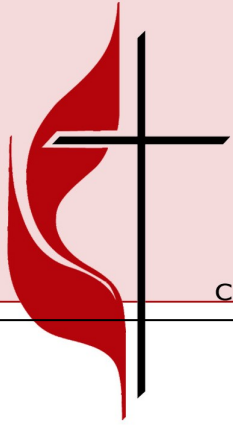


JANUARY 2023



CARTERET C O N N E C T I O N

CARTERET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | BEAUFORT, SC

A Word from Pastor Bryson...

In December as I wrote for the monthly Carteret Connection, I recommended that we read the Scriptures about the coming of Jesus. I hoped these readings would prepare us for Christmas and enrich our Christmas experience. I hope this worked out well for you.

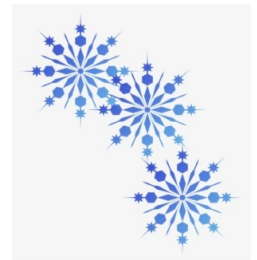
As we begin another trip around the sun, I hope that in 2023 we will go on this journey with the Son, Jesus Christ. There are a lot of outlines which lay out how we might read the entire Bible in a calendar year. If you have never done this, I encourage you to consider reading “The Good Book” this year. Or maybe consider reading a few books of the Bible in the next few months. I would suggest: Luke, Acts, Genesis and Exodus. There is a reason the Bible is the best-selling book of all time by a wide wide margin, the Bible is the best book ever written. Reading the Bible best enables us to journey with the Lord.

As with all years, 2023 will have unique challenges. We all will have to deal with tough things in the coming year. Nothing prepares us more to face life than the Holy Scriptures. We will also have wonderful and exciting things in the next year and I believe nothing prepares us for the goodness of life better than God’s Word.

We are going to have a great 2023 because God created us, and God is with us, and we are all God’s children, and God loves us.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Bryson



Capital Campaign:
Faith in Our Future for the Next 100 years

We are kicking off a Capital Campaign to raise money to complete a number of improvements to our Church buildings and grounds. The improvements are: Remodeled restrooms for the 1st floor Fellowship Hall, handicap access from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall, resurface our parking lot and replace windows in the Education Building. The cost of these projects far exceeds our annual budget.

On January 8, 2023 we ask everyone to turn in a Commitment Card during worship. If you cannot be in worship on January 8 please return your card to the Church Office. Our hope is that every member of our Church Family will contribute to this important work. Please be in prayer about the Capital Campaign.

Wednesday Niters

Our Wednesday Niters will resume on January 11, 2023 and continue each Wednesday through the end of May. Please sign up for dinner on the attached form in your Sunday bulletin or call the Church Office. Indicate if you would like to be added to the permanent reservation list. Dinner will be served from 5:30pm – 6pm followed by a program or Bible Study which will begin at 6:15 pm. The cost for the meal is \$7 for adults, \$4 for age 12 and under, families not to exceed \$20.

Holy Land Trip 2024

April 2-12, 2024

If you are interested in this trip to the Holy Land contact Pastor Bryson.

Vehicle Decals

Window cling CSUMC decals are available for your vehicle in the Fellowship Hall or the Church Office.



Thank you!

Through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 counties in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need. To date this year you have given over \$23,000.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The next blood drive is February 2, 2023 from 11:30am-5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments are valuable as the Red Cross staffs the drive based on the number of appointments. If you don't have an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are sincerely appreciated and the best time to walk in is after 3:00pm.

MISSION ALERT

Volunteers are needed to do a 10-15 minute devotional at Beaufort Nursing and Rehab (BayView) on Friday mornings. Please contact Sue Barnes or Cindy Keener.

Snacks Needed for Beaufort Nursing and Rehab (BayView Manor)

Items requested for residents: granola bars, individual fruit cups, cereal bars, raisins, crackers or any other individually bagged snacks such as Cheez-its or Goldfish. Also, the residents have asked for Body Wash and Deodorant. Please drop off at the Church Office. Thank you!!

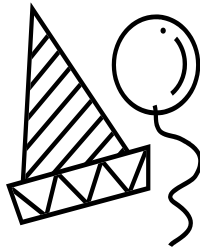
HELP of Beaufort Food Pantry

HELP of Beaufort is in need of many items for their food pantry such as peanut butter & jelly, boxed dry cereal, boxed macaroni & cheese, canned vegetables, canned ravioli, canned tomato products, canned fruit, flour, grits, rice, mayonnaise, sugar, vegetable oil, pasta sauce & bottled water. They also need laundry detergent. These items can be dropped off at the Church Office.



BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY		Paula Bellamy	22
Susan Morgan	1	Kay Crosby	22
Sam Bolin	5	Marie Goode-Spencer	22
Barry Mason	5	Anna Lyles	23
Rowan Harris	5	Wade Keyserling	23
Brenda McLeod	6	Brian Gollihugh	26
Mark Rennix	6	Brentley Wiles	26
Linda Oliva	6	Abigail Davidson	26
Peyton DeVore	7	Ellen Fabian	27
Rachelle Martz	9	Margaret Hamm	27
Kate Birkhead	9	Jim Reichler	28
Jeremy Cole	9	Gwen Smith	28
Kyla Gollihugh	10	Franklin Morgan	29
Kimberly Elkins	10	Earl Pickel	29
Bill Anderson	11	William Rathert	29
Kristin Forbes	11	Thomas Fisher	30
Mary Margaret Ackerman	13	Karen Roberts	30
Carolyn Rogers	13	Annalesa Steele	30
Bunny Rock	14	Heather Paulick	31
Wally Cole	18	Chris Williams	31
Makayla Lapp	18		
Nick Nickle	19		
Herman Graham	19		
Arlene Hull	20		
Lottie Phinney	20		
Curtia Benning	21		



Many Thanks

“Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.”

Those familiar words hardly describe the experiences prior to Christmas. Yet in the midst of the hustle and bustle, we were blessed by your commitment and your support. Our many opportunities for worship enriched so many and we are grateful for all you did to make this such a blessed Christmas.

We are truly grateful for the many cards and gifts you shared with us during this time. May you and your family continue to experience the joy and hope of Christmas during the New Year.

*The Carteret Street United
Methodist Church Staff*



Youth News

UMYF, Grades 6-12



Youth Sunday School Classes

6th - 12th grades, Room 308, 9:30am

UMYF

January 1: No UMYF, Happy New Year!

January 8: 6-7:30pm, Parents Potluck Supper and meeting with youth leaders

January 15: Youth out to lunch after 10:30am worship. Bring money.

January 22: 6-7:30pm, Regular UMYF

January 27-29: Revolution: depart for Columbia on Friday the 27th. Arrive back at the church on Sunday, the 29th. More information to follow.

Please call or email Lynn Stratton if you have any questions or concerns.

Children’s Corner

Children's Sunday School Class

K – 5th grade - Room 300

Join us for Sunday School

Winter Wonderland Social, January 8th

Movie, Popcorn and Winter Crafts in the Fellowship Hall from 1:00-3:00pm. RSVP to Melinda if you will be coming.

Children’s Council Meeting

January 22nd following the 10:30am worship service in the Conference Room

Save the date!

Parents and potluck luncheon following the 10:30am worship service on January 29th. We will gather together in the Multi-Purpose Room and discuss the 2023 activity calendar.

Contact Melinda Ackerman for more information regarding Children’s Ministry.

The Faith We Sing for the Sanctuary

We will be purchasing The Faith We Sing (TFWS) which is a supplement hymnal for worship. TFWS has new hymns and many wonderful traditional hymns of the church as: *I'll Fly Away* and *Wade in the Water*. If you would like to place one or more in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the Church Office or sign up on the attached form in your bulletin. The cost for each copy is \$20.00. They will be placed in the pews with the current United Methodist Hymnals.

Night Owls Book Club

Date: January 18, 2023

Book: *Cinderella Liberator* by Rebecca Solnit

(There is a copy of this book in the Church Office if anyone wants to borrow it to read.)

The Night Owls Book Club meets via zoom on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm. We will discuss *Cinderella Liberator* by Rebecca Solnit and recommend books to read and discuss each month of 2023.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, please email the church at csumc@islc.net and include your name, telephone number and email address. Upon receipt of this information you will be added to the list for the Book Club. An email containing the zoom link will be sent out the day before the scheduled meeting.

A Bible Study on the Lectionary

The Lectionary Bible Study, led by Rev. Terry Pfeiffer meets on January 19th at 12noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich and if possible an extra sandwich for newcomers or those who forgot. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will study together from 12-1pm and then eat together.

The scriptures are: Psalm 27:1, 4-9; Isaiah 9:1-4, I Corinthians 1:10-18 and Matthew 4:12-23.

Trustees Meeting

January 16, 2023

6:00pm, Conference Room

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild needs your help! If you are interested in polishing brass monthly, please call the Church Office.

Thank You

A big thank you to all those who helped out with the Hanging of the Greens Service. It was a special service!

Seekers Book Club

Date: January 5, 2023

Book: *Cinderella Liberator* by Rebecca Solnit

(There is a copy of this book in the Church Office if anyone wants to borrow it to read.)

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. Please bring a sandwich and if possible an extra sandwich for newcomers or those who forgot. Drinks and dessert provided. Also, we will discuss books to read each month in 2023 so bring your suggestions. Come join us!

Call to Care Team

The Call to Care Team is actively visiting those who are homebound and need our prayers or those who would just like a visit. If you have a need, reach out to the Church Office. Our next team meeting is January 9th at 11:00am in the Church Parlor.

United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall. All men are encouraged to attend and become members. In addition to our meetings we are available to assist needy members of our congregation with yard cleanup and minor repair projects. You can contact Ken Mills or Cliff Wimberly regarding any projects.

Gray Blades Luncheon

Thursday, January 12, 2023

12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for Fellowship, Fun and Food. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be "Gray" to be a Gray Blade. Our guest speaker is Jay Turner Director at Rooms of Grace.

All members of CSUMC are welcome to attend the luncheon and presentation. Please notify Mickey Stoble by 1/10/2023 if you plan to attend. Bring either a covered dish, salad or dessert of your choice. Drinks will be provided.

Prayer Chain

If you are interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain please provide the church office with your name and email address. Weekly emails are sent out to the prayer chain members with prayer concerns.

Financial Stewardship 2023

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Commitment of Giving Card for 2023. If you have not returned your Commitment Card, please return when you can. Cards are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary or in the Church Office.

Church Office Information

Church Office Hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday thru Thursday and 9:00am to 1:00pm on Fridays. We will continue with these hours until further notice.

Worship

We will continue to offer online worship. We will also continue with two services at 8:30am and 10:30am for now.

Connect with us!

We invite you to worship on-line or in-person (8:30 & 10:30) on Sundays!! The service is posted on Facebook and available on our website Facebook scroll at www.carteretstumc.org.

Visit us on Facebook!
facebook.com/csumcbeaufort

Check in with us
TODAY on Facebook!!

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Follow our Youth on Facebook!!  
Carteret Street UMC Youth

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Follow our Children on Facebook!!
Carteret Street UMC Children's Activities



We Need Your Help in 2023

If you are interested in serving in any capacity listed below, call the Church Office.

Nursery Volunteers

We need adults of all ages who love children to help in the nursery on Sundays.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, call to sign up for your special day.

Ushers and Greeters

Ushers and greeters are needed for both services.

Acolytes and Crucifers

Acolytes and Crucifers are needed for both services, grades 4 - 12. Training will be provided.

Nametags

Carteret Street UMC nametags are available for purchase at \$10.00 each. Some of you already have them, but if you do not, please let us know if you would like to buy one. Fill out the attached form in your bulletin with your name so we can order them. We would like for each person to wear their name tags on Sunday mornings and other church events. Thank you!

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**Carillon Choir**

The Carillon Bell Choir practices on Mondays at 9:30am. Those interested in playing in the Bell Choir including past players should contact Richard Zurakowski.

**Chancel Choir**

Regular rehearsals at 7:00pm each Wednesday. New members welcome!! Contact Bobby Blanton.

**Do You Play the Recorder?**

Our Recorder Group is growing and having fun! We play soprano, alto, tenor and bass. If anyone plays the recorder or would like to learn, please contact Marlene Cracraft or call the Church Office. We practice on Fridays from 10:00am to 11:30am. At the end of practice we play a few pieces for the Alzheimer's Social Day in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone is interested in booking us for your group, please call Marlene.



**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**Home** Gladys Chapman, Ethel Cook, Sarah Davis, Jouette Duckworth, Barbara Garrison, Frank and Gloria Hamilton, Jim Hicks, Lad Howell, May Lepionka, Linda Oliva, PP Pynn, Linda Self

**Helena Place** Marlene Cracraft

**Sprenger Health Care** Jackie Black, Buddy Clark,  
Curtis Smith

**Oaks at Beaufort** Russell Beer

**The Retreat at Lady's Island** Glenn and Barbara Carothers

**Wesley Commons, Greenwood** Betty Elkins

**Connection Deadline**

Please submit information for the February 2023 *Carteret Connection* to the church office by January 16th.

**Stewardship Report as of December 18, 2022**

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| <b>Budget Needs Y-T-D</b> | \$ 596,762.73 |
| <b>Received Y-T-D</b>     | \$ 615,542.05 |

We extend our sympathy to: the family of **Joan Suda** on her death, December 2, 2022 in Beaufort, SC; Russell Beer on the death of his wife, **Donnie Beer** on December 2, 2022 in Beaufort, SC.

**Church Staff**

**ELLEN FABIAN**, Administrative Assistant

**RICHARD ZURAKOWSKI**, Carillon Choir Director

**ROBERT BLANTON, JR.**, Director of Music Ministry

**MELINDA ACKERMAN**, Director of Children's Ministries

**JOHN PERRY**, Custodian

**LINDA FERRELL**, Business Manager

**GARY RAKESTRAW**, Organist

**ALLEN FARLEY**, Coordinator of Food Ministries

**LYNN STRATTON**, Coordinator of Youth Ministries

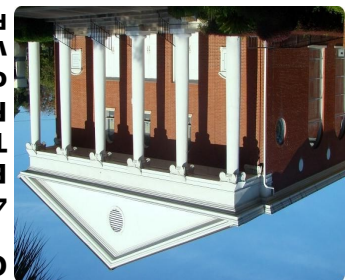
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