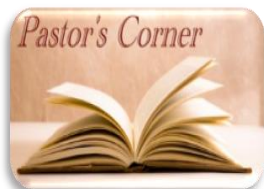




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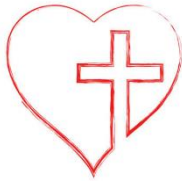
This Pastor's corner I would like to look at what it means to belong to the community and family of God from an Old Testament and New Testament prospective. In the Old Testament we see that what one person did could affect the whole community. For example, God forbid the Israelites from following other gods in Deuteronomy 6:13-15 and intermarrying with the people in Caanan that they were supposed to be driving out from the land in

Deuteronomy 7:3-5 all for good reasons look it up. When we look at Israel's history, we can see what occurred when they forgot who they were, God's Chosen People. When they became so synchronist in their worship of God that they allowed other belief systems i.e. religions of the people around them that they forgot their identity and their call to be different from the world. This ultimately led to their downfall as recorded in 2 Kings chapter 21.

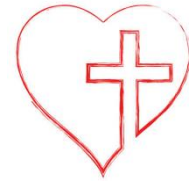
Now let's look at the New Testament and our responsibility as children of God, brothers, and sisters of Christ. In John 1:12 we are told because we believe in his name (Jesus Christ) we are considered children of God. Jesus Christ tells us in Matthew 12:46-50, Mark 3:31-35 and Luke 8:19-21 that we are his brothers and sisters, **50 "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." 21 He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."** So, we have established that we belong to the family of God, but what does that mean? Well let's look at putting the word of God into practice. Jesus tells us in John 13:34-35, **34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."** And again, in John 15:12 Jesus says, **12 "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."** We have a responsibility to remember who we are and who we belong to, who it is we call the Lord.

All too often the world seems to work its way into our relationships with each other as someone who claims to be in the family introduces some new idea or interpretation of what Jesus really meant and by doing so leads us in a direction that we should not go insisting on having our own way in worship or in missions or even what is acceptable behavior within the family.

So, lets cast off the temptation to be synchronist in our beliefs and accepting every new teaching or interpretation that comes along and let's get back to listening to what Jesus says defines members of his family and what it means to live a life that tells the world who we belong to.



Save These
DATES



New Adult Sunday Class

There will be a new class starting at 9:15am in the hall by the nursery. This will be a Lenten study which means delving into preparation for Easter. This study looks at the 12 disciples as they tried to follow Jesus and live the challenging life to which Jesus had called them. We will learn about their mistakes to assess our own discipleship in order to see where it may need strengthening.

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT UWF SOUP LUNCHEON

Feb 16th 11:00 -1:00 pm



Contact 989-584-3797



for Menu

DINE IN, DELIVERY & TAKE-OUT



Ash Wednesday Service is February 14th at 7:00 pm and will be a combined service to be held @ CCUMC. Come and worship through Reflection and Fellowship.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, which is a time of fasting & repentance in preparation for the Easter celebration.

Save the date!

BOARD MEETING

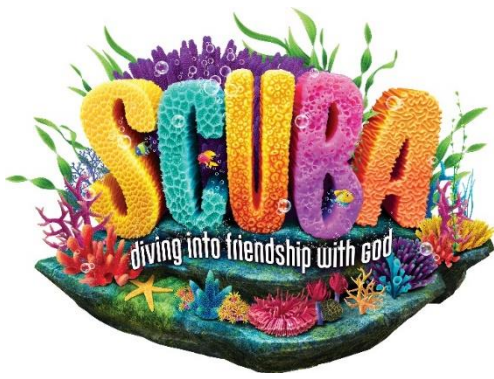


Finance
Committee Meeting

Everyone Is Invited

When: Wed, Feb 28th
Time: 6:30 pm

If you have anything you would like to discuss please get it to us no later than Mon, Feb 26th so we can add to the Agenda.



Vacation Bible School 2024 – SCUBA

“Scuba,” the VBS summer event for 2024 helps kids dive into friendship with God. Although you may think summer’s far in the

future, that is not the case since planning begins in February. The planning committee will have its’ organization meeting on Monday, February 12th at 6:00 pm in Jonah’s Cove for anyone

who would like to be involved. We will

need crew leaders, station leaders and

helpers for “Deep Bible Adventures,

Tidal Treats, Reef Rec, Imagination

Station, Sing & Play Splash and Tide Pool Preschool.” A

change has been made with the addition of “Sticky

Scripture” which replaces KidVid Cinema from past VBS

programs. Also needed are crew leaders for Preschool;

Kdg.; 1st & 2nd; 3rd & 4th; and 5th & 6th. If you would like to

help, please respond to the office by Feb. 12th stating

which area you prefer and hopefully you can

attend the meeting on the 12th. There is also a sign-up

sheet located in the lobby. At this meeting the date for

VBS will be determined, decisions will be made as to how best to

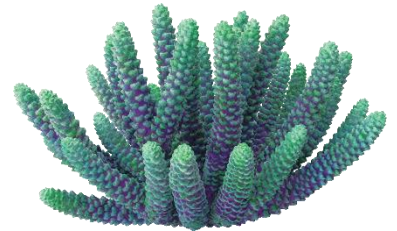
facilitate the program, which includes advertising, decorating,

outreach in mission and reaching out into the community inviting kids

to join us as we share exciting songs and activities and learn about

Jesus as our

“forever friend.”





Bible studies & small groups



We are inviting anyone to join us for our weekly Sunday's Cool Hour @ 9:15 am on Sunday, September 17th. For more information on classes available please call our office at 989-584-3797.



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.

Our first meeting is September 11th at 11 am. Bring a bag lunch as this is the World Thank Offering. Money is collected as we thank God for our many blessings. This money goes around the world to support many missions. The October meeting is on October 2nd at 10 am and November 6th is a potluck with entertainment. That gathering is at 5:30 pm. Come and join us and see what we are all about.



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



Lutheran World Relief – by Walthagaye Leavitt

Lutheran World Relief is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery. It was founded in 1945 to collect and send aid to people living in post-world war II people in Europe. Today, LWR helps communities living in extreme poverty adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being and responds to emergencies with a long-term view.

In 2023, 551,700 quilts and kits were delivered to over 14 countries in need. Carson City donated 263 quilts to that number in 2023. Thanks to all who helped by prayers, donations, and time to that project.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

COMING TO STANTON

Feeding America West Michigan
Mobil 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 Mobil 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. The Mobile Food Pantry will be starting in January 2024 and if you are able to help with the process of handing out food at this Mobile Food Pantry the volunteers needed are listed below with the contact number.

Please call Jackie at 616-824-3632 for questions

Crystal Area

Crystal Congregational Church, 300 S. Main St., Crystal

FREE Clothing Closet Ministry at the Crystal Township Building, 217 Park St. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9am to 12pm.

Stanton Area

Commission on Aging, 613 N State St., Stanton. 989-831-7476

Caregiver Support Group

1st Thursday of every month at 1pm presented by Alzheimer’s Association
This support group is for anyone caring for a loved one. This is for you if you’re caring for someone with Alzheimer’s/dementia. As part of our support group we are offering a free lunch (hot meal) before the meeting. If you would like to come for lunch please call by the Monday before the meeting.

Mobile Food Bank

First Baptist Church parking lot

134 N Lincoln St., Stanton
1st Thursday of every month
February 1, 2024
4:30pm

Call 616-824-3632 with questions





Ad Board/Finance meeting - November 29, 2023

Present: Aaron Esch, Roberta Kile, Diane Hoard, Deb White, Paul McKinley, Robin Shepler, Deb Burt, Zeke Esch, Pastor Ian McDonald.

The meeting was opened at 6:35 pm with prayer by Pastor Ian.

Treasurer Report:

Balance on hand checking \$2,724.38

Identified giving \$4,581.91

Memorial fund \$428.32

Emergency fund \$8,657.24

Wilson's heating part payment on sewer line.

Refrigerator repair paid for.

No money from Maple Rapids UMC for repair yet.

Still need a budget for 2024.

Children's Ministry: Dec 17th children's Christmas program. Currently practice at home and during children's church. Dress rehearsal Dec 16th at 11:00 am with pizza party to follow.

Outreach: Michigan One donated big box of crayons, white paper sacks and a big box of peanuts for gift bags.

Decorating Float for parade will be Dec 9th at 9:30 am. Cookies with Santa after parade at CCUMC. Need cookies.

Adopt A Family for Christmas? Email discussion week of Dec 4-8.

Get phone numbers for financial assistance in the area.

New Business:

Phil Krantz met with the District Superintendent. Three churches conference willing to help. CCUMC is one of them that the conference wants to help. There is a grant available to assist how much that grant is was not decided. Will talk with District Superintendent between Dec 9th and Dec 25th.

The Marketing Committee will start in January 2024 and eventually be combined with the Finance Committee.

Deb White motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deb Burt.

There was no Ad Board/Finance meeting for December, 2023



Ad Board/Finance meeting - January 24, 2024

Present: Paul McKinley, Aaron Esch, Robin Shepler, Roberta Kile, Ed and Fran Osborne, Deb Burt, Diane Hoard Deb White, WalthaGaye Leavitt, Pastor Ian

The meeting was opened at 6:40 pm with prayer by Pastor Ian. In Phil's absence, the meeting was led by Pastor Ian.

Finance Report: Robin reminded us that Tyler Wilson's name needs to be removed from the bank records and Aaron's added.

Balance on hand checking \$2007.29

Identified giving \$6644.56

Emergency Fund \$6459.38

Memorial Fund \$428.53

-Robin had to take \$2200 from the emergency fund to make pay role this week.

-The fund balance report is done and there will be copies placed on the welcome center for those interested.

-The bill for the District Ministry shares is \$1594 and can be paid in parts. 1st payment is due May 1, then October 1 with final payment October 30.

-The bills from Fire Pros were discussed. Their latest was for \$596 which is due Jan 3rd. Having a contract was discussed to do the minimum needed for the Insurance. Aaron will talk to Phil and discuss how to proceed.

-The yearly CCLI and CCVI License renewal are due. CCLI amount is \$311.75 and the CCVI is \$338.00.

-Wilson's Plumbing and heating bill is still outstanding for the sewer work done at the parsonage. Maple Rapids will be paying part of this.

-The budget was placed before the board. Accepted.

Trustees: Pastor Ian reported that once again the Wilson Plumbing and Heating were called because the water heater was malfunctioning. The screen was plugged again d/t the high mineral content of the water. There is another part that will circulate the water, so this does not happen. They are to finish that project.

-The door for the kitchen has been ordered but is not in yet.

-The metal files of music need to be moved out of the choir room to protect from moisture and mold.

-The heat in Noah's Ark SS room is very warm. This has been an ongoing problem. The registers will get checked to see if they are closed.

-There is a large amount of water in the basement. Robin and Robert moved much stuff out of the rooms and mopped. This has also been an ongoing problem especially when ice builds up in the eaves.

-The room above the sanctuary needs to get cleaned and organized. WalthaGaye volunteered to do it on a Monday night class night between studies.

-Superior Carpet will be coming February 2 to clean the fellowship hall and Scotch Guard it. WalthaGaye will also check with them to see if they can spot clean the coffee stain in the sanctuary.





Ad Board/Finance mtg cont'd:

SPRC: Ed reported that things are going along and nothing to report at this time.

Children's Ministry: Roberta reported that the kids will sing Feb 4th. The first VBS meeting will be Feb 12 at 6pm. The theme this year is Scuba- Diving into Friendship.

-Toni is asking to borrow the colorful benches for their kids. Motion was made by WalthaGaye to let Toni borrow the 6 benches. Seconded by Deb W and carried.

-Toni also asked to use the sound deafening boards. It was decided that we could use them in the fellowship hall to improve the echo. UWFaith will cover them.

Outreach: WalthaGaye reported that over 80 Christmas cards were sent to shut ins and previous members.

-338 pounds of Bibles and Christian literature was donated to Mission Cry from area churches and Carson City UMC.

-UWFaith provided gifts for a Christmas Family.

-Served over 75 at Dorothy Sherd's funeral luncheon.

-UWFaith first soup Luncheon will be Feb 12. Fran brought up the idea that the minutes of the Ad Board should be open to all. It was decided that they would be put in the newsletter.

Pastor Ian: John Kasper says that there is money available through the District/ Conference for salary support if needed.

-Maple Rapids will host a joint service for Palm Sunday. It will be at 10 am. There will not be Sunday School that day.

-The phone and web site will be updated to include Maple Rapids. Lowe used to be the contact for Maple Rapids.

Motion was made by Ed to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Deb Burt. Concluded by prayer and dismissed at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
WalthaGaye

For God
So loved the world
that He gave His
only
begotten
Son so
that whoever
believes
in Him shall
have everlasting
life.



John 3:16



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 COA 10am-2pm Drivers Training Class 5:30-7:30pm	2	3
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Schedule subject to change – contact office @ 989-584-3797 for more information. Our calendar is also available via our website www.carsoncityumc.com





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Join Us Each Sunday

Worship Services 10:30 am

(Masks are optional)



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