



# March 2024



## Caro United Methodist Church Newsletter

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### Hope Circle

We will be meeting on Wednesday March 6 at 7pm in Church parlor.  
UWF Soup Supper March 11  
More information on page 8



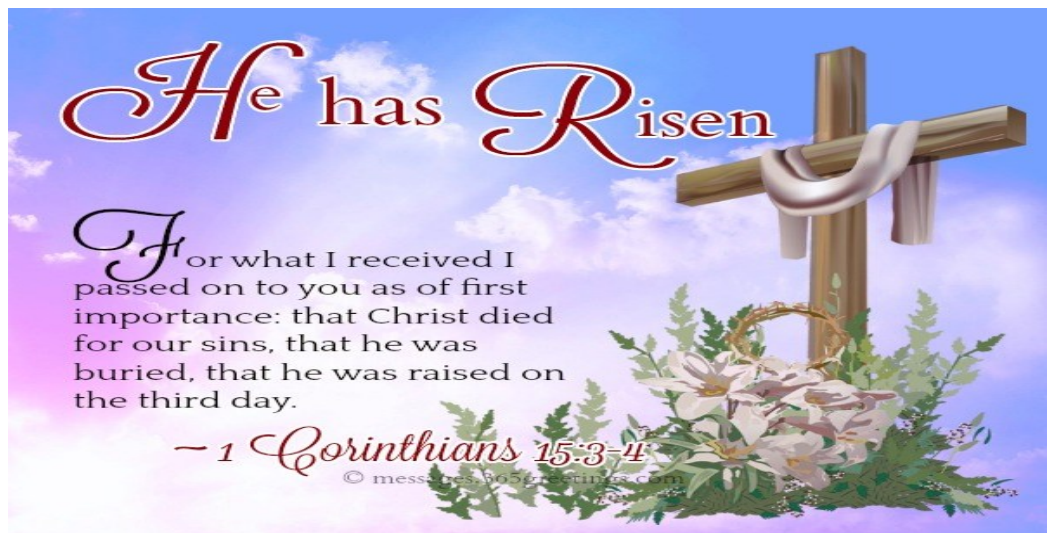
**God Knows Everything but...**Your church likes to support you, especially during possible turning points in your life. Since these often involve a stay in the hospital, please be sure to call, or have someone call the church (989) 673-2246 or the parsonage (989) 912-2187 to let us know about you.

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.*



### Ad Board

Will meet on March 13th @ 6 pm In the Church parlor. If you need anything added to the agenda please get to Lisa by March 5th.



# Message from our Pastor

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we begin March and the sixteen day of Lent in 2024, I wanted to take a moment to share with you some reflections and plans for our congregation at Caro United Methodist Church.

Lent, as you know, is a time of spiritual reflection, fasting, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. This year, our church community will have been focusing on theme of "renewal of faith," "deepening our discipleship," "journeying with Jesus". As we aim to create meaningful opportunities for personal and communal growth as we journey together through this season of repentance and renewal.

I encourage you to mark your calendars for our Holy week observance as we delve into the richness of this season. Your presence and participation will undoubtedly enrich our communal experience and deepen our connection with God and one another.

Furthermore, as we anticipate the joy of Easter, let us prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Our Sunrise and Easter Sunday service will be a time of jubilant worship, as we proclaim the victory of Christ over sin and death. I invite you to join us as we rejoice in the hope and promise of the resurrection.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual growth and transformation for each of us, as we journey together toward the cross and the empty tomb. Let us embrace this season with humility, prayer, and a renewed commitment to follow Christ faithfully.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our Lenten and Easter activities, please don't hesitate to reach out. May God's grace and blessings abound in your life during this holy season.

## **Increasing Visitors and Members.**

Our church has always been a welcoming and inclusive space, and I encourage you to invite friends, family, and neighbors to experience the warmth and fellowship that defines our community. Your personal invitations can be a powerful catalyst for growth. Let's open our doors wider and extend our arms in hospitality to those seeking a spiritual home.

Let's actively participate and encourage others to join us in these enriching experiences that strengthen our bonds and deepen our connection with one another during this holiest time of the year.

**Volunteer Opportunities.** Our church thrives on the selfless contributions of its members. As we move forward, let's actively seek opportunities to serve and support one another. Whether it's volunteering for community outreach programs, assisting with church events, or joining a ministry, there are numerous ways to contribute your time and talents. Together, we can make a positive impact both within our congregation and in the wider community.

Grace and Blessings during this Lenten and Easter from my family to yours,

*Pastor Bob*

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor

# *United Women in Faith*

## **Caro United Women in Faith**

Caro UWF invites women and youth of all ages to join in growing a spiritually , Serving others and supporting missions programs locally, nationally and around the world.

Hope Circle is a subgroup of the 14 women that meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm September through May. Meeting occur both in people's homes and at the Caro UMC. The meetings are informal with prayers, programs, supportive fellowship and light refreshments.

Spiritual growth opportunities are available through personal and group devotions, UWF Prayer calendar , The UWF Response magazine, The monthly programs, Missions U ( an educational study based on a book) and district/ state/ national. Retreats and conferences.

Developing interchurch fellowship opportunities are very important to us. Several meals were served following church services. At one cards were made for veterans . Also monetarily support is given for: camp scholarship; the Crisis center ; the Interfaith committee; love boxes for college students and Good Samaritan fund.

In additional to the Hope Circle, there are 13 supporting members (at –large) and 9 Gem ( formerly Active ).

We hope that you will join us soon!  
Contact Coni Bahr , 989-670-8582.

**The Hope Circle would like to say a special Thanks you**

To Maklenna and Brodee Shay , Jennifer Aleksink, Marion Binder , Coni Bahr, Mary Beth Garrett, and Virginian Shay . For helping get ready for the Potato Luncheon and cleaning up afterwards . Thank you to who attended the luncheon. We serverd 42 potatoes and delivered 5 dinners to our Shut in's. Thank you for making the 35 very nice Valentines for our veterans. The United Methodist Women in Faith appreciate your support with our projects that help us to raise money for our missions.

*Times and All Are Welcome*

**Caro United Methodist  
Church**

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**SUNDAY  
WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY 11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS NOON**

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**Good Samaritan Fund Food Pantry - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00 - Noon**

**Women  
In Faith  
(WIF)**

**FREE  
Indoor  
Food  
Pantry**

**HOPE  
CIRCLE**

**HOLY  
C.O.W.  
Church on  
Wednesday's**

**MENS  
GROUP**

***All Are Welcome Here!***

**Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor**

**(989) 673-2246**

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670 W. Gilford Road - Caro, MI 48723-1011**

**www.caroumc.org**

# March Fish Fry

## FRIDAY FISH FRY

CASS CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 8TH - MARCH 22ND, 2024

APRIL 5TH, 2024 4:00-7:00PM

5100 CEMETERY RD CASS CITY, MI

\$12.00 PER ADULT - KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE

(989) 225-2315      [WWW.CASSCITYUMC.ORG](http://WWW.CASSCITYUMC.ORG)

SPONSORED BY MEN'S GROUP

# Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



Christian Womens'  
*Crafters*  
RETREAT



**REGISTER**  
Spots fill quickly!

**MARCH 15 - 17**



**SPRING**  
*Quilters' Retreat*  
**MARCH 22-24**

## Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries

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

# *Mission Be an Easter Blessing!*

This holy Easter season we would like to provide twelve baskets full of food, for those most in need, in our area. Six baskets will be furnished from each Caro & Cass City UMC. The baskets will have around \$45-\$50 worth of food and supplies for a nice Easter Day dinner. They will be distributed to families in the Caro and Cass City area, from each of the UMC churches. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of a basket please make your check/donation out to Caro UMC/or Cass City UMC. You can also donate a portion of the \$50 as all giving is appreciated. Or, if you'd like to bring in canned/dry goods that would go along with the dinner, that's great too! A container for these donations will be in the narthex by the mission's board. We are asking for the donations by March 22nd, so that the shopping can take place and delivery to the families by March 29th. If you have any further questions please see Pastor Bob, Julie Czekai or Karen Simpson.

Karen has spoken to Kim, who is the director of Thumb Area Crisis Center, in Caro. They are in need of cold/flu supplies for those currently residing at the center. Adult/child Tylenol, tums, Kleenex, and ibuprofen could help the adults and children there. If you'd like to donate any of these items please drop them off at the Caro/Cass City UMC office or put in the bucket, in the narthex. Thanks for being a blessing to those in need this holy season.

“The multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.”  
Matthew 21:9

# *Soup Supper*

## **TAKE OUT SOUP SUPPER**

On Monday, March 11th the Hope Circle/Caro United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) are sponsoring a take –out soup supper. Chili, Chicken noodle and Potato soups are available and cookies are an extra bonus.

The cost is 16 oz./2 cookies \$6 and 32 oz./ 4 cookies \$10. Preordering is available by calling 989-670-8582 on or before March 5 th.

A limited supply may be available without preorder. Pick-up time is 4:30-6:30 pm and orders will be delivered to your car (lower lot).

All profits will go to United Women in Faith mission projects.





# *Holy Week*



## **Holy Week**

**March 24, Palm Sunday 11 am**

**March 28, Maundy Thursday  
7:00pm Caro UMC**

**March 29, Good Friday  
12 noon—Cass City UMC**

**March 31, Easter Sunday  
7am Sunrise Service Caro UMC  
11 am Worship  
12:30 Easter Egg Hunt**



# East Winds District

## EAST WINDS DISTRICT Lenten Mission Project

*Celebrating our First Responders*



**February 14th thru March 31st**

Lets find a way through this time of Lent to show our appreciation for the heroic jobs that they do day in and day out.

*(Firefighters, Paramedics, Law Enforcement (state & local), EMT's, 911 & Police Dispatchers, Air Med Flight Crews, Chaplains)*

### Ways you can do this:

- Honor Breakfast
- Honor Dinner
- Raise Funds
- Prayer Service
- Provide Lunches
- Gift Card Collection
- Care Packages
- Devotionals
- Bibles
- Send Thank You Cards

Mission Zone churches can work together.

Each church can do their own appreciation campaign.

Publicizing help from District Staff

For more info, contact Eva at [ejankowske@eastwindsumc.org](mailto:ejankowske@eastwindsumc.org)

# Volunteers Needed



This September we will be Celebrating 50 years of the church being built. We are looking for Volunteers to help put the Celebration. If you would like to help with the celebration there is a sign up sheets in the Narthex .

We will be sending Easter Love boxes.  
To our Military and College students.



There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex to sign up for items.

The deadline for items is March 18th. We are also needing people to help pack the boxes  
March 20th

Some items needed are Homemade cookies , granola bars, pop tarts,  
If you have any questions please see Ron Laeder 989-551-4619.

# Win Some Women



## Win Some Women

Spring Retreat 2024

ONE RETREAT: MAY 8 & 9, 2024

GREAT LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
BAY HARBOR, MICHIGAN 49770

### Speaker Susie Larson

Popular radio host and author of over 20 books, Susie Larson will share hope-filled truths and powerful insights that are faith-building and inspiring.  
[susielarson.com](http://susielarson.com)



### Speaker Karen Ehman

Proverbs 31 speaker and best-selling author, Karen Ehman helps women live their priorities and love their lives as they serve God and others.  
[karenehman.com](http://karenehman.com)



### Worship with Tasha Layton

Worship with singer, songwriter, and author, Tasha Layton as she encourages and ministers with her heart and her songs.  
[tashalayton.com](http://tashalayton.com)



THEME: Come To Me

*"Come to me all you who are weary  
and burdened and I will give you rest."*  
Matthew 11:28 (NIV)



# *Fish Fry Dinner*

## **Fish Fry Dinner**

**Cass City United Methodist Church**



**Adults \$12.00**

**Kids 12-Unders Free**

**Dinner Dates:**

**March 8, 12 and April 5**

**Time: 4pm-7pm**

**Dinners Includes:**

**All you can eat Fish**

**French Fries ,Cole Slaw, Bake Beans**

**Desserts Beverage**

**Dine In or Take out Call 989-225-2315**

**5100 Cemetery**

**Cass City MI 48726**

# *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, David Straub

March 22 Shirley Elferink, Abby Babini

March 24 Kayla Hernandez

March 26 Carol Weisenreder, Margaret Emery

March 28 Carol Beecher, Ashlye Shay

March 31 Sharon Thorp



# March Calendar 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 11am	4	5	6 Hope Circle 7pm Church Parlor	7	8 Fish Dinner Cass City	9
10 Worship 11am Soup Supper	11	12	13 Ad board meeting 6pm	14	15	16
17 Noisy Bucket Worship 11:00am	18	19	20	21	22 Fish Dinner Cass City	23
24 Palm Sunday Worship 11:00am	25	26	27	28 Maundy Day Thurs- day service 7pm Caro	29 Good Friday 12pm Cass City	30
31 Easter Worship 11:00am Egg hunt 12:30pm						



## ATTENDANCE

Worship  
Attendance & Views Online

Jan 2024: 4,622  
February: 7,001



*Wishing you a very  
Happy Easter with  
hope that you will  
have many blessings  
in the year to come.*

# Sharing the Gifts from God



## March 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024 March Against Hunger

The Good Samaritan Food Pantry will once again be seeking donations from March 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> to fund our food pantry. This is the first of two fundraising campaigns of the year. The second is the ornament sale that happens in November and December.

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan offers a 10% match for all monies collected in these two months. We purchase the bulk of our food for the pantry from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, so this fundraiser is very helpful. Thank You for your continued support of this ministry.

Sincerely,

All the food pantry volunteers



We are looking to start a Men's Group. We would like to have 8 or more members. If you would like to join the group there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions please see Pastor Bob Demyanovich .



# *In our thoughts and Prayers*

## **Please keep in your Prayers and Thoughts**

Richard Fulmer  
Diana Bauer  
William “ Pat” Miller  
Rick Farris  
Denise Kennedy  
Richard Blakey  
Marcia Leonard  
Bill Bortel  
Kendall Lupton  
Rick Ellison  
Judy Mohr  
Tom Bowman  
Kevin Roller  
Shirley Farris  
Shirley Schroeder



## **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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