



January 2025



Happy New Year!

Caro United Methodist

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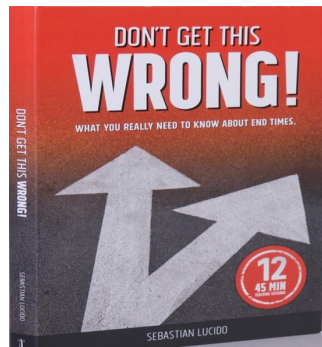


Open every Thursday from 10:00 AM until noon, the Café offers a relaxing environment to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, delicious donuts, and meaningful conversation. Whether you're looking for a quiet moment of prayer, seeking answers to spiritual questions, or simply hoping for a friendly chat, the Faith Café is the perfect place to connect and receive encouragement.



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 for a Bible study starting Thursday January 9th at 1pm. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Nominating Committee will meet on January 5th at 9:30 am.

Ad Board

Will meet on January 21st at 6 pm. In the Church parlor. If you need anything add to the agenda please email to Lisa Wightman by January 10th.



Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Members and Friends of Caro United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you as we stand on the threshold of a brand-new year! As we bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025 with open hearts, I am reminded of the words from Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV):

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” These words resonate deeply as we reflect on the challenges and blessings of the past year and look forward with hope to what lies ahead. Truly, our God is always at work, offering us new opportunities to grow in faith, serve our community, and draw closer to Him.

The start of a new year is a time for new beginnings, fresh perspectives, and renewed commitment to our faith and mission. As we enter 2025, I am filled with anticipation for the journey ahead and the ways God will move within and through our church. Together, we have the chance to deepen our connections—with God, with one another, and with our neighbors in the community.

I am thrilled to announce the launch of a Thursday Bible Study at 1:00 PM, starting January 11th. This weekly gathering will be more than a study; it will be a sacred space to dive deep into God’s Word, share insights, and support one another in our spiritual journeys. Whether you are new to studying the Bible or have been doing so for years, this is an opportunity to grow closer to God and to one another in fellowship. I encourage you to join us as we seek His guidance and wisdom together.

In addition to Bible Study, our Faith Cafe will continue every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Faith Cafe is a vital ministry of hospitality and care, offering a welcoming space for all who come through our doors. It is a place to share coffee, conversation, and Christ’s love in action. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or someone who could use a warm smile and a listening ear—let’s make Thursdays a day of connection and community.

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Continued Message

As we move forward, I also urge us to recommit to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The new year offers us a unique opportunity to reach out and grow our church family. Who in your life might be longing for the hope, joy, and sense of belonging that we find in Christ? Through personal invitations, active participation in church events, and simply sharing the story of what God is doing in our lives, we can welcome new members and rekindle the faith of those who have drifted away.

This time of year calls us to reflect on our spiritual journeys and ask, “What new steps is God inviting me to take?” Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) encourages us, “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Together, let us press on with courage and faith, embracing both the challenges and blessings of the year ahead.

I am deeply grateful for each of you. Your prayers, your service, your generosity, and your faithfulness are the heartbeat of Caro United Methodist Church. You make it possible for us to live out our call to be the hands and feet of Christ, not only within our walls but in our broader community. Let us move into 2025 with hearts full of gratitude and eager anticipation for all that God has in store for us.

As we step into this new year, may we do so with hope, love, and trust in God’s promises. May we continue to grow together in love, faith, and service, knowing that with God, all things are possible. I look forward to walking this journey of faith with you and to seeing the amazing ways God will work through us in the coming year.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, and may He give you peace in this new year and always.

With blessings and gratitude,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Caro United Methodist Church

Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



IMPACT Winter Retreat

IMPACT Youth Winter Retreat 2025! Don't miss the fun!
Music, Food, and Friends!

Check-in: anytime after 5:00 pm

Cost: \$89 per youth. (Price includes meals, lodging, activities and worship)

No charge for Youth Leaders who come with their youth. We would love for Youth Leaders to attend with your youth and bring some adult leaders to help serve. Email: program@bayshorecamp.org with questions.

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

Native American Month in January

Mission's Noisy Offering for January

Native American month/Sunday started in 1989 to serve as a reminder to United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this helps to ensure that Native American UMC leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in the United Methodist Church.

The Native American Ministries offering bolsters the work of Native American ministries in annual conferences throughout the United States. These ministries exist in rural and urban settings, including reservations and other communities. They allow the UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans.

A portion of the donations remain with the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. Also, through our giving we help to offer scholarships to seminary students. We empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

The Mission committee hopes that you will join us in donating to this ministry.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:12

God’s blessings to you always!



Operation Christmas Child

We would to thank **Everyone** who put together a box for Operation Christmas Child. We had 21 boxes to delivered to St. Michael.

Special Thank You to Karen Simpson who delivered the boxes and all who donated.



Mission—Giving at Xmas



New Resale Shop



As We Gather New Resale Shop at Resurrection United Methodist Church is now open on Friday's and Saturday's 10am -4pm.

Location: Resurrection United Methodist Church 801 State Street, Saginaw, MI

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 Bob 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.

Resurrection United Methodist Church

801 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48602

Phone: (248) 636-5679

Web site: www.Resurrectionumc.church

Thank You Notes

From Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center.....

Dear Friends , Thank you for the Thanksgiving baskets , there were really appreciated by the households that received them.

From The Mission Committee...

Big thank you to the congregation for supporting the food baskets in November and December and the gifts to the children. What a blessing we have in the people of CUMC!!!!!!

From the Pastor,

I would like to thank all of you who donated items for the As We Gather Resale Shop. Your donations is helping many especially the Children.

I would also like to thank you for making a donation to the Pastor's discretionary fund that helped us provide Christmas gifts to our Caro Children. I was also able to help a number of homeless individuals.

Grace and Blessings,
Pastor Bob Demyanovich

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

Dacota Vennevy

Jan 15 - Jeff Montei

Jan 17 - Cindy Craig

Jan 19 - Virginia Shay

Jan 21 - Mark Kish

Jan 24 - Myra Russell

Jan 27 - Josh Blakely

Dick Pusz

Jan 30 - Nikko Wonnacott



Jan 6 - Stuart & Sue Roller

Jan 16 - Matt & Collen Russell

Jan 29 - Mike & Cheryl Mattlin

Calendar 2024



January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Office Closed	2	3	4
5 9:30 Bible study Worship 11:00am	6	7	8	9 Faith Café 10-1 Bible study 1-2pm	10	11
12 9:30 Bible study Worship 11:00am	13	14	15	16 Faith Café 10-1pm Bible study 1-2pm	17	18
19 9:30 Bible Study Worship 11:00am Noisy Bucket-	20	21 Ad Board meeting 6pm	22	23 Faith Café 10-1 Bible Study 1-2pm	24	25
26 9:30 Bible Study Worship 11:00 am	27	28	29	30 Faith Café 10-1pm Bible study 1-2pm	31	

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:	??????????

Over

1055.60

Short

342.00
3488.00
1786.00
5288.00
2695.00
948.00
6191.24
4871.71
523.28
4363.98

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
Rick Ellison
Judy Mohr
Tom Bowman
Kevin Roller
Shirley Farris
Ellie Kish
Michael Reed
Carol Corkins
Joan Stover



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
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Unit 10378
Silverdale WA 98315

Thank you for your service!



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