

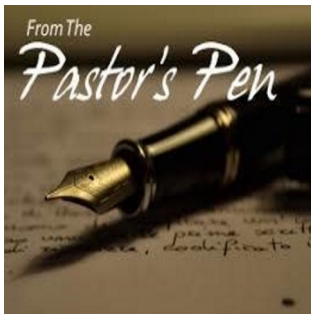


September/ October 2024



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“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,”

Colossians 1:9 NIV

Dear Carleton Family in Christ,

I still remember the time when I was able to see my ministries from a different angle. It was a cold afternoon after the Sunday worship service. The church members at Detroit Korean UMC celebrated their pastor’s six-year-long ministry with mixed feelings of gratitude and sorrow at the fellowship hall. Laughter and tears interrupted the order of celebration pleasantly. All confirmed God’s grace with them.

After the farewell, one of the church members followed me and said, “Pastor, since you came to our church, I have prayed for you every morning. I remember all of my pastors in my prayers every single day.” She had been involved in the ministries caring for the elderly members of the church for a long time. She was always reserved and quiet, but she spoke through her compassionate actions. She was well respected and loved by many.

However, I didn’t know that she had prayed for me for the past six years. It was my God-moment that helped me overcome my myopic perspective on ministries and open my heart toward the unseen and unrecognized grace of God in my life and ministry.

After another farewell party at Midland First UMC this year, a church member came to me and said, “Pastor Yum, you have been in my prayers every morning.” She has been battling blood cancer, yet she never loses her smile. She is also a very compassionate lady, always trying to be available to those in need at the church.

That is why John Wesley said in his sermon, *A Plain Account of Christian Perfection* (1725-1777), “**God does nothing but in answer to prayer; and even they who have been converted to God, without praying for it themselves (which is exceeding rare), were not without the prayers of others. Every new victory which a soul gains is the effect of a new prayer.**”

Prayer is like farming. Prayer is a spiritual action of planting new seeds in the field of our lives. Unless we plant, we harvest no crops. Unless we manage our prayers, our harvest will be fruitless or meager. The good thing about our prayer is this: we can plant seeds for others, too.

Whom are you praying for now? What kinds of spiritual seeds are you planting through your prayers at this time?

Rev. Jung Eun Yum

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.

Christian Education:

10:30 a.m. Each Sunday
starting September 8th

Kickoff Sunday & Welcome Celebration

11 a.m. September 8th
Potluck meal. Bring a dish
to pass.



The next NEWS-LETTER deadline will be Thursday, October 17th.

Just a reminder that Sunday worship and bulletin information needs to ready the church office by Tuesday mornings. Submissions are always welcome by email carletonumc@gmail.com

MICHIGAN RECYCLES

Your Michigan Returnable bottles 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 Jung 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 Jung at any time. Also talk with Pastor Jung if you would like to be baptized or have your infant or child baptized.

PRAYER GROUND

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship, but we realize 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..

ALTAR FLOWERS

Friends, if you have a special occasion and would like to donate a flower arrangement for the Sunday morning altar, please let Kathy LaFlure know by Tuesday mornings. We want to acknowledge your faithfulness with you. If donating an altar arrangement, please plan on bringing it to church by 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning and taking it home after worship that day.

MEET WITH PASTOR

Rev. Yum is available to meet (during office hours) with church members on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm. If you would like to discuss personal, church, or denominational matters, please call the church &734-654-2833) office to schedule an appointment..

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship had a planning meeting with our new Pastor Jung. He has initiated a few changes to be made, all good changes. So please be aware of worship order. If you have any questions or concerns please talk to Julie Riggs, worship chair or Pastor Jung. Children's bells will start up again with once a month playing. We really want to have youth be part of the service. Also anyone who has a talent and would like to do a special music we welcome you. We will have a sign up sheet posted on the office door. Let us begin 2024/2025 with a grateful heart and worship our God weekly together.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All ladies and high school age girls are invited to attend the United Methodist Women's meetings. You do not have to be a member of this church. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 16th at 6:30pm.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Join the United Methodist Men on Saturday, October 12th for breakfast and fellowship at the 5th Wheel Diner (N. Telegraph Rd) at 9am. This is open to all men and high school age boys. You do not need to be a member of this church to attend.

CHAPEL PRAYER

Beginning September 8th, Pastor Jung invites those needing prayer to meet him in the chapel after worship. Please fill out one of the Green Prayer Cards to bring with you.



SEPTEMBER LAITY

	Accompanist	Liturgist
Sept. 1	Tyler	Paul
Sept. 8	Nicki	Megan
Sept. 15	Tyler	Trevor
Sept. 22	Impact	Marvin
Sept. 29	Tyler	Julie

JUNIOR CHURCH

Sept 1 Karyn V
 Sept. 8 Karen K
 Sept. 15 Jennifer L
 Sept. 22 Kim B
 Sept. 29 In Worship

OCTOBER LAITY

	Accompanist	Liturgist
Oct. 6		Cheryl
Oct. 13	Nicky	Terry
Oct. 20	Impact	Brenda
Oct. 27		Judy

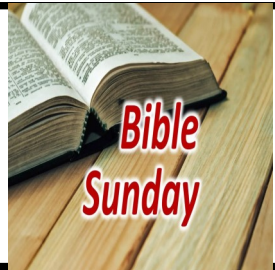
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 Oct. 20 Jennifer L
 Oct. 27 Kim B



GAME DAY at Carleton UMC resumes on Wednesday, October 2nd. Come out to church for a light lunch and snacks from 11:30am—1:30 pm. Bring a friend. Mark those calendars for the 1st Wednesday of the Month from October to June.

Bible Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 17th with the awarding of Bibles to our new third graders and older. If you have a child in the third grade or older (that has not gotten a Bible from this church), please submit their name to the office by October 27th.



SOCKTOBER

The Annual Collection of boys and girls underwear and socks for the month of October will begin on October 6th. All of the items collected will be distributed to the area elementary schools. Boys and Girls sizes starting at age 5 as the youngest children are more likely to have accidents, but all sized 5-10 will be much appreciated. The big pumpkin collection container will be in the narthex the whole month of October.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

In a few short months the holiday season will be upon us. This year's Christmas bazaar, hosted by the women's group, will be on Saturday, December 7th. We will be accepting gently used Christmas decorations this week before to sell in our Grandmother's attic room. We are looking for the small to medium size pine cones with the flat bottom to decorate our beautiful Christmas wreaths and it's not too early to start those craft projects. Additional information and volunteer sign-up sheets will be coming.



World Communion Day



There will be a "Whole World" potluck lunch on Sunday, October 6th (about 11am) for World Communion Sunday. Please bring a dish to share. If could be something "international" or just a local favorite.

FAMILY CAMP

Mark those calendar for 2025 Family Camp as registration will open the beginning of January and fills very fast. Dates are June 14-15 at the Waterloo Recreation Area in Brighton. See Karyn Vaughn for details are which sites to request.



FINANCE NEWS

Below is the General Fund Income and Expense Summary as of July 31, 2024. As you can see the general fund is in the deficit by over \$25,000. 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 2024 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.

In preparation for the Church Charge Conference the Finance Committee will be working on the 2025 Church Budget. If your committee/team is responsible for a line item in the church budget and you need to see a change, you must speak to Bill Vallie or Terry Brey by September 22nd.

Carleton United Methodist Church

General Fund Income and Expense Statement

January 1 - July 31. 2024

Income

General Fund Income	\$ 86,178.88
Investment Income	\$ 14.62
Rental Income	\$ 1,025.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 87,218.50

Expenses

OUR CHURCH HOME	\$ 40,224.68
OUR CHURCH PROGRAMS	\$ 6,252.96
OUR PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ 50,101.85
OUR OUTREACH MINISTRY	\$ 4,336.44
UNPAID MINISTRY SHARES	\$ 11,765.10
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 112,680.03

GENERAL FUND LOSS AS OF 8/20/2023 **\$ (25,461.53)**

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Dates have been set for the 2024 Church Conference for Carleton UMC. On Sunday, October 13th the Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet over Zoom with District Superintendent Darryl Totty at 12:30 p.m. Followed by the Church Conference (also on Zoom) at 3:30 p.m.

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 September 22nd.



24-25 Church Family Calendar

All of Us Together in Faith and Fellowship

<p>September</p> <p>8 Sunday School Starts 8 Welcome Potluck for the Yums 8 Youth Ropes Course @ 12 15 Family Meeting 10:30-11:30</p>	<p>October</p> <p>6 "The Whole World" Potluck @ 11 19 Cheer on Our Runners @ AHS 20 Youth Corn Maze PM 27 Trunk or Treat @ 4</p>	<p>November</p> <p>9 Hike at Crosswinds Marsh @ 4 10 Youth Feast of Thanks @ 11:30 17 Bible Sunday</p>
<p>December</p> <p>1 Hanging of the Greens 14 Birthday Party for Jesus 6-8 15 Youth Christmas Party @ 11:30 22 Children's Christmas Program</p>	<p>January</p> <p>*Book your site for Family Camp! 11 Game Night @ 6 12 Youth Outing Bowling @ 11:30</p>	<p>February</p> <p>8 Paint and Praise @ 6 9 Youth Mystery Trip @ 11:30</p>
<p>March</p> <p>14 PJ Party 6:00-8:00 Youth Lock In 8PM-Midnight</p>	<p>April</p> <p>13 Palm Sunday Parade Egg Hunt 10:30 20 Easter 27 Youth Service Project @ 11:30</p>	<p>May</p> <p>4 Prayer Stations after church 11 Youth Led Service 18 Youth Outing Kayaking @ 11:30</p>
<p>June</p> <p>8 Graduation Sunday 8 Pentecost - Birthday Party Brunch 14-15 Family Camp</p>	<p>July</p> <p>16 WOW Night @ 6</p>	<p>August</p> <p>13 WOW Night @ 6 24 Back to School Blessing</p>

Sunday Mornings

Worship at 9:30

The **Prayground** is open in the sanctuary for young children during the service and the **Nursery** is open with a speaker as well!

Preschool & Elementary can choose to go to **Junior Church** during the Song of Preparation.

Sunday School is available for all from 10:30-11:30.

Church Family Events

All ages - children and grownups - are welcome to fellowship together as a church family. Friends are always welcome...and encouraged to join us!

Youth Outings

All middle school (5-8) and high school (9-12) students are welcome to join in activities just for you once a month! Bring a friend!

Weekly, **Sunday School** is also a great chance to make connections with each other as you grow in knowledge and faith.

Questions? Ideas? Need something to make it easier for you to be involved?

Karyn Vaughn karynjv@yahoo.com or 734-740-8002

Mark Your Calendars 24-25

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October 6 World Communion Sunday	6 "The Whole World" Potluck @ 11 19 Cheer on Our Runners @ AHS 27 Trunk or Treat	20 Youth Outing Corn Maze @ J Webb Farm EVENING TBA
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April 13 Palm Sunday Parade 20 Easter	13 Egg Hunt 10:30	27 Youth Service Project AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 11 Youth Service	4 Day of Prayer - Prayer Stations after church	18 Youth Outing Kayaking AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Questions? Karyn Vaughn karynjv@yahoo.com or 734-740-8002

Growing Together - Ministry to Families

You are invited...

All parents, grandparents, and any other interested people are invited to join a conversation about the future for children, youth and families in our church. Let's talk and brainstorm together!

What is your vision for this community of faith?

*What needs can we meet in the church
and in the community?*

How can the church support families?



Let's meet for snacks and conversation in Fellowship Hall on
September 15 from 10:30-11:30.

Cheer On our Runners!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us... Hebrews 12:1

Did you know???

Many, many young people from our church family are in cross country or run club.

Last year, we had **17** runners from our church at the Airport High School!



We pray for them and cheer them on spiritually,
now let's support them in a physical race!

On October 19...

Children K-3 run at 9:30. You might see...Paisley Vera Grace Ella Branch

Children 4-5 run at 10:10 You might see...Wiley Leland Amelia Hadley

Middle School runs are at 11:30. You might see...Ella Rock Abbott Max

High School runs at 1:00pm. You will see...Tyler and Everett

Open 5K at 2:00 You might see Karen K...and you?!



The race is at the high school and admission is \$5 a car which goes to support the Airport runners.

Talk to Karyn V or Karen K for more information or to sign up to run!

There are a few other races in the season that all ages are at, ask and we'll get you information!

The "Whole World" Potluck



October 6 @ 11:00

As we celebrate World Communion Sunday, let us celebrate with a potluck of world foods. Whether it's a specialty from a place your family comes from or just a dish you really like...let's have a potluck with dishes from around the world!



Trunk or Treat at Carleton United Methodist Church

October 27 4:00-6:00

Games at 4:00. Trunk or treat at 5:00. Dinner to follow!

Friends and Neighbors

Welcome!

Adults and Youth who want to help with games should arrive at 3:45.

Those who want to pass out candy should have cars parked by 4:45.
Not so scary vehicle decorations are encouraged!



September 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Worship 9:30am with communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Kick-off Sunday & Welcome 9:30 a.m Worship . 10:30 a.m Sunday School 11 a.m Potluck Lunch 12noon Youth Ropes Course	9 6:30pm SPRC 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	10 6:30pm Lay Leadership	11 6:30 4H	12	13 10:30 -3pm Sewing with Friends in Parlors	14
15 10:30-11:30am Family vision brainstorming meeting	16	17	18	19 10-3pm Extension Club Annual Meet- ing in Parlors	20	21
22 Committee reports and budget requests are due into the church office today.	23	24	25 6:30 Swan Creek Garden Club	26	27	28
29	30					



October 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Collection of socks and underwear for boys and girls all month		1	2 11:30-1:30pm Game Day—All welcome	3	4	5
6 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 11am Whole World potluck	7	8	9 6:30 4H	10	11 10:30 –3pm Sewing with Friends in Parlors	12 9am Men’s fellowship breakfast at 5th Wheel Diner
13 Charge Conference (Zoom) 12:30pm SPRC w/Totty 3:30pm General Conference	14	15	16	17 Newsletter material for November/ December due into the church office	18	19 Cheer on the Runners at AHS 9:30 am to 1pm—see various church family in different age groups. Cost is \$5 per car
20 Youth Corn Maze	21	22	23 6:30 Swan Creek Garden Club	24	25	26 LaFlure rental—fellowship hall
27 Trunk or Treat 4-6pm 4pm Games 5pm Trunk or Treat—dinner to follow Cars should arrive to the West side of the parking lot by 4:45pm	28	29	30	31		