

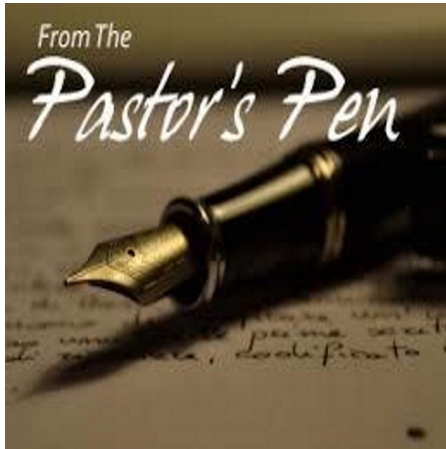


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“Radiant People, Brilliant Life, Bright Future”



Pastoral ministry at Carleton United Methodist Church in 2023 was like gold mining works, digging deep into the Bible to find hidden treasures of God. Simultaneously, it was an exciting endeavor to discover God's gifts within people for the betterment of the Church.

United Methodist Church pastors are privileged to engage in three aspects of pastoral ministry within the Church. Firstly, they are tasked with preaching the Word of God to help Christians gain complete understanding and knowledge of God's unchanging plan for us. Another privilege is presiding over the sacraments to invite people to be involved in the life of Jesus Christ.

Lastly, they hold the position of Chairperson of the Lay Leadership Committee, responsible for nominating lay servants to engage in ministry within the local Church. In 2023, as a pastor, it was exciting moments to ask and encourage people to work together for the Kingdom of God. I believe that the pastoral ministry at Carleton United Methodist Church in 2023 has produced exciting and productive results, inspiring me to

envison an optimistic outlook for the church's ministry in 2024.

The Apostle James' Theory of Faith and Action

I want to share the ministry motto of the Apostle James, who is regarded as one of the prominent pastors of the Jerusalem Church. James emphasized that the focus of his ministry was to translate Christian faith into action. His theory was an action-oriented Christian faith rooted in trust in God. He said Christian faith should be manifested in practical actions to benefit those in need. In essence, James stressed that the Christian faith ought to be actively practiced in the life of Christians rather than being a mere intellectual agreement with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

As a pastor at Carleton United Methodist Church, I wholeheartedly support putting Christian faith into action, and I believe that genuine Christian faith, rooted in trust in God, should be expressed in practical action.

Ministry Campaigns In 2023

Carleton United Methodist Church's primary ministry focus for 2023 included four campaigns to reconnect individuals with a deep spiritual relationship with God and foster a strong sense of community.

Worshipping Community: Carleton UMC is a local faith community, resembling a close-knit family, bound by love and care, offering words of encouragement. We gather to worship God and serve people.

Bible Reading Church: Engaging with the 365 Bible will nourish your soul with the Word of God and guide you toward a healthy Christian spiritual life. We encourage people to read 3 chapters a day. Additionally, we invite them to attend an intensive 2-hour Bible reading class every Monday.

Prayerful Church: We extend a warm invitation to prayer warriors to join us for a prayer fellowship every Wednesday at the church. Together, we seek to experience the workings of the Holy Spirit during our prayer time.

Invitation to Reconnect with the Church: The Member Care team sends cards to individuals who have become disconnected, encouraging them to rejoin our faith community.

These are Bible-based campaigns that emphasize Christian faith in action. We plan to continue these biblical campaigns in 2024