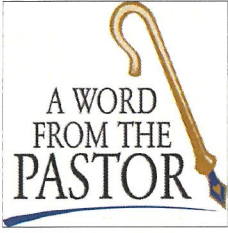




March/April 2024

“Radiant People, Brilliant Life, Bright Future”

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Confidence in Life

What makes you confident when driving to a place you've never been before? I googled to see how other people approach driving to unfamiliar places. Many people suggest checking at least two things: The first suggestion is to make sure to know the final destination, the ending point. Another crucial thing is to have a road map that provides detailed information about the route you're taking. Nowadays, we use

an electronic map that we call GPS. It is convenient because when the road is blocked, it finds new routes very easily.

What gives you the confidence to navigate your spiritual journey and safely reach your final destination? For me, it's about turning to the Bible for advice and direction. In Psalm 1, I find valuable guidance that serves as a spiritual map for Christians. It offers the direction and guidance to navigate the righteous paths. The psalmist emphasizes that a life rooted in trust in God and immersion in His Word is our straight and safe route that aligns with God's desire for us.

Example from the Classical Book

There is a Christian classic book by John Bunyan called *Pilgrim's Progress*. It gives us meaningful spiritual guidelines for Christians to adopt as a spiritual core value in our spiritual journey. In the story, a Christian fled from the City of Destruction and embarked on a journey to the Celestial City. Along the way, he encountered numerous trials and temptations. At the final stage of his journey, he confronted giant roaring lions blocking his path. Feeling utterly discouraged, he considered turning back. However, as he attempted to give up the way, he heard a voice reassuring him: “The lions are chained. Have faith and continue on the path you must take.”

The voice gave him clear direction: 'If you stay in the middle of the path, you will be safe, for the lions have been chained. They cannot harm you as long as you remain on the straight and narrow way toward your destination.' This story illustrates God's protection and providence, always available to Christians when they face troubles in their Christian life journey.

Example from Experience

The town where I was born and raised sat on a mountainside, offering breathtaking views especially on snowy winter mornings when a blanket of snow draped the landscape. However, living on a mountainside came with its challenges. One significant challenge was my daily trek to school, a three-mile journey through heavy snow with no snowplow in sight and no footsteps to follow. Despite the daunting conditions, I was determined to attend school because my motive was clear—I was a student, and students should go to school. Additionally, having a younger brother who was three years younger added to my sense of responsibility. I became a makeshift snowplow, forging a path for my brother by leading the way and leaving behind tracks for him to follow.

Conclusion

Stay strong in your faith and continue running the race of righteousness with the Lord. Your perseverance will be rewarded with a crown of righteousness, and your Christian journey will serve as a legacy for those seeking a living example to follow.

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.

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Sunday Worship:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School:
10:30 a.m.

Monday Morning Bible Study: 10:30—
11:30 a.m. (Historical Books of the Bible)

Wednesday:
Prayer Time 10-11 a.m.
Bible Study (New Testament) 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class received into the membership of the church:
Sunday, March 17th

Palm Sunday, worship
March 24th: 9:30a.m.

Maundy Thursday
worship: March 28th,
7pm

Good Friday worship
March 29th, 1pm

Easter Sunday
worship March 31st
9:30 a.m.



Birthdays and Anniversaries will no longer be listed in the church newsletter. This is to eliminate the possibility of identify theft and to adhere to privacy laws. A list will be posted on the church bulletin board each month and the Member Care Committee will continue to send greetings each month. We hope you understand this difficult decision.

LITURGIST

March 3	Tim B
March 10	Megan R
March 17	Trevor K
March 24	Julie R
March 31	Lisa P
April 7	Marvin S
April 14	Paul E
April 21	Tim B
April 28	Cheryl L

ACCOMPANIST

March 3	Tyler with Impact
March 10	Marsha
March 17	Marsha
March 24	(Palm Sunday) Tyler with Impact
March 28	(Maundy Thursday)
March 29	(Good Friday)
March 31	(Easter Sunday) Marsha
April 7	Tyler with Impact
April 14	
April 21	
April 28	

AS A REMINDER: *Worship Committee invites all to share a short musical selection during the offering if you are so inclined. Call Julie (734-735-2484) to schedule. Please schedule at least two weeks ahead of time so adjustments can be made.*

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.

FAMILY NEWS

Our sympathy to Brooklyn K on the recent loss of her grandmother, Diana.

Connie P lost her daughter, Karlissa to cancer recently. Our prayers are with her family.

NOTES RECEIVED

THANK YOU to the staff and parishioners of Carleton Methodist for supporting the RSVP 2024 MLK Day of Service Food Drive. Thanks to your efforts, the shelves of six county food pantries are better stocked and ready to feed our neighbors in need.

With sincere gratitude, your friends at Monroe County RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)



ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY

The Member Care and Outreach Committee would like to offer their services to the elderly or those in need of assistance with small jobs. A few examples are: hanging a picture, help with rearranging furniture, getting boxes down or putting them away. **(This does not include painting, yard care, or large jobs.)**

If you need a ride to the store, or a doctor's appointment, or possibly just need company, we will do our best to help.

For assistance, please contact:
Cheryl Marlow 313-702-4929
Kim Baxter 734-731-1544



CHURCH CAMPING

Spots are filling up fast for the Church Camping weekend (June 14 & 15) at Waterloo State Park. Book around site 109 in the South section of Portage Campground. Meals

are coordinated so we can eat together and no one has to do an entire meal on their own. Check in with Karyn Vaughn for more details.

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 1pm Pasty making 6-8pm Game Night	2 Pasty making— Pick up can begin at Noon if requested
3 10:30am Pasty delivery after worship 11:30am Confirmation Class	4 10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study	5	6 10-11am Prayer Hour 11:30-1:30 Game Day 6:30-7:30pm Bible Study	7	8	9 9am Men's Break- fast at 5th Wheel Diner
10 9:30 Worship with Communion 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Confirmation Class 2pm Walking with Friends	11 10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30pm SPR 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	12	13 10-11am Prayer Hour 6:30-7:30pm Bible Study	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship (Receiving of Confir- mation Class) 10:30 Sunday School 6:30pm Youth	18 10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study 6:30 United Methodist Women	19	20 10-11am Prayer Hour 6:30-7:30pm Bible Study	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School with Egg Hunt 2pm Walking with Friends	25 10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study	26	27 10-11am Prayer Hour 6:30-7:30pm Bible Study	28 7pm Maundy Thursday Wor- ship	29 1pm Good Friday Worship	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	April 1 10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study Walking Nightly re- sumes if weather p permits	April 2	April 3 10-11 Prayer Hour 11:30-1:30pm Game Day 6:30-7:30pm Bible Study			

April 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Nightly Walking with Friends begins as soon as the weather permits. Join us as you are able.</i></p> <p><i>The Meditation Circle is open to all throughout the year. Take a moment to pause and reflect on God's Blessings and prayer for others.</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>Walking nightly resumes as weather permits</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10-11am Prayer Hour</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Game Day</p> <p>6:30-7:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
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<p>14</p> <p>9:30 Worship (Trevor Kessell)</p> <p>10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>2pm Walking with Friends</p> <p>Baker Rental</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bible Study will not meet this week</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Prayer time and Bible Study will not meet this week</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6-8 Children's PJ Party</p> <p>8pm Friday—Youth Lock In</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8am Youth Lock-in ends</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Worship (Rev. Totty, DS)</p> <p>10:30 Sunday School</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bible Study will not meet this week</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Prayer time and Bible Study will not meet this week</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 Worship</p> <p>10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>2pm Walking with Friends</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:30am Monday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>				

A Peek into the Junior Church and Children's Sunday School...



We learned about Solomon's wisdom and then read the parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder. We experimented with building on solid and "rocky" ground.



We learned about Elijah and the prophets of Baal and used dry erase markers or playdough to illustrate the story as we listened.



We read about the room Elisha's friends made for him and made house collages.



We learned about Shadrach Meshach and Abednego and then melted crayons to make stained glass windows to remind us to worship God.



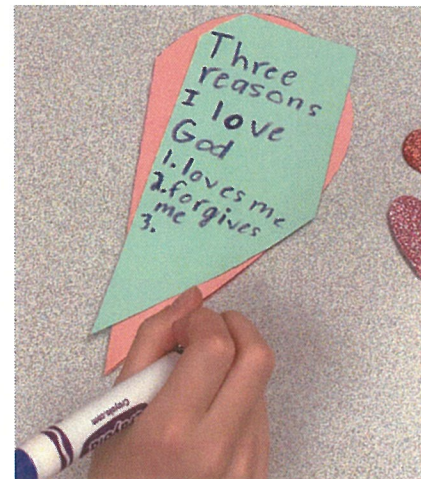
We made cards to show God's love to members of our church family.



We made Valentines - even Valentines for God...



We read about Daniel in the Lion's Den and used blocks to make a lion's den.



We learned about Esther and had a "royal" feast.

We would love to have you become a part of this fun, faith and fellowship! Both Junior church and Sunday School are for Preschool and Elementary aged children. Youth and adult volunteers are always appreciated! Talk to Karyn Vaughn for more information!

