

Carlock Christian Church – Weekly Update 91

Week of December 12, 2021

Special Christmas Offering

The Special Christmas Offering will be taken at Carlock Christian Church on Dec. 12th and Dec. 19th. This special offering helps support our regional ministry.

Flowers

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Tommie Boitnott.

Reception Dec. 12th

Following worship on this Sunday, Dec. 12th, there will be a reception in the fellowship hall to celebrate our Youth Pastor Clayton Summers' ministry with us. His final day with the congregation is Dec. 15th as he will be going forth to serve as the camp host at our regional church camp, Camp Walter Scott.

Advent Events (Mark your calendars!)

The annual *Christmas Cantata* will be performed in our 10AM worship service on Sunday, Dec. 19th. The *Christmas Eve Service* will be held on Dec. 24th at 7PM.

A Service of Hope and Healing

The Longest Night Interfaith Service is a time for all who find the holidays difficult, all who search for healing and all who pray for wholeness. Join leaders from local faith communities for a time of acknowledging our hurting places before God. Please also share this information with friends, family and faith communities.

Thursday, Dec. 16:

Noon – Moses Montefiore Temple, 102 Robinhood Lane, Bloomington

6:30 p.m. – Normal First United Methodist Church, 211 N. School St., Normal

Virtual Service link at normalfirst.org after Dec. 16.

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.

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
Dec. 15

Choir Sunday Anthems
Dec. 19 (*Cantata*)

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Coffee Hour

This Sunday (December 12th) 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.

Children & Youth Programming This Week!

Crew and Cohort are wrapping up for the fall but there is still time to join in! Crew and Cohort will be taking place this Wednesday, December 15th. 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. For the Crew will be meeting virtually while Cohort will be meeting in person with an option to join online. This will be our final gathering for the year!

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

Communion

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dec. 13th – Nolan Lanz
Dec. 17th – Dan Gilmore
Dec. 17th – Faye Keller

Dec. 26th – Kim Geshiwl
Dec. 27th – Dan & Cindy's Anniv.

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Food Pantry

For the month of December, Carlock Christian is specifically collecting fruit for the food pantry. Please bring your fruit (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 Linda with some upcoming tests
- We keep in prayer Debbie Q.'s Aunt Jean who had a fall and broke several ribs
- 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 keep in prayer Clayton's family on the death of his grandmother
- We keep in prayer Tommie Boitnott's family on his death
- We keep in prayer an upcoming surgery for Ellen and Vivian's father
- We keep in prayer Marshall's brother-in-law Wendell after some testing has revealed a spot on his lungs
- We offer up joy for our guest preachers, including Jim Warren this past Sunday
- We offer up in joy those who helped with Hanging of the Greens and prepared food for the meal afterwards
- We offer up joy for Mo Davis' recovery from Covid and his return home
- We offer up joy for our Christmas music in worship
- We offer up joy for Jeanette's family helping with Christmas decorations at her home
- We offer up joy for Ellen and Vivian being in worship with Debbie and Marc today

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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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