

# February 2025

*Happy  
Valentine's Day*

## Caro United Methodist Church

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UWF/Hope Circle are selling Subs for the Super Bowl LIX. There are order forms in Narthex. The Order forms need to be turned in By Feb 2nd.



### Our Ad Board

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

#### 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.*

### Join us on Friday at 6pm for our Valentine's Day Party in Fellowship Hall.

This fundraiser for the church is also a cookie & cake walk benefiting the Pastor's Discretionary Fund that helps those within our church and local community that are in need. Ice cream and cards by our children. Come and be a part of this fun filled evening.



# *Message from our Pastor*

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February is a month of reflection, love, and preparation. As we move through this season, we are reminded of the many significant events that shape our faith and our hearts.

We acknowledge **Black History Month**, a time to honor and celebrate the achievements and contributions of African Americans in our nation's history. As followers of Christ, we are called to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8). May this be a time of learning, growth, and unity in Christ's love.

February 14th brings us Valentine's Day, a day often associated with love and affection. As Christians, we are reminded of God's greatest love: "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). This season is an opportunity to extend love not only to our family and friends but to all those in need of compassion, kindness, and grace. Love is at the core of our faith, and as we reflect on this, may we find ways to share God's love with others in meaningful ways.

As we near the end of February, we look ahead to the beginning of Lent in March. This sacred season invites us into a deeper journey of repentance, prayer, and renewal. "Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love" (Joel 2:13). Let us use this time to prepare our hearts for the journey toward Easter, drawing closer to Christ through acts of faith, prayer, and service.

## **Let us pray:**

Heavenly Father, We thank You for this new month, filled with opportunities to love and serve You. As we celebrate the richness of history, the joy of love, and the call to spiritual preparation, may we remain steadfast in our faith. Guide us in the ways of justice and mercy, fill our hearts with Your unfailing love, and prepare our spirits for the Lenten journey ahead. We place our trust in You, O Lord, and seek to walk in Your ways each day.

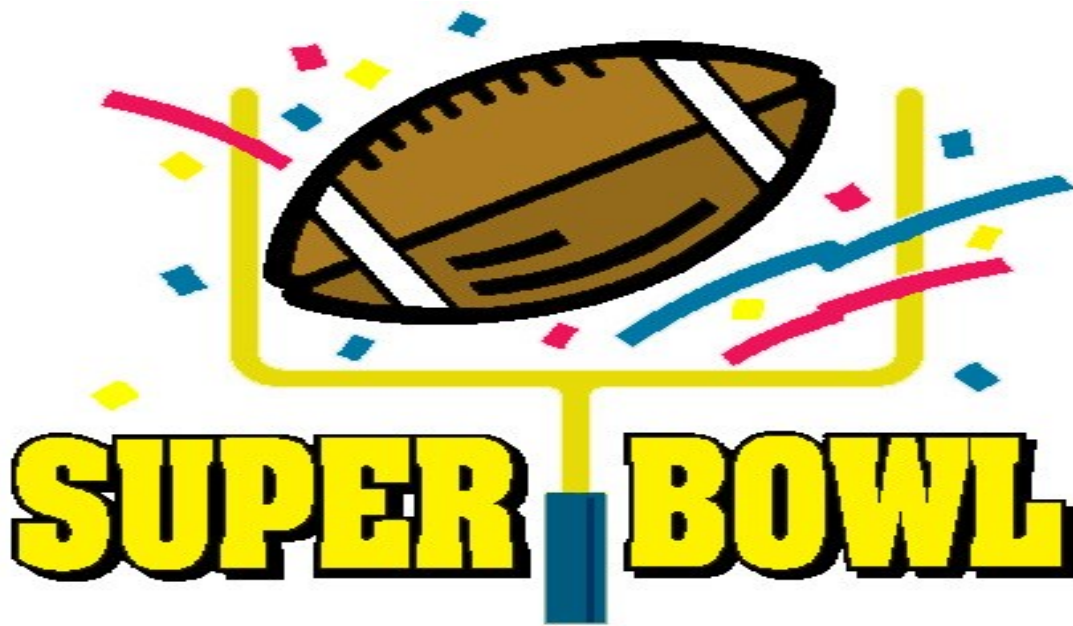
In Jesus' name, Amen.

With blessings and gratitude,

***Pastor Bob***

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor  
Caro United Methodist Church

# WWF Sub Order



**Sub Sandwiches      \$7.00**

**You Can Order your Subs with Ham, Turkey, American Cheese, Lettuce. Gluten Free bread is also Available. Order forms are in the Narthex. Forms need to be turned in by Feb 2. Or you can Call Jennifer at 989-670-3648. Subs can be picked up On Sunday Feb 9th.**



# *Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries*



## **Game Lobby**

**Bay Shore Camp's Gaming Retreat! Video games and consoles will be provided. Bring your own board or card games. This event is for young adults 18 and over.**

**\$99/ for the weekend**

**\$20 off for first-time guests**

## **Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries**

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](http://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 31th each year.**

<https://www.caroumc.org/about-3>



# *Missions*

## **UMCOR Mission of the Month**

UMCOR had already been designated as the monthly mission for February. It certainly is needed in light of the LA area fires. We all have watched and seen on the news the terrible devastation and loss to that area. True to UMCOR's mission they were there to help from day one. United Methodists in southern California are opening their doors and doing what they can to help people displaced by the Los Angeles wildfires.

At the same time, many United Methodists are grieving the loss of their homes and at least two churches' buildings. At this point, people outside the affected areas are encouraged to pray and give money to what will be a very long recovery process.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life, and I've been through two earthquakes and other fires," said the Rev. Garth Gilliam, superintendent of CA-Pacific Conference's North District. "I've never seen the vast scope of blocks and blocks of homes just gone!" Our donations this month will go to UMCOR's disaster relief funds.

These funds are used to provide food, water, shelter, volunteer management and other basic needs. UMCOR works with partners like churches and other organizations to identify needs and provide assistance. They also provide grants to help with long-term recovery efforts. These grants can help with construction management and more. We hope you will join us in helping those affected by these wildfires.

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; don't be discouraged, for the Lord our God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9**

**Missions Committee**

# *Hope Circle*

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

The program will be Pledge presented by Virginia Shay.

Hostess will be Jennifer Aleksink.

Devotions given by Mary Beth Garrett.

Word is Fire.



# *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 (depending on weather)

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.

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**Resurrection United Methodist Church**

801 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48602

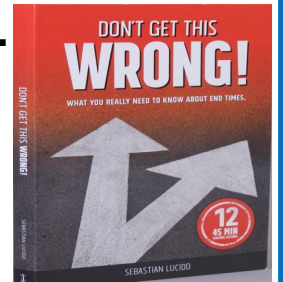
Phone: (248) 636-5679

Web site: [www.Resurrectionumc.church](http://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.



**Faith Café—will be open by March 3rd from 10-1pm 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.

**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 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



Feb 1 Jennifer Aleksink

Feb 3 Mandy Carpenter

Feb 4 Doris Pusz

Feb 6 Katie Volmering

Feb 7 Cheryl Mattlin

Feb 13 Emersyn McComb

Feb 15 Michelle Tiseo

Evelyn Loney

Feb 16 Julie M. Czekai

Feb 17 Judy Mohr

Robin Noah

Feb 19 Laven LaFontaine

Feb 25 Marcia Leonard

Feb 28 Carol Stiffler



Feb 3 Gary & Carol Corkins

Feb 13 Paul & Kathy (Karovich) Gwizdala

Feb 27 Kevin & Lisa Wightman

# Calendar 2024

<div>   <b>February 2025</b>   </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Worship 11:00am Communion	3	4	5	6 Bible study 1-2pm	7	8 Super bowl Sub Sale
9 Worship 11:00am	10	11	12 Hope Circle 7pm	13 Bible study 1-2pm	14  Valentine's Day	15
16 Worship 11:00am Noisy Bucket-	17  PRESIDENT'S DAY	18 Ad Board meeting 6pm	19	20 Bible Study 1-2pm	21	22
23 Worship 11:00 am	24	25	26	27 Bible study 1-2pm	28	

**Monthly giving needed for approved 2024 Budget \$14,525.00**

## Actual giving

January	\$14,867.00
February	\$11,037.00
March	\$12,739.00
April	\$ 9,237.00
May	\$11,830.00
June	\$12,577.00
July	\$ 8,333.76
August	\$ 9,653.29
September	\$14,001.72
October	\$10,161.02
November	\$15,580.60
December	\$13,312.24

## Over

1055.60

## Short

342.00
3488.00
1786.00
5288.00
2695.00
948.00
6191.24
4871.71
523.28
4363.98
1212.76

# *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, Fairgrove  
Global Methodist, Kingston Church, ~ Lighthouse Baptist ~ Living Waters Chapel ~ New Creation Community  
~ Owendale UMC, ~ Shabbona United Methodist ~ St. Paul Lutheran, Sutton-Sunshine Country Church, ~  
Wahjamega Country ~ Watrousville UMC

Monthly Report for  
Nov, 2024

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 \$374.00 serving 1 household (3 people)  
From the food pantry: We dispersed 10,100 pounds of food serving 222 households,  
(780 people). In addition, to keep our pantry supplied with food, we spent \$8,788.10

Thanks once more for your generosity!

Summary of totals

Total number of households served 222 Total money dispersed \$374.00

Total number of people served 780 (Gasoline Cards - \$0)

(Medical Supplies - \$0) (Housing 374.00)

(Some may receive both - Bills Paid and Food) (Utilities \$276.13)

Groceries given out 10,100 pounds (Other Items \$ 100.53 checks)

Phone - \$39.99 (Food Pantry Supplies – Gas cards-\$135.00

Income & Expense Report

Total Deposits \$3,640.20

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  
Bev Rinker  
Rick Ellison  
Judy Mohr  
Tom Bowman  
Kevin Roller  
Shirley Farris  
Ellie Kish  
Michael Reed



## **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.

## **In Service to Our Country**

**Brent Robinson**

**Anthony Dicks**  
2650 Ohio Street  
Unit 10378  
Silverdale WA 98315



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