

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 63

Week of May 30, 2021

Worship Reminder

In order to provide a safe and healthy environment we recommend that masks continue to be worn while in the sanctuary.

Peace and health,
Zach.

Slate of Officers for 2021

The following is the Slate of Officers for 2021 approved by the board at their May meeting and which will be voted upon at a congregational meeting following Sunday worship on June 6th:

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| Chairman | Dave Segneri |
| Vice Chair | Mike Shrier |
| Clerk | Cyndi Dunmire |
| Treasurers | Cristin Weber and Lacie Walk |
| Historian | Paul Stauffer |
| Advocate Bromenn | Pat and Sue Larkin |
| Trustee – 3 year | Pat Larkin |
| Elders – 3 year | Jason McKeown Paul Stauffer Marc Thomas |
| Deacons – 3 year | Ryan Larkin Sadie Carlock-Short Jeanette Kaufman Mindy McReynolds Lou Daniel Mike Shrier |

Sunday Worship

This week's worship will be in-person following our standard masking protocols. On Sunday afternoon the worship recording will be put out virtually for access via the church's [Facebook page](#) and the [church website's worship page](#). In addition, Sunday morning the church service can be listened to live on the radio around Carlock by tuning your radio to 105.9FM at 10:00AM.

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Message from the Pastor

Dear Church,

If you will indulge me just a little bit, I would like to talk about something I saw in the Cubs game the other day. Forgive me if I get a little too “inside baseball.” I will try and not get too in the weeds. So, during Thursday’s Cubs-Pirates game, Cub’s shortstop Javier Baez came up with a runner on second base and two outs. He hit a groundball to the Pirate’s third basemen who threw to first base to try and get the out. Unfortunately for the Pirates the throw pulled the first basemen off the base. Instead of trying to get the automatic force out the first basemen decided he would try and tag Baez for the out. Baez saw this attempt and began retreating back to home plate. Now, once you have left home plate you cannot go back, you have to go to first, but that didn’t stop Baez from trying to go back, nor did it stop the Pirate first basemen from chasing after him trying to get the tag. While all of this was going on, the Cub runner from second base alertly kept running the bases, approaching home plate from the correct direction. When the Pirates saw this the first basemen, who had chased Baez back to within a couple feet of home plate on the first base side, lobbed a throw to the catcher to try and keep the runner from scoring. The throw was late, but, since there were two outs the run would not count as long as they got Baez out before he reached first base safely. However, during all the chaos none of the Pirates players had covered first base, so when the catcher threw down the line there was nobody to take the throw. It went into right field and Baez kept on running until he reached second base safely. The run counted.

Now, many baseball observers have praised this play for the creativity and the baseball instincts that Javier Baez displayed in doing the seemingly impossible - stealing first base. They seemed to imply that he knew exactly what he was doing. As I thought about it, however, I realized there was something else at play here. Baez is certainly creative, and he certainly has good instincts, but the reason that he was able to make a play that ridiculous (something he does regularly, by the way) is because he pairs those traits with a joy in playing the game of baseball, and the ability to stay in the present moment. He probably didn’t know what he was doing, he was just as confused as everyone else, but by staying in the moment and approaching it with joy, he was able to adapt, improvise, and make the best of the situation. As I thought about this, I couldn’t help but envy that ability. Not the baseball ability, the ability to give attention and joy to the moment.

What if we were able to apply a similar joy and attention to our own lives. Especially during such turbulent times as we have lived through this year, the ability to approach each moment attentively, with a joy and excitement for the life we are blessed with, could help us adapt and make the best of a tough situation. If we approached our life of faith with an attention to God’s presence in the moment and a joy in that relationship, what sort of lives could we live, what sort of gifts could we share? If we worshiped God with a similar joy and attentiveness, what sort of renewal could we experience every Sunday morning? Like Javy Baez on the baseball field, it could be something magical.

With Joy and attentiveness, Zach

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Favorite Hymns!

Since singing in worship will be making a comeback in the weeks and months ahead, help me select some of the music that we will be featuring in our post-worship hymn sings and eventually in worship itself. What are your favorite hymns or praise songs? Which songs have you missed singing the most? What song do you want to be able to belt out on a Sunday morning? Let me know and I will try and work them into our plans for worship. You can let me know by dropping me an email at zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com, or you can leave your song choices on our Carlock Christian Church Facebook page. There is already a post there asking this very question. I look forward to hearing from you.

Summer Camps! Registration Due June 1!

Incorporating guidance and recommendations from the state about how to operate our in-person camping programs this upcoming summer, our regional camping program has decided to have weekend camps! The regional church's statement on the summer camps, the summer camp dates, age groups for each camp, the cost, and online registration links can be found [here on the Regional Website](#). Further, any of our children and youth who are interested in attending summer camp will have half of their camp cost paid by the church! If you have any questions or the remaining amount is still a barrier, please reach out to Clayton Summers (part of the camping program for 20 years) as we will make certain any child who wants to go to camp can.

VBS+ *Embrace the Fruits of the Spirit*: July 10th!

We are excited to announce that this summer Carlock Christian Church will be taking a different twist on VBS, VBS+. The idea of VBS+ is that it is everything we love about VBS, from the stories to the crafts and activities, but *plus* families! Like our current children ministry offerings, there will be two ways to participate. Option one will be via a pre-packed kit and online videos for those who are not yet comfortable being in person or unable to attend for scheduling reasons. We'll send enough supplies for the entire family to participate at your own pace! Option two will be in-person at the church with either your family or some adopted adults from the congregation! For those in-person, more specifics will depend on the most recent health and safety guidelines. Our theme for this year will be "*Embrace the Fruit of the Spirit*" and for those in-person will take place in one day, Saturday, July 10th from 9:30AM-3:30PM. Registration can be found here: <https://vbsmate.com/CarlockDoc>. While we do not have any end date for registration, we ask that you register early so we can plan accordingly! For any further questions or clarifications, please contact Clayton Summers!

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

Now open, the Federal Communications Commission will open up registration for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, a program that will fund a \$50/month discount on internet services/associated equipment rentals and a one-time \$100 discount on a laptop/tablet/desktop computer. You can determine if you qualify [here](#) (at or below 135% of the national poverty line, had a substantial loss of income during the pandemic, etc.) and learn more about the program [here](#).

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Illinois Covid-19 Vaccine Appointment Hotline

The state of Illinois has set up a vaccine hotline to assist in getting Covid-19 vaccine appointments for people who are eligible as an alternative to the online only sign-up. More information can be found [here](#) and the vaccine hotline is (833) 621-1284.

New Church Email

The church has a new email address! To assist in making a more centralized online presence, carlockdoc@gmail.com will be the email address associated with the weekly update, a Carlock Christian Church YouTube channel where all our worship services will live, and other online accounts. Nothing should change for reaching our staff via email. Pastor Zach can still be reached at zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com and youth pastor Clayton at clayton.wwjd@gmail.com at this time. For the time being this is a change to centralize our various online church accounts.

Communion

If you would like to receive communion from the church at this time, please contact Sue Larkin or Pastor Zach Martin.

Cohort

Cohort (6th – 12th) will continue this week, 7:00-8:30PM on Wednesdays. **(Please note the summer time change from a start time of 7:30 to 7:00PM. This will enable us to spend half an hour in gathering games followed by an hour lesson.)** We know families are often busy during summers, so we understand if kids aren't able to attend every week with family trips and other commitments. At the same time, we hope our youth are able to attend when they are available for Christian formation in community. We will be having two options each week for your child(ren) to participate. The first option will be in-person, masked, and socially distanced in the church basement. If you are not comfortable yet with this option or if you or your child(ren) is/are not feeling well, your child(ren) will still be able to join in via Zoom for the same activities, videos, community building, and Christian formation! For the summer, we will be doing a study series on how our faith and the Bible intersect with the world. The list of lessons and meetings can be found [here](#). The Zoom link for each week will be:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88226160610?pwd=L2lqck84OXoreDVVRGt3QlB0Q2R4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2616 0610

Passcode: 233001

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Clayton Summers with any questions at 618-262-3065 or via email at clayton.wwjd@gmail.com.

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Church Phones

An update concerning phone service at Carlock Christian Church: We are currently using an answering service for the phone in the church office. So, if you call the church at (309)-376-2081 you will be prompted to leave a message. Pastor Zach will then be notified by text message on his cell phone. If you need to speak to Pastor Zach the most direct way is to call him on his cell phone. The number is (217)-358-6593. Also, if Pastor Zach is attempting to call you this is the number you will see on caller i.d. Thank you.

Partners in Healing: Acute Rehab Unit

In 2021, Carlock Christian Church will be taking part in the Partners in Healing initiative with Carle BroMenn Hospital. As part of this program different faith communities in the area are assigned a hospital medical unit to lift up in prayer. These are prayers of support, healing, and well-being. In return the Chaplains and staff of the Spiritual Care department at BroMenn will lift up our church in prayer as well. This year we have been assigned the Acute Rehab Unit. This is a department in the hospital that provides care for patients needing extensive rehabilitation from head, spine, and other traumatic injuries and illnesses. Please keep these people, and the staff that cares for them, in your prayers.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| May 30 th – Kim Maiorello | June 21 st – Mitch & Dianne Mitchell's Anniv. |
| June 7 th – Pat & Sue Larkin's Anniv. | June 22 nd – Jairon & Lacie Walk's Anniv. |
| June 8 th – Owen & Judy Arvin's Anniv. | June 22 nd – Alix & Clayton Summers' Anniv. |
| June 12 th – Deb & John Clement's Anniv. | June 23 rd – Marshall Elkin |
| June 14 th – Mary Kentch | June 23 rd – David & Diane Stauffer's Anniv. |
| June 16 th – Austin & Katelynn's Anniv. | June 25 th – Neal & Mary Kentch's Anniv. |
| June 17 th – Erin Lanz | June 27 th – Owen Arvin |
| June 17 th – Mike Miller | June 28 th – Michael Fulford |
| June 17 th – Time & Lou Daniel's Anniv. | June 28 th – Aaron & Ali Jones' Anniv. |
| June 19 th – Cristin & Dave Weber's Anniv. | June 29 th – Mindy McReynolds |
| June 19 th – Megan Branch | June 30 th – Connor Short |

Food Pantry

For the month of May, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting peanut butter for the food pantry. Please bring your peanut butter (or other food donations) to the church building and place them in the tubs in the lower narthex or take them directly to the food pantry in Danvers. The Carlock-Danvers Food Pantry provides essential food for anyone in the community who is needs a meal. Whether you are looking to help out or are in need of food, for the most recent updates, please check their [Facebook](#) page. To give a monetary donate to the Carlock-Danvers Food Pantry, a check can be sent to the following address:

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First Presbyterian Church of Danvers
201 E. Main St., Danvers, IL 61732
Memo: Food Pantry

Giving

Financial tithes and offerings can be mailed to the church's P.O. Pox Address to continue to help support the ministries of the church. Even when separated by physical distance, we are still reaching out to be the body of Christ in our community. Everyone who has given back to God during the pandemic in whatever form, you are furthering the work of God's Realm.

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Joys and Concerns

As a community of Christians, we find meaning in prayer and praying for our community. Below is our current list of prayer concerns and joys. Each concern will be kept on the list for four weeks unless requested again. If you have a joy or concern you would like to share with our community of faith, we ask you to email Pastor Zach so it can be added to the next week's Weekly Update.

- Please keep in prayer those standing up against racism and other interlocking injustices
- Please keep in prayer all those suffering from Covid19 and its effects: health, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic
- Please keep in prayer all teachers, faculty, staff, students, and parents facilitating school during the pandemic
- Please keep in prayer Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- We keep in prayer Todd, Dorothy L.'s nephew who has died from cancer
- We keep in prayer Richard H. as his dementia worsens
- We keep in prayer Jeanette K.'s friend Karen Walters' family after her death
- We keep in prayer Cole and his family after a mowing accident as he comes home and offer joy for the community that has come together to support them
- We keep in prayer Jennifer's healing after her hand surgery
- We keep in prayer the family of longtime member Betty H. after her death
- We keep in prayer Jessi, one of Clayton's friends who was in a car accident
- We keep in prayer Jennifer's grandson's six year old friend and his family as they face many health complications including the friend's kidney being removed
- We lift up in joy the birth of Marsha & Jim's great-grandson Weston to Nate and Katie
- We lift up in joy the birthday cards Sue sends to our church family
- We lift up in joy Jim & Marsha and Dan & Cindy who both passed their 50th Anniversary during the past year
- We lift up in joy the prayers and support of the community of faith for Marshall & Lil

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Links

All the links from each week's Weekly Update will now appear in a section at the end of the document for your convenience:

Church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/cccdoc1/>

Church Website Worship Page: <http://carlockchristianchurch.org/worship/>

Food Pantry Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Danverscarlockcommunityfoodpantry/>

Crew and Cohort Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88226160610?pwd=L21qck84OXoreDVVRGt3Q1B0Q2R4Zz09>

Midwest Food Bank: <https://www.midwestfoodbank.org/>

Find a Blood Drive: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Ministry Across Generations Faith at Home Resources:

<https://www.docfamiliesandchildren.org/untitled-cdwm>

Camping Program Current Dates & Announcement: <https://cciwdisciples.org/camp-program/>

Vaccine Hotline News Story: <https://news.wttw.com/2021/03/15/illinois-launches-hotline-covid-19-vaccine-appointments>

Cohort Summer Lesson Schedule: <http://carlockchristianchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/CohortSummerSchedule2021.pdf>

Email Rev. Zach Martin: <mailto:zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com>

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As always, we ask everyone continue to stay in touch, to reach out to each other and the church staff should needs arise, and to stay safe.

Blessings

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