

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 72

Week of August 1, 2021

Message from the Pastor

Dear Church,

A relative of mine is preparing to move from Indiana to California, to be closer to her son and grandson. So, this past week I was enlisted to help in the moving process. As part of the move, she will be downsizing from a house to something smaller. This necessitated getting rid of a lot of furniture. So, we took a U-Haul out to Indiana and loaded it full of furniture. Some of the furniture was pieces we thought could be used by someone else, things like a sofa, some bookshelves, etc. However, most of it was antique furniture, things that had been in the family for many years, things my mom wanted to keep for sentimental reasons.

Some of this furniture is in better condition than other pieces. Some seem to have a clear purpose, I can see what they might be used for, while other pieces I can't quite see where it will fit. Some of it will go home with someone, while some it may stay in a storage locker somewhere for an undisclosed amount of time. These are the sorts of decisions that we all weigh as we move, geographically, as well as metaphorically, through life. What to take with us, what we can afford to leave behind, and what we want to be unencumbered from. We all have those things, those possessions or ideas or relationships or traditions that we cling to like a piece of furniture that has become a family heirloom.

The upcoming occasion of Carlock Christian Church's 185th anniversary celebration gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the memories and traditions -those heirlooms- that we cherish from this church and our individual relationships with it. It will be a time of remembrance and celebration to be cherished and honored. However, taking a look back at where we have been also provides for us a good opportunity to look ahead at where we might want to go. It is good to appreciate our heirlooms, but it is also good to look at what they are being used for now, what they might be used for in the future. How we incorporate these things into future plans is an important consideration.

So, to help guide into thinking about these things, I will be preparing two (2) sermon series for the coming months. One will lead us into our September 12th, 185th anniversary celebration, and the second will lead us out in the weeks that follow. Starting August 15th I will offer the Disciples Heritage sermon series, in which I will be reflecting on Carlock's heritage as a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), what that means for our life and history as a congregation, and how it can guide us in our lives. The second sermon series, starting September 19th, will be "Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve," where we will consider the words of the slogan printed on our bulletins. What do worship and service mean for our life as a congregation and how can we continue to live into that slogan going forward.

See you Sunday,

Zach

Rev. Zach Martin
(217)-358-6593
zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com

Clayton Summers
(618)-262-3065
clayton.wwjd@gmail.com

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 72

Week of August 1, 2021

Thank You Note

Dan Gilmore would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers and cards during his surgery and would like to report he is on the mend!

Save the Date! 185th Celebration: September 12th

Sunday, September 12th we will be celebrating the church's 185th birthday! Sue Larkin is currently looking for volunteers to help plan the event, please contact her if you are interested! More information will be coming soon about the activities, but make sure to mark your calendars as you won't want to miss this.

Communion

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

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.

Coffee Hour This Sunday

This Sunday (August 1st) there will be coffee hour at 9AM. If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up in the church Narthex or contact Pastor Zach.

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.

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.

Rev. Zach Martin
(217)-358-6593
zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com

Clayton Summers
(618)-262-3065
clayton.wwjd@gmail.com

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 72

Week of August 1, 2021

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Aug. 1 st – Michael Montoya	Aug. 16 th – Brandi Bohannon
Aug. 1 st – Rene Montoya	Aug. 21 st – Kaleb Jones
Aug. 6 th – Scott Boots	Aug. 23 rd – Jake Branch
Aug. 13 th – Clayton Summers	Aug. 25 th – Emma Lanz
Aug. 13 th – Jim Funk	Aug. 25 th – Julie Foster
Aug. 14 th – Lisa Branch	Aug. 25 th – Lil Elkin
Aug. 15 th – Mitch Mitchell	Aug. 30 th – Riley Larkin
Aug. 15 th – Ryan & Crystal’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](mailto:pastor.zach@carlockchurch.org) 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 Jennifer’s grandson Caleb’s six-year-old friend Lakota and his family as they face many health complications and offer up thanks for successful surgeries at St. Jude
- 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 keep in prayer Dorothy L.’s brother-in-law John who is starting radiation and is grateful for our prayers
- We keep in prayer the families of those killed in the car accident in Washington, IL
- We keep in prayer Mary Ellen M. who can’t come to worship but is thinking of us
- We keep in prayer Dorothy L. and her family following the death of her sister-in-law this past week
- We keep in prayer Cyndi D.’s brother-in-law as he struggles with Parkinson’s and complications
- We keep in prayer Crystal L.’s aunt who is healing from a hand injury
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for an undefeated season for Riley and Cody’s baseball team
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for our VBS+ volunteers and kids
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for Jennifer’s family making it home safely from military deployment

Rev. Zach Martin
(217)-358-6593
zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com

Clayton Summers
(618)-262-3065
clayton.wwj@gmail.com

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 72

Week of August 1, 2021

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:

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 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.

Carlock Christian Church
P.O. Box # 279
Carlock, IL 61725

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 72

Week of August 1, 2021

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/>

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>

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>

Email Clayton Summers: <mailto:clayton.wwjd@gmail.com>

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

Rev. Zach Martin
(217)-358-6593
zach.e.martin1987@gmail.com

Clayton Summers
(618)-262-3065
clayton.wwjd@gmail.com