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Caro United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Hope Circle

We will be meeting on Wednesday Feb 7th at 7pm in Church parlor. Jennifer Aleksink will be the host and Virginia Shay will be doing devotions.



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 (989) 912-2187 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.*



Lent begins on February 15th and ends on Easter Sunday, March 31st 2024

Ad Board

Will meet on Thursday February 15 at 6pm. In the Church parlor. If you need anything add to the agenda please get to Lisa Wightman by February 5th.

Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As I sit here in the heart of Caro, Michigan, I can't help but reflect on the incredible impact that Caro United Methodist Church has had on me in the past seven months. This remarkable church is a beacon of hope, love, and inspiration for all who seek a sense of belonging and spiritual growth. I invite you to join me as we embark on a journey through the many facets of our planned community center, from its inclusive programs to its unwavering commitment to discipleship.

Building a Strong Foundation: Caro United Methodist Church has always placed great emphasis on nurturing a vibrant and engaged congregation and community. We believe that a thriving church community starts with fostering strong connections among its members. At Caro United Methodist Church, we encourage active participation and attendance in our services and events, creating an atmosphere that feels like home to all who enter.

Thinking Outside the Box: At Caro United Methodist Church, we believe in the power of innovation and embracing change. We understand that in order to meet the evolving needs of our church and community, we must continuously think outside the box. This mindset has led us to develop a number of new programs within our church complex with new and exciting ideas that cater to a diverse range of interests and age groups.

At Caro United Methodist Church, we firmly believe in the importance of giving back to our community. We are committed to cultivating a culture of generosity and stewardship, encouraging our members and friends to give of their time, talents, and resources. Through our various outreach programs, we strive to make a positive impact on the lives of those around us.

Disciples of Jesus Christ: At the core of Caro United Methodist Church's mission is our unwavering commitment to being disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek to follow His teachings and emulate His love and compassion in all that we do. The Caro United Methodist Church will serve as a space where individuals can deepen their relationship with God, grow in their faith, and find strength and support from fellow believers.

As I conclude this reflection on the Caro United Methodist Church, I am filled with a sense of gratitude and awe for the incredible impact within our community. This place, filled with love, inclusivity, and unwavering faith, has become a sanctuary for so many.

Through these innovative programs, emphasis on discipleship, and commitment to giving back, Caro United Methodist Church continues to inspire and uplift those who walk through its doors. It stands as a testament to the power of community and the transformative nature of faith.

Join us at Caro United Methodist Church and together, let's embark on a journey of love, growth, and service to others. Amen.

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Caro United Methodist Church

Special Music Sunday

A Warm Welcome

Join us for a joyful time of praise through music with

Ron Elrod



**CARO UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**670 W GUILFORD ROAD
CARO, MI 48723**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024
11 A.M.**

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing
praise to my God while I have my being.**

Psalm 104:33

Lent 2024



Pick-up your copy for you and your family of our Lentin Devotionals in the Narthex.

Devotions by Abigail Browka for each day of Lent. The Sanctuary for Lent 2024 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer or practice--all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Along with being a great congregational resource, it is an excellent gift for family, friends, and those your congregation connects with through outreach.

Join Pastor Bob every morning at 7 am starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14th through Easter Sunday, March 31st on our web site www.caro.org.

Fish Dinners are coming

Join Us for a Flavorful Lenten Tradition! Men's Group Friday Fish Fries

Indulge your taste buds in a delectable experience as the Men's Group proudly presents the Friday Fish Fries on March 1st, March 15th, and March 29th, 2024.

**Location: Caro United Methodist Church
March 1st, March 15th, and March 29th, 2024,
Time: 5:00 pm—7:00 pm**

What to Expect:

- Mouthwatering Fish Delicacies:** Dive into expertly prepared fish dishes, seasoned to perfection.
- Fellowship:** Enjoy the company of friends, family, and community members in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.
- Delicious Sides:** Savor the flavor with our delightful sides that complement the main course.
- Community Spirit:** Embrace the spirit of Lent with a community gathering focused on good food and great company.

Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



Quilters' Retreat March 22-24, 2024

IT'S A MYSTERY

A weekend full of sewing, worship, and fine fellowship sprinkled with a little mystery. That is what's in store for you as this year's Spring Quilter's Retreat takes a twist from the ordinary. There will be lots of time to work on personal projects throughout the weekend with Saturday being Mystery Sew Day! And what would a weekend of intrigue be without some mystery guests? Count on lots of other surprises throughout our time together too.

SATURDAY MYSTERY SEW

In for a little intrigue? Plan to take a break from your own UFO (Unfinished Object), and let the committee walk you through a mystery UFO (Unidentified Furnishable Object). Complete one large project *or* 1 to 2 smaller projects. Join us for a fun day unraveling the clues to create a ????????

Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries

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

Mission for February

Mission for the month of February

Native American month/Sunday started in 1988 to serve as a reminder to United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this helps to ensure that Native American UMC leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in the United Methodist Church.

The Native American Ministries offering bolsters the work of Native American ministries in annual conferences throughout the United States. These ministries exist in rural and urban settings, including reservations and other communities.

They allow the UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. A portion of the donations remain with the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. When giving we equip seminary students, who honor and celebrate Native culture in their ministries.

We empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love. The Mission committee hopes that you will join us in donating to this ministry.

"Dear Children...Let us really show love by our actions." 1 John 3:18

God's blessings to you always!

Karen Simpson/Missions

Valentine's For Veteran's



VALENTINE'S FOR VETERANS

Potato Lunch

Feb 11, 2024

after Church downstairs

We will be making Valentines

so bring your creative side

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday will be February 14th. Pastor Bob Demyanovich will be offering Ashes at numerous locations throughout Tuscola County. Later in the day we will be administering ashes from 6:00 - 7 pm . The start the Lent season.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Birthday & Anniversary



Feb 1 Jennifer Aleksink
Feb 3 Mandy Carpenter
Feb 4 Dick Fullmer
Feb 6 Katie Volmering
Feb 7 Cheryl Mattlin
Feb 13 Emersyn McComb
Feb 15 Michelle Tiseo, Evelyn Loney
Feb 17 Judy Mohr , Robin Noah
Feb 19 Nathan Aleksink
Feb 21 Laven LaFontaine
Feb 25 Marcia Leonard
Feb 28 Carol Striffler

*Happy
Anniversary*

Feb 3 Gary & Carol Corkins
Feb 13 Paul & Kathy Gwizdala
Feb 27 Kevin & Lisa Wightman

Calendar 2024

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1		3
4 Worship 11am	5	6	7 Hope Circle 7pm Church Parlor	8	9	10
11 Worship 11am Bake Potato Sale	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's day Ash Wednesday Service 6pm	15 Finance 5:30pm Ad Board 6pm	16	17
18 Noisy Bucket Worship 11:00am	19 President's day	20	21	22	23	24
25 Worship 11:00am	26	27	28	29 Leap Year		



ATTENDANCE

Worship

Attendance & Views Online

Jan 2024: 4,622

LET ALL
THAT
YOU DO
BE DONE
WITH
LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV



Sharing the Gifts from God

The Good Samaritan Fund of Tuscola County Churches

**Anchor Cove Outreach Church ~ Assembly of God ~ Caro St. Christopher Parish ~
Caro United Methodist ~ Colwood Church ~ Community of Christ ~ Caro First
Presbyterian ~ Deford Community Church, Kingston Community ~ Lighthouse Baptist
~ Living Waters Chapel ~ New Creation Community ~ Owendale UMC, ~ Shabbona
Community ~ St. Paul Lutheran, Sutton-Sunshine, ~ Wahjamega Country
~ Watrousville UMC**

Yearly Report for January 1- December – 31, 2023

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 \$24,547.90. serving 55 households (164 people).

From the food pantry: We dispersed 77,052 pounds of food serving 1,693 households, (5,762 people). In addition, to keep our pantry supplied with food, we spent \$35,064.71

Thanks once more for your generosity!

Summary of totals

Total number of households served 1,712

Total money dispersed \$59,612.61

Total number of people served 5,819

(Gasoline Cards - \$60.)

(Adults 3,135 Children 1,550 **

(Medical Supplies - \$Zero)

****Discontinued collecting age information in November 2023**

(Some may receive both - Bills Paid and Food) (Utilities .\$18,291.45)

**Groceries given out 77,052 pounds
\$987.05 Stamps \$63.**

(Other Items –Housing \$5,130.90 , Car Repair,

Bus tokens \$24. Other \$51.50)

(Food Pantry Supplies – (\$35,064.71))

Income & Expense Report

Total Deposits \$58,291.20

Reported by Carol Striffler

In our thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your Prayers and Thoughts

Richard Fullmer
Diana Bauer
William “ Pat” Miller
Rick Farris
Denise Kennedy
Richard Blakey
Marcia Leonard
Bill Bortel
Kendall Lupton
Rick Ellesin
Judy Mohr
Tom Bowman
Kevin Roller
Shirley Farris
Karen Simpson
Joan Stover



Our Member in Care Facility

Margaret Dicks , Viola Sugden, Tuscola Medical Care
Marcie Leonard— Frankenmuth, Denise Kennedy -Northwood Cass City
Dean Holdburg, Art Randall - Medi Lodge Cass City

Those Serving us spiritually

Pastor Bob Demyanovich, our ministry here in Caro and beyond, East Winds District Superintendent Rev. Margie Crawford, Bishop David A. Bard, and The United Methodist Area Conference and all churches.

In Service to Our Country

Anthony Dicks
Brent Robinson





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