



NEWSLETTER

May
2025

**Carlisle United
Methodist
Church**

Proverbs 1:7

*7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Do you have a “go-to” graduation gift that you like to give all the graduates? I know some people give towels, some people I know give kitchen utensils, of course some people give gift cards.

In the past I’ve given books because they seem to stay with us through the years. Maybe I thought the graduates would read them...eventually!

But what if we could give each student something more valuable, we might even say, priceless? I wonder what it would look like if this year in the card you record your most treasured wisdom. Share with the graduate all the things you wished you knew when you graduated. Does the thought of sharing your wisdom remind you of past mistakes, or great decisions? Probably both.

But I wonder what our graduate-selves would have thought if someone suggested they make sure to Fear the Lord? I think I can feel all the graduates rolling their eyes right about now. After all, at that age do we really fear anything?

This year I am suggesting that you share a little of your faith with the graduates in some intentional way. Maybe a note in a card, maybe a gift that shares The Good News, maybe a conversation that helps them understand just how important faith will be in their lives, especially when the tough times come.

Now that sounds like a precious gift! Have a great graduation season, and let’s all be in prayer for our graduates!

Peace to All,

Pastor Mike



Wildcat ABC News

May 2025

A Caring Ministry of the Carlisle United Methodist Church

Summer is Almost Here!

Our summer program starts in just four short weeks! We are excited for all the new families and staff who will join us this year.



Enrollment is Open

Wildcat ABC is accepting new families with children entering kindergarten through fifth grade in 2025. If you are interested or if you have questions about our program, please call 515-989-3972.

Swim Passes

If your child is enrolled for this summer, please don't forget to buy your pass to the Carlisle Aquatic Center before May 27th. We will start visiting the swimming pool as soon as possible and don't want anyone to have to sit out! Passes can be purchased online through Carlisle City Hall.



Spring Cleaning Time

It is time to clean out those cubbies! We have many children moving to new classrooms, and some who will be leaving us for the summer. Please encourage your child to clean out their cubby! They need to take everything home, so we have a fresh start going into the summer. Anything that is left here after a child leaves the center will be donated or thrown away.



Tell them I sent you so I get a discount!

NOW ENROLLING 2024

Want your school-age child to have a blast this summer? Need a place for them to go after school? Wildcat ABC is the place to be! Lots of fun activities are planned. Located right across from the elementary school, what could be more convenient. NOW ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS

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A ministry of Carlisle United Methodist Church since 2001

Leadership Team

Sue Mooers & Karla Voboril – Special Events Coordinators

Deb Smalley – Summer Events Coordinator ♥ Mary Conner – Communication Coordinator

De Streeter – Prayer Partner Coordinator ♥ Pastor Mike Fillmore ♥ Lori Candee - Director



Kindness Party & Graduation!



At our April 24th Party, we were very busy! We had snacks and played games. We talked about kindness and how we've shared kindness since the last party. The Kids received kindness in the form of a beautiful new bookmark crafted by Sue Andrew and friend, books, stuffed animals to read to, and sidewalk chalk. They shared kindness by helping with our School Staff Appreciation project and signing Thank You cards for people who have been extra kind and generous. Ms. Deb let us know that our summer field trips would be to the Botanical

Gardens and one to Chuck E Cheese. There will also be a pool party for the whole family, and we will help with Operation Backpack. The big event for the day was celebrating our graduating 5th graders – they have all been meeting with their Mentors for 3 or 4 years! We will miss them when they start Middle School, but they will be joining us all summer for our fun activities. It was a great day!



Would you be able to meet a KID for 1 hour a week?

Someone's waiting for a friend like YOU!

For more information, contact KIDS HOPE USA

Director, Lori Candee 515-210-8221 lacandee@gmail.com



Finance Reports

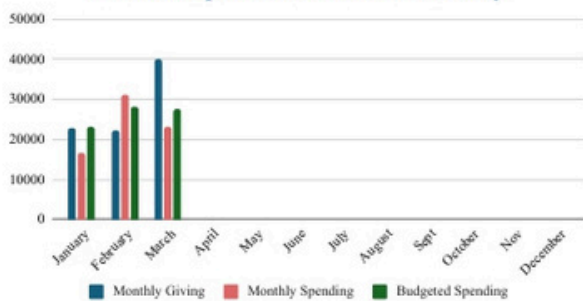
Finance Report 2025 - General Fund Only

Month	Monthly Giving	Monthly Spending	Budgeted Spending	YTD Giving	YTD Spending	YTD Budgeted Spending
January	\$22,770.00	\$16,521.88	\$23,138.00	\$22,770.00	\$16,521.88	\$23,138.00
February	\$22,138.30	\$31,028.74	\$28,126.00	\$44,908.30	\$47,550.62	\$51,264.00
March	\$40,021.46	\$22,915.41	\$27,403.00	\$84,929.76	\$70,466.03	\$78,667.00
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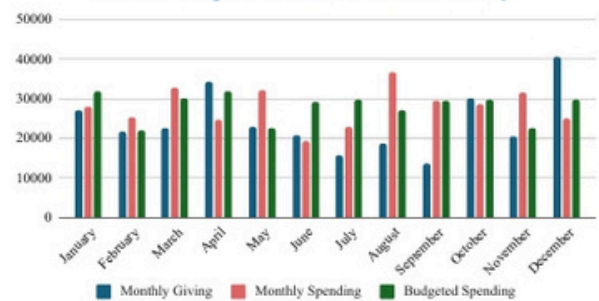
Finance Report 2024 - General Fund Only

Month	Monthly Giving	Monthly Spending	Budgeted Spending	YTD Giving	YTD Spending	YTD Budgeted Spending
January	\$26,870.72	\$27,871.49	\$31,808.00	\$26,870.72	\$27,871.49	\$31,808.00
February	\$21,633.26	\$25,161.99	\$21,891.17	\$48,503.98	\$53,033.48	\$53,699.17
March	\$22,467.65	\$32,767.96	\$29,898.00	\$70,971.63	\$85,801.44	\$83,597.17
April	\$34,112.37	\$24,726.44	\$31,716.83	\$105,084.00	\$110,527.88	\$115,314.00
May	\$22,815.50	\$32,191.78	\$22,623.00	\$127,899.50	\$142,719.66	\$137,937.00
June	\$20,727.85	\$19,288.46	\$29,173.00	\$148,627.35	\$162,008.12	\$167,110.00
July	\$15,792.22	\$22,901.45	\$29,809.00	\$164,419.57	\$184,909.57	\$196,919.00
August	\$18,728.03	\$36,604.66	\$27,073.00	\$183,147.60	\$221,514.23	\$223,992.00
Sept	\$13,645.71	\$29,545.12	\$29,373.00	\$196,793.31	\$251,059.35	\$253,365.00
October	\$29,930.00	\$28,444.00	\$29,808.00	\$226,723.31	\$279,503.35	\$283,173.00
Nov	\$20,388.00	\$31,462.00	\$22,523.00	\$247,111.31	\$310,965.35	\$305,696.00
December	\$40,520.00	\$24,937.00	\$29,603.00	\$287,631.31	\$335,902.35	\$335,299.00

Finance Report 2025 General Fund Only



Finance Report 2024 General Fund Only



Thank you for your generosity!

Confirmation



The following students are being confirmed:

Ty Comito
Payton Fogle
Mira Johnson
Lyla Osterhaus
Carley Beller
Maxwell Comstock
Brody Osterhaus

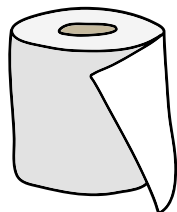
Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2025. Come celebrate with us on May 4, 2025.



Announcements



Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 20th at 9:30. Everyone is invited to join us at Smokey Row. Come join us for something good to eat and conversation.



The food pantry is in need of toilet paper for May. We greatly appreciate all you share with our community.

The Women of Grace are blessed to hear from some of the people who volunteer their time and talents with our church family. Join us at 10:00 on Wednesday's during May and June as they share their passion for their ministry.

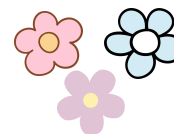


Youth Group's last day will be May 28, 2025.



Mission Committee is working with Midwest Missions.

- Helping people going through hard times
- Put your items in the tote by 6-1
- Pick a flower & bring everything or just a few items
- You will be helping people around Iowa, the County & the world.



May 18 is Graduation Sunday





Hospitality

WORSHIP LEADERS	MAY
05/4/2025	Marne Sievers
05/11/2025	Greg Lindaman
05/18/2025	Matt Cope
05/25/2025	Darren Sievers
SCREENS	MAY
05/04/2025	Josh Systma
05/11/2025	Tim Crowley
05/18/2025	Vincent Mezger
05/25/2025	Ronda Frost

MAY HOSPITALITY
Nancy Jennings
Julie Cermak
Time & Kathy McCoy
Bill & Karla Voboril
Jane Hutton
Melissa Johnson

Children's Message

A Special time during Worship on Sunday:

May 4: Marilyn Goodhue

May 11: Nancy Lindaman

May 18: Darren Sievers

May 25: Ronda Frost

June 1: Marne Sievers

June 8: Sue Mooers

June 15: Karla Voboril

June 22: Marne Sievers

June 29: Tim Crowley





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Graduation Sunday

Come join us for Graduation Sunday.
Come help us celebrate our seniors!

SUNDAY | MAY 18 | 10:00 AM

— ♦ — Carlisle United Methodist Church — ♦ —

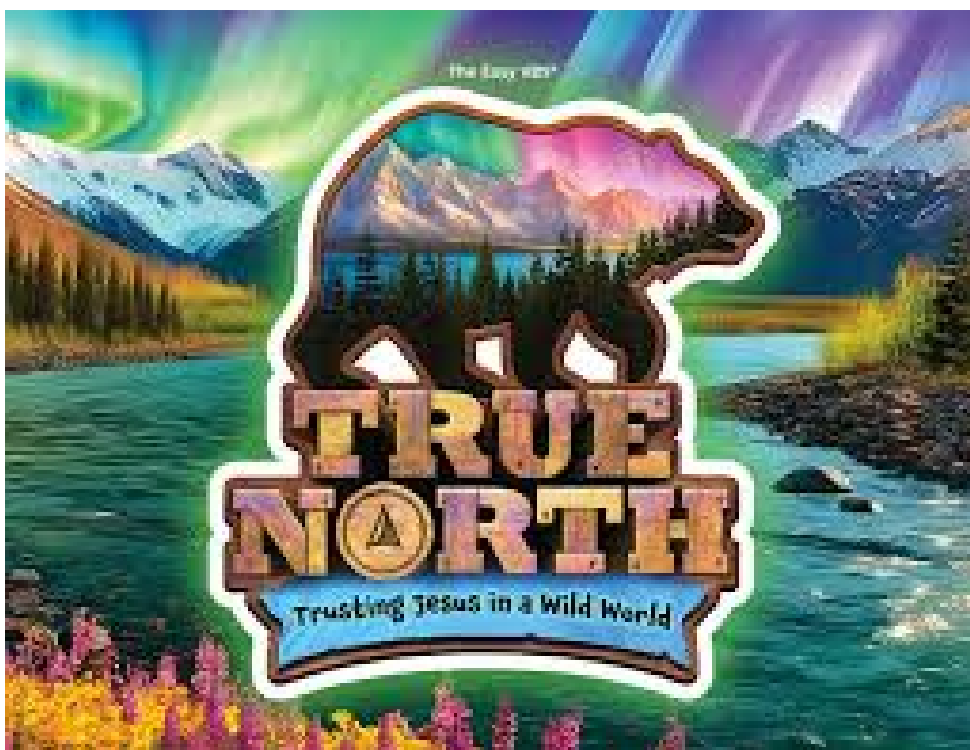


Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual cinnamon roll Sales. The money raised will be used towards missions.



AWESOME!



It's Time to Pre-Register for VBS!!

June 22-26

6-8:15 p.m.

For students who turn 4 on or before
September 15 through going into 6th grade

Meal provided every evening at 5:30

\$10/child suggested donation or \$25/family:
covers VBS materials and VBS character shirt

Scholarships available, if needed.

Registration link:



We also need VOLUNTEERS--adults and youth!. Sign up link:





THANK
YOU

Thank you to Tim Crowley, Patti Isley, Eileen Miller, Candy Ludlow, and Nancy Jennings for creating an incredible worship space.

Thank you to Marne Sievers for the incredible lily tree and to everyone who bought lilies to make the tree beautiful.



Easter Tribute	Given by
In memory of Ryan Jackson	Anonymous
In memory of Bob Benton	Linda Benton
In memory of William & Evelyn Bruster	Julie Cermak & Family
In memory of David Cowger	Donna Cowger
In memory of Gary Dates, Sr.	Jean Dates
In memory of Jay Clayworth; and in honor of Diane Clayworth	Tami Feters
In honor of All our girls	Woody & Peggy Fogle
In memory of Matthew Scholl	Kay & Bill Scholl
In honor of Chad Scholl & family, Brandon Scholl & family	Kay & Bill Scholl
In memory of Tyson & Dylan Sievers, Mary Sievers	Darren, Marne, Megan & Riley Sievers
In Honor of Helm, Sievers, and Fogle Families	Darren, Marne, Megan & Riley Sievers
In memory of Mary Sievers	Don Sievers
In memory of Roger & Eunice Parker	Janene Stoner & family
In memory of Sonny & Sharon Rochleau	Denny & Kristi Woodruff
In memory of Duane & Jeanne Woodruff	Denny & Kristi Woodruff
In memory of Casey & Wilma Jones; Patricia, Bruce & Tod Merrifield	Drew & Robin Merrifield
In honor of our granddaughters Tess, Laura, & Mina Merrifield; Turner Merrifield, Trenton & Scarlett Merrifield	Drew & Robin Merrifield





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