

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 67

Week of June 27, 2021

Message from the Pastor

Dear Church,

Last week the House and the Senate came together to pass a bill through Congress making Juneteenth a federal holiday. Juneteenth, which falls each year on June 19th, marks the occasion in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, TX, informing the Black residents of that city about the freeing of slaves under the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 – two years earlier. The commemoration of this unofficial end to slavery has since been treated as a holiday by many in the African American community.

So, what does it mean now that it is a federally recognized holiday? Well, I'm sure many people will have an extra day off work during the summer, and there may be some great Juneteenth sales on Amazon or at the local department store. Outside of that, I couldn't say. As a white man I lack the knowledge and experience to say for sure, but I do know that it means something very different and important for many people I know in the African American community.

However, as an American and a Christian I can say why I think Juneteenth is an important holiday to celebrate. Some opponents of this bill have noted that the holiday is too close to July 4th, and it may steal some thunder from Independence Day. I think that it is appropriate the days are so close together. July 4th is the day we celebrate the United States declaring its independence, but also declaring the ideals on which the country would be founded, the idea that they would strive for, long into the future: All men are created equal. Unfortunately, we also know that that ideal did not happen right away. The dehumanization of slavery persisted for decades.

So, Juneteenth comes along, a day to celebrate a people's freedom from slavery, but also a day to celebrate the United States taking a step closer to independence for all, and an important step toward living into the country's highest and best ideals.

In the Christian liturgy we celebrate Maundy Thursday and Good Friday before we celebrate the triumph of Easter. We cannot celebrate Christ's victory over death and the new life possible to us, without also remembering that Christ was betrayed by one he loved, and his murder was sanctioned by those he came to serve. Likewise, Juneteenth calls us to remember our nation's greatest sin, but also our ability to overcome it. There is still work to do for the realization of the humanity, equality, and independence of all people, but as Christ showed us, new life is possible when we first die to our old lives.

Let these summer holidays be a celebration of who we are, but also, what we can do together.

Enjoy the fireworks, Zach

Communion

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

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Pastor Zach Vacation

Pastor Zach has been out of office this week and Rev. Neal Kentch will be the guest preacher on July 27th.

Upcoming Outdoor Worship

Weather permitting, we will have worship outside in the garden on Sunday, July 4.

Coffee Hour

With the updated CDC guidance, we are now returning to holding our coffee hour. If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up in the church Narthex or contact Pastor Zach.

VBS+: July 10th Volunteer Request

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!

While we are going to be doing family-based groups this year, we do have some volunteer opportunities for our adults and youth for the in-person VBS+. If you are interested, please contact Clayton Summers at 618-262-3065 or clayton.wwj@gmail.com. If you are an adult and have not gone through the Church's Background Check process in the past three years, we'll make sure to send you the information. Here are the following volunteer opportunities:

- Kitchen Volunteer: Preparing Lunch and Afternoon Snack
- Craft Leader: Demonstrates Crafts
- Activity Leader: Leads/Demonstrates Activities (Games, Etc.)
- "Nurse": Needs to be an adult, can offer minor first aid if needed. Can fill another role as well
- Additional Volunteer "Adopted" Families (as Needed): These volunteers will serve as an "adopted" family to kids whose families cannot be present. These adults will do the Bible Stories with the kids as well as help with crafts and activities.

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.

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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.

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](#). This week we will be discussing "Do Animals Have Souls?". The Zoom link for each week will be:

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

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.

Food Pantry

For the month of July, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting vegetables for the food pantry. Please bring your vegetables (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 address on the following page:

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 25 th – Neal & Mary Kentch's Anniv.	July 13 th – Red Woosley
June 27 th – Owen Arvin	July 15 th – Bryan & Kathy Burris' Anniv.
June 28 th – Michael Fulford	July 16 th – Dave Dunmire
June 28 th – Aaron & Ali Jones' Anniv.	July 16 th – Lou Daniel
June 29 th – Mindy McReynolds	July 16 th – Marlene (Mary) Myers
June 30 th – Connor Short	July 19 th – Doug Geshiwl
July 2 nd – Linda Wilson	July 21 st – Stella Fortner
July 3 rd – Cory Branch	July 25 th – Cindy Gilmore
July 3 rd – Leo & Jeanette Kaufman's Anniv.	July 25 th – Jairon Walk
July 7 th – Richard Wiley	July 25 th – Kevin & Dawn Neblock's Anniv.
July 8 th – Gary Short	July 30 th – Jim Fogle
July 13 th – Diane Mitchell	July 30 th – Lance & Michelle Geshiwl's Anniv.

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 Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- We keep in prayer Richard H. as his dementia worsens
- 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 Jessi, one of Clayton's friends who was in a car accident
- We keep in prayer Jennifer's grandson Caleb's six-year-old friend Lakota and his family as they face many health complications
- We keep in prayer Lou's brother Andy who is feeling isolated due to COVID and facing some unrelated health issues
- We keep in prayer Linda W.'s aunt Corrine as she is recovering from a stroke
- We lift up in joy the prayers and support of the community of faith for Marshall & Lil

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Sunday Worship

This week's worship will be in-person. On Sunday evening/night 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.

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 if separated by physical distance, together we are still reaching out to be the body of Christ in our community. Everyone who has given back to God in whatever form, you are furthering the work of God's Realm.

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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=L21qck84OXoreDVVRGt3QlB0Q2R4Zz09>

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>

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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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