



December 2024



Caro United Methodist Church

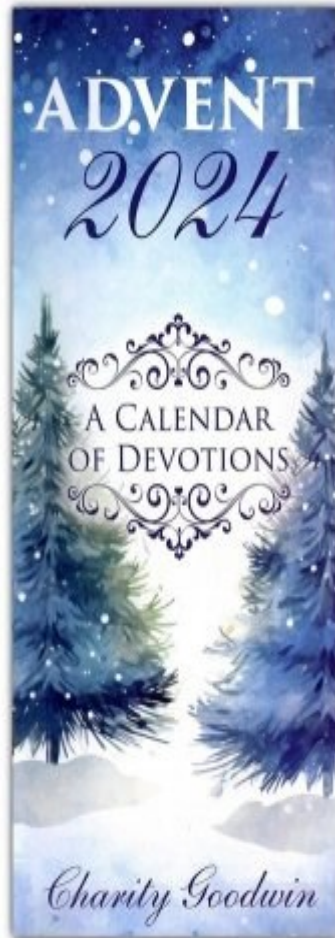
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Hope Circle will be meeting December 7th at 6pm. We will be meeting in the Church Parlor

Pick up your copy of 2024 Advent Devotions. These inspiring messages are designed to bring hope, peace, and joy during the season of Advent, guiding us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Daily at 7pm during Advent Pastor Bob will be sharing each day's message starting December 1st through December 24th. You can watch on Facebook, YouTube or our web site www.caroumc.org.



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.*



Ad Board

Will meet on December 17th at 6 pm. In the Church parlor. If you need to add anything to the agenda please email to Lisa Wightman by December 17th

Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we enter the season of Advent, we are reminded of the words from Isaiah 9:6 (NIV): “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” This beautiful season calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

To help guide us through this sacred time, I will be sharing a daily Advent message each evening at 7:00 PM on Facebook, YouTube, and our church website, www.caroumc.org. These messages are an opportunity for reflection, prayer, and inspiration as we draw closer to the joy of Christmas Day.

This Advent season, we also have an opportunity to extend Christ’s love by supporting the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund. Your donations will help us provide up to 25 Christmas gifts for children within our church and those in need, at a cost of \$10 per gift. This small act of generosity can make a world of difference in a child’s life and remind them of the love and hope that Jesus brings.

We warmly invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve services at 5:00 pm in Caro and 7:00 pm in Saginaw to help your schedule. These services will feature beautiful Christmas music performed by our special choir, offering a moment of peace and celebration as we welcome the birth of Christ.

May your Advent season be filled with hope, love, joy, and peace. Thank you for being a part of our church family, and for helping us share the light of Christ in our community.

With blessings and gratitude,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Caro United Methodist Church

Care UMC Missions

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We will be collecting for food baskets to be given to the Tuscola Area Crisis Center. They will go to different families than last month, who have also been affected by domestic violence. The baskets provide a ham and various items that will make for a nice holiday meal and leftovers. We will include a basket for the center to enjoy a holiday dinner together for those clients still transitioning to a new home. If you would like to canned or dry goods, please leave them in the container in the narthex.

Your generosity and giving in the past has been inspirational and heartwarming. We would like to continue to offer a small Christmas gift to those families' children working with the Crisis Center. Further explanation is listed below. Or feel free to ask a Mission Committee member.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

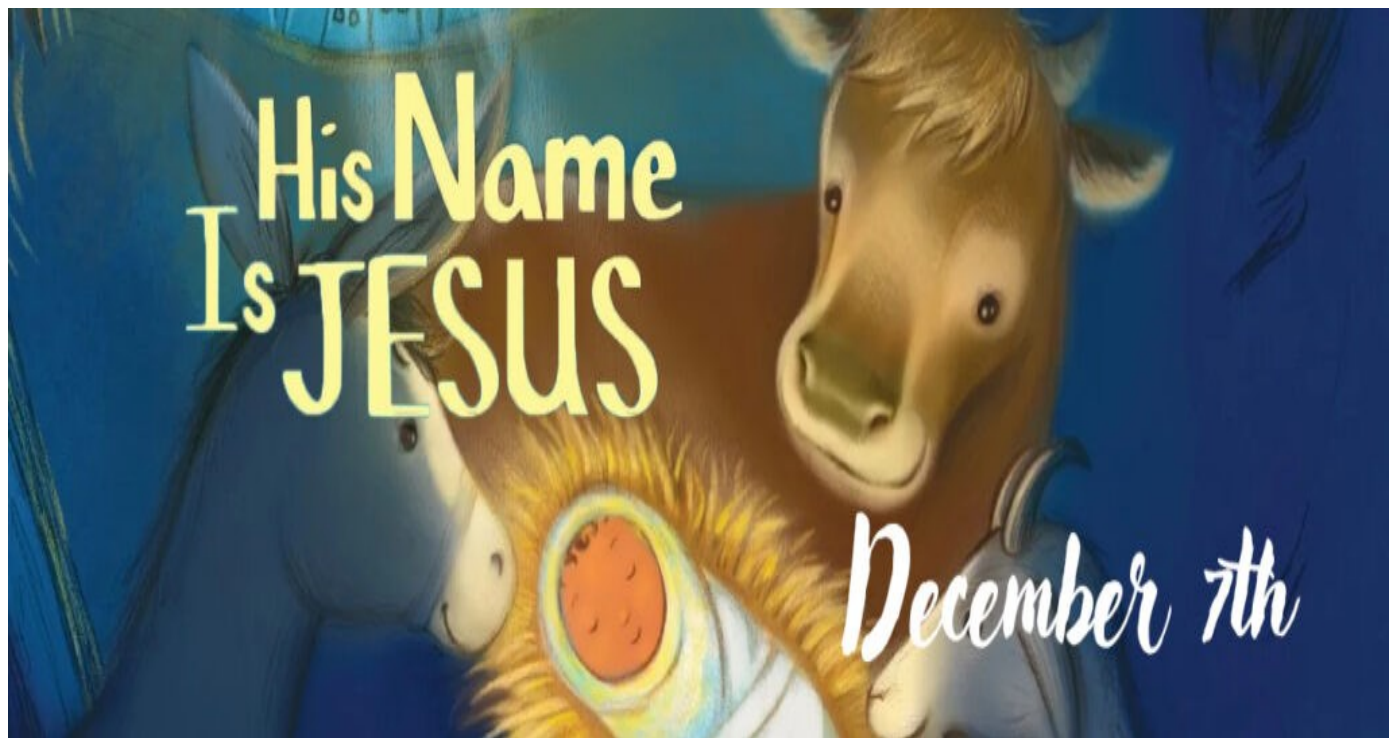
Please feel free to take a tree and purchase something for a child that's between \$15-20.. Return the gift, unwrapped, in an opened Christmas or otherwise bag. Please include the tree as they are numbered for the specific family to receive it. Please have the gift to the church by December 18 th , so they can be delivered with the Christmas food baskets. A blessed holiday season to all and thank you for making it brighter for others!

"I will sing onto the Lord because he hath dealt bountifully with me." Psalm 13:6



Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries

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 7th | 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Festivities begin at 5:00 pm, so SAVE THE DATE! We hope to see you there!



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

Good Samaritan Ornament Sale

It's that time of year again! Time to purchase your Food Bank of Eastern Michigan holiday ornament. Good Samaritan volunteers will be selling a new style of ornament this year to support the Good Samaritan Food Pantry which is housed in our church.

The food pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-noon year-round. During the first nine months of 2024 we supplied 1,396 Tuscola County families with 3-day supplies of food for a total of 66,824 pounds.

Most of our food is purchased from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Any money we raise selling ornaments in November and December goes directly into our account to help pay for our orders. Currently we are ordering around \$2,000 worth of food every two weeks.

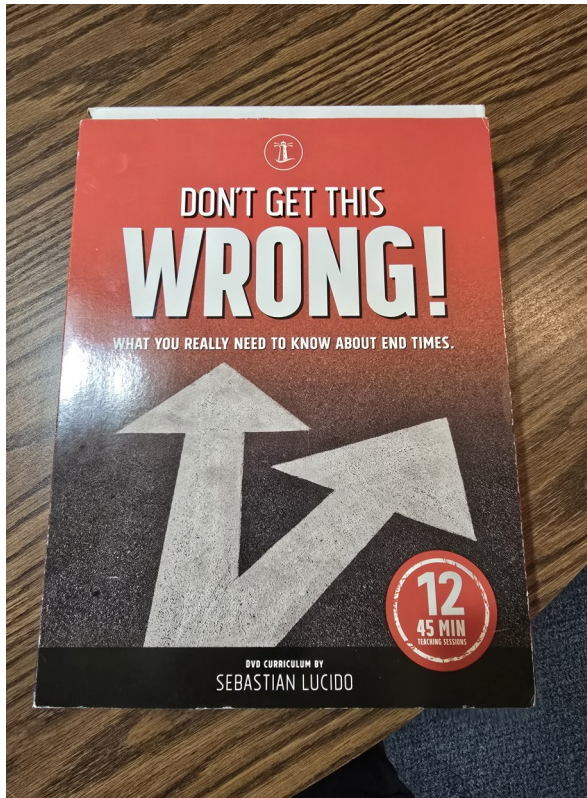


Operation Christmas Child

We would like to Thank Everyone who put together a box for Operation Christmas Child. We had 21 boxes delivered to St. Michael. Special Thank You to Karen Simpson who delivered the boxes.



Discipleship



Starting in January, Caro United Methodist Church will host an engaging new Bible study titled *Don't Get This Wrong: What You Really Need to Know About End Times*. This 45-minute session will take place every week in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Together, we'll explore what the Bible truly teaches about the end times, cutting through misconceptions and uncovering the hope-filled promises of Scripture. Whether you're curious, concerned, or simply want to grow in your understanding, this study offers an approachable and thought-provoking space to deepen your faith.

Coffee and snacks will be provided through the Faith Café, ensuring a welcoming atmosphere for discussion and fellowship. Come as you are, and bring a friend! This Bible study is open to everyone, from seasoned believers to those just beginning their spiritual journey. Let's journey together into the truth of God's Word and discover how it shapes the way we live today.

Pastor and Ernie Teller will be leading this Bible Study. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex, We need 6—10 to join this group.

Faith Café

Caro United Methodist Church

Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Coffee, Tea, Prayer, and Donuts!

The Faith Café at Caro United Methodist Church is a welcoming space where faith and fellowship meet. Open every Tuesday and 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 with others and find encouragement.

If something is weighing on your heart or mind, you're invited to talk with Pastor Bob or one of our caring disciples. The Faith Café is more than just a coffee hour—it's a community of support, hope, and understanding. Come as you are, and experience the comfort and love that comes from sharing your joys and challenges in a faith-filled setting. Everyone is welcome!

New Resale Shop is Open



As We Gather New Resale Shop at Resurrection United Methodist Church!

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 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.

Resurrection United Methodist Church
801 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48602
Phone: (248) 636-5679
Web site: www.Resurrectionumc.church

Come Visit, Buy or Donate



Birthday & Anniversary



Dec 1 Donna Pouliot
Dick McCreedy
Dec 3 Tammie Timmins
Dec 4 Gary Rolka
Dec 8 Emma Kish
Dec 13 Mia Kish
Dec 19 Richard Blakey
Dec 22 Alexis Loney
Sophie Loney

Dec 23 Carol Corkins
Corinn Torma
Dec 24 Bud Jarvis
Dec 25 Shirley Schroeder
Dec 29 Matt Russel



Dec 9 Glen & Linda Miller



December Calendar



December 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|-----|--|------------------------------|--|-----|--|
| 1 9:30am Bible Study Worship 11:00am Communion | 2 | 3 | 4 Viola Sugden Funeral | 5 | 6 | 7 UWF Fellowship Christmas Party 6pm |
| 8 9:30 Bible Study Worship 11:00am Choir Practice 9:30 am am | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 9:30 Bible Study Worship 11:00am Noisy Bucket Choir Practice 9:30 am am | 16 | 17 Ad board meeting 6pm | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9:30 Bible Study Worship 11:00am Choir Practice 9:30 am am | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve 5pm | 25 Christmas | 26 27 28 Office Closed for Holidays | | |
| 29 9:30 Bible Study Worship 11:00 am Ugly Sweater Sunday | 30 | 31 Office Closed for Holidays New Year Eve | | | | |

Monthly Giving needed for our approved 2024 Over/short

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| Jan | \$14,867.00 | \$342.00 |
| Feb | \$11,037.00 | -\$ 3,488.00 |
| Mar | \$12,739.00 | - \$1,786.00 |
| April | \$ 9,237.00 | - \$5,288.00 |
| May | \$11,830.00 | -\$ 2,695.00 |
| June | \$12,577.00 | -\$1,948.00 |
| July | \$8333.76 | -\$6,191.24 |
| Aug | \$ 9,653.29 | -\$4,871.71 |
| Sept | \$ 14001.72 | -523.28 |
| Oct | \$ 10,161.02 | -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
Oct, 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 \$248.16 serving 1 household (1 person)
From the food pantry: We dispersed 9,115 pounds of food serving 194 house-
holds,
(670 people). In addition, to keep our pantry supplied with food, we spent.
Thanks once more for your generosity!

Summary of totals

Total number of households served 194 Total money dispersed \$348.69

Total number of people served 670 (Gasoline Cards - \$0)

(Medical Supplies - \$0) (Housing)

(Some may receive both - Bills Paid and Food) (Utilities \$248.16)

Groceries given out 9,115 pounds (Other Items \$ 100.53 checks)

(Food Pantry Supplies –

Income & Expense Report

Total Deposits \$2,710.00

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
Bill & Nancy Bortel
Kendall Lupton
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, Art Randall - 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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