

CARTHAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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We just gathered for our annual charge conference. I would like to share a re-cap of the information that was shared as we celebrated the ministries of the last year. We elected new leaders to Lay Leadership, Trustees, Finance and Staff-Parrish. There is an article in this newsletter listing the leadership that will take office in 2022. We celebrated those that have stepped up to take extra training in lay leadership. We shared with Rev. Donna Parramore all the ways the past year in ministry has stretched us, frustrated us, grew us and what we have to look forward to. We shared the joy of those baptized and confirmed this year. It was an informative and affirming evening for me.

A new year is a great time to be reminded that we are the church. To be the church takes everyone. As we go forward into the new year, I would like to present some opportunities for you to become involve. First, ALL member and constituents of Carthage United Methodist Church are WELCOME and ENCOURAGED to attend the church council meetings. Attending those meetings is the best way to have a voice in all the business and activities of the church.

Also, new ministries are beginning to form. Be watching for opportunities to jump in to serve, but if you are invested in ministry, you don't have to wait for an invitation. Call the office and we can get you in touch with the right person to hook you up.

I can wait to get busy, serve and shake off the lethargy created by Covid. I hope you join me.

**Pastor Monica**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> at 11:15 A.M.**

The church council will meet immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the CLC. This will be an in-person meeting and **NOT** a Zoom meeting.

Council members are asked to attend and if you chair a committee, please be prepared to provide a report. All church members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting as we continue to move toward a fuller church schedule as the holidays and new year approaches.

**2022 LEADERSHIP**

<b>TRUSTEES:</b>		
Chairperson : Lindsey Dixon		
<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Zach Upchurch	Chris Baxter	Tom Paschal
Larry Turner	Bard Coggins	Stites Carter
John Flemmons	Steve Laszlo	Scott Paschal
<b>STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS:</b>		
Chairperson: Mary Alice Carfi		
<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Liz Carver	Rion Rigsby	Jennifer Honey
Jane deLong	Scott Pope	Terry Coggins
George Reed	Tracey Kemp	Phyllis Eckel
<b>COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP:</b>		
Chairperson: Pastor		
<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Joann James	Melanie Bennett	Michelle Halliburton
Sarah Tinsley	Judy Kruzan	Christina Martin
Jonathan Parker	Linda Paschal	Jennifer Perry
<b>FINANCE:</b>		
Chairperson: Jerry W. Gammon, Jr.		
<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Carol McDonald	Angie Brimm	Elaine Adair
Marcus Lavender	Tracy Banka	Heather Gammon
Pam Petty	Nancy Moran	Roseann Beasley
<b>NURTURE:</b>		
Chairperson: Dawn Bass		
<b>OUTREACH:</b>		
Chairperson: Liz Carver		
<b>WITNESS:</b>		
Worship Chairperson: Joann James		
Communications: Mindi Brown		

This Advent and Christmas

# THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES

FINDING FAITH IN THE STORY OF THE GRINCH

• Sermon Series



## Events you won't want to miss!

Carthage Christmas Parade and Lawn  
Party  
November 28th

Gordonsville Christmas Parade  
December 4th

Advent Services  
Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19

Christmas Program  
December 12th

Blue Christmas Service  
December 21 at 6pm

Christmas Meal Prep & Delivery  
December 24th at 8am

Christmas Eve  
December 24th at 6pm

Christmas Eve  
December 24th at 11pm



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

Hello November and welcome to a time to be thankful for the life that we have been given! The Youth would like to start off by saying **Thank You** to some very brave and generous adults in our congregation. These people have signed up to guide the teenagers in a Sunday School lesson and discussion. We are thankful to have their example and dedication to walk with us on our spiritual journey as Christians. May our time together on Sunday mornings enrich our relationships with each other and with God, our heavenly Father.

**Thank you all so much!!**

**10/24: Leann Lavender**

**10/31: Rachel Kemp**

**11/7: Bro. George Reed**

**11/14: Melanie Bennett**

**11/21: Dawn Bass**

**11/28: Sarah Tinsley & Nancy Moran**

**12/5: Dorothy Moyers**

**12/12: Holleigh Upchurch**

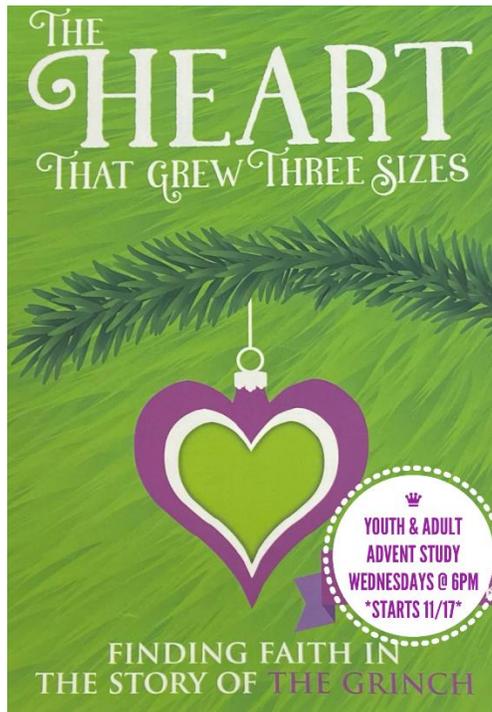
**12/19: Peggy Manning**

**12/26: Zach Upchurch**

If you would like to join us in witness on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, just let us know at [carthageyouth@gmail.com](mailto:carthageyouth@gmail.com)

*...bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Eph 6:4*





*Mia Miller, Director of Youth Ministries*

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### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:**

Happy November my friends and blessings from the children's ministry! October was a wonderful month for us as we got to lead worship for children's sabbath, so much love and support was given to the children that day and we are so very thankful. The children and all those who helped them prepare for and lead the service are so appreciated. A special thanks to Jonathan and Maddux for bringing a wonderful message, and to the children from GMU, Kurt, and Dorothy for an awesome job with special music. Each one of you who attended the service received a bookmark with a child's name out it, this is your child to pray for till next year, please keep them close to your heart and in your prayers each and every day.

The children's ministry will be participating in the churchwide Advent Study that will be on Wednesday nights starting on November 17th. I know we all lead very busy lives trying to manage family, school, sports, and all the things but I want to encourage all to make being present for this study a priority. Our lives are already crazy busy, and the holidays just make them even busier, so let's ALL make it a priority to make sure to take that time each week for those 4 weeks to slow down and focus on where and on who our focus should be all the time but especially during the Advent season.

December will be a busy month for the children's ministry, notes on that are listed in the newsletter so make sure to take note of them and plan to attend.

As always thank you for being a congregation who loves and supports the children and the children's ministry as they grow with God!

**BLESSINGS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

**Ms. Nicole and the kiddos**

## **MUSIC NEWS:**

Advent: a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas.

A time of preparation is exactly what is what folks involved in your music program at CUMC is doing for the next several weeks. It's a great time for anyone who would like to join in to be a part of a very special time in the life of our church. Please let me know if you would like to participate. Children, adults, instrumentalists, or visual arts... all are welcomed. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this very special time of year.

## **Submitted by:**

**Jennifer Perry**

## **SUBMISSIONS:**

### **IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!**

Please join Becomers in packing shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. These shoeboxes filled with hygiene items, school supplies, and toys will bless needy children all over the world. They also share the gospel through a booklet called "The Greatest Journey". Many families are impacted through the gifts and the sharing of the gospel. Shoeboxes and packing directions are available at the church and should be returned by **November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Pack a box and bless a child!



## **Persecuted Christians:**

Please remember the following in your prayers.

**Nitish Kumar:** (16 years old) was the victim of an acid attack while shopping in the local market for vegetables. He was burned over 60% of his body & has been hospitalized since the attack in August. Nitish recently succumbed to his wounds after 46 days. His family reports local radical Hindus had threatened Nitish because of his conversion to Christianity & participation in local ministry. No one has been charged in the crime. (India)

**17 US missionaries** working with Christian Aid Ministries have been kidnapped in Port-au-Prince. The missionaries were visiting children in an orphanage & the group included 5 men, 7 women, 5 children (8 mos. to 15 yrs. old) & a Canadian citizen as well. A street gang called "400 Moawozo" is responsible, recently they have been kidnapping local businessmen & police officers in the area where the kidnapping occurred. The gang is demanding \$1 million dollars per hostage for their freedom. The gang apparently has introduced a new form of kidnapping - abducting large groups of victims en masse while they travel on public transit or walk together on the street. Reporting on this story noted "At least 328 kidnapping victims were reported to Haiti's

National Police in the first eight months of 2021, compared with a total of 234 for all of 2020, according to a report issued last month by the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti known as BINUH.” (Haiti)

November 7, 2021, is the International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians

**Submitted by:**  
**Jill Garner**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Kim Jackson, 11/02  
Kota Mowdy, 11/03  
Christy England, 11/07  
Rion Rigsby, 11/09  
Jack Patrick, 11/10  
Maria Bisel, 11/11  
Lois Schnabel, 11/11  
Darlana Lytle, 11/12  
Will Wakefield, 11/13  
Celia Dillon, 11/18  
Paul England, 11/18  
Pam Petty, 11/18  
Eric Manning, 11/19  
Roger Lewis, 11/22  
Scott Miller, 11/22  
Joe Dunn, 11/23  
Alyssa Ash, 11/24  
Brody Chilton, 11/24  
Phillip Hudson, III, 11/24  
Josie King, 11/24  
Alissa Hudson, 11/26  
Taylor Shivers, 11/26  
Kathy Rodgers, 11/27  
Cheryl Hiett, 11/28  
Andrea Patrick, 11/28  
Gavin Kemp, 11/29  
Cameron Paschal, 11/30

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Frances Donaldson, 12/01  
Lilly Turner, 12/01  
Walter G. Birdwell, 12/02  
Avery Flemmons, 12/02  
Isaac Bush, 12/03

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

**NOVEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

Tommy & Paulette Parker, 11/08  
James & Michelle Halliburton, 11/23  
Herman Henry & Elaine Adair, 11/26  
Scott & Mia Miller, 11/28

**DECEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES**

Roy & Louise Ethridge, 12/02

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!!**

**IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER**

**Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – All Saints Sunday**  
**11:00a.m. Church Council Meeting**

**Thursday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sunday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday**

**Wednesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – Church Wide Advent Study Starts**

**Monday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 a.m. December Newsletter Deadline**

**Thursday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Holiday – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**Carthage Christmas Parade & CUMC Lawn Party**



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to stay home?



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