



January 2024



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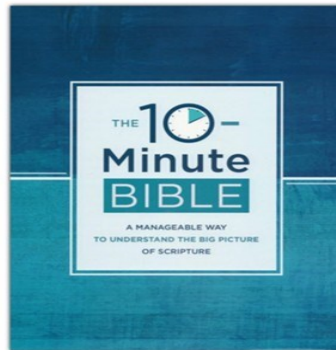


Hope Circle

We will be meeting on Wednesday Jan 3rd at 7pm in Church parlor. Sheri Rundel will be the host and Marion Binder will be doing the 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.*



Bible Study

We will be starting the Bible study on January 17th at 12pm. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please bring a King James bible.

We will need at least 8-10 to sign-up for this study that will take place in the chapel on Wednesday's.



Ad Board

Will meet on Wednesday Jan 10th at 7pm. In the Church parlor. If you need anything add to the agenda please get to Lisa by January 5th.

Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we stand at the threshold of a brand new year, filled with hope and promise, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared together as a church community.

The past six months has been a testament to our strength, resilience, and unwavering faith in the face of challenges. As we welcome 2024, let us continue to build on the foundation of love, fellowship, and purpose that defines us.

In the spirit of the New Year, I want to extend a warm invitation to each and every one of you to join us in making 2024 a year of renewed commitment to our shared mission. Let us embrace the opportunity to grow not only in numbers but also in spirit, kindness, and service to one another in making new disciples of Jesus Christ.

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.

Exciting Activities and Events. In the coming year, we are planning an array of exciting activities and events that cater to all age groups and interests. From engaging Bible studies and community service initiatives to fun family events, there will be something for everyone.

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.

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.

Prayer for the New Year. Let us join our hearts in prayer, seeking God's guidance and blessings as we embark on this new chapter. May He grant us wisdom, strength, and grace to fulfill our mission and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us.

In closing, let us approach 2024 with a spirit of expectancy, knowing that God has wonderful plans in store for our church community. May this year be marked by unprecedented growth, deeper connections, and a profound sense of purpose.

Grace, Blessings & Happy New Year from my family to yours,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Caro United Methodist Church

Christmas Baskets

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS 2023 Caro and Cass City United Methodist Church

A blessed Christmas and holiday season to all of you! It certainly will be for the seventeen families that were in need. The outpouring of donations for food and gifts for the children was amazing. The mittens/hat tree was a big success and will provide the needed warmth this winter, for the young ones. A Big thank you to all for helping make this Christmas a very special one.

The gifts and Christmas Dinners were all placed in festive holiday bags was delivered on Friday, December 22nd by Pastor Bob. The boxes were filled to the top with food that will provide for several days worth of meals. A Christmas card was included letting the families know that they are thought of and cared for. May they all be lifted in prayer that the holidays be brighter for them with better times ahead in the future.

Thank you for being a blessing to others and that you have a wonderful and safe holiday season. God's peace and grace be with you always!

"He's the one who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:4



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 ????????

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Hilltop Christmas Brunch

HILLTOP BRUNCH AND GIFTS

We left today surrounded by people with big smiles on their faces and in their hearts! The reason was due to another successful year of serving our friends from Hilltop.

They enjoyed a delicious brunch of egg casseroles (thank you Al B.), doughnuts, juice and other beverages. Of course some candy treats to top it off.

Pastor Bob lead us in prayer and gave communion to all who attended. We sang several Christmas carols with Brian and Karmen W. leading the way. Then the Hilltop folks were given Christmas presents (thank you Coni B/ Karmen W. for shopping) from the CUMC.

It goes without saying that everyone left with a full tummy, gifts they enjoyed/ needed, and a feeling of being cared for and loved. A big thank you to all who helped out, shopped, gave donations, made cookies, and provided free items for them. What a wonderful way to start the holiday season and celebrate the birth of Christ.

“I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these...” John 14:12



LOVE *God*
LOVE *People*
SHARE *Jesus*

Our Children's Pageant

As we gathered together to celebrate this special Christmas Children's pageant our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for the greatest gift ever given to humanity – the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Christmas pageant we witnessed was not just a performance; it is a heartfelt expression of our love and devotion to the One who came to redeem us all. In the humble manger of Bethlehem, over two thousand years ago, a miracle took place that changed the course of history.

The birth of Jesus, the Son of God, brought hope, peace, and everlasting joy to the world. Today, as we come together in this pageant, let us reflect on the significance of this momentous occasion and rejoice in the love that God has lavished upon us.

Through the dedication and hard work of our talented children, we were transported back in time to witness the angelic proclamation, the journey of Mary and Joseph, and the adoration of the shepherds and wise men. As we watch this beautiful depiction unfold before our eyes, may it serve as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas – a celebration of love, grace, and the precious gift of salvation.

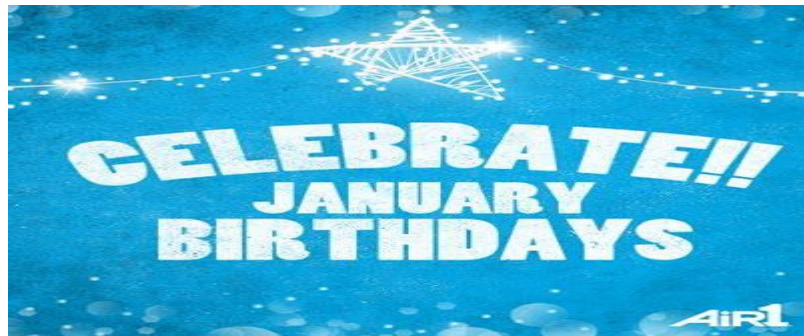
Thank you Ronda Timmins and the children and countless volunteers who helped us all enjoy this special performance.



Our Children's Pageant



Birthday & Anniversary



Jan 3 Shelly Nesbitt , Thomas Davis

Jan 5 Arlo Ruggles

Jan 8 Shirley Farris, Ben Aleksink, Brian McComb

Jan 11 Sam Earl, Marilyn Orlowski, Decota Venney

Jan 15 Jeff Montei

Jan 19 Virginia Shay

Jan 21 Mark Kish

Jan 22 Willard Beecher , John Vennevey

Jan 24 Rachel Dicks , Joanne
Dicks

Jan 26 Myra Russell



Jan 6 Stuart & Sue Roller

Jan 16 Matt & Collen Russell

Jan 29 Mike & Cheryl Mattlin

Calendar 2024



January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Hope Circle Church Parlor— Sheri Runderl 7pm	4	5	6
7 Worship 11am	8	9	10 Bible Study 12pm Ad board 7pm	11	12	13
14 Worship 11am	15	16	17 Bible Study 12pm	18	19	20
21 Noisy Bucket Worship 11:00am	22	23	24 Bible study 12pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 11:00am	29	30	31 Bible Study 12pm			



ATTENDANCE

Worship
Attendance & Views Online

July 2023: 480
 August: 763
 September: 1,012
 October: 1,278
 November: 1,845
 December: 2,865

Begin
the
Year
with



Sharing the Gifts from God

Mission of the Month- UMCOR for Ukraine and Israel.

Our Noisy Bucket Sunday (Third Sunday of each month) during the month of January, for UMCOR/United Methodist Committee on Relief.

This is one of five Special Sundays that UMC supports during the year. These Sundays help to deepen the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale. The money collected goes directly to these organizations as they work to help God's people. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response in the United States and internationally.

Their efforts are targeted in places where natural disasters, war, or conflict have done so much damage that communities are unable to recover on their own. In addition, UMCOR helps communities in the United States and abroad prepare for emergencies and to reduce the risk of disasters through a roster of training programs.

They also are involved in global development work. Specific programs address issues of health, sanitation, poverty, sustainable agriculture, nutrition and food security. UMCOR seeks to empower local hospitals, schools, churches and other stakeholders by enhancing their capacity to address these issues.

We would like to designate the funds collected to the countries of Ukraine and Israel. Both are facing the winter months with limited food, shelter and clothing, as a war is raging around them.

Our gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to these areas and be a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable. They help victims to find adequate housing, supplies, relocate and seek medical help. UMCOR is often the first on the ground to help and the last to leave an area in need.

Please consider giving to UMCOR this month and helping out those who are most in need. If you would like to learn more about UMCOR please go to www.gbmgumc.org/umcor.

**I was hungry and you gave me food to eat I was thirsty and you gave me a drink.
I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35**

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 Ellison
Judy Mohr
Tom Bowman
Kevin Roller
Shirley Farris



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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