

BEFRIENDING OUR NEIGHBORS

A New Way to Reach Out Dinner Church: A Preview

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

6 - 7:30pm | Fellowship Hall

All members and friends are invited.

**We will enjoy a meal together and meet
Heather Evans of Cape Coral, Florida.
She'll show us a new way to meet our neighbors.**

**To help us plan for dinner,
please let us know if you're able to attend.
Register at the Welcome Center
OR scan the QR code to register online.**



Follow-Up Conversation

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

9:30am - Noon | Fellowship Hall

**Following our "Dinner Church Preview" on Friday night,
Heather Evans will meet with all who are interesting in
learning more about unique ways to befriend our neighbors.**

Light refreshments will be served | Free childcare will be available

**Register at the Welcome Center OR
scan the QR Code to register online.**



FEBRUARY 2025

CARGILL 2025

By Pastor Steve Scott

Is it 2025 already?

Back in the Pleistocene era, also known as the year 2020, I came to Cargill UMC with open ears. Not only because I was new here, but because a pandemic had curtailed our in-person gatherings.

So I listened. Spoke with many of you. Attended small, outdoor gatherings. Connected in online small groups.

What I heard was optimism and resolve concerning the future of Cargill United Methodist Church.

The pandemic, you said, would hasten a future that was already upon us: Becoming the church of the next decades, not only celebrating the church of decades past.

That history at Cargill is amazing. God blessed Cargill Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church from its outset with faithful

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members, committed leaders, and dedicated resources.

A church member recently shared with me a copy of a Cargill weekly newsletter from January 1983.

It indicated that worship attendance the previous weekend was 751, and church school attendance was 450.

(Interestingly, a related article called attention to a scheduled meeting regarding the anticipated budget deficit for 1983, as well as an upcoming presentation to the United Methodist Men from a noted insect collector.)



Pastor Steve Scott

I was a college senior in Eau Claire at the time, and I remember my home church and Sunday school classes were full then, as well.

What's happened since has been a seismic shift in religious practices in the U.S.. Congregational attendance and participation is significantly different today in much of the population.

But by any measure, quantitative or spiritual, God is actively working through the Cargill Church of today in inspiring, caring and meaningful ways.

Which brings me back to 2020. Out of my conversations with you, I crafted an outline called Cargill 2025.

I told Cargill leaders it wasn't written on stone tablets, or even fancy parchment.

It was a pliable, evolving, working idea of how to grow in vital ways (not just in numbers but in spiritual depth) to meet the needs, hopes and dreams of God's people in the 2020s and 2030s and beyond.

Here are the five cornerstones of Cargill 2025:

1. Passionate worship

Enhance musically rich, liturgically centered worship (i.e. 9am service, and the intimate 5pm service).

Create a fresh expression of worship to reach new people (i.e. 10:30am service).

Develop vital online worship to reach new people.

2. Reaching across generations

Make Cargill a place of welcome for every age.

3. Making connections

Invite every person to connect in a small group within 3 months of their first visit.

4. Mercy and justice

Mercy: Invite and equip more persons for deeds of compassion.

Justice: Identify work(s) of peace, reconciliation or reform to which God has particularly called Cargill.

5. Rethink generosity

New ways to support Christ's work for today and beyond.

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AV TRAINING

Sanctuary AV Basic Overview Saturday, February 1st—10am

AV Coordinator John Mansur will be hosting a basic overview of the audio/video systems in the sanctuary balcony. This is an opportunity to learn how to do things like turning on the sound board, setting up a microphone, and using the computer and projector. All are welcome and no registration is required. Contact John with any questions at johnrmansur@gmail.com or call 608-322-2325.



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I'm not writing to offer a report card on our progress. God is the judge and you and the community are the witnesses to the vitality of Cargill's faith.

I'm encouraged to see that we are making strides in each of these areas, as well as others.

I also write with considerable gratitude:

For those of you who have been part of the Cargill community for many years. For your continued faithfulness, and your willingness to see how God continues to lead us no matter our age.

For those of you new to the life of this congregation. I believe people go to a church because they want to connect with God and grow in faith. And then live it out in their daily life in practical ways. I can say without boasting that's what we're about.

For those of you who share in some part large or small to help Cargill live out its mission. Maybe

you're dreaming about Next Generation ministry, or serving behind the scenes. Maybe you make music, or volunteer at the Live Nativity. Maybe you help with Vacation Bible School, or clean

tables after Sunday fellowship time.

Some of you are working to make improvements to our building.

Others are sharing your artistic talents, or caring for people through our health & wellness ministry. I'm not aware of any upcoming presentations on insects, but who knows?

We concluded a recent worship service with words also appropriate to the vision of Cargill 2025:

"Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, ... one hope ... one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

— Ephesians 4:1-6



SCHOLARSHIPS

Application forms for 2025 scholarships are now available in the church office and online on the Cargill website and Facebook. Four separate types of scholarships are available: Cargill UMC General Education Scholarships for any member of any age continuing their education, the Sidney Lingenfelter Trust Scholarships for those considering education in ministries, and two types of Howard W. Marquardt Trust Scholarships. The first is the Christian Education Grant which is available for those interested in any type of religious study including individual classes and seminars. The other is the Vocational Education Grant. The primary intent of these scholarships is for anyone pursuing a degree in vocational, technical, or engineering related studies. However, if there is a lack of applicants in such fields, funds may be applied to degree work towards other vocations.

All members of the congregation or active participants that are interested in applying should pick up/download and complete a form. Please return it via mail or e-mail to the Cargill UMC office no later than March 23, 2025. Awards will be announced in late May. Any questions can be directed to Jeff Schmoldt; Scholarship Committee Chairman, JWSchmoldt@gmail.com or 608-289-3000.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History is American History. But much of our collective history looks different depending on the lens through which observers see it. The past 400 years in US history are rife with exploitation, cruelty and tragedy, but the stories that recount these events are also filled with heroism, dignity and grace. This is our history, and Black History Month implores us to not ignore the parts that are unflattering and painful just because it all happened a long time ago and we just need to move on. We move on meaningfully only by acknowledging our past and letting it inform our future.

SENIORS

Come Together for **SENIOR MEALS** **FEBRUARY 6 & 20**

February 6

Turkey Casserole,
Salad and Muffin

February 20

Lasagna, Salad,
Bread, Dessert

in the Fellowship Hall at 12 o'clock (noon)

Reserve your spot by the Tuesday
before on the Senior bulletin board
or call 608-752-0548

Anyone 50 or over is welcome!

\$8 PER MEAL

February Lunch Out **Wed., February 12**



11:30AM - 1:30PM

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RIDES ARE AVAILABLE • INDICATE WHEN YOU SIGNUP

Sign up by **FEB. 6** on the Senior's Bulletin Board
OR call Val Geller at 608-752-3665.



Blood Pressure Screenings **February 15 & 16** **Library | Room 111**

ALWAYS OFFERED EVERY THIRD WEEKEND

Saturday | Following 5pm Service & Sunday | Between Services 10am

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS



**FREE COMMUNITY MEAL
ALL ARE WELCOME**

SAT. FEB. 15 | 4 PM

Lasagna, salad, bread and dessert

CRAFT NIGHT

ADULT FELLOWSHIP
Craft Night

**Third Monday of the Month
5PM | Room 108**

**Come when you can | Leave when you must
Bring whatever project your working on**

LOOKING UP! BENEFITS OF YOGA



Sunday, February 23

1 - 3 PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

This beginner-friendly yoga class will introduce you to the fundamentals of yoga practice, including basic postures, breathwork, and relaxation techniques.

Registration is not required but appreciated.
Register at the Welcome Center or scan QR Code.



GIFTS WEEK

Sunday, February 23—Saturday, March 1

Please consider opening your hearts to
our homeless neighbors by helping at the GIFTS men's shelter

Breakfast, dinner, overnight,
and front desk shifts are needed!

Sign up at the Welcome Center
or scan the QR code



JOIN THE FUN!

Join Cargill UMC

Parker Arts Academy
PRESENTS

Fri., Feb. 21
7pm (meet at 6:30pm)

Hello, Dolly!

Parker Performing
Arts Academy
3125 Mineral Point Rd.

Scan here
to Register



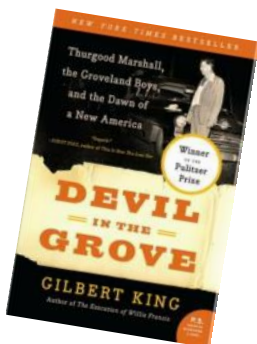
Tickets: \$15 for adults | \$5 for students | FREE to those 65 and older
(For FREE tickets, you must live in the Janesville school district)

Please order your own tickets online at www.parker-arts.com
or pick up your pass at the Janesville District office, 527 S. Franklin St.

Meet outside the auditorium at 6:30pm | Seats are first come-first serve
Carpooling is available – Please request at registration


BANNED BOOK CLUB

In 1949, a violent sheriff who ruled Lake County, Florida chased down four young Blacks who dared to envision a future for themselves beyond the citrus groves. A young white woman cried rape, and the sheriff and Ku Klux Klan were determined to lynch the men who became known as “the Groveland Boys.” Thurgood Marshall, then a young lawyer, refused to shrink from the fight. Even when the Klan murdered one of Marshall’s NAACP associates involved with the case, and Marshall had endured continual threats that he would be next, the future Supreme Court justice persisted in the case that formed his reputation as a crusader for civil rights.



On Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30pm, we will discuss this book, *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America* by Gilbert King, and why it has been banned in schools and public libraries across the country. Join us!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>For the most up to date calendar, to see future events or to learn about a specific event scan the QR Code or visit www. cargillumc.org/calendar/</p> 			29	30	Jan 31	1
			<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Upper Room Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Poverty Awareness 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p>	<p>Saturday Worship 5:00 pm</p>
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<p>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Ukulele Gathering 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm</p> <p>UWF Missions Meeting 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p>	<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Upper Room Study 9:00 am</p>	<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Senior Meals 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p>	<p>GIFTS Thrift Store 10:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Saturday Worship 5:00 pm</p>
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</p> <p>Blood Pressure 10:00 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Faith Foundations 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</p> <p>Ukulele Gathering 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm</p> <p>Adult Fellowship & Craft Night 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p>	<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Upper Room Study 9:00 am</p>	<p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>Senior Meals 12:00 pm</p> <p>UWF Book Club 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Hello Dolly! with Cargill UMC 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm</p>	<p>Saturday Worship 5:00 pm</p>
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<p>GIFTS Men's Shelter</p> <p>Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Sunday Worship 9:00 am</p> <p>Sunday School 10:30 am</p> <p>Sunday Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>The Benefits of Yoga 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>GIFTS Men's Shelter</p> <p>Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>GIFTS Men's Shelter</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p>	<p>GIFTS Men's Shelter</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Upper Room Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Banned Book Club 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>GIFTS Men's Shelter</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p> <p>Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>GIFTS Men's Shelter</p> <p>Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am</p> <p>Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am</p>	<p>GIFTS Men's Shelter</p> <p>Saturday Worship 5:00 pm</p>



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CARGILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**A Brief Look at Christian Church History
from Acts to the Reformation**

Sunday, February 16

Noon - 1:30pm | Lounge

What are Faith Foundations Classes?

Explore. Grow. Transform.

Faith Foundation classes are for everyone! Whether you're new to faith or a lifelong believer, you are invited to dive into meaningful conversations about following Jesus. These 90-minute sessions welcome curiosity, celebrate diverse perspectives, and create space for spiritual growth. Bring your Bible, bring yourself, and let's see where the Spirit leads.

Future Classes

March 9 – Biblical Interpretation Through a Methodist Lens
April 6 – A Methodist Understanding of Worship
May 18 – The Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion

**REGISTRATION
APPRECIATED**

