

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

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PO Box 56
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Worship Service 10am

Serving This Week

December 7, 2025

Worship Leader: Tim Johnson
Song Leader: Ruth Hryshkanych
Livestream/AV: Mike Malone
Laura Anderson
Greeters: Debbie Moreau
Tim & Hazel Johnson
Children's Church: Christmas Rehearsal
Toddlers: Ralph Gearhart & Greta Meissner
Nursery: Laura Strietzel & Greta Meissner

Serving Next Week:

December 14, 2025

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

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 Nov: 17,553.85	Budgeted YTD: 172,027.73
Received Nov: 13,889.00	Received YTD: 167,055.74
Spent Nov: 14,627.54	Spent YTD: 175,812.76

*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 7, 2025

Opening Song
Advent Reading

Welcome & Call to Worship
Ministry Minute

Greet One Another
Congregational Songs

Congregational Scripture Reading
Isaiah 9:1-2, 7:14, 9:6-7
Prayer

Congregational Song
(K-6 Christmas Rehearsal)

"Hope in the Midst of Darkness"
Pastor Bob Norris
John 1:1-14 (pg 886)

Communion
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)

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John 1:1-14

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- Six days later – creation was finished – Gen. 1:31
- Life in the Garden – Gen. 2
- Then darkness fell over all creation – Gen. 3

2. First Hints Of Hope – Isaiah 7 & 9

- Fast forward now to 735 BC – Isaiah 7, 9

- The angel's message to Joseph – Matthew 1:22-23

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- When the time was just right – God sent His Son – Gal. 4:4-5
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- He brought the greatest gift of all – eternal life – John 3:16-18a
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3. Light and darkness are major symbols in John's gospel. What do they refer to and symbolize in the Bible? (Consider some of the following: Psalm 36:9; 82:5; 119:105, 130; Prov. 4:19; Isaiah 60:1-2; John 3:19-21; Acts 26:18; Romans 13:12-14; Ephesians 5:8-14.)
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MONTHLY PRAYER UPDATES

SCOTT IMHOFF has the infection back in his foot. He had surgery on Friday Oct 24. There was no significant damage. They cleaned it out real good. Pray that Scott's foot will heal completely and for the family to have patience and understanding with each other.

JENN (Arlene & Fred's daughter): Pray for Jenn's last surgery scheduled Dec 30. Pray for a successful surgery and 2026 to be a healthy one for Jenn. Thanks for everyone's prayers on this 16 month journey. They meant so much to us. ~ Arlene

REBEKAH (Laura Anderson's sister, Linda's daughter) – Pray that her numbers will be good so that she can get the bone marrow transplant and that God will provide the perfect donor. Pray that the timing of her transplant will work well.

BOB GEARHART was unable to get chemo this week his blood levels were too low. Pray that these numbers will go up for him to continue his chemo.

SONJA GEARHART's AUNT is doing good after her surgery.

MAVRIK DAMASCHKE has started radiation. Pray for the radiation to be effective. His current side effects are nausea & tiredness. Continue to pray for strength and limited side effects.

MAKEEN DAMASCHKE broke his leg in football. He had an MRI and X-rays on Oct 30. Pray that there is nothing else wrong.

JENNIFER LINDSTROM struggles with anxiety. Pray that the doctors will find the right medication for her and that she would feel God's perfect peace.

GREGORY DUBOIS (Laurie's Brother-in-Law), Pray for Greg & his family, that God will give them strength & peace through the days ahead.

CORALEE MACK: Pray that the doctors would find ways to help her and for her family as they are a support and encouragement to her.

SERVING OUR COUNTRY

OVERSEAS:

Brent & Melissa Jurmu: PSC 80 Box 13801
96367

STATESIDE:

Becky Guard	Greggory & Jordan Hanneman
Giovanni Green	Jared Jurmu

Preston Lauscher (Laurie Tebo's son)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT INS

JoAnne Hammerberg	Judy Smith
PO Box 96	Evergreen Manor
Carney, MI 49812	N1669 US Hwy 8
	Norway, MI 49870

Ken Gustafson
Roubal Care & Rehab Center
N 306 Maple Street
Stephenson, MI 49887

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	8	6pm	Shelter – Grief Support
	8	6pm	Elders Meeting
	9	7:30am	Men's Bible Study
	10	6-8pm	Youth Group
		6-8pm	Sonshine Club– Caroling Night
	11	9:30am	Thursday Bible Study
	TBA	6pm	Finance Meeting
	13	5pm	Ladies Christmas Party

COMING SOON

DEC	15	10-3pm	Common Thread
		6pm	Facilities Meeting
	16	12-5pm	Blood Drive
	17	6-8pm	Youth Group
		6-8pm	No sonshine club
	18	6pm	The Rocke Brothers (Quartet) @ Bark River Bible Church

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 8, Pray that our Pastor will be a man of prayer and worship, and that he will lead by example.

Tuesday Dec 9, Pray that the church would have the courage to follow God's leading.

Wednesday Dec 10, Pray that our Pastor will practice servant leadership, edifying the congregation with wisdom and serving with God's 'agape' love.

Thursday Dec 11, Pray for wisdom as decisions are made.

Friday Nov 12, Pray for spiritual unity for our future pastor and the congregation.

NEW & NOTES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet on Dec 11 at 9:30 to 11 in the café corner. Lead by Bev Szprejda.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY is December 13 at 5pm. **Today is the Deadline to sign up or contact Hazel 906-250-6058**, if you plan on coming & \or decorating a table. Please bring a baby gift, as we will be donating to the Bay Area Pregnancy Center again this year. If there are not enough people interested, we will need to be cancel this year.

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 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.

VENISON SUPPER will be coming soon. If you can **donate venison**, please contact **Jaime Strietzel**. 715- 929-1555

THE BABY BOTTLES have been cashed in and I'd like a couple more before bringing in the change. We have raised 300.24 for Bay Area Pregnancy Services. We would like to raise 500.00. Thank you!

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Monday	Jeremiah 33:12-26	Friday	Isaiah 11:1-9
Tuesday	Isaiah 26:1-19	Saturday	Isaiah 11:10-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 2:1-5	Sunday	Isaiah 12:1-6
Thursday	Isaiah 9:1b-7		