



March/April 2025

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Rev. Jung Eun Yum, pastor

Pastor's Message

**“For I have come down from heaven not to do my will
but to do the will of him who sent me.”**

John 6:38 NIV

Dear Carleton Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6).

After we contemplate the ways to experience Christ's loving and transforming presence through the Methodist tradition of the means of grace, we will enter the new season of Lent this year.

Lent is a 40-day period of devotion, repentance, and preparation leading up to Easter. Technically, there are 46 days in the Lent season, but Sundays are not counted because they are considered feast days. This is why Lent is observed for 40 days before Easter. During Lent, we focus on repenting for our sins, reflecting on God's forgiving grace, and practicing charity. It is a time to deepen our relationship with God, ourselves, and our neighbors. The 40 days are also a significant reminder that Jesus spent time in the wilderness, where he was tempted, prayed, fasted, and meditated on the Scriptures before beginning his public ministry.

What are your plans to deepen your understanding of God and of the blessings you have received in Jesus Christ during this Lenten season?

One way to deepen our relationship with God is to take time to reflect on our transformed lives since we began our journey with Jesus Christ. Apostle Paul constantly reminded Christians of their former lives before encountering Jesus. He once said, “**We too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved by various passions and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, detesting one another**” (Titus 3:3). In his letters, he consistently emphasized the decadent states of his church family before they accepted Jesus Christ (Eph. 2:1-3, 4:17-19, Col. 1:21, 3:5-7, Rom. 6:20-21, 7:5, 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

Let us open our hearts wide, anticipating God's special blessings of new awareness, understanding, and renewal in our lives through Jesus Christ.

May we walk forward in faith and grace.

Rev. Jung Eun Yum

Our 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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Office hours: 9am to 2pm
 Tuesday & Thursday

Sunday Worship—
 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—
 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to make Carleton UMC your home church, speak with Rev. Yum 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 Rev. Yum any time. Also talk with Rev. Yum if you would like to be baptized or have your infant or child baptized.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Just a reminder to keep the church office up-to-date if your mailing address, email, or phone number changes. It is vital that the church records are as accurate as possible. The church office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm. We can always be reached by email at **carletonumc@gmail.com**.

Newsletters are now published bi-monthly for the following two months. The next Newsletter deadline is Monday, April 21, 2025 for the May/June Newsletter..

PRAYER CARDS

As a reminder that if you raise a prayer request in worship on Sundays & want to have a card sent, to please email (carletonumc@gmail.com) or call us 734-654-2833 with the name and address. This will help to continue the much appreciated ministry of letting folks know others are praying for them. You can also leave written notes on Kathy's desk or in the box on the office door.

FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of the Carleton United Methodist Church. All financial obligations were met in 2024. Your support of this church and its ministries was very much appreciated.

General Fund Income & Expenses Statement
 January 1—February 28, 2025

Income

General Fund	\$28,540.75
Investment Income	4.68
Rental Income	550.00
Total Income	\$29,095.43

Expenses

Our Church Home	\$16,868.28
Our Church Programs	1,669.03
Our Pastoral Ministry	15,518.77
Our Outreach Ministry	1,500.00
Unpaid Ministry Shares	5,711.80
Total Expenses	\$41,267.88

Net Loss as of 2/28/2025 \$(12,172.45)

MARCH LITURGIST

Mar 2	Denise Toffoli
Mar 9	Everett Kessell
Mar 16	Marvin Stump
Mar 23	Paul Etue
Mar 30	Cheryl Marlow

MARCH JUNIOR CHURCH

Mar 2	Karyn Vaughn
Mar 9	Karen Kessell
Mar 16	Jennifer Lucio
Mar 23	Kim Baxter
Mar 30	Activity cart available

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Ash Wednesday—March 5th
 11am to 12noon

Ashes available in the Sanctuary
 7pm Worship service

Sunday, March 9th
 Katie Peterson

General Board of Global Ministries
 Missionary Deaconess
 Guest speaker 9:30 worship

Sunday, April 13th
 Palm Sunday worship 9:30am

Thursday, April 17th
 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm

Friday, April 18th
 Good Friday Worship 12noon (new time)

Sunday, April 20th
 Easter Sunday Worship 9:30am



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 9:30 am Worship with Communion Coffee & Cookies in Fellowship Hall after worship Orders for Pasty due today	3	4 10am Bible Study	5 11am—Noon Ashes available 11:30-1:30 Game Day 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 7pm The Chosen Study	7 1pm Pasty Workshop	8 9am Pasty Workshop **Spring Forward
9 Daylight Savings Time Begins Deaconess Katie Peterson guest speaker Fellowship time after worship Pasty pick-up in fellowship hall	10 6:30pm SPRC 7pm Trustees 8pm Church Council	11 10am Bible Study	12	13 7pm The Chosen Study	14 6-8pm PJ Party 8pm—Midnight Youth Lock-in	15
16	17	18 10am Bible Study	19	20 7pm The Chosen Study	21	22
23	24	25 10am Bible Study	26	27 7pm The Chosen Study	28	29
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		1 10am Bible Study	2	3 7pm The Chosen Study	4	5
6 9:30 Worship with Communion	7	8 10am Bible Study	9	10 Noon—Men's Fellowship Lunch 7pm The Chosen Study	11	12 9am Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ 5th Wheel Diner
13 Palm Parade 9:30am Easter activities 10:30am	14	15	16	17 7pm Worship service with Communion	18 NOON Good Friday Service	19
20 9:30am Easter Worship	21 Rev. Yum travel day to Korea 9am Newsletter deadline	22	23	24	25	26
27 Pulpit speaker: Trevor Kessell 11:30 Youth Service Project	28	29	30			