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,

During the month of October, the elders will be assisting with the worship service. If you missed Jim Warren's sermon last week, you missed a good one. Make sure you come Sunday to hear his next sermon. Don't forget, Lloyd Hulit will be our guest minister Oct. 17th.

Our coffee hours started up again last Sunday. They begin at 9:00 am and last until approximately 9:45 am in the fellowship hall. Thanks to Marshall and Lil for hosting this Sunday (Oct. 10). We don't have a set menu, it's the hosts' choice, but donuts, muffins, fruit, coffee or juice are always easy and quick and are enjoyed during this fellowship time. Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to serve as a host for coffee hour.

Clergy Appreciation Day is the second Sunday in October (Oct.10). This day was created to thank pastors for all their contributions throughout the year. In our church, we will thank Clayton, our youth minister, and Jim, our guest minister, for all that they've done and will continue to do to show God's love. However, appreciation shouldn't be reserved for just one day or even a month each year. Please take time to share your appreciation sometime this week or month. If you need some ideas to show your appreciation throughout the year, I thought I'd list a few:

- 1. Send a card
- 2. Invite your pastor to dinner
- 3. Ask if you can pray for him/her
- 4. Write a personal letter
- 5. Make a dessert for him/her
- 6. Give a gift card
- 7. Give a small treat such as popcorn, fruit, candy, soda, coffee

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering was to be collected Sept. 26 and Oct. 3 but you can still make your donation this Sunday or later.

We are still needing volunteers for our Trunk or Treat event. Please consider decorating your car or truck for this community outreach event. We usually expect to serve approximately 200 people. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located in the narthex. If you are unable to decorate a vehicle, you can always donate candy because we will need a lot!

I ask again that you continue to keep this congregation and its leaders in your prayers as we continue the search for our next minister.

Blessings,

Sue Larkin, Elder

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.

Choir Update

The choir has decided to begin rehearsing again! While they will not currently be singing in worship (if this changes, we will let you know), they will be practicing for the Christmas Cantata! All are invited to join for the rehearsals on the dates listed!

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

<u>Choir Sunday Anthems</u>
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 13th. 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 <u>Facebook page</u> and the <u>church website's worship page</u>. 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.

Volunteer Opportunity: Camp Workday!

The next Camp Work Day is Saturday, Nov. 6 at Camp Walter Scott from 9AM-4PM. Our Associate Regional Minister for children and youth will leading the workday, Rev. Eli Rolón Jeong. There will be tarp removal from the sleeping structures, cleaning out the camp host house, along with other possible activities of organizing supplies, fixing potholes in a gravel road, and more! Lunch will be provided and you are welcome to stay overnight on Friday at the camp grounds for free. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Clayton Summers or Rev. Eli directly. Camp Walter Scott is located South of Effingham, IL at 15290 E 300th Ave, Dieterich, IL 62424.

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

Oct. 11th – Rose Francisco Oct. 27th – Dawn Neblock

Oct. 15th – Josh Boots Oct. 27th – Jerry & Annie Carlock Anniv.

Oct. 17th – Aaron Jones Oct. 28th – Dorothy Lilienthal

Oct. 17th – Molly Neblock Oct. 29th – Debbie Quain

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

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.

Dave Segneri Sue Larkin (309)-532-8400 (309)-531-2396

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

Coffee Hour

This Sunday (October 10th) 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

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 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 keep in prayer the family of Lorne, a young man who died of Covid-19 in Clayton's parents' congregation
- We keep in prayer Clayton's grandmother who had a knee replacement
- We keep in prayer Marshall's sister Doris after being her house has been hit by several severe storms in Iowa
- We keep in prayer the Garrison family following the death of their father
- We keep in prayer Aaron and Staci Dunmire Miller's family on the death of Aaron's brother Eric
- 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.

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

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 Sue Larkin (309)-531-2396

Dave Segneri (309)-532-8400

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