



December 2023

Caro United Methodist Church

HANGING OF THE GREENS

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Sunday December 3rd after worship service, we will be having a potluck and then we will be decorating (Hanging of the Greens). Please Join us if you can as the Advent Season Begins.



Children's Christmas Program

Children Christmas Program

Our Program will be on December 10th during worship service. We are looking for volunteers to help if you can help please contact Ronda Timmins or the Pastor.



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.*



The Ad board Meeting

The Ad Board meeting on December 13th at 7 pm



Our Christmas Eve Service will be December 24th. We will be having regular worship service at 11 am. And our Candlelight service will be at 7 pm. Our Joint Choir, Caro & Cass City UMC's will be performing at both services.

Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits as we approach the joyous season of Advent and Christmas. As we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

Christmas is a time of reflection and gratitude, a moment to appreciate the blessings we have received and the love that surrounds us. In the midst of the festive decorations, the exchange of gifts, and the delicious feasts, **let us not forget the true reason for the season – the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

The story of Christmas is a powerful reminder of God's love for us. In sending His only Son into the world, God showed us the ultimate example of selfless love and grace. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem heralds a message of hope, peace, and salvation for all humanity.

As we gather each Sunday, let us not only revel in the joy of the season but also reflect on the significance of Christ's birth. May our hearts be filled with the love and compassion that Jesus exemplified throughout His life, inspiring us to extend kindness and generosity to those around us.

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^w In the spirit of Christmas, let us be mindful of those who may be facing challenges or loneliness, being lost, forgotten or hungry. May we reach out to them with open hearts, offering comfort and companionship, just as Jesus taught us to love our neighbors.

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^j During this season of miracles, I pray that your home be filled with the warmth of love, the light of joy, and the peace that surpasses all understanding. May the message of Christmas and the birth of Jesus resonate in your heart, bringing hope and renewal for the coming year.

^p As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us carry His love and teachings into the new year, spreading goodwill and making a positive impact on the lives of those around us.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and Merry Christmas, filled with the love and grace of our Lord.

Please don't forget our Christmas Toy and Basket's for those in need.

Be blessed, stay safe and if you can, "Come Back to Church". And bring a friend, neighbor or family member.

Grace, Blessings & Merry Christmas from my family to yours,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Caro United Methodist Church

Tom Thumb Concert

Come and Sing of Christmas

Tom Thumb Singers Christmas Concert 2023



Under the direction of Dr. Philip Burkett
Accompanist Darlene Burkett

Joined by
Thumb Ringers Handbell Choir
and Instrumentalists from the area

Saturday, December 9 – 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 10 – 3:00 pm



Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 Cemetery Road
Cass City, MI



Admission - Freewill Offering

Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries

Love Came Down

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. James 1:17



A Family Friendly Event!
Come Join Us for this Great Event! FREE to all - we are excited to celebrate the birth of our savior with you, Bay Shore Style! This is a family-friendly event for the whole family, so bring everyone! We would love to see you and celebrate the REAL reason for the season, Jesus Christ, and His birth!

Experience the **LIVING NATIVITY**
on **DECEMBER 2nd | 5:00 pm - 7:30pm**
festivities begin at **5:00 pm**

SAVE THE DATE!
We hope to see you there!

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Upcoming December Events

Cass City & Caro United Methodist Church

Christmas

EVENTS Calendar



Ladies Christmas dinner
starting at 5:30pm.
please contact
Judy Wallace at
810-705-2592 for
Tickets.



Christmas Concert
The Tom Thumb
Singers and The Tom
Thumb Ringers
Sat - 12-09 at 7:00 pm
Sun - 12-10 at 3:00 pm



Christmas Eve
Morning Worship

Cass City 9:30 am

Caro UMC 11:00 am



Christmas Eve
Worship

Cass City 5:00 pm

Caro UMC 7:00 pm

Cass City United Methodist
5100 Cemetery Road
Cass City, Michigan

www.Casscityumc.org

Caro United Methodist
670 W Gilford Road
Caro, Michigan

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Hilltop Christmas Party

Dear Friends of the Caro United Methodist Church,

The mission committee would like to honor our friends from the Hilltop again this year. In the past we have provided a brunch for them and gave each one a Christmas gift of their liking. This will be taking place on December 16th at 11:00, in the fellowship hall. We also set up a table with free calendars, a small package of Christmas cards, pens, stamps and small toiletries.

You are welcomed to come and join us, but please let the office know by December 12th. We need to know how much food to make and tables to set up. If you have any free calendars or items you'd like to donate, please leave them in the church office.

Thank you for welcoming our Hilltop friends as part of the worship family at CUMC. May they have a pleasant holiday season and know they are cared for by God and us.

If you have any questions please ask Pastor Bob or Karen Simpson.



Christmas Baskets

To Caro & Cass City United Methodist Churches,

We pray that you had a blessed Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends. Sixteen area families certainly did because of you!! The generous donations made to Caro and Cass City UMC provided for a feast that would last for several days. How great it is to know the families enjoyed a good meal and realized that someone cared about them.

We would like to thank all those who donated money or canned goods, thank you. The children did a wonderful job decorating all the food boxes. Julie Czekai, Deb Robinson and Karen Simpson. packed the boxes to be delivered on November 22nd. Pastor Bob did the shopping and delivered all the boxes and turkeys to each family. It certainly takes a village and Caro and Cass City came through with blessings galore!



The list of those families in need was provided by the Tuscola Homeless Coalition. Pastor Bob is on the board and works closely with them, to help those in need. We had such a wonderful response to this program that we would like to do this again for Christmas. So, please consider giving toward the Christmas baskets in December. A donation can be placed in the weekly offering, and labeled Christmas Baskets. The tentative date for delivery is December 22nd.



The women's group and missions are looking at putting up a Christmas giving tree and have people bring in hats, mittens and scarves for children and teenagers. The tree would be in the narthex and up throughout December. In addition we would like to put up a paper mitten tree with boy/girl and their age on it. Many of the children who received a Thanksgiving basket and in our area, probably won't be receiving much for Christmas this year. This would provide a nice warm hat/mittens and small \$10 gift for them. If you have any questions please ask Pastor Bob, Karen Simpson, or Julie Czekai.

May you all have a blessed holiday season and thanks for being such a wonderful blessing to others!!! God's peace and grace be with you always,

Karen Simpson
Missions Chairperson
Caro & Cass City United Methodist Churches



Birthday & Anniversary



Dec 1 Donna Pouliot, Dick McCreedy

Dec 3 Tammie Timmins

Dec 4 Gary Rolka

Dec 8 Emma Kish

Dec 9 Bev Rinker

Dec 13 Mia Kirk

Dec 19 Richard Blakely

Dec 23 Carol Corkins, Corinn Torma



Dec 9 Pat & Linda Miller



Calendar December 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1	2
3 Worship 11am Potluck After Church HANGING OF THE GREENS	4	5	6 Hope Circle 6pm Lisa Wightman House	7	8	9	
10 Children's Program Noisy Bucket Worship 11am	11	12	13 Choir Practice 6pm Caro Ad Board Meeting 7pm	14	15	16 Hill Top Party 11-2pm	
17 Worship 11:00am	18	19	20 Choir Practice 6pm C.C	21	22	23	
24 Worship 11:00am Christmas Eve service 7pm 31 Worship 11:am	 Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30	



Sharing the Gifts from God

Good Samaritan Fundraising:

Thank You to everyone who supported the Good Samaritan Food Pantry through the Spartan Nash checkout fundraiser at VG's the end of October through the beginning of **November** and **\$1,665.00** was raised.

Our final fundraiser of the year is held in November through December with paper ornaments being sold for \$1 and up.

We are purchasing and distributing between 5,000 - 8,000 pounds of food each month to families living in Tuscola County.

Thank you for your continued support.

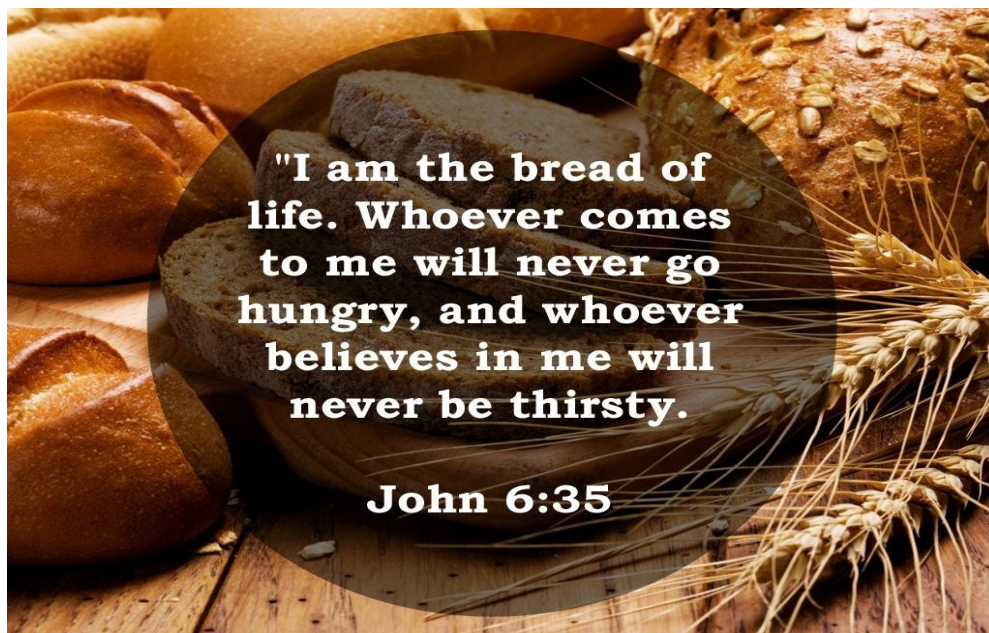
Good Samaritan Fund



ATTENDANCE

Worship Attendance & Views Online

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



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
Bob Roller
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
Joann Tomlinson - Heritage Hill

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 is serving in the Navy basic training.
He would love to receive letters, cards from us.

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Brent Robinson





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