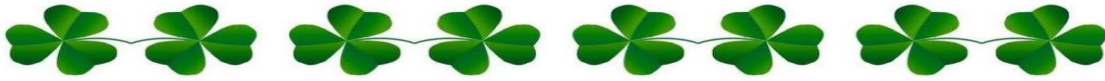




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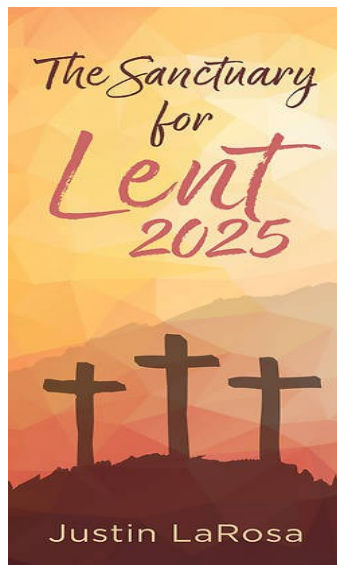
Join us for ashes in Sanctuary and lite soup meal in Fellowship Hall March 5th at 6pm.



Just a reminder...

God Knows Everything but... Your church likes to support you, especially during possible turning points in your life. Since these often involve a stay in the hospital, please be sure to call, or have someone call the church (989) 673-2246 or the parsonage (810) 247-7285 to let us know about you.

Please include the name of the hospital. We want to be supportive so please let us know. *Be sure to call whenever you want to talk with the pastor—whatever the reason.*



Our Ad Board

Will meet on March 18th at 6 pm. In the Church parlor. If you need anything add to the agenda please email to Lisa Wightman by March 10th .

Join Pastor Bob and Experience a transformative Lenten journey with The Sanctuary for Lent 2025 devotional!

Each morning at 8am join Pastor Bob online as he shares suggested scripture, a short devotion, and a prayer or practice – based on the *Revised Common Lectionary*, this annual favorite will guide you from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day.

Message from our Pastor

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to enter the sacred season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, let us take a moment to reflect on the profound significance this period holds for our spiritual journey. Lent invites us into a time of contemplation, humility, and transformation—a season where we can draw closer to God and refine our faith.

This year, we will be following the meaningful daily devotionals in "Sanctuary for Lent 2025." Each day's reflection will guide us in spiritual practices, helping us deepen our relationship with God as we engage in prayer, fasting, and acts of service. I encourage you to partake in these devotionals, allowing their wisdom to inspire and challenge you as we walk this path together.

As we look forward to Holy Week, I am excited to announce our upcoming Cookie and Cake Walk! Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 13, and continuing through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning, we will come together to share in the joy of baked goods and fellowship. This is not only a time for sweetness but also an opportunity for us to raise funds for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This fund is vital in supporting those in need within our beloved Caro community.

As we gather around cookies and cakes, let us remember the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV), "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Our gifts, whether monetary or through the delicious treats we contribute, will serve as a beacon of hope and compassion for those who find themselves in need in our community.

Together, let us make this Lenten season one of not only personal reflection and growth but also collective action and generosity. May our hearts be open and our spirits willing as we journey towards the cross and the joy of resurrection.

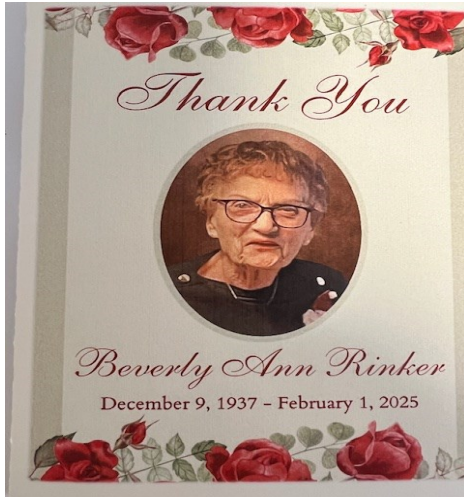
With blessings of love and peace,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Caro United Methodist Church



From the Mailbox



To Our Church Family...

Thank you for your kind words and support and the extra prayers during this time.....

The Family of Beverly Rinker

From Sheri Rundel.....

I wanted to Thank everyone past and present that made desserts for funeral luncheon and fund raisers. You are greatly appreciated of course the future as well Thank you again.

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Dear Members of Caro United Methodist Church,

On behalf of Resurrection United Methodist Church and As We Gather Ministries, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generous financial contributions and item donations.

Your support has made a significant impact on our community and the individuals we serve in the Saginaw community.

As we approach the season of spring cleaning, we encourage you to keep this spirit of giving alive. Your continued dedication to helping those in need inspires us all and fosters a spirit of love and unity within our communities.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. Together, we are making a difference!

With warm regards and blessings,

Resurrection United Methodist Church and As We Gather Ministries

Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



Quilters' Retreat March 28-30, 2025



bay shore camp
and family ministries

3rd Semi-Annual Bay Shore Camp Event

★ **BLAST** ★

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APRIL 13 th, 2025

4-7 PM

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Premier East Michigan Area Camp serving Youth and Families for over 100 years! Christian Camping at its Best!

(989) 883-2501 web: <https://www.bayshorecamp.org>
www.bayshorecamp.org

Bower Scholarship

Bower Scholarship Application College Scholarship Program

Scholarships are available to students attending college. The amount of the awards vary.

Priority is given to students who are members of Caro UMC or related to our members, and who are active in church and community.

Application due by March 31st each year.



Missions

March Against Hunger

Mission Committee will be sponsoring the Good Samaritan Food Pantry fund in March. This fund was started up in the late 1990's and early 2000's by several area churches wanting to help those in need. Now it has grown to include several area churches that help support it.

The food pantry works closely with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, in Flint. During the months of March and April the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is sponsoring a program that will help increase the amount of funds available to local pantries. For every dollar donated to Good Samaritan Food Pantry of Caro they will add 10% to our total funds. So, for every \$100 we donate \$10 is added to our funds, to purchase food from them. Wow, what a great way to help those in need and such a wonderful program that Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is offering us.

We pray that you will join us in the fight to **March Against Hunger** this month. If you have further questions please ask a mission committee member or Carol Striffler.

“Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.” Deuteronomy 15:10-11

Hope Circle

The Hope Circle will meet on March 12th at 7pm in the Church parlor.

The program will be presented by Mary Beth Garret.

Hostess will be Sheri Rundel

Devotions given by Virginia Shay

Word is Happy.



New Resale Shop



As We Gather New Resale Shop at Resurrection United Methodist Church!

Location: Resurrection United Methodist Church 801 State Street, Saginaw, MI

Open on Friday's and Saturday's 10am—4pm

As part of our mission to serve the Saginaw community, Resurrection UMC is excited to announce the opening of our new **As We Gather Ministries Resale Shop**! We invite you to support this ministry by donating any new or gently used items from your home. Your donations will help us raise funds to support essential programs for those in need within our community.

Donation Drop-Off Information:

Donations can be dropped off at **Caro United Methodist Church** on:

- **Tuesdays or Thursdays**—When Pastor Robert is available at the church.

Whether it's clothes, household items, furniture, or other gently used goods, every item makes a difference! Financial donations are also accepted. Let's come together to support our community and help build a brighter future.

For more information, please contact Pastor Robert or visit our website.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of **As We Gather Ministries** located at Resurrection United Methodist Church.

Resurrection United Methodist Church

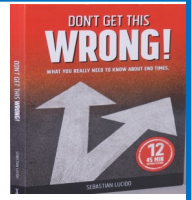
801 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48602

Phone: (248) 636-5679

Web site: www.Resurrectionumc.church

Events & Bible Study

Bible Study every Thursday at 1pm in the parlor. Join us as we explore the Book of Revelation. Join us and our Lay Leader Ernie Teller and Pastor Bob as we walk through this book of the bible.



Keep a watch out for our Faith Café—will be open in the spring from 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Come and pray, talk over a cup of coffee or tea, milk or juice and water. You have questions—let's try and answer them.

Ash Wednesday Worship—March 5th at 6pm. Join us for ashes and lite soup meal in Fellowship Hall. Lent for the year 2025 starts on Wednesday, March 5th and ends on Thursday, April 17 with evening Service on Holy (Maundy) Thursday.

We are excited to announce the launch of our new church theatre group, dedicated to bringing the timeless parables of Jesus to life! Starting this spring, we will gather monthly to explore these powerful stories through engaging performances that inspire and uplift our congregation and community. Each month, we'll focus on a different parable, allowing participants to delve deeper into its meaning and relevance in today's world. We invite actors, directors, artists, and anyone with a passion for storytelling to join us in this creative journey. Together, we will celebrate faith, creativity, and fellowship as we share the teachings of Jesus in a vibrant and dynamic way. Stay tuned for more details on our first meeting and how you can get involved!

Choir resumes with a new Choir Director and pianist and organist—Ed Stinson. Ed will be our 2nd Sunday of the month musician. Also we are planning a bell choir for adults and children in the summer.

Ed's wife Terra teaches the bells, together they will be a great addition to both Caro and Resurrection United Methodist churches music ministry. Linda Miller our fantastic pianist will continue 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month.

Birthday & Anniversary



March 1 Elbert Elferink
March 2 Sandy Lippowiths
March 3 Nathan Wieland
March 6 Tracy Carpenter
Larry Smith
March 9 Kevin Wightman
LaDonna Redman
Bev Trisch
March 10 Iola Kreh
March 16 Dennis Lamb
March 19 Fred Peter
Mark Torma
March 21 May Bishop
March 22 Shirley Elferink
Abby Thorp Babini
March 24 Kayla Hermamdez
March 26 Carol Wiesenreder
Margaret Emery
March 28 Ashlye Shay
March 31 Sharon Thorp



Calendar 2024

<div>   March 2025   </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 11:00am Communion	3	4	5  Ash Wed Service Soup supper 6:00pm	6 Pastor Bob's Daily Lenten Devotional online Bible study 1-2pm	7 Pastor Bob's Daily Lenten Devotional online	8 Pastor Bob's Daily Lenten Devotional online
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Monthly giving needed for approved 2025 Budget \$14,640.00

Actual giving

January \$9005.00

Over

Under

\$5,635.00

As we look ahead to 2026& 2027, it is crucial for our church community to unite in our commitment to giving and tithing, ensuring that we can meet our yearly budget and sustain our mission.

A flourishing church is not only a spiritual home but also a place where lives can be transformed, and this requires adequate resources. Supporting our church financially is an act of faith and love, enabling us to afford once again a full-time pastor who will lead us in worship, shepherd our congregation, and engage with our community.

Your contributions, however big or small, play a vital role in sustaining our programs, outreach, and initiatives, allowing us to thrive and grow together. Let us come together with open hearts, embracing the spirit of generosity, so we can continue to build a vibrant and welcoming space for all who seek refuge and connection in our faith community.

Sharing the Gifts from God

Monthly Report for January 2025

We want to thank everyone for your continued support. It means so much to the people and families being served.

Your dollars and donated food items help many in need. To help pay bills: We dispersed \$1,223.52 serving 4 household (19people).

From the food pantry: We dispersed 9,064 pounds of food serving 193 households 690 people thanks once more for your generosity!

Summary of totals

Total number of households served 197 Total money dispersed \$15,136.17

Total number of people served 709 (Gasoline Cards - \$0) (Medical Supplies - \$0) (Housing/rent – 398.75) (Some may receive both - Bills Paid and Food) (Utilities \$824.77.

Groceries given out 9,064 pounds (Other Items \$) Phone – 79.98 Dec.& Jan. (Food Pantry Supplies – \$15,136.17 Income & Expense Report.

Total Deposits \$5,421.70

Reported by Brenda Stein

In our thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your Prayers and Thoughts

Diana Bauer
Rick Farris
Denise Kennedy
Richard Blakey
Marcia Leonard
Nancy Bortel
Kendall Lupton
Rick Ellison
Joan Stover
Judy Mohr
Tom Bowman
Kevin Roller
Shirley Farris
Ellie Kish
Michael Reed



Jack & Lois Gallagher
Pastor Fred & Lorianne Bowden
Debbi Kasper
Mark & Cathy Thatcher

Our Member in Care Facility

Margaret Dicks - Tuscola Medical Care
Marcie Leonard— Frankenmuth,
Denise Kennedy -The Hartland Marlette
Dean Holdburg, - Medi Lodge Cass City

Those Serving us spiritually

Pastor Bob Demyanovich, our ministry here in Caro and beyond,
Central Bay District Superintendent Rev. John Kasper, Bishop David A.
Bard, and The United Methodist Area Conference and all churches.

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