



# CARROLLTON FIRST UMC

THE YELLOW BRICK CHURCH + THE BRIDGE

## Sunday, November 19, 2023 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lead Pastor – Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh Associate Pastor – Pastor Jebason John Paul

### **CFUMC Vision Statement:**

We are following Jesus and sharing His love by **praying, serving** and **encouraging** all people so they may be in a closer relationship with God.

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*As we begin worship today, please remember we are in God's presence. Let us set our eyes, our hearts and our minds on Jesus. Please join in singing, listen attentively to the announcements, scriptures and sermon, and allow our time to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We ask that you please refrain from visiting and talking during worship. Please help make this a meaningful and powerful service for everyone.*

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**ATTENDANCE:** Please complete the online form at <https://www.carrolltonfirstumc.org/live-streams> or send an email to [office@carrolltonfirstumc.org](mailto:office@carrolltonfirstumc.org) and let us know you were watching. The attendance information is important for end of year reports! Please help us by filling it out. **Did you miss a Sunday or want to see a service again?** Find a link under Live Streams on our website or search YouTube for Carrollton First UMC for past services.

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### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

YBC = Yellow Brick Church, TB=The Bridge

#### **Nov 19 - Worship Services**

9am Yellow Brick Church; 10:30am The Bridge

**Nov 20 Walking with the Spirit** – 9am @ TB

**Nov 20 Home Group** @ the Krills - Not meeting this week

**Nov 20 What's It Mean to be UMC?** 6-7:30pm @ YBC

**Nov 21 Pathfinders - Family Friendly Study** 6pm @ YBC

**Nov 21 UMC Kidz Club** – 6-7pm

**Nov 22 Lunch with Jesus** not meeting this week

**Nov 22 Choir** 4pm

**Nov 22 3DM Huddle** not meeting this week

*Nov 22-26 Offices Closed*

**Nov 5- Dec 6 Pastor Jeba out of the office**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please call or email to make sure someone is here to assist you. *Our pastors are both off on Fridays. Please plan accordingly.*

### **Love Offering**

We are collecting a love offering for the family of Aidan McNutt. Please mark your envelope or check and funds will be forwarded.

### **MISSION OUTREACH: Community Christmas**

Community Christmas Tags are available at each location! Thank you to everyone who make our local children feel special. This is meant to be a supplemental program – you are not supposed to be the sole provider for this child's Christmas.

**Please return gifts UNWRAPPED** with tags visible on the outside **by noon on Monday, Nov. 27** to the Yellow Brick Church. Please reach out to the church office with questions.

### **Operation Christmas Child Thank You**

Thank you for your generosity! Lynn and Ellyn Dunlap were happy to drop off 51 shoeboxes to our local collection site. These boxes mean that 51 children throughout the world will hear the good news about Jesus!

### **Poinsettia Orders**

\$9.50 each, please submit payment and order form to the office by Sunday, November 26.

## Advent Festival:

Please join us on **Friday, December 1 from 6-8pm** at the Yellow Brick Church for our third annual Advent Festival!

We will begin the evening in the Sanctuary at 6pm for a fun Christmas skit then we will move the party downstairs for dinner. Reminder, we are collecting school supplies for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at Carrollton Middle School.

**Please RSVP to join us by Wednesday, November 29 at noon.** See the sign-up sheet or call the church office 330-627-7671. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family and kick off the Advent Season!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH: SIGN UP TO HELP

### ***Cookies with Santa***

*Friday, December 8, 5:30-7pm @ YBC*

Check out the sign-up sheets– or call the church office! Volunteers are needed Thursday night (Dec. 7) after 6pm for set-up and Friday evening for registration/welcome, cookie & milk distribution, an ‘elf’ or two to be available to help with Santa and passing out goodie bags.

**ATTENTION HOME BAKERS** - We need cookies for this event! Seeking 12 dozen chocolate chip cookies and 12 dozen sugar cookies. ***Please contact the office or sign up on the sheet provided at either location!*** Cookies due to YBC by 1:00pm on Friday, December 8. ***Please package in ziplock sandwich bags – 1 cookie per bag - for easy distribution!***

If you would like to contribute toward the cost of the goodie bags – mark your envelope **Cookies with Santa**

### **Advent Readers/Candle Lighters**

If you, your family, or a group of your friends would be interested in participating in worship during Advent by lighting the candles and doing the Advent readings, please contact the office to get on the schedule. Readings will be given to you at least 1 week in advance and you do not have to do both services, you can choose between 9, 10:30 or both.

**Dates are as follows:** December 3, 10, 17; on Dec 24 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent) one combined service at 10am, Christmas Eve (Dec 24) 5pm at TB, 7pm at YBC



Practice all the Tuesdays of November from 6-7pm as we prepare for **Deck the Halls and Trim the Tree** – our Advent Festival presentation (Dec. 1) and practice for singing at worship on Dec 10.

There are singing parts, speaking parts, silent actor parts, trimming the tree parts. Questions? Talk to Meghan Hill or Kathy Cramer.



“Seek first the kingdom of God”

Youth group for grades 5-8.

We plan to meet on **Thursdays**, every other week, **from 5:30-7pm in the Youth Room at YBC**. Reach out to Kelsey Pitts for more details! (Upcoming dates Nov. 30, Dec. 14, Dec. 28, Jan. 11, Jan.25)

### **Child Protection Training – Save the Date**

Representatives from Hannah’s House will be at the church on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm for a Power over Predators training. This is open to everyone and will be counted as continuing education for the Safe Sanctuary Policy. Let the office know by December 4 if you plan to attend the training.

**YELLOW BRICK KIDZ:** Kids attend the first part of worship with their parents then go to their own Bible time on the first floor. Please sign them in and out at their classroom. Family seating available along with kids' worship bags.

**BRIDGE KIDZ:** Children begin worship on Sundays with their families then go to Bridge Kidz (for preschool thru 5th grade. Worship bags are available as well as family seating.

## Our Hands, Hearts, and Flowers Campaign

**Our vision and goal:** To build a strong faith community in Carrollton where everyone feels welcomed, loved and that they belong. To build, strengthen, and renew connections with CFUMC, we will extend 500 invitations with the hope that 50 or more will be accepted.

**Our prayer:** *Eternal God, may our invitations make a difference. Whether our invitees respond with a 'yes' or a 'no,' we pray that they will receive our invitations as a reminder of your unconditional love for them. Even if they decline our offer, may the invitation itself bring hope and encouragement to their lives. Amen.*

## PRAYER TEAMS

Prayer is essential to our personal lives and the life of the church. Please join one of our prayer teams each Sunday morning prior to the start of the service for a time of prayer over our worship services, worship leaders and congregations. *Please feel free to bring a friend and join as often as you feel led.*

Yellow Brick leader: Karen Beck @ 8:45 in the sanctuary; The Bridge leaders: Devin and Kelsey Pitts @ 10:15 in the prayer room.

## Note of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for our care packages. The boxes were stuffed full of goodies and messages of hope and were mailed on Monday, Nov. 13. Thank you for your help with this outreach to our college students!  
*Norma Boughman*

## Note of Thanks – College Box!!

Hello! I wanted to send a thank you email to thank the congregation for the package of goodies I received in the mail. It was very thoughtful and I really appreciate so many people thinking of me. This semester is very busy but it's going well and flying by way too fast! Thanks again!!  
*Kendall Mallarnee*

## Special Holiday Offerings

2023 Thanksgiving Offering will be sent to Lulu and Rich in Guatemala.

2023 Christmas Offering will be given to Pastor Jeba for Happy Home.

## Spiritual Ministries

### Bible Studies and Support Groups

- **Monday mornings – Walking with the Spirit**

Tracie Pidgeon leads us in informal prayer and walking at the fairgrounds. We begin at 9am. There is no set end time – we may be there 20 minutes, an hour, or longer – trusting in the Spirit to guide our time together.

- **Monday Home Group at Bill & Francie Krills 6:30-7:30pm.**

We will be off on Nov. 20 and then on November 27 we will be starting *An Unlikely Advent*. The study will finish up on December 18. There are always extra chairs! Join us if you are able! Contact Bill and Francie for details. (Our home group will be taking a break after that time and will restart in 2024)

- **Tuesday nights at 6:00pm** at the Yellow Brick Church Open to all ages and stages! Our **Pathfinders** class is a family friendly study group currently studying the Gospel of Matthew. Contact Karen Beck for information.

- **Wednesdays at noon** at the Yellow Brick Church **Lunch with Jesus**. Bring a packed lunch and join us for fellowship and study. We will not meet on Nov. 22 but will finish up the current study on Nov. 29 and begin “The Heart that Grew 3 Sizes” on December 6.

- **Stitched with Love – NEW TIME!!! The first & third Thursdays at 10am** at the Yellow Brick Church. If you would like to spend some craft time with other believers in Christ, join us on **December 7** at the Yellow Brick Church. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, just come along and we will get you started! We have a time of scripture and prayer and spend some time creating together. Susan Pallaye (330)-205-3479

- **UMC Class** -Join Pastor Kimberly as we take a deeper look at what it really means to be United Methodist. We will have class on Nov. 13, 20 and 27 from **6-7:30** at the Yellow Brick location.

## **CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DINNER/GAME NIGHT**

We would like to hold a dinner and game night in February for adults in our congregation. In order for parents of young children to attend, we would love to offer childcare. The event is being planned for Saturday, February 10 from 5-9pm.

### **Volunteers needed in the following 2 shifts:**

5-7pm and 7-9pm for ages newborn-5th grade

Please contact the church office if you would be willing to work a shift, and if you have a preferred age group.

Thank you!

## **Safety and Security Team**

Carrollton First United Methodist Church is building a Safety and Security Team so that we as a congregation are prepared should a situation arise in our church. Together we can plan, train and prepare for what we must pray will never happen.

If you feel called to help, please let us know by filling out a connection card with your contact information and which area or areas you are interested in helping with or by emailing the church. If you would like more information, please contact Scott Cartwright at (808) 391-4482.

Descriptions of the positions are available from the church office.

## **East Ohio Conference UMC News**

Our East Ohio Conference Bishop, Rev. Tracy Malone, was elected president of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church during the bishops' meeting at Lake Junaluska Assembly.

Bishop Malone will be the first black woman to be elected to lead the more than 110 bishops in the global denomination that includes Africa, Asia, Europe and Americas. All the new officers will take office at General Conference 2024.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT** - Saturday, April 6, 2024!

**MEN'S GROUP** - We will be meeting the first and third Saturdays of the month starting at 8:00am for study, devotions and plan upcoming activities! Our next meeting will be **Saturday, December 2** at our Yellow Brick Church location. All men are invited to join! For now, please reach out to Bill Krills with questions.

## **Carrollton First UMC on SOCIAL MEDIA**

Stay connected sharing your experience at our church, during an outreach ministry or through a virtual event

Website: [www.carrolltonfirstumc.org](http://www.carrolltonfirstumc.org)

Facebook: CarrolltonFirstUnited

YouTube: CarrolltonFirstUMC



Scan the QR code with your phone and it will take you directly to our Facebook page!

### **Online giving available through [tithe.ly](https://www.carrolltonfirstumc.org/giving)**

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### **Mailing Address:**

Carrollton First UMC  
253 South Lisbon St., PO Box 85  
Carrollton, OH 44615

Submit news, announcements & prayer requests to [office@carrolltonfirstumc.org](mailto:office@carrolltonfirstumc.org) or call (330) 627-7671

Our church bulletin is also available on our website and on the YouVersion Bible App; find it under Events

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**Prayer and Praise requests-** please email the church office with information to be shared. Please make sure you have permission from the family.

**Sick Calls** - If your loved one is in the hospital, nursing home or homebound and they would like a visit from our pastors, please call or email the office.

**Marriage** - Please call the office for information. Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months prior to the wedding. Before scheduling your reception venue, confirm that the pastor officiating and the church are available. (Weddings at Carrollton First UMC must be officiated by one of our current pastors).

**Baptisms** - Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis. Please call the office to make arrangements.

**Funerals and Funeral meals** - Please have the funeral director contact the office before the date and time is decided and before the information is published in the newspaper. Meals can be provided following the service, please contact the church office to go over details.

**Bulletin News Deadline** - Wednesdays at noon in writing.

**Interested in Becoming United Methodist?** - Please call the office about Membership Classes.



**Blended Worship: 9:00am @ the Yellow Brick Church**

Accompanist: Karen Speedy

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (in unison)

**Light of Christ, Shine on our path,  
Illuminate our darkness and Lead us to the heart of God**

PRELUDE *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Cindy Berry

CHORAL INTROIT *We Come to Say Thank You* Pepper Choplin

CALL TO WORSHIP based on Matthew 11:28-30 Christine Longhurst

Brothers and sisters, boys and girls—  
**come and worship!**  
Even if you're tired and worn out—  
**come and worship!**  
Lay down the heavy things you are carrying—  
**come and worship!**  
Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—  
**come and worship!**  
See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you—  
**come and worship!**  
For Jesus is humble and gentle,  
and he will give us everything we need to follow him.

\*OPENING HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #155 UM Hymnal

\*HEARING THE WORD **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

\*GLORIA PATRI  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE –Bill and Francie Krills Dismissal of children to Yellow Brick Kidz

URBAN MISSION VIDEO

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES/OFFERINGS/TESTIMONIES AND PRAYERS  
- Please complete your Communicator Cards and drop in the Offering Plate

CHOIR ANTHEM *I Will Give Jubilant Thanks* Williams/Barrett

SCRIPTURE MESSAGE **Hebrews 4:12-14, Philemon 1:8-22** Authority Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh

\*CLOSING SONG *And Are We Yet Alive* #553 UM Hymnal

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Count Your Blessings* Excell/Fettke

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* arr. Cindy Berry



**Casual, Contemporary Worship: 10:30am at The Bridge**

*Music – John Schaffer, Abe Schaffer, Carl Leonard,  
Dave Dickerhoof, Marcia Schaffer*

Welcome/Announcements/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Praise and Worship

Hearing the Word

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

Sacrament of Baptism

***Violet Kathleen Stoneman***

Children’s Time – Bill and Francie Krills

*Dismissal to Bridge Kidz*

Congregational Prayer/Offering/Urban Mission Video

*Please complete your Communicator Cards and drop in the Offering bucket*

Scripture

**Hebrews 4:12-14, Philemon 1:8-22**

Message

**Authority**

Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh

Closing Worship

Dismissal with Blessing

**Prayers and Praises**

**For the family, friends and classmates of Aiden McNutt**

**For the family, friends, school and communities of the Tusky Valley students, teacher and chaperones**

**For the private intentions of our church family and community**

**Pastor Jeba**