



CARROLLTON FIRST UMC

THE YELLOW BRICK CHURCH + THE BRIDGE

Sunday, December 14 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

office@carrolltonfirstumc.org

Interim Pastor: Rev. Brad Call

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.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

YBC = Yellow Brick Church, TB=The Bridge

Dec 14 Worship 9am @ YBC, 10:30am @ TB
Pink Out Sunday

Dec 14 Christmas Caroling – meet at noon YBC for lunch, head out for caroling at a couple of our Keep in Touch friends homes and Senior Suites

Dec 15 Krills Bible Study 6:30pm

Dec 16 Pathfinders 6-7pm – contact Seth and Louisa for details

Dec 17 Lunch with Jesus 12pm

Dec 21 Worship 9am @ YBC, 10:30am @ TB

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services

5pm @ TB, 7pm @ YBC

OFFICE HOURS:

Please call or email to make sure someone is here to assist you.

330-627-7671, office@carrolltonfirstumc.org

Christmas

WITH CARROLLTON FIRST UMC

Wednesday, December 24

5:00 pm at The Bridge

7:00 pm at Yellow Brick Church

Christmas offering: Loaves and Fishes – Carrollton

Pink out- Sunday, December 14

A special love offering will be collected.

Everyone is invited to drop a card or note of love and encouragement into the pink gift bag at either location! Feel free to drop off a card throughout the week – we will make sure she and her family receive it! ♥

Rev. Matthew Darrin and family will join us Sunday, January 4!

Pastor Matt will be preaching on Sunday, January 4 and we want to make sure to give him and his family a *big welcome to Carrollton – welcome to our family!*

Potluck lunch at Yellow Brick location will follow The Bridge worship service, around noon. Sign up to attend! Bring your favorite covered dish! *Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up.. please mark the sheet if you can help that day!*



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

Pianist: Dipendra Sunam

Violinist: Abigail Sunam

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

L: We gather to rejoice in God who does wondrous things, who promises that someday all manner of things shall be well.

P: We lift up our voices in song and story, in prayer and praise, as we remember and rejoice in all that God has done and will do among us.

L: Come! Let us rejoice in the truth of the day that all the earth awaits.

P: Come! Let us worship God with joy as we work with God toward the day when all of creation lives in everlasting joy.

*HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #220 UM Hymnal, vss. 1, 3, 4

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING The Hill family

*FIRST READING *Psalm 98:1-8* Judy Markle

*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.** #70 UM Hymnal

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES/OFFERINGS/TESTIMONIES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Francie Krills Dismissal to Yellow Brick Kidz – Meghan Hill

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 1:39-49*
Listen to what the Spirit is saying to us.. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

SERMON *Joy to the World* Rev. Brad Call

*CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* #246 UM Hymnal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

What got your attention? What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?

Nursery: See the posted schedule on the Nursery door for the Sundays when we will have coverage. Child protection trained individuals are encouraged to reach out to Paula and volunteer as an extra set of hands on a rotational basis.



Casual, Contemporary Worship: 10:30am

Music – Autumn Boettner, Dave Dickerhoof, Carl Leonard, Louisa McNutt, Taylor Gray

Welcome/Announcements

Praise and Worship

***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Advent Candle Lighting

The McNutt family

First Reading

Psalm 98:1-8

Marcia Schaffer

Congregational Prayer/
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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Children's Message – Francie Krills

Dismissal to Bridge Kidz- Francie Krills

Offering

I Need a Silent Night

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:39-49

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Sermon

Joy to the World

Rev. Brad Call

Closing Worship

Joy to the World

Dismissal with Blessing

Coffee and a Morning Treat!

At Yellow Brick - Please stop in The Gathering Place after service on Sunday mornings. Have a cup of coffee, a yummy treat and share in a visit with each other.

At the Bridge - Please enjoy a cup of coffee or hot cocoa and a yummy donut or cookie from the hospitality table, either before or after service.

Note of Thanks

Dear Carrollton First UMC Family,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for all the prayers, cards of encouragement, gift cards, and financial gifts you have shared with me during this season. Your love and support have been a true blessing and a source of strength as I continue my treatments. I am doing well, and I know that your prayers are making a difference every single day. Together, we tackle cancer one day at a time, and I am so thankful to walk this journey surrounded by such a caring and faithful church family. With love and appreciation, *Pastor Kimberly*

PRAYERS AND PRAISES:

Lord, we surrender our relationships to You

For Rev. Matt Darrin – the pastor called to Carrollton First and who will be joining us in January; for his church family at Howland UMC

For private prayer requests

For Rev. Brandon Keck and his family

**Johnna and the boys will be staying up at the hospital over Christmas. If anyone would like to donate a gift card to Panera Bread, Starbucks or a gas card, we will make sure it gets delivered to them. Please turn into the office by Thursday, December 18th.

For Rev. Dan Loomis –home; continues therapy

For Pastor Kimberly and family

For upcoming surgeries

For our military veterans and active military

Addy Pettit – will be going in for testing Dec. 31 in Pittsburgh (granddaughter of Maryann Erwin)

Al and Cindy Thompson – Al diagnosed with multiple myeloma; treatments. Early stage of disease.

Josh Beadnell –prayers as he continues to fight disease

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

Facebook: CarrolltonFirstUnited

YouTube: CarrolltonFirstUMC

Online giving available through [tithely](http://tithely.com)

<https://www.carrolltonfirstumc.org/giving>

Mailing Address: 253 South Lisbon St., PO Box 85
Carrollton, OH 44615

Submit news, announcements & prayer requests to 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

Birthdays

Dec 10 Brock Hutchison

Dec 12 Carol Sanford

Dec 15 Francie Krills, Pastor Kimberly

Dec 21 Bill Krills, Ken Bellamy

Dec 26 Nancy Stewart

Dec 31 Glenda Sensel

Bible Studies and Support Groups

MEN'S GROUP – The Men's Group will not be meeting in the month of December. We will help on Dec.14, with setup and cleanup for the Christmas Caroling. Our next scheduled meeting will be January 17th, 2026 at 8am YBC. Please reach out to Brad Boughman with questions.

Krills' Home Study –**Mondays at 6:30pm.** Please reach out to the church office for their address.

UMC Kidz Club – **Tuesdays at 6pm**

UMC Kidz Club is for preschoolers through 4th graders, and we can't wait to welcome your kiddos back! Contact Meghan Hill or the church office for more info.

Lunch with Jesus Thank you Francie Krills for leading the group. We meet on **Wednesdays from noon-1pm** at our Yellow Brick Church location.

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, 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 our current pastor).

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.

Bulletin News Deadline - Wednesdays at noon in writing.

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