



May 2024



Happy Mother's Day!

Caro United Methodist Church

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Hope Circle
 We will be meeting on
 Wednesday May 1 at 6pm at



Our Ad Board

Will meet on May 8th 6pm. In the Church parlor. If you need anything add to the agenda please get to Lisa Wightman by May 3rd.



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.*



Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we embrace the blossoming of spring and the gentle warmth of May, I am filled with anticipation for the rich spiritual significance that this month holds for us. With May just around the corner, I am writing to share some important dates and reflections that we will be celebrating together as a church family.

First and foremost, as we prepare to honor the remarkable women in our lives, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to join us for our Mother's Day service on May 12th at 9:30 am. Let us come together to express our gratitude and admiration for the mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures who have nurtured and shaped us with their love, wisdom, and strength.

Following this celebration of maternal love, we will soon be commemorating the wondrous event of Pentecost on May 19th. Pentecost marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, empowering them to spread the message of God's love to the ends of the earth. As we gather in worship, let us open our hearts to receive the same Spirit, igniting within us a renewed passion for serving the Lord and sharing His love with others.

As the month draws to a close, we will observe Memorial Day on May 26th. This solemn occasion provides us with an opportunity to honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Let us come together in prayerful remembrance, expressing our gratitude for their selflessness and reflecting on the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifice.

Finally, our Michigan Annual Conference will soon begin starting on, Thursday, May 30 - Saturday, June 1 • Clergy Session Wednesday, May 29th.

In the midst of these special observances, let us also remember the bonds of fellowship and community that unite us as a congregation. May our gatherings be filled with joy, reverence, and a deep sense of gratitude for the blessings that surround us.

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4 (NRSV).

I look forward to worshipping with you all in the coming weeks as we journey together in faith and fellowship.

Blessings,

In Christ's love,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Caro United Methodist Church

Mother's Day

History Of Mother's Day.

The majority of countries that celebrate Mother's Day, do so on the second Sunday of May. On this day it is common for mothers to be celebrated with presents and special attention from their families friends and loved ones. But it wasn't always that way.

The traditional practice of honoring motherhood is rooted in history, Ancient rites had strong symbolic and spiritual overtones, as societies tended to celebrate the Goddess and symbols of motherhood rather than actual mothers. From the 6th century B.C the ancient Greeks celebrated Rhea, as the Magna Mater: the Great Mother of everything including the Gods. She was the wife of Cronus (Saturn) and the mother of Hestia, Hera, Demeter, Poseidon, Hades and Zeus, her mother was Gaia (Earth) with whom she was often identified. In 205 B.C her religion was introduced into Rome, where she was celebrated as Cybele during the festival of Hilaria. Mother's Day started out as a day to honor Rhea.

The tradition was then brought to England where it is celebrated in March which was the festival of Hilaria to honor Cybele. No one quite knows when the day became to celebrate all mothers rather than the diety.

In the USA the first Mother's day was brought about by a woman called Ann Jarvis, who was a suffragette, She wanted a day when all women were celebrated. Having seen Mothering Sunday in Europe, she fought and protested for the day for a long time and it was finally granted as a public holiday by then president Woodrow Wilson in 1908, Setting aside the second Sunday of May to be a special day to celebrate Mothers.

Ann Jarvis became disgusted at the commercial way Mother's Day became and said she regretted fighting for the day. Ann started to Suing places advertising Mother's Day such as florists and chocolatiers. In the 1930s she was arrested for trying to prevent the sale of flowers at a Mother's Day event and disturbing the peace. In 1938 Ann Jarvis tried to Copyright Mother's Day so she had full control over it, in her attempt she failed.

Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



We've lost track of how many thousands of pounds of catfish have been caught over the years, but there are MANY more to be caught! So, bring your minor child – son or daughter, grab your rod and reel, cast out and see what your team can bring in!



Memorial Day Weekend is the unofficial start to summer and with that we, at Bay Shore Camp, believe that it should be a weekend for building a firm foundation in Christ with our family members

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>

Mission for May

May's Bucket Offering

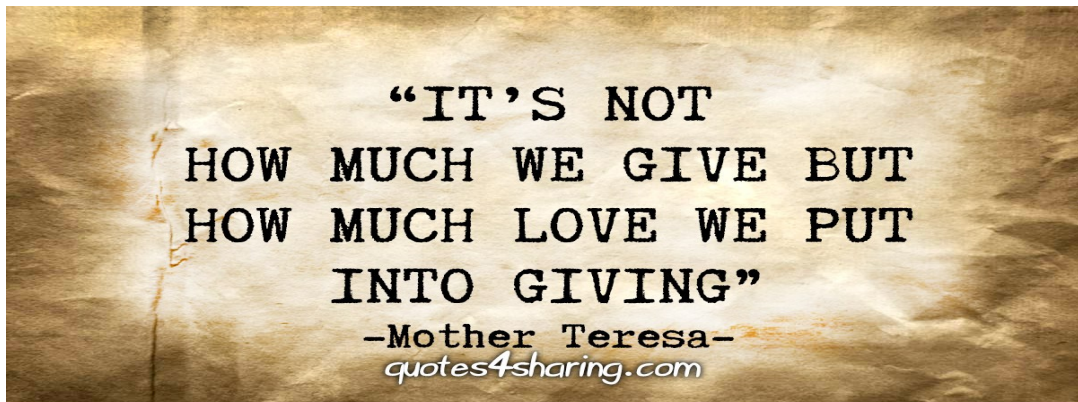
The mission committee will be collecting donations for camp funding during the month of May.

Bay Shore information is available in the narthex and on the Mission bulletin board at church. The office will have additional information concerning camp scholarships and who can be contacted regarding the upcoming schedules.

Bay Shore's mission has been to provide an invitation for all people to experience Jesus Christ and to nurture them in their relationship with Him.

We hope that you will continue to lend your support for our local campers. We help play an important role in sharing the Gospel, with people of all ages, who will attend events at Bay Shore.

Thanks again for your support and God's blessings to you always.



"Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you."
Luke 6:38

Mission Committee

Memorial Garden

Our Memorial Garden

What is a Memorial Garden? It's a beautiful and peaceful place to honor and remember loved ones who have been cremated. If you haven't ventured in to the Garden lately you should. The daffodils are up and soon spring planting will take place.

We are looking for volunteer to continue making the Garden a lovely and tranquil place to enjoy and remember our church family. If you have an interest in helping to make our Garden glorious, Please contact Helena Montei, Chairperson of the Garden.

A big" Thank You" goes to Mary Beth Jarvis for all her years of faithfully chairing this most important project of our Church



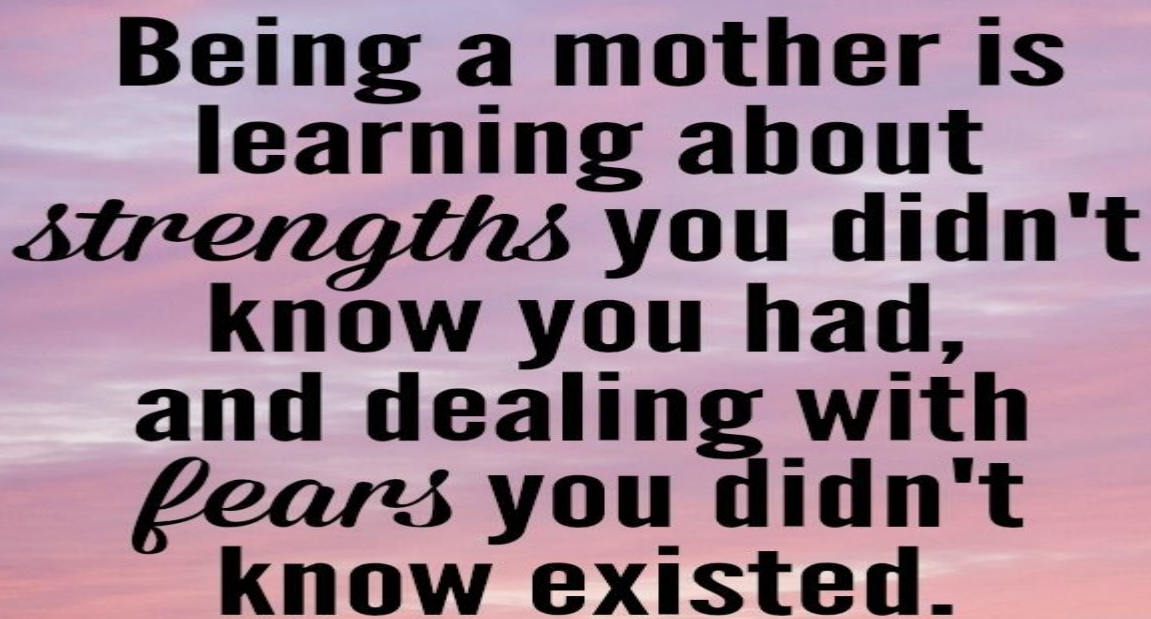
United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith will be hosting a Trunk sale on Saturday June 1st starting at 9am.

Spots are available for \$10 each in the upper level parking lot set up will begin at 8am.

In the event that it is raining that day we will be moving it to the fellowship hall.

If you have any questions Please contact Coni Bahr.

A quote about motherhood is centered on a rectangular background with a soft, blurred sunset or sunrise sky in shades of pink, purple, and blue. The text is in a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

**Being a mother is
learning about
strengths you didn't
know you had,
and dealing with
fears you didn't
know existed.**

Support the Homeless

Support the Tuscola Homeless Coalition

The Tuscola Homeless Coalition serves local families at risk of homelessness. Your contribution would directly support the prevention of homelessness in Tuscola County, Michigan.

_____ Yes, I want to support the mission of the Tuscola Homeless Coalition

\$_____ Amount of support
_____ Money Order _____ Check

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____



Please Make Checks payable to

"Tuscola Homeless Coalition"

Payments can be mailed to:

Tuscola Homeless Coalition
429 North State Street Ste. 205

Caro, MI 48723

Poem for Mother's Day

FOR ALL THE THINGS I DIDN'T SAY,
ABOUT HOW I FELT ALONG THE WAY--
FOR THE LOVE YOU GAVE AND THE WORK YOU'VE DONE,
HERE'S APPRECIATION FROM YOUR ADMIRING SON.

YOU CARED FOR ME AS A LITTLE TOT,
WHEN ALL I DID WAS CRY A LOT,
AND AS I GREW YOUR WORK DID TOO--
I RAN AND FELL AND GOT BLACK AND BLUE.

I GREW SOME MORE AND IT DIDN'T STOP;
NOW YOU HAD TO BECOME A COP,
TO WORRY ABOUT MISTAKES I'D MAKE;
YOU KEPT ME IN LINE FOR MY OWN SAKE.

I GOT OLDER, AND THE STORY REPEATED;
YOU WERE ALWAYS THERE WHENEVER I NEEDED.
YOU GUIDED ME AND WISHED ME THE BEST,
I BECAME WISER AND KNEW I WAS BLESSED.

SO, FOR ALL THE TIMES I DIDN'T SAY,
THE LOVE I FELT FOR YOU EACH DAY,
MOM, READ THIS SO YOU CAN ALWAYS SEE
JUST HOW MUCH YOU MEAN TO ME.

MOM, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

Happy Mother's Day

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



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



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



THEME: Come To Me

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



Job Openings



Your Caro United Methodist Church is currently seeking individuals who are interested in filling several employment opportunities with the church.

Available positions include:

1. Financial Secretary
2. Custodial/Maintenance person
3. Media/Technology specialists for Sunday services.

Employment is flexible and can be adjusted to fit individual schedules and needs.

Job descriptions and more information can be found at the church website [<https://www.caroumc.org/>] or by calling the church office (989-673- 2246) during normal business hours.

Birthday & Anniversary



May 1 Ron Laeder
May 2 Hunter Vennnevy
May 3 Rick Knowlton
May 5 Rudy Reid
May 7 Kathy Gwizdale
May 10 Colten Moen
 Keith Lippowiths
May 11 Pat Teller
May 12 Jack Smith
May 13 Donna Hayes
 Jacqueline Loney

May 17 Judy Corl
May 19 Lisa Wightman
 Shonna Vennevy
May 20 Anna Boone
May 23 Carla Knowlton
 Meredith Moore
 Judy Reid
May 24 Kristy Chapelo
May 27 Margaret Hamilton
May 29 Charolette Kish



May 1 Alva & Donna Hayes
May 10 Dennis & Janet Lamb

Calendar 2024

|  | | <h2>May 2024</h2> | |  | | |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | 1 Hope Circle eat out Brentwood | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Worship 11:00am | 6 | 7 | 8 Ad Board 6pm | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12  Worship 11:00am | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Pentecost Worship 11:00am Noisy Bucket- Bay shore | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Worship 11:00am | 27  | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



Worship
Attendance & Views Online

Wishing Everyone a Blessed
Month of MAY!

May this Month be
awesome, blessed,
beautiful and filled with
wonderful moments,
because you
deserve it.



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, ~ Shab-
bona Community ~ St. Paul Lutheran, Sutton-
Sunshine, ~ Wahjamega Country ~ Watrous Ville UMC

Monthly Report for March 1 -31, 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 \$899.19 serving 3 households (8 people).
From the food pantry: We dispersed 6336 pounds of food serving 135 house-
holds,
(489 people). In addition, to keep our pantry supplied with food, we spent
\$4,001.41

(\$3,503.39 from FBEM Account)

Thanks once more for your generosity!

Summary of totals

Total number of households served 136 Total money dispersed \$1,437.20

Total number of people served 492 (Gasoline Cards - \$40.)

(Medical Supplies - \$Zero) (Housing \$259.20)

(Some may receive both - Bills Paid and Food) (Utilities \$600..)

Groceries given out 6,336 pounds (Other Items \$3.00 bus tokens \$39.99 phone
bill paid for Good Samaritan phone line)

(Food Pantry Supplies – \$498.02)

Income & Expense Report

Total Deposits \$3,050

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



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

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