



CARROLLTON FIRST UMC

THE YELLOW BRICK CHURCH + THE BRIDGE

Sunday, November 30 2025 First Sunday of Advent

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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

Nov 30 Worship 9am @ YBC, 10:30am @ TB

First Sunday - Advent

Dec 1 Krills Bible Study 6:30pm

Dec 2 cc out until noon

Dec 2 **UMC Kidz** 6-7pm

Dec 2 Pathfinders 6-7pm – contact Seth and Louisa for details

Dec 3 Lunch with Jesus 12pm

Dec 3 Endowment 5pm

Dec 3 Discipleship Board 5:30pm

Dec 3 Set-up for Coats for Kids Fellowship Hall

Dec 4 cc out after 3pm

Dec 4-5 Coats for Kids Distribution days

9am-3pm Fellowship Hall

OFFICE HOURS:

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

330-627-7671, office@carrolltonfirstumc.org

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.

Coats for Kids Distribution Days

Thursday and Friday, December 4 & 5 from 9a-3p. Set up will take place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 3. A couple volunteers are needed for set-up - If you are available, please reach out to the office. Thank you!!

Outreach to St. John's Villa Residents & Staff

Carrollton First will be reaching out to the residents and staff at St. John's Villa and we need your help!

We are seeking donations of decorated cutout Christmas cookies to share. See the sign-up sheet at either location. Drop off to Yellow Brick Wed. Dec. 10 by noon. The cookies will be trayed and delivered on Friday, Dec. 12.

Raising Awareness and Raising Funds in support of Kimberly

One more order will be placed! Order by Sunday, November 30 so that they arrive before Pink Out Sunday.



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

Pianist: Dipendra Sunam

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

L: It is time for us to keep watch; the Lord's appearance is drawing near.

P: We do not know when he will come, whether in the day or the night.

L: Therefore let us stay awake and be on our guard.

P: The hour of Christ's coming is upon us. Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#196 UM Hymnal

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Mateer family

*FIRST READING

Romans 13:11-14

Pat Roudebush

*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 – Pastor Brad

Dismissal to Yellow Brick Kidz – Mackenzie Malone

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to us.. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

SERMON

Advent

Rev. Brad Call

*CLOSING HYMN

O Day Of God, Draw Nigh

#730 UM Hymnal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When Christmas Morn is Dawning

*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, Shalleen Mayes

Welcome/Announcements/

Praise and Worship

Goodness of God and ***Waymaker***

Advent Candle Lighting

Maryann Erwin, Addy Pettit

First Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Marcia Schaffer

Congregational Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
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Children's Message – Pastor Brad

No Dismissal to Bridge Kidz

Offering

Another One

Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

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Sermon

Advent

Rev. Brad Call

Closing Worship

Glorious Day

Dismissal with Blessing

Community Christmas Caroling

Join our UMC Kidz Club on **Sunday, December 14th** as they spread some holiday cheer with an afternoon of Christmas caroling! We will be singing some classic carols while visiting the residents at Senior Suites and a couple of our special 'Keep in Touch' friends. We will meet at approximately **noon** at Yellow Brick for a quick bite to eat- pizza and chips -and then head out to share the music of the Christmas season. **Please sign up (or call the office) so we can plan for lunch and our special stops.**

Christmas Cookie Exchange!

Saturday, December 13 from 10am until 11:30am (or until the cookies are gone) at our Yellow brick location. Come join in fellowship, have a cup of soup crackers, exchange favorite Christmas cookies, and swap devotionals with each other during this holiday season. **Please sign up** so we have a head count and plan to bring two dozen cookies WITH NO NUTS PLEASE to swap out with your friends. Bring an empty container to fill or nibble on what you picked out.

Thank you for your generosity for these upcoming Special offerings

Thanksgiving offering: Urban Mission – Steubenville, OH

Pink Out Sunday (Dec. 14) - Love offering: Kimberly
-please bring in cards and notes to support Kimberly on her journey

Christmas offering: Loaves and Fishes – Carrollton, OH

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

For Rev. Dan Loomis –therapy following a stroke

For Pastor Kimberly and family

For upcoming surgeries

For our military veterans and active military

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

Josh Beadnell –prayers as he continues to fight disease

Prayers for Boone's family

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.

Organization Asks for Prayers and Assistance

The Carroll County (OH-23) contact of **FHFH** – **Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry**, a national non-profit, is asking for your prayers and support this upcoming hunting season.

Through the generosity of hunters in the area, deer are donated for processing at Don's Custom Meats. They anticipate around 100 deer to be donated with a processing fee of \$90 each. The meat is packaged and made available to Loaves and Fishes (Carrollton) and the food pantries in Waynesburg and Malvern. Any amount helps which will provide meals to families in our local area.

Please mark your envelope or check – with **FHFH**.

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](https://www.carrolltonfirstumc.org/giving)

<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 1 Elaine Painting

Dec 2 Erin Shafer

Dec 6 Pastor Matt Darrin

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

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.