

# Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 87

## Week of November 14, 2021

### Letter from the Youth Pastor

Dear Carlock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),

As many of you are already aware, I have accepted the call to become the next host of Camp Walter Scott with my wife, Alix. The book of Ecclesiastes in the Hebrew Bible reminds us that “For everything there is a season, and a time”; as such, and per my hiring agreement, I am giving the official notice of more than 30 days that I will be ending my employment with Carlock Christian Church after our final Crew and Cohort gatherings of the semester on December 15, 2021.

It has been my absolute pleasure to serve the children, youth, and families of this community as well as the church itself over the past two and a half years. I have learned and grown a lot in my time here and am grateful for this part of my journey in ministry and your shepherding as I underwent my seminary education. You all will remain in my prayers as you continue to go through this time of transition as a community of faith.

Blessings,

Clayton Summers

Carlock Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Youth Pastor

*(Given at Church Board Meeting on November 8, 2021)*

### Hangings of the Greens

Hangings of the Greens will take place this year on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after worship. We plan to have a light lunch after the work is completed rather than the annual Thanksgiving potluck, due to Covid-19 numbers rising in our area once again.

### Special Offering Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

A special offering will be collected on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> to support colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This supports the education of current (Clayton Summers currently attends a Disciples of Christ Seminary!) and future leaders of our church. Find out more [here](#).

### 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.

### Communion

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

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### Choir Update

The choir has been 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

Nov. 17  
Dec. 1, 8, 15

#### Choir Sunday Anthems

Nov. 21  
Dec. 5, 12, (Cantata) 19

### Fall Children & Youth Programming

Crew and Cohort are chugging along for the fall! Crew and Cohort will be taking place this Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Crew is for children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and Cohort is for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Crew will take place from 6:00PM-7:00PM and Cohort from 7:00PM-8:30PM every Wednesday from Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> (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>

Please note, we will not be meeting for Crew or Cohort the week of Thanksgiving (November 24<sup>th</sup>) and will then resume for December 1, 8, and 15.

### Coffee Hour

This Sunday (November 14<sup>th</sup>) 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.

### 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

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Isabelle McKeon  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – David Geshiwm  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Carol Montoya  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Marc & Debbie's Anniv.  
Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Brown

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> – Jason McKeon  
Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin Neblock  
Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Stacey Boots  
Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Marcia Stauffer  
Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Wesley Fortner

### 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.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 Allie's friend from high school following the death of her infant
- We keep in prayer Crystal's dad Ray with the back issues he is experiencing and possible surgery
- We keep in prayer Owen Arvin's family after his granddaughter's husband died
- We keep in prayer Sue's brother Doug and his wife Kim, praying for healing
- We keep in prayer Linda and Kiri Klawitter on the death of Ron
- We keep in prayer Michael Fortney on the death of both his parents Mike and Hope Fortney
- We keep in prayer Sharon who is had surgery on November 11<sup>th</sup>
- We keep in prayer Crystal's grandfather who is not doing well
- We keep in prayer Lil M. who is having health issues
- We offer up prayer and joy for Lou's brother Andy in his new nursing facility in Gilman and his improved health but his inability to see family due to a Covid lockdown at the facility
- We offer up joy for Jen's grandkid's feeling better after RSV
- We offer up joy for the new role Clayton will be taking with our regional campground in January
- We offer up joy for Rebecca and Matt and their family visiting worship last week
- We offer up joy for a successful trunk or treat
- We offer up joy for our guest preachers, including Karen Kitchell this past Sunday

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### Food Pantry

For the month of November, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting potato products for the food pantry. Please bring your potato products (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.

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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>

Nov. 14/21 Offering for Higher Education: <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/thanksgiving/>

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.

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