



# CCUMC NEWSLETTER

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## Pastor's Corner



This pastor's Corner let's look at some scriptures that apply to us as disciples of Jesus Christ. In Deuteronomy 18:18-19 we read ***I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name.*** Going on the

scriptures we come to the Transfiguration on the mountain in Matthew, Mark, and Luke all three gospels record this same event, ***Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"*** And in John 2:5 Jesus' mother at the wedding in Cana tells us, ***"Do whatever he tells you."*** So here we have scriptures that tell us to listen and to do whatever Jesus tells us to do. So, what does Jesus tell us to do?

First Jesus invites us to ***follow him*** and become his disciples in Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John. Notice the invitation is to follow not walk beside him or ahead of him but to follow him and to remember his words from John 13:15-17, ***I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.***

We are invited in Matthew 11:28-30 ***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."***

We are reminded in John 8:12, When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, ***"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."***

We are told in John 14:15-17, ***"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and is in you."***

In John 11:25 Jesus tells us ***"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."*** and asks us question ***Do you believe this?"***

These are just a few of the words of Jesus we should listen to and not forget. I leave you with these words of Jesus from Luke 6:46 and John 20:7 ***"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? Stop doubting and believe."*** This Lenten season stop doubting and believe.



# Save These DATES



## JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT UWF SOUP LUNCHEON



**Fri, March 15, 2024**

**11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Carson City United Methodist Church**



**DINE IN, DELIVERY & TAKE-OUT**

call 989-584-3797 for Menu



## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*



**Palm Sunday, March 24th**  
The Palm Sunday Worship Service will be a combined service to be held at Maple Rapids United Methodist at 10:00 am. Brunch to follow.



**Holy Thursday,  
March 28th at 7:00 pm.**

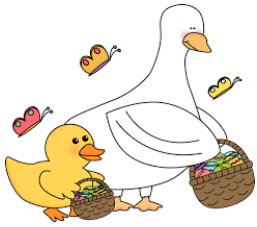


**Good Friday,  
March 29th at 7:00 pm.**



**Easter Sunday, March 31st  
at 10:30 am.**

# Save These DATES



## BOARD MEETING



## Finance Committee Meeting

When: Wed, March 27th

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: CCUMC Hall

Subject to rescheduling

***Everyone Is Invited***

If you have anything you would like to discuss please get it to us  
no later than Mon, March 25th so we can add to the Agenda.



Because  
HE LIVES

## Sweet Treat Sunday

April 21<sup>st</sup>, after Sunday

Worship services

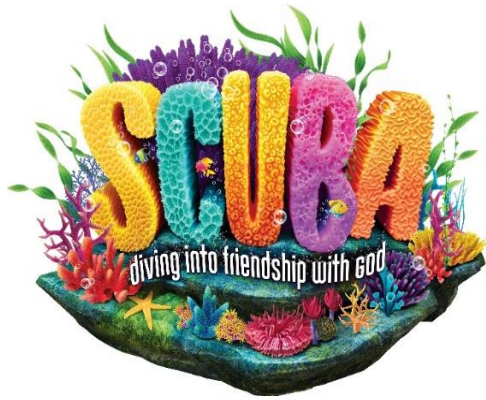
In Fellowship Hall



Bring your favorite sweet treat  
to share and enjoy some  
fellowship and fun. |







## Vacation Bible School 2024 – SCUBA

The V.B.S. meeting in February determined that this year's fun-filled theme, Scuba, will be held July 14 – 18, Sunday through Thursday from 6:00-8:30 each evening. The signup sheet for adult and teen volunteers is in the church lobby with open spots for station leaders, crew leaders and helpers.

The overall scripture was also selected and deals with friendship which is Scuba's goal of "diving into friendship with God." We chose John 15:15, where Jesus is speaking:

"....I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."

Please start saving now the following items and place them in the designated bin in the lobby:

- cardboard tubes from toilet paper, paper towels, and wrapping paper
- packing peanuts
- Loofah sponges
- styrofoam balls – all sizes
- coffee filters
- tissue paper
- any size of plastic water bottles
- cardboard egg cartons



Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, at 6:00 pm in Jonah's Cove. Our first decorating bee will be Friday, April 5, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We have lots of fun, decorations to create, helping Scuba to be one of the best VBS programs ever!





## Bible studies & small groups



We are inviting anyone to join us for our weekly Sunday's Cool Hour @ 9:15 am. For more information on classes available please call our office at 989-584-3797.



United  
Women  
in Faith

United Women in Faith meets the first Monday of the month usually at 10 am. All women are invited as we learn about what our organization's purpose is and what missions we support in caring for women, children, and youth around the world. There is no cost to belong- just time.



P.T. is a group that meets to hold ourselves up and others in prayer. We also learn God's Word through studies, movies, discussions, laughter, and tears. We meet every Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm. For more information call WalthaGaye Leavitt at 989-640-0238.



A.R.K. (Armor Ready Knights) meets every Tuesday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm starting in the fall and summer. Scripture, Bible stories, games, and activities will help learn about God in a variety of ways. For more information call Roberta Kile at 616-255-1275.



New Group starting Jan 15, 2024

We are Moms meeting with other Jesus loving Moms to build a community to support each other and pray together throughout life's stages. Moms are welcome to join at any stage in motherhood and faith. We want to build a village of women with similar values and goals to raise our children in a way that glorifies God. If you are seeking friendship, support, and accountability partners we want to have your back.

We meet every Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the CCUMC Sanctuary. For more information call Isabelle Esch @ 989-307-4781.



# Keeping you Informed



## **Umcors Sunday: March 10, 2024.**

*This offering allows UMCOR to use 100% of all funds given to humanitarian response and recovery efforts directly to communities in need.*

*These gifts ensure UMCOR can respond swiftly to disasters around the world and as a source of hope and healing for those left most vulnerable. To give; there are also offering envelopes placed on our brochure shelves in the lobby.*



## **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

### **IN STANTON**

Feeding America West  
Michigan Mobile Food Pantry

**1st Thurs of every month  
4:30 pm**

**134 N Lincoln St, Stanton,  
First Baptist Church Parking Lot**

Since 1998, Feeding America West Michigan's Mobile Pantry program has brought fresh, healthy food directly to our clients in need. Since it's creation, we have capitalized on our strong agency partnerships to not only combat the short shelf-life of fresh produce, but also to increase the amount we are able to distribute. Mobile Pantries are like farmers' markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated. Hosted by churches, schools and community centers. Concerned citizens are excited to bring this much needed food supply to the Stanton area.

Please call Jackie at 616-824-3632 for questions



## **SCAM PRESENTATION IN HOWARD CITY**

**Presented by Independent Bank**

**Thurs, March 7th at 12:30pm  
Howard City Action Center,  
132 E. Edgerton St., Howard City**

**Brian from Independent Bank will be here to talk about avoiding trending scams and fraud.**

**If you would like to come for lunch before the presentation call Karen West at 616-890-4542 by Mon, February 26th to order your lunch.**

**Seniors 60 and over is a \$3.00 donation, under 60 is \$6.50 charge**



## **AVAILABLE SERVICES**

**Montcalm County  
Commission on Aging  
989-831-7476**

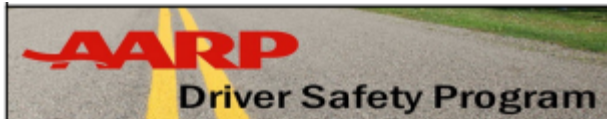
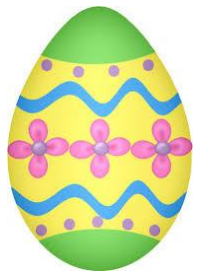
**Respite, Specialized Respite, Personal Care,  
Homemaker, Homemaker Respite,  
Home Delivered Meals, Congregate Meals,  
Transportation,  
Wheelchair Transport, Trip program,  
Senior Center activities &  
Volunteer opportunities.**







## Keeping you Informed



### AARP DRIVERS SAFETY CLASS

**Thursday, May 9th**  
8:15am to 4pm,  
613 N State St., Stanton.

Cost: \$20.00 AARP members or  
\$25.00 non members.  
Payment made to the instructor at the  
beginning of class.

AARP Drivers Safety Class can help lower your insurance cost. Some insurance companies will give you a discount if you have had this course. The certificate is good for 3 years, so call your insurance company today to see if they give discounts for this certificate. This is a classroom driver refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. The course explains the changes that occur in vision, hearing, reaction time as we age, and provides useful driving safety tips for handling these changes.

You will have a working lunch so you can bring your lunch or get lunch from our soup & salad bar. The cost for lunch is seniors 60 and over is a \$3.00 donation, under 60 is \$6.50 charge.

**Call 989-831-7476 press 4 to register for this class by May 6th, and if you would like lunch tell us when you register for the class.**



### ESTATE PLANNING

Sarah Ostahowski from Sarah's Law Firm will be here to answer questions about Estate Planning. If you have a question about getting your estate in order this is the place to be!

Commission on Aging  
613 N. State St., Stanton

Thursday, May 23rd at 10am

**Please call to reserve your spot at 989-831-7454**

If you would like to stay for lunch afterwards please call 989-831-7476 option 1.

The lunch cost for seniors 60 and over is a \$3.00 donation, under 60 is \$6.50 charge.

### GROCERY SHOPPING AVAILABLE through the CoA

The CoA has a grocery shopping Program that uses volunteers to take participants to the grocery store or local food pantry's. With this program the volunteer will take you to the grocery store or multiple stores so that you can get your shopping done. Like with our medical transportation program this program is donation based. At the time of service you pay nothing but at the end of each month if you have used the service you will get a donation request. You can choose whether or not you donate at that time.



## Needed for Commission on Aging


### WHEELCHAIR VAN VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED



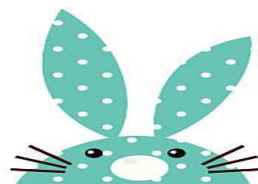
We are in need of volunteers who want to drive our wheelchair van for seniors who are wheelchair bound. All training will be provided. Volunteers who operate our Wheelchair van will receive a Per Diem based on their volunteer hours. As a volunteer you decide what medical runs you want to accept. If interested in becoming a Volunteer Driver or if you have questions please call Lauri at 989-831-7476 option 4.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Hall Rental 10am to ?
3	4 UWF mtg 10 am  Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm PT Class 6:30 pm	5 COA 10 am-2 pm  A.R.K. 3-5 pm  Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	6   Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	7 Mom Group 9-11  COA 10 am-2 pm  Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	8 	9
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31  Easter Svcs 10:30 am						

Schedule subject to change – contact office @ 989-584-3797 for more information. Our calendar is also available via our website [www.carsoncityumc.com](http://www.carsoncityumc.com)







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**Join Us Each Sunday**  
**Worship Services 10:30 am**

(Masks are optional)



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