



May/June 2023

“Radiant People, Brilliant Life, Bright Future”

Carleton United Methodist Church
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July/August Newsletter

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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 & Pray Ground 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.

EVENING WORSHIP

Wednesday, July 19th—6:30pm

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.

FROM PASTOR CLOUD:

Michigan Annual Conference was held on Thursday, June 1 – Sunday June 4, 2023 at Grand Traverse Resort.

This year's theme was “New Every Morning”. This theme “invites us to reflect, remember, and give thanks for all that ways that God's love and mercies have been at work in our churches, district, conference, and denomination throughout these anxious and uncertain times. No matter where we have been traveling this season as Michigan United Methodists, God has been with us, God's love has sustained us, and God's mercies have been flowing through our members and ministries. As always, God's grace is at work in and through us.” (<https://2023.michiganumc.org>)

I want to share a summarized version of Bishop Bard's sermon from Friday's opening:

We've faced tough times, walking challenging paths. As we recover from COVID-19, we're still assessing its impact on our churches. Also, at the conference, we'll vote on churches leaving our conference and The United Methodist Church. This brings mixed emotions, so let's be kind and offer grace. Many have been exhausted and hurt by this process, including bishops and district superintendents. It has also affected conference staff, pastors, leaders, and members.

We should also be concerned about the broader trend of religious disaffiliation in our country. The rate of switching away from Christianity has been increasing since the 1990's. Projections suggest Christians could be less than 50% of the U.S. population by 2070.

These changes impact our budget and staffing. The proposed budget includes significant reductions, leading to staff restructuring and fewer districts. It hasn't been easy, causing pain and disappointment.

Jesus still walks with us

Jesus walks with us in our difficult journey. He doesn't abandon us when we're weary, lonely, confused, grieving, or hurting. Jesus joins us on the road, whispering in our hearts. As the morning breaks and the shadows fade, we experience His love, a pure and universal love.

With Jesus by our side, our hearts are set ablaze. His presence reignites our passion for mission, ministry, evangelism, and caring for those in need. His presence reignites our passion for justice and building a beloved community. His presence reignites our passion for life, love, and beauty. Even on our hardest days, Jesus whispers, "It's okay," and helps us take one step at a time. Eventually, our steps become quicker, filled with confidence, and even dance-worthy, as our hearts continue to burn with His love.

God's love renews every morning

Despite the struggles within The United Methodist Church, we believe that God is not done with us yet. His love renews every morning. Even in our brokenness, we trust that God is still working in us and through us. He calls us to be part of His transformative work. In our divided world, God builds bridges and creates beloved community. Despite the challenges, His love remains constant. In a violent world, we are called to be peacemakers, doing justice and showing mercy. God's love empowers us to make a difference. Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church, let's get to join that work, because new every morning is God's love.



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.

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.



The 2023/2023 High School and College Graduates were honored during the June 11th worship service. Their hard work and dedication has finally paid off. Honored were: Kate Giedlin: Air-

port High School; Megan Luciw: Gabriel Richard Catholic High School; Marissa Manley: Airport High School & Associate Degree; Monroe County Community College (duel enrollment); Hannah Breitner:(December 2022) Ohio Dominican University: Certified Physician Assistant; Austin Etue: Bowling Green State University: Bachelor of Fine Arts (Creative Writing); Lauren Young: University of Toledo: Bachelor of Science (Speech); Mark Young: University of Toledo: Bachelor of Science (Biology) & Bachelor of Arts (Psychology).



QUILTS OF LOVE

More than 20 Quilts of Love quilts were delivered to hospice on Monday, June 19th. They were gratefully received and will be distributed throughout the year. Thank you to all who assisted in making the quilts. Your dedication to this project is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU:



ProMedica Hospice would like to thank the Quilts of Love team for the beautiful quilts they create and donate to this hospice. We have been truly blessed to receive these lovely heartfelt gifts since June 2013 and we use them as birthday gifts to patient and as a "comfort" gift to the patient and/or their loved one coming on to hospice. A special thank you to Julie and JoAnne for making the trip in to deliver them and your purposeful intentions to this ProMedica Hospice.

Blessings to all.

Jeri Dushane, Volunteer Coordinator – ProMedica



CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The Annual Clothing Give-away will be held at Wagar Middle School on Friday, August 4th from 2-7pm. The collection of gently used clothing of all sizes (including infant & toddler) is now going on. Donations can be dropped off at Wagar Middle School (go to main entrance doors) they will direct you as to where to drop them off. Help will be needed on July 31st and August 2nd to sort and prepare the donations.

Call Jean Baker (734-915-1173) or Cheryl Marlow (313-702-4929) for more information.

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE:

We are planning an outdoor worship on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 pm. This will not replace any Sunday worship services but will be an added fun outdoor church service at night during the week. So please plan on attending. Still planning the service so come and be surprised. More details to come.



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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CHURCH FAMILY LIFE

NOTES

We feel truly blessed to have the many friends and especially our family who made our 90th Birthday so enjoyable with the many cards we received. Allen & I enjoyed reading each and everyone of them and oh yes the many car honks as you drove by, even the semi-trucks joined in. We are truly blessed to have had 90 years.

*Blessings to all,
Allen & Ruth Smith*

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Thank you for the prayers, cards, and kind words on the passing of my father, Arthur Kohlstrunk, in April. They all brought comfort.

*Thank you,  
Joanne & Tom Northey*

#### BIRTHS

Congratulations to Tyler & Claire Baker on the birth of son, Conor William on May 31st.

#### IN SYMPATHY

Our hearts go out to Pat Gardetto & family on the June 15th passing of Dan. Dan will be greatly missed. He served as the church Finance Chair for many years.

### SUMMER LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

|         | <u>Liturgist</u> | <u>Accompanist</u> |
|---------|------------------|--------------------|
| July 2  | Julie R          | Morgan V           |
| July 9  | Paul E           | Nicky N            |
| July 16 | Brenda S         | Marsha M           |
| July 23 | Mike B           | Tyler V            |
| July 30 | Cheryl M         | Morgan V           |
| Aug. 6  | Judy S           | Tyler V            |
| Aug 13  | Julie R          | Nicky N            |
| Aug 20  |                  | Marsha M           |
| Aug 27  | Trevor K         | Tyler V            |

Junior Church leaders are needed throughout the summer. Please consider signing up for one Sunday. All materials are provided.



### IT'S TIGER BASEBALL TIME

Join friends at Comerica Park for the Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros game. Ticket sign-up has begun for the August 27th 1:40 pm Game. The sign-up sheet has been posted on the office door. Ticket price will be determined by the number of people interested. The more tickets purchased the better the group rate. Sign-up as soon as possible.



**JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

8 Jan VanHouten  
 9 Vera Otter, Ester Mooney  
 10 Ronnie Gibson, Chloe Ruhlig, Lauren Young  
 11 *Rich & Linda Stahl*, Greg Baker,  
 12 *Paul & Joan Oleynik*, Tessa Mooney  
 13 *Marvin & Brenda Stump*  
 15 *Gary & Laurie Breitner*  
     Barry Jones, Jerry Morin  
 16 Clifton Robertson  
 17 Elliana Bentley, Nicole Mooney  
 19 *Jim & Cheryl Marlow*  
 20 *Chuck & Kathy LaFlure*  
 21 Gary Loving  
 22 John Rutkowski, Edna Trainor-Lancour  
 24 Grace Otter  
 26 Hailey Nolan  
 28 Henry Baber  
 31 *Ted & Megan Robertson*,  
     Amelia Ruhlig, Shirley Redburn

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

3 Laurie Breitner  
 6 Abby Gray, Aaron Smith  
 7 Everett Kessell  
 8 Mary Baker, Berklee Black  
 12 Carl Zlatos  
 13 Isaac Grubke, Pastor Cloud  
 14 Mark Buell  
 16 *Ivan & Velma Brooks (65)*, Lori Mossburg  
 17 Tristan Oliver  
 18 *Tim & Kim Bodenmiller, Greg & Kelly Branham,*  
     *Ronnie & Fayrene Gibson, Bill & Cathy Umbarger*  
 20 Hadley Schafer  
 21 *Dennis & Patti Finnerty*, Krystal Stump  
 22 *Gary & Mary Loving*  
 23 Hailie Black  
 25 Barb Frankhouse, Chloe Sweeney  
     Dylan Raisanen, Glen Young  
 26 Logan Lake  
 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 18, 2023

**INCOME**

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| General Fund  | \$ 71,074.24 |
| Investments   | 71.64        |
| Rental Income | 425.00       |
|               | -----        |
| Total Income  | \$ 71,570.88 |

**EXPENSES**

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Our Church Home                   | \$ 33,918.86     |
| Our Church Programs               | 6,703.58         |
| Our Pastoral Ministry             | 38,470.05        |
| Our Outreach Ministry             | 4,539.14         |
| Unpaid Apportionments             | <u>10,266.00</u> |
| Total Expenses                    | \$ 93,897.63     |
| General Fund Loss as of 6/18/2023 | (22,326.75)      |

Just a reminder that numbered offering envelopes are available by calling the church office (734) 654-2833. They are also mailable with a first class stamp, should you miss church and wish to keep your giving up-to-date.

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

# July 2023

| SUN                                                | MON                                                                                                                           | TUES                                  | WED                                                                                                               | THURS                                        | FRI                                             | SAT                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Pray daily:<br/>Pray for your church family</i> | <i>Pray for your family &amp; relatives</i>                                                                                   | <i>Pray for your school &amp; job</i> | <i>Pray for your country &amp; community</i>                                                                      | <i>Pray for your friends &amp; neighbors</i> | <i>Pray for global mission and missionaries</i> | <i>1 Pray for the Sunday service &amp; your pastor</i><br><br>Today's reading: PS99-102 |
| 2<br><br>Today's reading: PS103-106                | 3<br><br>Today's reading: PS107-110                                                                                           | 4<br><br>Today's reading: PS111-114   | 5<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>Game Day will resume in September 6th<br><br>Today's reading: PS115-118 | 6<br><br>Today's reading: PS119              | 7<br><br>Today's reading: PS120-123             | 8<br><br>Today's reading: PS124-127                                                     |
| 9<br><br>Today's reading: PS128-131                | 10<br><br>Today's reading: PS132-135                                                                                          | 11<br><br>Today's reading: PS136-139  | 12<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>Today's reading: PS140-143                                             | 13<br><br>Today's reading: PS144-147         | 14<br><br>Today's reading: PS148-150            | 15<br><br>Today's reading: Prov1-4                                                      |
| 16<br><br>Today's reading: Prov5-8                 | 17<br><br>Today's reading: Prov 9-12                                                                                          | 18<br><br>Today's reading: Prov 13-16 | 19<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>6:30 pm Outdoor Service<br><br>Today's reading: Prov 17-20             | 20<br><br>Today's reading: Prov 21-24        | 21<br><br>Today's reading: Prov 25-28           | 22<br><br>Today's reading: Prov 29-31                                                   |
| 23<br><br>Today's reading: Eccl 1-4                | 24<br><br>Today's reading: Eccl: 5-8<br><br>Youth traveling to Florida to attend the YOUTH2023 Conference—pray for them daily | 25<br><br>Today's reading: Eccl: 9-12 | 26<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>Today's reading: Song 1-4                                              | 27<br><br>Today's reading: Song 5-8          | 28<br><br>Today's reading: Is 1-3               | 29<br><br>Today's reading: Is 4-6                                                       |
| 30<br><br>Today's reading: Is 7-9                  | 31<br><br>Today's reading: Is 10-12                                                                                           |                                       |                                                                                                                   |                                              |                                                 |                                                                                         |

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# August 2023

| SUN                                                        | MON                                         | TUES                                                                                                                   | WED                                                                                                                 | THURS                                                                              | FRI                                                                                                                        | SAT                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Pray daily:<br/>Pray for your church family</i>         | <i>Pray for your family &amp; relatives</i> | 1<br><i>Pray for your school &amp; job</i><br><br>2 pm Member Care & Outreach meeting<br><br>Today's reading: Is 13-15 | 2<br><i>Pray for your country &amp; community</i><br><br>10-11am Prayer Fellowship<br><br>Today's reading: Is 16-18 | 3<br><i>Pray for your friends &amp; neighbors</i><br><br>Today's reading: Is 19-21 | 4<br><i>Pray for global mission and missionaries</i><br><br>2-7pm Wagar Clothing Giveaway<br><br>Today's reading: Is 22-24 | 5<br><i>Pray for the Sunday service &amp; your pastor</i><br><br>Today's reading: Is 25-27 |
| 6<br><br>Today's reading: Is 28-30                         | 7<br><br>Today's reading: Is 31-33          | 8<br><br>Today's reading: Is 34-36                                                                                     | 9<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>Today's reading: Is 37-39                                                 | 10<br><br>Today's reading: Is 40-42                                                | 11<br><br>Today's reading: Is 43-45                                                                                        | 12<br><br>Today's reading: Is 46-48                                                        |
| 13<br><br>Today's reading: Is 49-51                        | 14<br><br>Today's reading: Is 52-54         | 15<br><br>Today's reading: Is 55-57                                                                                    | 16<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>Today's reading: Is 58-60                                                | 17<br>Today's reading: Is 61-63                                                    | 18<br>Today's reading: Is 64-66                                                                                            | 19<br>Today's reading: Jer 1-3                                                             |
| 20<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 4-6                         | 21<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 7-9          | 22<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 10-12                                                                                   | 23<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 13-15                                               | 24<br>Today's reading: Jer 16-18                                                   | 25<br>Today's reading: Jer 19-21                                                                                           | 26<br>Today's reading: Jer 22-24                                                           |
| 27<br>Detroit Tiger Game<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 25-27 | 28<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 28-30        | 29<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 31-33                                                                                   | 30<br><br>10-11am Prayer fellowship<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 34-36                                               | 31<br><br>Today's reading: Jer 37-39                                               |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                            |



## WHAT'S AHEAD IN SEPTEMBER?

September 6th @ 11:30 am Game Day resumes

September 6th @ 6:30pm Gospel Question and Answers: bring you questions for group discussion resumes

September 10th @ 10:30am Sunday School Kick Off

September 11th @ 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading resumes (join us)

September 11th @ 6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations

@ 7pm Trustees

@ 8pm Church Council