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“Radiant People, Brilliant Life, Bright Future”

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Pastor's Thoughts

The map to fine hidden treasure hunt on the Ground.

In Matthew 13:44, Jesus said a parable of the Hidden Treasure “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

I want to share with you about what is a purpose of the Parables. “A parable is a story that tries to explain a concept or lesson to the listeners using things or actions that the listener can easily identify with. Jesus frequently used parables and sometimes the parables were given to hide the meaning from the self-righteous but reveal them to those who want to obey God.”

Detail Functions of The Parables

The parables of Jesus in his teachings and preaching have two functions. First, Jesus wanted to reveal the secrets and revelations of the kingdom of God to those who were ready to receive them. The essential function of a parable is a story detailing the blessings of the kingdom of God. Jesus was using parables like treasure maps to show people how to find treasures that God has hidden in His Word.

The other purpose was to seal the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven from unworthy people who are not ready to have the blessing of the Kingdom of heaven. For example, when Jesus told disciples in parables about a farmer who went out to sow his seed in his field. Some fell along the path, some fell on rocky places, and some of them fell among thorns. After that, disciples of him came to him and asked, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?” He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them (Matthew 13:10-11).

Jesus’ original intention is to give Christians the full understanding and knowledge about God’s unchanging plan for us through the parable in the Bible.

Treasure Hunting in the Land of Promise

Some people literally use the word of God in the Bible as their treasure map to find gas and oil. Texas-based energy company Zion Oil and Gas has searched for oil in the Holy Land for a decade. They use the Bible as their map to search for oil and gas. Deuteronomy 33:24, Moses blessed a tribe of Asher; he said: “let him be favored by his brothers, and let him bathe his feet in oil.” Through this Bible verse, they decide where to drill. In 2009, the company finally discovered the world’s largest gas. The government estimates that it will be worth tens of billions of dollars.

Main Arguments

The main argument of this article is this. The story of the Bible reveals to us the secrets of the treasure of God. In order to become a person who fully understands the hidden revelation of God, you and I should pay attention to what is the secret in the Bible.

Do you know where God's hidden spiritual treasures and revelations are? I ask you to start your journey to find the marvelous treasure that Jesus buried in the Bible. In the season of Lent in 2023, we should dig up the word of God to find the hidden treasure of God. "Come and dig up the knowledge of God, there is a spiritual bonanza in the Bible, and it is a gold mine for Christians.

Pastor Cloud

¹<http://www.christianbiblereference.org>

²<http://www.reuters.com/article/idAFindia-52841920101114>

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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Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am to 2pm

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, April 18, 2023 for the May/June 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 2023 boxed set as your number in our giving system HAS CHANGED.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE INFORMATION

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday with Egg Hunt

Wednesday, April 5th Game Day 11:30am to 1:30pm

Thursday, April 6th Maundy Thursday worship 7pm

Friday, April 7th Good Friday worship 1pm

Sunday, April 9th Easter Sunday worship at 9:30am. Sunday school will not meet.

CHURCH PRAYER NETWORK

Don't forget that Carleton UMC has an email *Prayer Network*. If you have a prayer request just email (carletonumc@gmail.com) or call us 734-654-2833. We will do our best to relay your prayer request as quickly as possible.

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.

PRAYER EMAIL

The prayers & praises lifted in worship will now be emailed out each Sunday afternoon. Please add them to your daily prayers.

FAMILY TIES

Our congratulations to Adriana and Isaac Grubke on the birth of daughter, Sawyer Faye. Sawyer was born on January 1st and baptised here on February 12th. Congratulations to all.

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Jack Robert Baker was welcomed to the family on January 27th. Parents are Josh & Chelsea Baker. He joins big sisters, Ellie & Reese at home. Jack will be baptised here on March 26th

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A card of thanks was received from the Jim Sieb family. The outpouring of love and appreciation for their father and grandfather was overwhelming.

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Thank you, church family, for all of your cards, prayers, and well wishes on the loss of Dave's dad Chuck Drouillard.

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Our sincere sympathy goes to the Lester family on the Feb. 11th passing of Shurley. She will be missed.



The Member Care and Outreach Committee will meet on March 21st at 2pm in the church parlors.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3 Matthew Derry
 3 Brent Mossburg
 6 Julia Bage
 6 Lori Giedlin
 7 Courtney Black
 7 Florence Greer
 7 Alana Schafer
 8 *Michael & Bethany Sweeney*
 8 Ivan Brooks
 8 Joe Lake
 9 Clint Uchtorff
 10 Ian Ankenbauer
 10 Clare Baker
 11 *Clint & Renee Uchtorff*
 11 Francine Herzog
 12 Ella Schafer
 13 John Brazon
 14 *Russell & Dawn Schaller*
 14 Kate Giedlin
 16 Emmett Gray
 16 Lydia Gray
 16 Maddie Gray
 17 Avery Brown
 19 Jerry Sweeney
 23 Angie VanWashenova
 24 Halee Grass
 24 Nik Schafer
 27 Rachael Little
 27 Leland Morin
 30 Chelsea Raisanen

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Annabelle Robertson
 4 Linda Stahl
 5 Dan Gardetto
 6 Tara McLaughlin
 8 Bradley Barnhart
 9 *Josh & Claire Baker*
 10 *John & Michelle Rutkowski*
 10 Tim Bodenmiller
 10 Kelly Branham
 11 Aaron Gurgul
 12 David Conn
 14 Jennifer Gautz
 14 *Matthew & Renee Derry*
 14 *Allen & Ruth Smith*
 15 Jean Fox
 16 David Grabetz
 17 Brad Smith
 18 Betty Duby
 18 Bill Vallie
 19 Ted Robertson
 20 *David & Tonia Grabetz*
 20 Joanne Northey
 21 Sophia Ruhlig
 22 Jenni Conn
 23 Deb Kessell
 24 *Gary & Denise Toffoli*
 25 Debbie Reichow
 25 Bethany Sweeney
 26 *Bob & Nancy Young*
 27 Myra VanWashenova
 30 *Josh & Chelsea Baker*

MARCH LITURGIST

Mar. 5 Marvin Stump
 Mar. 12 Lisa Poy
 Mar. 19 Brenda Stump
 Mar. 26 Mike Baxter

MARCH JUNIOR CHURCH

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



Calling all past, present, and future choir members. Easter season is just about upon us. We have a pianist and opportunity to sing on Palm Sunday, April 2. Midge is available to practice with us on Tuesdays March 7, 21, and 28. 7:00-

8:00. Hope to see a bunch of singers there. Let's make a "joyful noise"!

APRIL JUNIOR CHURCH

Apr. 2 Palm Sunday
 Apr. 9 Easter Sunday —Children in Worship
 Apr. 16 Kim Baxter
 Apr. 23 Karen Kessell
 Apr 30 Jennifer Luciw

LITURGIST ROLE & DUTIES IN WORSHIP

The role of the Sunday worship Liturgist is a very important part of the worship experience and service. Recently at the Worship Committee meeting, Pastor Cloud asked that their duties change somewhat.

The following guidelines were adopted at the February Worship Committee meeting:

The Liturgist will still walk into worship with Pastor Cloud and do the welcome, announcements, call to worship, and introduce the first hymn. After the singing of the first hymn you may sit in the chairs next to the altar until it is time to read the scripture. Once the scripture is read you may go and sit in the pews for the remainder of the service. Liturgist will no longer be required to return to the lectern for the Prayer of Thanksgiving. Questions should be address to Julie Riggs, Chair of Worship.



Recreation Search

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

CARLETON UMC FAMILY CAMP

Church Family Camp will be

June 15-18 at

Waterloo Recreation Area

Family Camp is set for Father's Day weekend, from dinner on Friday June 16 until breakfast on Sunday morning! All day on Saturday, we will have activities, meals, and free time to hang out together.

We have reserved a block of campsites in the Portage Lake - North area at Waterloo Recreation Area (around site 12). If you haven't reserved a spot yet, aim for a site in the Portage Central area as the Portage North is about full. All who just want to join us for Saturday are welcome to do so! Contact Karyn Vaughn for more information!

Waterloo Recreation Area is the largest state park in the Lower Peninsula and home to a diverse array of camping options (modern, rustic and equestrian campgrounds, backpack-only sites and overnight lodging facilities), 11 inland lakes, a trail system, the DTE Energy Foundation Trail, a visitor center, and excellent fishing and hunting opportunities.

Horse 'N Around Stables operates offers guided, group horseback rides, pony rides and more.

The Gerald Eddy Discovery Center introduces visitors to the fascinating world of geology and to the diverse natural habitats found within Waterloo.

Please let Karyn Vaughn know if you are coming. Meals and campfire snacks are usually coordinated so each family is responsible for one and get to just show up for the rest!



2022 SALE

Once again we are asking for your donations of sellable household items: toys, tools, small appliances, small furniture pieces, and also women's accessories...such as costume jewelry, handbags, belts, and scarves. No large pieces of furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, or washer & dryers.

We are not accepting clothing or mattresses. Any unsold items will be donated afterwards unless you make arrangements to take them back. Drop off times will be announced.

FROM THE CARLETON UMC WOMEN'S GROUP

Looking forward we are planning a rummage sale that will coincide with the Carleton Days community garage sale. Exact dates to be determined.



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>WALKING TALKING Each evening weather permitting at 6:30pm join friends as we walk around the church property. 5 times around equals 1 mile</p> <p><i>Pray daily: Sunday: Pray for your church family</i></p>	<p><i>Pray daily: Monday: Pray for your family & relatives</i></p>	<p><i>Pray daily: Tuesday: Pray for your school & job</i></p>	<p>1 Today's reading Duet 25-27</p> <p>10-11 Prayer Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 am—1:30pm Game Day—all retirees, and stay at home folks are welcome</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A & New Testament Reading</p> <p><i>Pray daily: Wednesday: Pray for your country & community</i></p>	<p>2 Today's reading Duet 28-30</p> <p><i>Pray daily: Thursday: pray for your friends & neighbors</i></p>	<p>3 Today's reading Duet 31-34</p> <p>6-8pm PJ Party for everyone 8pm to 8am Youth Lock-In</p> <p><i>Pray daily: Friday: pray for global mission and missionaries</i></p>	<p>4 Today's reading Josh 1-3</p> <p>Erin Otter Rental</p> <p><i>Pray daily: Saturday: pray for the Sunday service & your pastor</i></p>
<p>5 Today's reading Josh 4-6</p>	<p>6 Today's reading Josh 7-9</p> <p>Monday Bible Reading on a break today</p>	<p>7 Today's reading Josh 10-12</p> <p>7-8pm Choir</p>	<p>8 Today's reading Josh 13-15</p> <p>Prayer time and New Testament reading will not meet today</p>	<p>9 Today's reading Josh 16-18</p>	<p>10 Today's reading Josh 19-21</p> <p>10:30am -3pm Sewing with Friends</p>	<p>11 Today's reading Josh 22-24</p>
<p>12 Today's reading Judg 1-3</p> <p>Girl Scouts 75927</p>	<p>13 Today's reading Judg 4-6</p> <p>9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading</p> <p>6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council</p>	<p>14 Today's reading Judg 7-9</p> <p>Girl Scouts—77426</p>	<p>15 Today's reading Judg 10-12</p> <p>10am—Noon Quilts of Love</p> <p>10-11 Prayer Fellowship</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A & New Testament Reading</p>	<p>16 Today's reading Judg 13-15</p>	<p>17 Today's reading Judg 16-18</p>	<p>18 Today's reading Judg 19-21</p>
<p>19 Today's reading Ruth 1-4</p> <p>Mary Baker Rental</p>	<p>20 Today's reading 1Sam 1-3</p> <p>9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	<p>21 Today's reading 1Sam 4-6</p> <p>2pm Member Care & Outreach</p> <p>7-8pm Choir</p>	<p>22 Today's reading 1Sam 7-9</p> <p>10-11 Prayer Fellowship</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A & New Testament Reading</p>	<p>23 Today's reading 1Sam 10-12</p>	<p>24 Today's reading 1Sam 13-15</p>	<p>25 Today's reading 1Sam 16-18</p> <p>9am Men's Breakfast @ 5th Wheel Diner</p>
<p>26 Today's reading 1Sam 19-21</p> <p>Jack Baker Baptism</p> <p>Girl Scouts -75927</p>	<p>27 Today's reading 1Sam 22-24</p> <p>9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	<p>28 Today's reading 1Sam 25-27</p> <p>7-8pm Choir</p> <p>Girl Scouts—77426</p>	<p>29 Today's reading 1Sam 28-31</p> <p>10-11 Prayer Fellowship</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A & New Testament Reading</p>	<p>30 Today's reading 2Sam 1-3</p>	<p>31 Today's reading 2Sam 4-6</p>	

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<p>2 Palm Sunday Today's reading 2Sam 10-12</p> <p>10:30am Easter Egg Hunt activity</p>	<p>3 Today's reading 2Sam 13-15</p> <p>9:30am-Noon Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	<p>4 Today's reading 2Sam 16-18</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5 Today's reading 2Sam 19-21</p> <p>10-11 Prayer Fellowship</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A & New Testament Reading</p>	<p>6 Today's reading 2Sam 22-24</p> <p>7pm Maundy Thursday Worship</p>	<p>7 Today's reading 1Kin 1-3</p> <p>1pm Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>8 Today's reading 1Kin 4-6</p>
<p>9 Easter Sunday Today's reading 1Kin 7-9</p>	<p>10 Today's reading 1Kin 10-12</p> <p>Monday Morning Bible Reading—on break</p>	<p>11 Today's reading 1Kin 13-15</p>	<p>12 Today's reading 1Kin 16-18</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship & Gospel Q & A—on break</p>	<p>13 Today's reading 1Kin 19-20</p>	<p>14 Today's reading 2Kin 1-3</p>	<p>15 Today's reading 2Kin 4-6</p>
<p>16 Today's reading 2Kin 7-9</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Rev. Brent Webster</p>	<p>17 Today's reading 2Kin 10-12</p> <p>Monday Morning Bible Reading—on break</p>	<p>18 Today's reading 2Kin 13-15</p> <p>9am Newsletter material due at Church</p>	<p>19 Today's reading 2Kin 16-18</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship & Gospel Q & A—on break</p>	<p>20 Today's reading 2Kin 19-21</p>	<p>21 Today's reading 2Kin 22-25</p>	<p>22 Today's reading 1Chr 1-3</p>
<p>23 Today's reading 1Chr 4-6\</p> <p>Guest speaker: Rev. LuAnn Rourke, Heritage District Superintendent</p>	<p>24 Today's reading 1Chr 7-9</p> <p>Monday Morning Bible Reading—on break</p>	<p>25 Today's reading 1Chr 10-12</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>26 Today's reading 1Chr 13-15</p> <p>Prayer Fellowship & Gospel Q & A—on break</p>	<p>27 Today's reading 1Chr 16-18</p>	<p>28 Today's reading 1Chr 19-21</p>	<p>29 Today's reading 1Chr 22-25</p>
<p>30 Today's Reading: 1Chr 26-29</p> <p>Guest speaker: Trevor Kessell</p>						