

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 81

Week of October 3, 2021

Masking Recommendation

[Regional Church Leadership] encourage our congregations to follow the latest public health advice. The current advice is wearing masks indoors, and vaccinations for those who are able...It would be wise to protect each other.

Message from the Elder Chair

Dear Members,

Last Sunday I talked about the unique talents and gifts present in each member of our faith community and how God always provides. I shared how I was reminded of God's provision when I read my daily devotion which was based upon Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you hope and a future." It was just what I needed when I was feeling a little discouraged about trying to find someone to serve as pulpit supply. Sure enough, God provided two people to help us out during this transition time. God is good!

We welcome Rev. Jim Warren to our church this Sunday. Jim recently retired from 1st Christian Church in Bloomington and we're happy to have him fill in during most of October. Lloyd Hulit will be our guest speaker on Oct. 17th. We appreciate their willingness to share their gifts and talents with us this month.

We will have coffee hour again this Sunday, so come join us for coffee, food and fellowship from 9:00-9:45 am. A sign-up sheet to host our coffee hour will be posted in the narthex.

The date of our next board meeting has been changed to Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm. All elders, deacons, board officers, and committee chairs are encouraged to come to this important meeting or reach out to Clayton for the Zoom link if you are unable to attend in person. I also ask that you keep this congregation and its leaders in your prayers as we continue the search for our next minister.

Blessings,

Sue Larkin

Volunteer for a Regional Committee

Currently the regional church is in need of individuals who are willing to serve on regional committees. You don't need any qualifications beyond being a member of our church and a desire to serve. There is a great need for anyone who would be interested in serving on the New Church Team, the Ministry Committee, and the Transformation Committee but other teams within the region you could volunteer for include the Disciple Women's Cabinet, SLAM (Service, Learning, Advocacy, and Mission planning annual mission opportunities), the Camp Walter Scott Facility Committee, Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Committee, LGBTIQ+ Alliance Fellowship, Youth, Young Adult Ministry, Children's Ministry, and Men's Ministry, and more! If you would like to learn more about or volunteer for any of these regional committees, please reach out to Clayton Summers.

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Choir Update

The choir has decided to go on hiatus for the time being with the current Covid-19 wave. When they decide to come back from hiatus, it will be announced here and they will follow the schedule below:

Choir Rehearsals

Oct. 6, 17
Nov. 3, 13, 20
Dec. 1, 8, 15

Choir Sunday Anthems

Oct. 10, 22
Nov. 7, 17, 24
Dec. 5, 12, (Cantata) 19

Communion

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

Fall Children & Youth Programming

Crew and Cohort are chugging along for the fall! Crew and Cohort will be taking place this Wednesday, October 6th. Crew is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, and Cohort is for youth in 6th-12th grades. Crew will take place from 6:00PM-7:00PM and Cohort from 7:00PM-8:30PM every Wednesday from Sept. 8th – Dec. 8th (with the week of Thanksgiving off). Crew will be using a curriculum called “Celebrate Wonder” while Cohort will be discussing “The Basics of Faith”. Both groups will play games, do crafts, learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and have a lot of fun doing so. For the time being Crew will be meeting virtually and Cohort will be meeting in person with an option to join online.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032540122>

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.

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.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct. 11th – Rose Francisco

Oct. 15th – Josh Boots

Oct. 17th – Aaron Jones

Oct. 17th – Molly Neblock

Oct. 20th – Cory & Lisa Branch's Anniv.

Oct. 27th – Dawn Neblock

Oct. 27th – Jerry & Annie Carlock Anniv.

Oct. 28th – Dorothy Lilienthal

Oct. 29th – Debbie Quain

Trunk or Treat

Carlock Christian Church will be hosting Trunk or Treat this year! The date is forthcoming but will coincide with when the village decides to hold Trick or Treating. We need people who are willing to decorate their trunks and we are in need of donations of candy. Candy can be dropped off in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Contact Sue Larkin if you are unable to bring it on a Sunday to work out an alternative drop off. Signups for the trunks will be on a sheet in the Narthex or by emailing Sue or Clayton.

Coffee Hour

This Sunday (October 3rd) come for coffee food at fellowship starting at 9AM. If you would like to host coffee hour, please sign up in the church Narthex or contact Sue Larkin.

Address Change

Janet and Jurgen Suhr have moved to the Villas of Holly Brook. Their new address is 2016 Fox Creek Rd., Room #115, Bloomington, IL 61701.

Food Pantry

For the month of October, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting rice for the food pantry. Please bring your rice (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

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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 [Clayton](mailto:clayton.wwjd@gmail.com) 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 Covid-19 and its effects: health, mental, emotional, spiritual, and economic
- Please keep in prayer Acute Rehabilitation Unit, Carle BroMenn Medical Center
- We keep in prayer all the people who are currently in Afghanistan at this time
- We keep in prayer all those affected by Hurricanes this season
- We keep in prayer Richard H. and his family following his death
- We keep in prayer Debbie Q. and her family following the death of her brother Rob
- We keep in prayer Mary Shannon who had started cleaning our church building and was in a serious car accident
- We keep in prayer Lou D. and her family as her brother Andy has deteriorating health conditions and is in a care facility far away from family
- We keep in prayer Matt Funk as he has been sick
- We keep in prayer Jen's Daughter-in-law Allie as her mother stops treatment for cancer
- We offer up joy and thanksgiving for the love this community of faith expresses with birthday wishes

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/>

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>

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

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