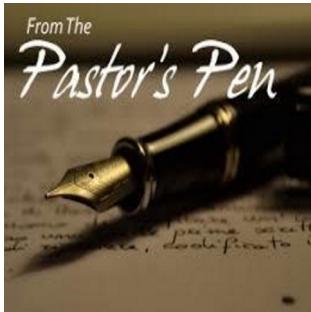




# September/October 2023

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Hello, Carleton family! How's your summer going? I hope each one of you is having a fantastic and memorable season!

## **Reconnect Your Deep Spiritual Relationship with God**

In Genesis 2:4, God created us with the intention of fostering a spiritual relationship with Him. God formed man and breathed the breath of life into them, establishing a connection with the people He had created. God's act of sharing His breath with humanity brought them to life, making them living, animated, and energetic beings. However, the man broke his spiritual relationship with God because of disobedience. As a result, God provided a second

opportunity for a spiritual reconnection with humanity by sending His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

When Jesus Christ came and died on the cross, shedding His precious blood, it was to cleanse us of all the various sins we commit against God's will. Following His crucifixion, He miraculously resurrected from death and established the Church with the words, 'And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it' (Matthew 16:18). He also instructed His disciples to 'gather together and remember me' (1 Corinthians 11:20-34). By establishing the Church, Jesus provided humanity with a second chance to reestablish a spiritual connection with God through His sacrificial life.

If you are free from material worries and have a house, a reliable salary, and a pension, but an inexplicable longing lingers in your heart, chances are that your heart yearns for something more profound. This yearning might be a call from your soul and spirit to beckon you toward an intimate spiritual relationship with God. It is as if your inner self recognizes the need for a connection that transcends the material aspects, finding solace in a deeper spiritual union with God.

Reconnecting with the Church of God and experiencing a spiritual relationship with its members is the essence of the Kingdom of God. The core of this Kingdom is found in cultivating profound spiritual and affectionate connections with God and fellow Christians. Please, reconnect with your home Church to take the breath of God in your soul and spirit.

## **Invitation to Reconnect with the Church on Homecoming Sunday**

I encourage you to consider reuniting with your home church to experience the enriching presence of God in your soul and spirit once again. The Carleton Member Care team has arranged a special Homecoming Day, where they warmly invite the entire church family to come together for a meaningful worship service and an opportunity to engage in fellowship. Following the service, a delightful spread of delicious food will be shared, providing a wonderful chance for connection and interaction.

This Homecoming Day promises to be a heartwarming event, rekindling the sense of community and shared faith that makes your church family so special. It's a time to rejuvenate your spirit, connect with fellow believers, and bask in the uplifting atmosphere of worship and togetherness.

Mark your calendar for this upcoming Homecoming Day, September 17, and take part in this memorable occasion as you rediscover the power of collective worship and fellowship within your cherished church community.

*Pastor Cloud*

**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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**Sunday Worship:**

9:30 a.m.

**Christian Education:**

Sunday School kick off  
10:30 a.m. September  
10th with donuts!

**WALK WITH US**

2nd & 4th Sunday's at  
2pm  
Also nightly at 6:30pm.



The next NEWS-  
LETTER deadline  
will be Thursday,  
October 19th.

Just a reminder  
that Sunday wor-  
ship and bulletin  
information needs  
to ready the church  
office by Tuesday  
mornings. Submis-  
sions are always  
welcome by email  
[carletonumc@gmail.com](mailto:carletonumc@gmail.com)

**MICHIGAN RECYCLES**

Your Michigan Returnable bot-  
tles and cans help support  
Mission outreach projects.  
Please leave them the marked  
container.

**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 mem-  
bership are invited to speak with  
Pastor Cloud at any time.

Also talk with Pastor  
Cloud if you would like to be bap-  
tized or have your infant or child  
baptized.

**PRAYER GROUND**

Children of all ages are always  
welcome in worship, but we real-  
ize they are sometimes not able to  
enjoy the service. Therefore the an  
area has been set aside in the  
front of the sanctuary for toddlers  
to play quietly while listening to  
the worship service. The nursery  
is also available as needed..

**OUTDOOR GRILL ADDED**

A grill has been purchased by the  
United Women in Faith for use in  
the pavilion. This will be available  
to anyone renting the pavilion or  
having a church related outdoor  
activity. We look forward to many  
years of great fellowship around the  
grill and tables outside. Instruc-  
tions for use and details on where  
to find the keys will be released lat-  
er. The grill tools will be kept in  
the kitchen since they must be  
washed after every use.



1 thessalonians 5:16-18

**PRAYER  
FELLOWSHIP  
WEDNESDAY'S  
10-11 AM**



The United Women of  
Faith Fellowship will meet  
on Monday September 18th  
at 6:30pm Discussion will  
be held as well as planning  
the upcoming events. The  
Women welcome input  
from all the women of the

church. Please consider joining them for fellowship and  
share your ideas. Questions can be directed to Kim Bod-  
denmiller, president.

During the month of October we will be collecting boys  
and girls new underwear and socks for the area elemen-  
tary schools. The "Sock"tober bin will be in the lobby for  
the month of October.

Ongoing is the collection of gently used sweatpants sizes  
5-10 year round. Those can be placed in the bin between  
the main entrance double doors. Your donations are  
much appreciated as each school like to have these on  
hand for when accidents happen.



**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Gary Breitner
- 2 *David & Jenni Conn*
- 3 *Bill & Carolyn Trainor*
- 4 Paisley Bodenmiller, *Mike & Kim Baxter*
- 6 *Randy & Chetti Smith, Mike & BJ Hauptert*
- 7 Kim Baxter
- 8 Theresa Miller
- 9 Bob Young
- 10 Ethel Heiss, *Mark & Bev Buell*
- 13 Ivy Stump
- 14 Chetti Smith
- 15 *Dave & Tracey Drouillard*
- 16 Rich Stahl
- 17 Max Van Washenova
- 18 David Drouillard
- 19 Grace Morin
- 20 *Brandon & Jennifer Gautz*
- 21 Cheryl Southworth
- 25 Isabel Conn, *David & Michelle Toth*
- 26 Ed Blaser, *Loren & Barb Young*
- 28 *Nik & Alana Schafer*
- 29 Kristen Hause
- 30 Chelsea Baker, Diane Brey, Ellen Rees, Tyler Vaughn



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Karen Kessell, Mark Young
- 4 Erin Otter, Jeanette Richman
- 5 Julie Riggs
- 6 Calyssa Reno
- 7 Trevor Kessell
- 8 Reese Baker, *Tom & Joanne Northey*
- 10 Jack Barnhart
- 12 Britany Hines, *Carl & Shirley Zlatos*
- 13 Clara Gurgul
- 15 Gary Ross
- 17 *Joe & Erica Lake*
- 18 *Matt & Krystal Stump*
- 19 Shirley Brannon, Molly McLaughlin
- 20 *Jack & Corinne Barnhart, Ray & Rachel Little*
- 23 Cheryl Marlow
- 25 Katelyn Baber
- 26 *Greg & Mary Baker*
- 28 Greg Branham



**SEPTEMBER LAITY**

	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
Sept. 3	Tyler	Terry
Sept. 10	Nicky	Megan
Sept. 17	Marsha	Tim
Sept. 24	Marsha	Terry

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

- Sept. 3 Karen Kessell
- Sept. 10 Karyn Vaughn
- Sept 17, Jennifer Lucio
- Sept. 24 Kim Baxter

**OCTOBER LAITY**

	<u>Accompanist</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
Oct. 1	Tyler	
Oct. 8	Nicky	
Oct. 15	Marsha	
Oct. 22	Marsha	
Oct. 29	Tyler/Marsha	

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

- Oct. 1 Karen Kessell
- Oct. 8 Karyn Vaughn
- Oct. 15 Jennifer Lucio
- Oct. 22 Kim Baxter
- Oct. 29 Jennifer Lucio

**CARDS RECEIVED**

Thank you to Pastor Cloud of the visits at home with mom and doing a wonderful service at her funeral. Thanks also to everyone who sent cards. They were a great comfort to all her family. And a thank you to the ladies who put on a delicious meal for us.

*Jerry Sweeney and family*

Thank you for your prayers. I'm getting stronger every day. It's great to be on the recovery side of surgery!

*Rev. Dr. Donna Osterhout*



The Member Care Team is hosting a Homecoming Day on Sunday, September 17th. Please join the whole church family for worship, with fellowship and lunch to follow. If you have been unable to attend worship recently, we look forward to seeing you on Homecoming Day.



**GAME DAY** at Carleton UMC resumes on Wednesday, October 4th. Come out to church for a light lunch and snacks from 11:30am—1:30 pm. Bring a friend.

# FINANCE NEWS

Below is the General Fund Income and Expense Summary as of August 20, 2023. As you can see the general fund is in the deficit by over \$25,000. Typically we are running slightly behind at this time of year, but this year is not looking good. General fund donations are down from prior years, church expenses are running about where they have been in prior years. As of now, we have not paid any of our 2023 Ministry Shares (apportionments). We will continue keeping a tight control on spending, and pray that contributions will catch up by the end of the year.

We are in the process of looking for Finance Chairperson. Per the Book of Discipline, the church finance committee needs to have a chairperson and a treasurer. These responsibilities cannot be held by the same person. The finance chairperson works closely with the Treasurer in making financial decisions for the church and is responsible for audit responsibilities. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this open position, please talk to Bill Vallie or Pastor Cloud.

## Carleton United Methodist Church

### General Fund Income and Expense Statement

January 1 - August 20, 2023

#### Income

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 93,668.50</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 111.57</b>
<b>Rental Income</b>	<b>\$ 575.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 94,355.07</b>

#### Expenses

<b>OUR CHURCH HOME</b>	<b>\$ 43,746.37</b>
<b>OUR CHURCH PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$ 7,419.43</b>
<b>OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY</b>	<b>\$ 52,580.86</b>
<b>OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY</b>	<b>\$ 5,942.52</b>
<b>UNPAID MINISTRY SHARES</b>	<b>\$ 10,266.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 119,955.18</b>

**GENERAL FUND LOSS AS OF 8/20/2023** **\$ (25,600.11)**

#### CHURCH CONFERENCE

Dates have been set for the 2024 Church Conference for Carleton UMC. On Wednesday, October 25th the Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet over Zoom with District Superintendent LuAnn Rourke at 6:15 p.m. Followed by the Church Conference (also on Zoom) at 7pm.

In preparation for the conference all committees and teams need to submit a short paragraph or two highlighting the years activities to the office by Thursday, October 5th.





## 2023 Events for Children

Friends Always Welcome!

On...	Don't miss...
<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>The first day of Sunday School (which is also Donut Day!)</b> During Junior Church (during worship) and Sunday School (10:30-11:30) this year, we will be hearing and Telling the Stories of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation!
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>10:30 Movie and Pizza:</b> VeggieTales Ballad of Little Joe & English Muffin Pizza
<b>Oct 29</b>	<b>4-6 PM Trunk or Treat</b> Games at 4:00, Trunk or Treating at 5:00!
<b>Nov 17</b>	<b>6-8 Paint &amp; Praise Party</b> Listen to praise music and paint a pallet - adults are encouraged to paint too! Bring a snack to share!
<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>9:30 Bible Sunday Celebration</b> Third Graders receive Bibles during worship. All children get to hear others share their favorite Bible stories with children in mind.
<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>10:30 Christmas Program Practice</b> Children of all ages are welcome to pick a costume and help act out the Christmas story or be a reader.
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>10:30 Christmas Program Practice</b>
<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>10:30 Christmas Program Practice</b>
<b>Dec 17</b>	<b>9:30 Christmas Program                      10:30 Cookie Decorating</b>
<b>Jan 14</b>	<b>10:30 Bricks and Sticks Challenges</b> - Can you build wisely?
<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>10:30 VeggieTales Esther Movie &amp; Tea Party</b> - Dress for tea with the Queen!
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>10:30 Old Testament Bible Trivia</b> We Finish the Old Testament and Challenge the Youth and Adult Classes to some Trivia!
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>10:30 Christmas in February!</b>
<b>Mar 1</b>	<b>Game Night 6-8</b> Bring a snack and a game to share! All ages welcome!
<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>9:30 Palm Sunday Parade   10:30 Egg Hunt</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Pajama Party 6-8 PM</b> (Fifth Graders may stay after for part or all of the Lock In 8pm-8am)
<b>May 12</b>	<b>9:30 Youth Led Service</b> Children's Bells will play, 5th graders included in Youth leading.
<b>May 19</b>	<b>10:30 Pentecost Party - Wear Red!                      Happy Birthday Church!</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>10:30 Last Day of Sunday School - Popsicles on the Playground!</b>

# Youth Group 2023-2024

Every Week...	Church is at 9:30 Sunday School at 10:30	Friends are ALWAYS welcome!
Sunday <b>Sept 10</b>	Sunday School Starts! 10:30 Donut Day!	
Sunday <b>Oct 15</b>	Youth Group Get Together 6:30 Dinner, 7:00-8:30 Activity	
Sunday <b>Oct 29</b>	Help with Trunk or Treat 3:45-6:00 - Please come help with games from 3:45-5:00 and then stay to trunk or treat!	
Friday <b>Nov 17</b>	Paint and Praise 6-8 - All Church Event - Bring a snack to share as we listen to praise music and paint canvases!	
Sunday <b>Nov 19</b>	Youth Group Get Together 6:30 Dinner, 7:00-8:30 Activity	
Sunday <b>Dec 17</b>	Help with Children's Christmas Program @ 9:30 and Cookie Decorating during Sunday School	
	Youth Group Get Together 6:30 Dinner, 7:00-8:30 Christmas Party!	
Sunday <b>Jan 21</b>	Youth Group Get Together 6:30 Dinner 7:00-8:30 Activity	
Sunday <b>Feb 11</b>	Youth Group Get Together 6:30 Dinner, 7:00-8:30 Activity	
Sunday <b>Feb 18</b>	10:30 (SS) Old Testament Trivia Kids vs. Youth & Adults	
Friday <b>Mar 1</b>	Game Night 6-8 - All Church Event! Bring your favorite game and a snack to share!	
Sunday <b>Mar 17</b>	Youth Group Get Together 6:30 Dinner 7:00-8:30 Activity	
Sunday <b>Mar 24</b>	Palm Sunday Help with Egg Hunt - Hiding eggs at 9, with prizes at 10:30	
Friday <b>Apr 19</b>	Help with Children's PJ Party 6-8	
	Youth Lock In 8pm-8am	
Sunday <b>May 12</b>	Youth Led Service 9:30 - rehearse at 8:30	
Sunday <b>May 19</b>	Youth Group Get Together 6:30 Dinner, 7:00-8:30 Activity	

Questions? Karyn 734-740-8002

# September 2023

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.  *As the days get shorter the start times will be adjusted.					1	2
3 Worship 9:30am	4 Labor Day –office will be closed	5	6 10-11am Prayer & fellowship  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A	7	8	9 9am Men's Fellowship at 5th Wheel diner
10 Worship 9:30am with Communion Sunday School 10:30am with DONUTS! Walking with Friends 2pm	11 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustee 8pm Church Council	12	13 10-11am Prayer & fellowship  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A	14 6pm Lay Leadership Committee	15	16
17 <b>HOMECOMING DAY</b> Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am with lunch and Fellowship	18 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading  6:30pm United Women in Faith	19	20 10-11am Prayer & fellowship  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A	21 11:30-3pm Carleton Extension Club	22	23
24 Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30  Walking with Friends 2pm	25 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading	26	27 10-11am Prayer & fellowship  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q & A  7pm Swan Creek Garden Club	28	29	30

# October 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><b>WALKING TALKING</b> Each evening at 8pm join friends as we walk around the church property.</p> <p>*As the days get shorter the start times will be adjusted.</p>						
<p>1 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30</p>	<p>2 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	3	<p>4 10-11am Prayer &amp; fellowship  <b>11:30am-1:30pm Game Day</b>  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q &amp; A</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Walk with Friends 2pm</p>	<p>9 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	<b>10</b>	<p>11 10-11am Prayer &amp; fellowship  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q &amp; A</p>	12	13	14
<p>15 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30  6:30 Youth Group</p>	<p>16 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	17	<p><b>18</b> 10-11am Prayer &amp; fellowship  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q &amp; A</p>	19 9am Newsletter Deadline	20	21
<p>22 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Walk with Friends 2pm</p>	<p>23 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	24	<p>25 10-11am Prayer &amp; fellowship  6:30-7:30pm Gospel Q &amp; A</p>	26	27	28
<p>29 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30  4-6pm Trunk &amp; Treat</p>	<p>30 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Reading</p>	31				