



January 2024



Cass City United Methodist Beacon

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Join Us for a Flavorful Lenten Tradition! Men's Group Friday Fish Fries

Indulge your taste buds in a delectable experience as the Men's Group proudly presents the Friday Fish Fries on March 8, March 22, and April 4, 2024.

Location: Cass City United Methodist Church
March 8th, March 22nd, and April 4th 2024
Time: 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

What to Expect:

- **Mouthwatering Fish Delicacies:** Dive into expertly prepared fish dishes, seasoned to perfection.
- **Fellowship:** Enjoy the company of friends, family, and community members in a warm and welcoming atmosphere.
- **Delicious Sides:** Savor the flavor with our delightful sides that complement the main course.
- **Community Spirit:** Embrace the spirit of Lent with a community gathering focused on good food and great company.



God Knows Everything but...Your church likes to support you, especially during possible turning points in your life. Since these often involve a stay in the hospital, please be sure to call, or have someone call the church (989) 225-2315 or the parsonage (989) 912-2187 to let us know about you.

Please include the name of the hospital. We want to be supportive so please let us know. *Be sure to call whenever you want to talk with the pastor—whatever the reason.*

Message from our Pastor

Dear Beloved Congregation,

As we stand at the threshold of a brand new year, filled with hope and promise, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared together as a church community.

The past six months has been a testament to our strength, resilience, and unwavering faith in the face of challenges. As we welcome 2024, let us continue to build on the foundation of love, fellowship, and purpose that defines us.

In the spirit of the New Year, I want to extend a warm invitation to each and every one of you to join us in making 2024 a year of renewed commitment to our shared mission. Let us embrace the opportunity to grow not only in numbers but also in spirit, kindness, and service to one another in making new disciples of Jesus Christ.

Increasing Visitors and Members.

Our church has always been a welcoming and inclusive space, and I encourage you to invite friends, family, and neighbors to experience the warmth and fellowship that defines our community. Your personal invitations can be a powerful catalyst for growth. Let's open our doors wider and extend our arms in hospitality to those seeking a spiritual home.

Exciting Activities and Events. In the coming year, we are planning an array of exciting activities and events that cater to all age groups and interests. From engaging Bible studies and community service initiatives to fun family events, there will be something for everyone.

Let's actively participate and encourage others to join us in these enriching experiences that strengthen our bonds and deepen our connection with one another.

Volunteer Opportunities. Our church thrives on the selfless contributions of its members. As we move forward, let's actively seek opportunities to serve and support one another. Whether it's volunteering for community outreach programs, assisting with church events, or joining a ministry, there are numerous ways to contribute your time and talents. Together, we can make a positive impact both within our congregation and in the wider community.

Prayer for the New Year. Let us join our hearts in prayer, seeking God's guidance and blessings as we embark on this new chapter. May He grant us wisdom, strength, and grace to fulfill our mission and make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around us.

In closing, let us approach 2024 with a spirit of expectancy, knowing that God has wonderful plans in store for our church community. May this year be marked by unprecedented growth, deeper connections, and a profound sense of purpose.

Grace, Blessings & Happy New Year from my family to yours,

Pastor Bob

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor
Cass City United Methodist Church

Meet the Church Council 2024

Charge Conference Nominations Form 2024 Nominations - Simplified, Accountable Structure

Church Name: Cass City United Methodist Church

The use of this Simplified Structure is allowed by ¶247.2 of *The 2016 Book of Discipline* with District Superintendent approval. Indicate (ROLE) which member is serving as Chair (C), Lay Leader (LL), Lay Member to Annual Conference (LMAC), and Trustee Chair (TC). It is HIGHLY recommended that the board chair serve as the liaison to the DS for purposes of HR (DS). By *Discipline*, the "Trustee Chair" is elected by the "Trustees" (simplified structure for your church) at their first meeting of every year, so please contact your District Office to update or confirm your church's leadership record following the election.

The following persons will serve as the governing board, fulfilling the Disciplinary roles and responsibilities of Church Council, Trustees, Finance, and Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

Term to Serve	Person's Name	Phone Number	Person's Email	Role C, LL, LMAC, DS, TC, UWF/UMW, UMM, UMY
Class of 2024	Gerald Auten	586-879-9363	gdauten@outlook.com	TC
	Constance Schwaderer	989-245-5762	gilconnie@gmail.com	LL UWF
	Doug Monroe	989-798-0078	douglasmonroe@att.net	LL
Class of 2025	Pamela Powell	989-798-3307	powellpamela@yahoo.com	(C)
	Melinda Kirn	517-245-2126	mkkim@charter.net	(LMAC) UWF
	Jon Fahrner	989-550-7929	jfahrner02@gmail.com	LL
Class of 2026	Ed Stoutenburg	989-996-0089	susanstoutenburg@gmail.com	TC
	Henry Lapp	989-619-5419	lapph@yahoo.com	LL
	Terra Czekai	989-395-4789	terraczekai@gmail.com	LL

Ex Officio Members MAY be elected with vote, but not serving as "Trustees" or voting on trustee-related business unless also part of the nine board members above. If the representatives from UWF/UMW, UMM, and UMY are part of the nine board members, you do NOT need to also include their names below. Simply note this affiliation with the appropriate code of UWF/UMW, UMM, or UMY.

United Women in Faith / UM Women Rep. (UWF)	
UM Men Rep. (UMM)	None
UM Youth Rep. (UMY)	Youth under 18 cannot serve as Trustees

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

¶258.1 – The committee is composed of not more than nine persons in addition to the pastor and lay leader. It shall include at least one young adult, and may include one or more youth.

Pastor (Chairperson) and Lay Leader		
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Jon Fahrner	Julie Czekai	Henry Lapp
Melinda Kirn	Terra Czekai	Morris Powell

Christmas Baskets

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND GIFTS 2023 Caro and Cass City United Methodist Church

A blessed Christmas and holiday season to all of you! It certainly will be for the seventeen families that were in need. The outpouring of donations for food and gifts for the children was amazing. The mittens/hat tree was a big success and will provide the needed warmth this winter, for the young ones. A Big thank you to all for helping make this Christmas a very special one.

The gifts and Christmas Dinners were all placed in festive holiday bags and delivered on Friday, December 22nd by Pastor Bob. The boxes were filled to the top with food that will provide for several days worth of meals. A Christmas card was included letting the families know that they are thought of and cared for. May they all be lifted in prayer that the holidays be brighter for them with better times ahead in the future.

Thank you for being a blessing to others and that you have a wonderful and safe holiday season. God's peace and grace be with you always!

"He's the one who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:4



New address updates

Janis Seeley
Marlette Regional Hospital
Care Room 227-2
2770 Main Street
P.O. Box 307
Marlette Mi 48453

Gerry Auten
Bay View Garden
Room # 6
628 E. Main
Sebewaing Mi 48759



New Office Hours

Julie hours have been reduced to 12 hours per week. She will be here on Monday's 9am- 3pm & Wednesday's 9am—3pm starting January 3rd 2024.



Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



Quilters' Retreat March 22-24,

IT'S A MYSTERY

A weekend full of sewing, worship, and fine fellowship sprinkled with a little mystery. That is what's in store for you as this year's Spring Quilter's Retreat takes a twist from the ordinary. There will be lots of time to work on personal projects throughout the weekend with Saturday being Mystery Sew Day! And what would a weekend of intrigue be without some mystery guests? Count on lots of other surprises throughout our time together too.

SATURDAY MYSTERY SEW

In for a little intrigue? Plan to take a break from your own UFO (Unfinished Object), and let the committee walk you through a mystery UFO (Unidentified Furnishable Object). Complete one large project *or* 1 to 2 smaller projects. Join us for a fun day unraveling the clues to create a ????????

Bay Shore Camp & Family Ministries

Premier East Michigan Area Camp serving Youth and Families for over 100 years! Christian Camping at its Best!
(989) 883-2501 web: <https://www.bayshorecamp.org>

Dorcas & Progressive

Our next meal will be **April 10th, 2024.**

If you would like to help Please call:

For Desserts: **Suzie Chappel 989-574-8304**

Doris Jones 989-872-2639

For Meal prep Tuesday/Wednesday :

Connie Schwaderer 989-872-2315

For Delivery : **Ardis Monroe 989-798-6764**



Progressive Class

The Progressive class held their Christmas Party at Charmont on Thursday, December 14th. Ten were in attendance. We ordered off the menu. Our gift exchanged was spiced up with a fun game organized by Eunice Kaufman. The game included singing Christmas songs. The ladies especially enjoyed it when the men sang. Desert was Ice cream and home-made cookies.

On Wednesday, December 27th, the group took a trip to Sebewaing to sing Christmas carols to Gerald Auten.

LOVE *God*
LOVE *People*
SHARE *Jesus*

United Women of Faith

The ladies' Christmas dinner was a splendid affair, transforming a simple gathering into a feast for the senses. As guests entered the elegantly decorated Fellowship hall, they were immediately immersed in a world of festive charm and holiday magic. The atmosphere was infused with the enchanting scents of cinnamon, pine, and subtle hints of seasonal spices.



The main dining area was a sight to behold, with tables adorned in a breathtaking array of themes that reflected the spirit of Christmas. One table boasted a winter wonderland theme, adorned with glistening snowflakes, silver accents, and delicate white flowers. Another table embraced a traditional red and green palette, with festive ornaments, holly, and twinkling lights creating a warm and inviting ambiance.

Adding to the allure of the evening was an unconventional twist – the men were the ones gracefully waiting tables, donned in impeccably tailored attire that echoed the holiday spirit. Their attentive and courteous service elevated the dining experience, leaving the ladies feeling pampered and appreciated.

Once the delectable Christmas feast had been savored, the ladies moved with a hushed anticipation of the musical performance in our Sanctuary with twinkling lights and festive decorations taking center stage. The lights dimmed, and the room was filled with the soft, melodious strains of seasonal tunes.



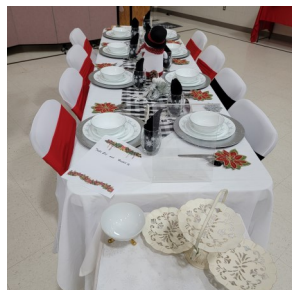
Ladies Christmas Dinner

The musical journey took the guests on a magical ride through classic Christmas carols, heartwarming ballads, and lively tunes that inspired toe-tapping and even some impromptu dancing. The synergy between the beautifully decorated tables, attentive male servers, and the enchanting musical performance created an unforgettable Christmas experience, leaving the ladies with cherished memories that would linger long after the last note had faded away.

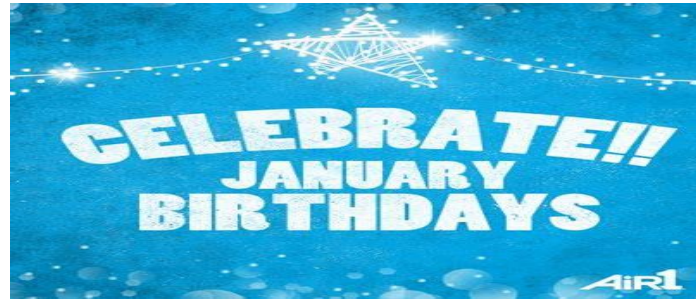


We continue to invite all the ladies in our Church to join us.

Have a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.
Melinda Kirn
UWF



Birthday & Anniversary



Jan 1 Keith Czekai
Jan 4 Laura Merchant
Jan 16 Payton Robinson
Jan 20 Rhett Pavlicheck
Jan 23 Ardis Monroe



Jan 28th
Jack & Lois Gallagher



Calendar January 2024



January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3 Office 9am - 3pm	4	5	6 Shannon Conat Memorial 11-3pm
7 Communion Sunday Worship 9:30 am	8 Office 9am - 3pm	9	10 Office 9am - 3pm	11	12	13
14 Worship 9:30am	15 Office 9am - 3pm	16	17 Office 9am - 3pm	18	19	20
21 Noisy Bucket Worship 9:30am	22 Office 9am - 3pm	23	24 Office 9am - 3pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 9:30am	29 Office 9am - 3pm	30	31 Office 9am - 3pm			

Sharing the Word of Christ



ATTENDANCE

Worship

Attendance &
Views

Online & Church
& Parking Lot

Jan 2022	21,222
Feb	15,451
March	16,707
April	19,011
May	20,607
June	19,878
July	15,001
Aug	11,087
Sept	12,002
Oct	11,002
Nov	12,789

The above counts come from our five worship platforms Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, our website and Twitter.

154 of our church families receive our letters and updates by mail or email.

Winter Word Search

S K I I N G S N O W B O O H T
 S F I R E P L A C E I N G E O
 L I E A R M U F F S C N Y T S
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BLIZZARD	FIREPLACE	PLOW
BOOTS	FROSTY	SCARF
COAT	HAT	SHOVEL
COCOA	ICE	SKIING
COLD	ICICLES	SLEDDING
DECEMBER	JANUARY	SNOW
EARMUFFS	MARCH	SWEATER
FEBRUARY	MITTENS	WINTER



In our thoughts and Prayers

Please keep in your Prayers and Thoughts

Pastor Fred Bowden
Linda & Dailey Parrish
Linda & Roger Marshall
Lorraine Bowden
Dick, Judy Wallace,
Opal Schneeberger
Kathy & Phil Nichols
Charles & Iris Tuckey
Janis Seeley
Ed & Judy Profit,
Bob Montgomery
Roy & Kathy Tuckey
Floy Arnold
Jack & Lois Gallagher
Rick Dillon
Melt Pewee—Liberia
Bob Foote



Czekai and Conat Families
Rick Tait
Nancy & Dean Hutchinson
Morris Powell

Our Family Members at:

Northwood Meadow 6086 Beechwood, Cass City 48726

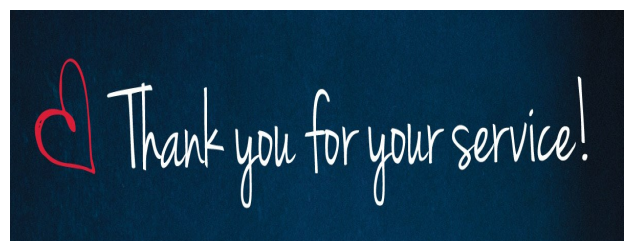
Jan Kritzman Evelyn Whitaker
Ellen Stoutenburg Barb Stickle Eleanor Truemner

Those Serving us spiritually :

Pastor Bob Demyanovich, our ministry here in Cass City and beyond, East Winds District Superintendent Rev. Margie Crawford, Bishop David A. Bard, and The United the Methodist Area Conference and all churches.

In Service to Our Country

Ethan Damm
Jeremy Klinkman
Brent Robinson



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