

Church Office Hours 8-4 Mon-Fri
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Discipleship Classes 9am

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Worship Service 10am

Serving This Week

December 14, 2025

Worship Leader: Ruth Hryshkanysch
Song Leader: Caleb Meissner
Livestream/AV: Rachel Meissner
Autumn Meissner
Greeters: Ray & Jan Betters
Laura Strietzel
Children's Church: Christmas Rehearsal
Toddlers: Elizabeth Heyer & Abby Moreau
Nursery: Sue Mulheron & Liberty Imhoff

Serving Next Week:

December 21, 2025

Worship Leader:
Song Leader: Caleb Meissner
Livestream/AV: Laura Strietzel
Tim Strietzel
Greeters: Bernie Strahl
Children's Church: Stay for celebration
Toddlers: Diane Brazelton &
Nursery: Laurie Chaney & Ducky Stenfors

Facilities Team On-Call Dec: Roger Jones (715) 927-1801

Kitchen Serving On-Call Dec: Debbie Kirschner, Jill Brown, Amy Bird
Kitchen Clean-up On-Call Dec: Ruth Hryshkanych, Martha Palmer

Budgeted Dec:	14,043.08	Budgeted YTD:	175,538.84
Received Dec:	8,780.00	Received YTD:	175,878.84
Spent Dec:	2,250.27	Spent YTD:	181,753.30

*Includes the repayment of the Spiritual Ministry Fund 11,464.94



Thank you for letting the Lord give through you to sustain the ministries of Carney Free Church! You can use the offering boxes in the lobby on Sundays to give in person, or if you would like to give online (one-time or regularly), please point your camera at this code. Hold it until it opens a link. Click on the link.



ORDER OF SERVICE

December 14, 2025

Opening Song
Advent Reading

Welcome & Call to Worship
Ministry Minute

Greet One Another
Congregational Songs

Congregational Scripture Reading
Luke 2:1-7
Prayer

Congregational Song
(K-6 Christmas Rehearsal)

"Hope for the Desperate"
Pastor Bob Norris
Genesis 37-50 (pg 31)

Congregational Song
Before You Go
Benediction

The mission of Carney Evangelical Free Church
is to make fervent and obedient disciples
of Jesus Christ. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Hope For The Desperate

Genesis 37-50

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- Jacob and his 12 sons

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- While Reuben was the oldest, Judah appears to be the real leader of the group – vs. 26-27
- A plot to deceive their father is pursued
- Jacob is crushed and the brothers live with the secret for 13+ years

3. The Consequences Of Living Life On Your Own Terms – Genesis 38

- The slippery slope of disobeying God – living in an R-rated world
- Be sure your sin will find you out – you reap what you sow

4. The Rest Of The Story – Genesis 42-50

- The first encounter with Joseph – Gen. 42
- Preparing for the 2nd visit – Gen 43
- Pleading for Benjamin's life – Gen 44
- The startling revelation – Gen 45
- Shortly after Jacob's death – Gen. 50:15-21

5. A Final Post-Script – Genesis 49:8-12

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2. Twenty years passed before Joseph's dreams came true (see 37:2; 41:46, 53-54). How did God prepare him to govern Egypt (see 39:1-23)?
3. God had several purposes in shaping Joseph's life as He did.
 - First, He promised to bless the nations through Abraham's offspring (see 12:3). How did He use Joseph to give a foretaste of that blessing (see 41:56-57)?
 - God also promised to protect Jacob and his family (see 28:13-15). How did He keep that promise in this generation (see 45:5-7)?
 - God told Abraham that He would let his descendants be enslaved so that He could later liberate them at a preplanned time (see 15:13-14). How did He bring about this enslavement in Egypt (see 45:16-18; 46:1-4)?
 - Finally, God wanted to raise up a holy people through the sons of Jacob, but they were jealous, deceptive, vengeful men (see 34:1-31; 37:4, 11, 19-20, 26-27, 31-32). How did God chasten them (see 42:21; 44:16)?
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TODAY

8:45am	Café Corner
9am	Discipleship Classes
9:30am	Prayer on the Balcony
10am	Morning Service
11:30am	Christmas Choir Rehearsal

THIS WEEK

DEC	15	10-3pm	Common Thread
		6pm	Facilities Meeting
	16	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
		12-5pm	Blood Drive
	17	6-8pm	Youth Group
		6-8pm	No Sonshine Club
	18		No Women's Morning Bible Study
		6pm	The Rocke Brothers (Quartet) @ Bark River Bible Church
	21	10am	Christmas Musical Celebration

COMING SOON

DEC	23	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
	24		Office Closed
		5pm	Christmas Eve Service
	25		Merry Christmas Everyone!
	26		Office Closed

PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE PASTOR & OUR CHURCH

We are praying for our future pastor & his family on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays – for our church on Tuesdays – and for our Transition Team on Tuesday & Thursdays.

Monday Dec 15, Pray that Good will give our Pastor a clear, biblical vision of what our Church can be and should be for His glory, and that he will communicate that vision clearly and confidently to the Church.

Tuesday Dec 16, Pray for our church family to be accepting of the changes put forward.

Wednesday Dec 17, Pray that our Pastor will seek God for personal revival in our Church and community

Thursday Dec 18, Pray that we will stay close to the Lord through hearts that are continually cleansed by Him.

Friday Dec 19, Pray that our Pastor will strive for personal excellence and will believe God for all He wants to do in the congregation.

NEW & NOTES

On Behalf of the NELSON FAMILY, I would like to thank our church family for all the encouragement and prayers you have given to dad and mom through the 56+ years we have been attending this church. Because of health reasons, my parents had to move with my brother, Dan's family. They will miss all of you very much. If you have time, here is their new address: Milo & Joyce Nelson, 109 East White Bear, Negaunee, Michigan 49866. They would appreciate the encouragement at this time. Thank you again! ~ Colleen.

The next **BLOOD DRIVE** is on Dec 16 from 12-5pm.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Dec 18 @ 6pm cst: We are invited to "The Rocke Brothers" Quartet at Bark River Bible Church. Free admission. A love offering will be taken. It is a good opportunity to bring someone from the community.

Our CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION is Next Sunday, December 21! We would love to have you contribute a song (vocal or instrumental), a reading or an original Christmas artwork (in any medium including Legos!) Please contact Michelle Gilbert at (715) 548-1016 to let her know what you can contribute.

MID COUNTY FOOD PANTRY in Stephenson: In January, our church is responsible for providing people to help on Saturday Mornings, Sign up to help at the Welcome Center.

THANK YOU: I just wanted to say thank you to all of you for your prayers, kindness & encouragement that you give me throughout the year! Thanks also to Elaine for doing a great job on the bulletin board and to Jennifer L. for folding the bulletin. ~ Susie

There is an updated newsletter from the James Langteau Family on the eastside entrance bulletin board and at the Missions Center.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday	Isaiah 26:1-19	Friday	Ezekiel 39:21-29
Tuesday	Isaiah 35:1-10	Saturday	Zephaniah 3:1-20
Wednesday	Ezekiel 36:1-15	Sunday	Luke 1:1-25
Thursday	Ezekiel 36:16-38		