <p>9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>24 Today's reading: Exo 22-24</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>25 Today's reading: Exo 25-27</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship 10-11am</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>26 Today's reading: Exo 28-30</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>27 Today's reading: Exo 31-33</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>28 Today's reading: Exo 34-36</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>
<p>29 Today's reading: Exo 37-38</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>30 Today's reading: Exo 39-40</p> <p>9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>	<p>31 Today's reading: Lev 1-3</p> <p>6:30pm Walking Talking Group</p>				

February 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
WALKING TALKING Each evening at 6:30pm join friends as we walk around the church property.			1 Today's reading: Lev 4-6 Prayer Fellowship 10-11am 6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A with Pastor Cloud	2 Today's reading: Lev 7-9	3 Today's reading: Lev 10-12	4 Today's reading: L:ev 13-15
5 Today's reading: Lev 16-18 1-3pm Ice Skating at Trenton Ice 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	6 Today's reading: Lev 19-21 9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading 6:30pm Walking Talk- ing Group	7 Today's reading: Lev 22-24 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	8 Today's reading: Lev 25-27 Prayer Fellowship 10-11am 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	9 Today's reading: Num 1-3 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	10 Today's reading: Num 4-6 6:30pm Walking Talking Group Movie Night for the whole family	11 Today's reading: Num 7-9 6:30pm Walking Talking Group
12 Today's reading: Num 10-12 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	13 Today's reading: Num 13-15 9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading 6:30pm Walking Talk- ing Group 7:30pm Missions	14 Today's reading: Num 16-18 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	15 Today's reading: Num 19-21 Prayer Fellowship 10-11am 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	16 Today's reading: Num 22-24 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	17 Today's reading: Num 25-27 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	18 Today's reading: Num 28-30 6:30pm Walking Talking Group
19 Today's reading: Num 31-33 Youth Sledding at Willow 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	20 Today's reading: Num 34-36 9:30-11:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading 6:30pm Walking Talk- ing Group	21 Today's reading: Deut 1-3 9am Newsletter material due at Church 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	22 Today's reading: Deut 4-6 Prayer Fellowship 10-11am 6:30pm Walking Talking Group 7pm Ash Wednesday ser- vices	23 Today's reading: Deut 7-9 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	24 Today's reading: Deut 10-12 6:30pm Walking Talking Group	25 Today's reading: Deut 13-15 6:30pm Walking Talking Group
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Fun for All Ages! Mark Your Calendars!

Here is our plan for church family fun this year. Everyone is welcome at all events and more details will be shared as the dates get closer!

1/1 First Walk (tentatively at Crosswinds 1-3)

1/14 Game Night 5-8ish - Potluck, Games, Cards & Fellowship

2/5 Ice Skating (Trenton 1-3?)

2/10 Movie Night (movie in the sanctuary for adults/teens & movie down the hall for the younger crowd)

3/3 Pajama Party (6-8) & Youth Lock In

4/2 Palm Sunday/Egg Hunt @ 10:30

5/7 Swimming at Romulus Athletic Center (12-3?)

6/4 End of Sunday School - Popsicles after class

6/15-6/18 Family Camp - Waterloo Recreation Area

Here are the details.

Family Camp **BOOKING IS NOW OPEN**. Don't delay in getting your site booked so we are all in the same area.

June 16-18 (some people come a day early on Thursday)

Waterloo Recreation Area - Portage Lake Unit - Portage North

Lets try to get sites 8-16, aiming for 12 being our center. This gives us a "back yard" for games and gatherings. It's also near the playground and beach.

No tent or camper? There's a Camper Cabin for rent in Portage South, just a loop away! We also love day visitors and Waterloo is less than an hour away!

Question? Ask Don 734-740-8003 or Karyn Vaughn 734-740-8002