



# March 2024

## Cass City United Methodist Beacon

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**Men's Group** will be having there Friday Fish Dinners on March 8, 22, & April 5th. The Dinners cost \$12.00. Kids eat free. Dinners start at 4:00 More information on page 5.



**Our Church Council** will be meeting on Monday, March 4th



**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.*



Pickup your copy in the Sanctuary for Lent 2024 contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a short prayer or practice--all based on the Revised Common Lectionary.

Pastor Bob Demyanovich broadcasts daily on Facebook, YouTube, Linked in and on X(Twitter) every morning at 7:00 am during Lent.

# Message from our Pastor

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

As we begin March and the sixteen day of Lent in 2024, I wanted to take a moment to share with you some reflections and plans for our congregation at Caro United Methodist Church.

Lent, as you know, is a time of spiritual reflection, fasting, and preparation for the celebration of Easter. This year, our church community will have been focusing on theme of "renewal of faith," "deepening our discipleship," "journeying with Jesus". As we aim to create meaningful opportunities for personal and communal growth as we journey together through this season of repentance and renewal.

I encourage you to mark your calendars for our Holy week observance as we delve into the richness of this season. Your presence and participation will undoubtedly enrich our communal experience and deepen our connection with God and one another.

Furthermore, as we anticipate the joy of Easter, let us prepare our hearts to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Our Sunrise and Easter Sunday service will be a time of jubilant worship, as we proclaim the victory of Christ over sin and death. I invite you to join us as we rejoice in the hope and promise of the resurrection.

May this Lenten season be a time of spiritual growth and transformation for each of us, as we journey together toward the cross and the empty tomb. Let us embrace this season with humility, prayer, and a renewed commitment to follow Christ faithfully.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about our Lenten and Easter activities, please don't hesitate to reach out. May God's grace and blessings abound in your life during this holy season.

## **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.

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 during this holiest time of the year.

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.

Grace and Blessings during this Lenten and Easter from my family to yours,

*Pastor Bob*

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor

# East Winds District

## EAST WINDS DISTRICT Lenten Mission Project *Celebrating our First Responders*



**February 14th thru March 31st**

Lets find a way through this time of Lent to show our appreciation for the heroic jobs that they do day in and day out.

*(Firefighters, Paramedics, Law Enforcement (state & local), EMT's, 911 & Police Dispatchers, Air Med Flight Crews, Chaplains)*

### **Ways you can do this:**

- Honor Breakfast
- Honor Dinner
- Raise Funds
- Prayer Service
- Provide Lunches
- Gift Card Collection
- Care Packages
- Devotionals
- Bibles
- Send Thank You Cards

Mission Zone churches can work together.

Each church can do their own appreciation campaign.

Publicizing help from District Staff

For more info, contact Eva at [ejankowske@eastwindsumc.org](mailto:ejankowske@eastwindsumc.org)

# *Mission Be an Easter Blessing!*

This holy Easter season we would like to provide twelve baskets full of food, for those most in need, in our area. Six baskets will be furnished from each Caro & Cass City UMC. The baskets will have around \$45-\$50 worth of food and supplies for a nice Easter Day dinner. They will be distributed to families in the Caro and Cass City area, from each of the UMC churches. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of a basket please make your check/donation out to Caro UMC/or Cass City UMC. You can also donate a portion of the \$50 as all giving is appreciated. Or, if you'd like to bring in canned/dry goods that would go along with the dinner, that's great too! A container for these donations will be in the narthex by the mission's board. We are asking for the donations by March 22nd, so that the shopping can take place and delivery to the families by March 29th. If you have any further questions please see Pastor Bob, Julie Czekai or Karen Simpson.

Karen has spoken to Kim, who is the director of Thumb Area Crisis Center, in Caro. They are in need of cold/flu supplies for those currently residing at the center. Adult/child Tylenol, tums, Kleenex, and ibuprofen could help the adults and children there. If you'd like to donate any of these items please drop them off at the Caro/Cass City UMC office or put in the bucket, in the narthex. Thanks for being a blessing to those in need this holy season.

*"The multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."*  
*Matthew 21:9. Amen.*

# *Fish Fry Dinner*

## **Fish Fry Dinner**

**Cass City United Methodist Church**



**Adults \$12.00**

**Kids 12-Unders Free**

**Dinner Dates:**

**March 8, 12 and April 5**

**Time: 4pm-7pm**

**Dinners Includes:**

**All you can eat Fish**

**French Fries ,Cole Slaw, Bake Beans**

**Desserts Beverage**

**Dine In or Take out Call 989-225-2315**

**5100 Cemetery**

**Cass City MI 48726**



# Bay Shore Camp and Family Ministries



**REGISTER**  
Spots fill quickly!

**MARCH 15 - 17**



## **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 met at the Cross road Junction restaurant on Saturday Feb 17th at 9:30am. We all enjoyed good conversation and an excellent breakfast.

Those attending include Connie Schwaderer, Chris Allen, Eunice Kaufman, Dean Hutchinson, Rita and Don Green, And Keith and Jane Mitchell. Eunice Kaufman gave the Blessing . We sent out six cards and enjoyed some humorous reading .

Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday March 19th, at 9:30am . We will meet at the Cow Palace restaurant, for breakfast . It is located at the Cass City Livestock property . Everyone is welcome to Join us.



*Times and All Are Welcome*

Cass City United  
Methodist Church

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY 9:30 AM BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS

Dorcas Meal Progressive Class Adult Bible Study  
STARTING APRIL 9th - COMMUNITY CENTER 11 am -5 pm

Women of Faith (UMW)	Community Center Tuesdays & Thursdays 11am - 5pm	FREE Outdoor Food Pantry	HOLY C.O.W. Church on Wednesday's
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*All Are Welcome Here!*

Rev. Robert Paul Demyanovich, Pastor  
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# Holy Week Schedule

## CASS CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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(989) 225-2315 email: [office@casscityumc.org](mailto:office@casscityumc.org)

PALM  
SUNDAY  
WORSHIP  
MARCH  
24TH  
9:30 AM

MAUNDY  
THURSDAY  
CARO UMC  
MARCH  
28TH  
6:00 PM

GOOD  
FRIDAY  
WORSHIP  
MARCH 29TH  
12 NOON  
AT CASS CITY  
UMC

COOKIES, PIE,  
CAKES  
DONUTS SALE  
DURING HOLY  
WEEK  
AT THE  
CHURCH

SUNRISE  
EASTER  
CARO UMC  
MARCH  
31ST  
7:00 AM

EASTER  
SERVICE  
MARCH  
31ST  
9:30 AM

EASTER  
EGG HUNT  
CARO UMC  
MARCH  
31ST  
12:30 PM



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

WEB SITE: [WWW.CASSCITYUMC.ORG](http://WWW.CASSCITYUMC.ORG)

# *United Women of Faith*

## **UWF UPDATE**

The UWF had a successful submarine sandwich sale on February 10th. Approximately 149 subs were ordered and combined with some generous monetary donations, our profit was just under \$995. Thank you very much for your generosity, whether you ordered subs, contributed money, and helped with assembling subs. Without that, the sale would not have been successful.

UWF will resume our meetings starting on Monday, April 1 at 12 pm. This meeting will be a general meeting with devotions and finishing our planning for the upcoming year.

Our 2024 program booklets will be completed by then. For this meeting, we are going to experiment with our attendees bringing their own sack lunch rather than someone being responsible preparing lunch.

We will then decide which plan works best. If anyone brings a visitor with them, please be sure that they are aware of this change.

UWF is open to all ladies of the church. All ladies who attend church are considered members. We hope to see you on April 1st.

Sincerely,  
Melinda Kirn  
UWF President



# Lenten Fish Dinners

## FRIDAY FISH FRY

CASS CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 8TH - MARCH 22ND, 2024

APRIL 5TH, 2024 4:00-7:00PM

5100 CEMETERY RD CASS CITY, MI

\$12.00 PER ADULT - KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE

(989) 225-2315    [WWW.CASSCITYUMC.ORG](http://WWW.CASSCITYUMC.ORG)

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# *Birthday & Anniversary*



March 3 Trever Henne

March 6 Susan Stoutenburg

March 7 Ed Profit

March 9 Josh Inbody Claire Merchant

March 13 Ed Stoutenburg

March 18 Rick Dillon Ellen Stoutenburg

March 21 Fran Lovejoy

March 22 Dailey Parrish

March 29 Barb Ball

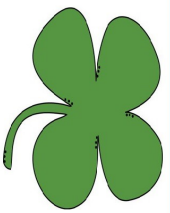
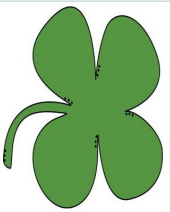
March 30 Renee Czekai

March 31 Gerald Auten

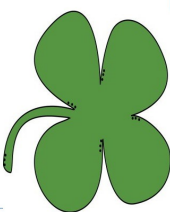
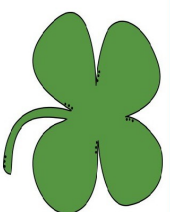


*Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers-  
Miles and miles of Irish smiles  
For golden happy hours-  
Shamrocks at your doorway  
For luck and laughter too,  
And a host of friends that never ends  
Each day your whole life through!*

# Calendar 2024



## March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	2 Lenten Devotionals 7 am
3 Lenten Devotionals 7 am Worship 9:30am	4 Ad Board meeting 6pm Lenten Devotionals 7	5 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	6 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	7 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	8 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	9 Lenten Devotionals 7 am
10 Worship 9:30 am Lenten Devotionals 7 am	11 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	12 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	13 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	14 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	15 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	16 Lenten Devotionals 7 am
17 Noisy Bucket Worship 9:30 am St Patrick's Day	18 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	19 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	20 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	21 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	22 Lenten Devotionals 7 am Fish Dinner	23 Lenten Devotionals 7 am
24 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30 am Lenten Devotionals 7 am	25 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	26 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	27 Lenten Devotionals 7 am	28 Maundy Thursday service 7pm Caro UMC Lenten Devotionals 7 am	29 Good Friday Worship 12pm Cass City Lenten Devotionals 7 am	30 Lenten Devotionals 7 am
31 Easter Sunday Sunrise 7am Caro UMC Worship 9:30 am						

# Sharing the Word of Christ



## ATTENDANCE

Worship  
Attendance &  
Views  
Online & Church  
& Parking Lot

Jan 2024 9,601  
February 8,098

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.

## Easter Word Search

V	U	D	Q	N	B	S	N	A	E	B	Y	L	L	E	J	Z	N
W	R	O	W	P	F	L	J	H	W	A	H	X	E	U	G	E	K
F	B	U	N	N	Y	A	D	E	Z	M	C	D	T	R	P	P	C
L	C	Q	K	K	B	M	A	K	F	A	F	R	A	A	M	V	B
C	M	K	R	O	O	B	A	F	X	L	F	Y	L	B	R	T	C
H	F	F	C	M	N	S	I	R	I	H	N	T	O	B	Y	O	D
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C	D	D	G	Y	E	I	E	O	U	A	J	G	O	T	E	R	E
K	X	Y	M	E	T	P	S	N	M	E	P	S	H	G	T	I	X
S	T	T	H	S	S	Y	E	G	G	S	K	H	C	W	Y	R	E
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F	B	W	X	K	E	R	X	C	D	N	I	Q	K	M	L	Z	X
F	N	B	I	C	E	A	S	T	E	R	E	G	G	Y	F	C	L
A	G	B	F	U	W	Z	N	D	Q	S	I	Z	Q	N	O	Q	A
D	R	Q	Z	D	I	I	A	O	F	F	U	N	X	G	J	I	G

BUNNY  
DUCKLINGS  
BONNET  
BASKET  
CHICKS



DAFFODILS  
EASTEREgg  
HYACINTH  
SPRING  
EGGS



LAMBS  
IRIS  
JELLYBEANS  
RABBIT  
CHOCOLATE





# *In our thoughts and Prayers*

## **Please keep in your Prayers and Thoughts**

Pastor Fred Bowden  
Linda & Dailey Parrish  
Linda & Roger Marshall  
Lorraine Bowden  
Dick and Judy Wallace,  
Opal Schneeberger  
Kathy & Phil Nichols  
Charles Tuckey  
Janis Seeley  
Ed & Judy Profit,  
Bob Montgomery  
Rick Tait  
Floy Arnold  
Jack & Lois Gallagher  
Morris Powell  
Melt Pewee—Liberia  
Gerald Auten



Leslie Seeley  
Rick Dillon

## **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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