

# CONNECT CARD

## Additional Information

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### I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON

- Getting Involved
- Educational Opportunities
- Membership



*Engaging People to Experience the Transforming Love of God*

Welcome Home to Carterville United Methodist Church!  
 Blessings to you and your family this Christmas Eve!  
 You are invited to engage in several opportunities to learn and grow in 2026:

#### Wednesdays:

- 1st & 3rd Wednesdays: Midweek Connection-Sharing Faith & Fellowship
- 2nd Wednesday: Young at Heart on the Road, short distance travels to enjoy new places to eat together
- 4th Wednesday: Songs of the Soul, A journey through sacred hymns
- Bible 101: Thursday, January 8, 5:30-7:00. An introduction to reading your Bible.

- Disciple Bible Study: A study of the New Testament - 12 weeks; information meeting Sunday, January 4, 2:00 pm.
- 10x10: An opportunity to grow deeper as a disciple
- Praying Out Loud workshop: Learn to find comfort in praying in the presence of others - February date TBA

### CONTACT US



9am-1 pm Monday-Friday



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**December 24, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Service of Worship Carterville UMC  
December 24, 2024- Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Communion Service  
Advent/ White  
\*stand if you are able**

**WELCOME**

**SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT CANDLES, SCREENS, AND  
COMMUNION**

**PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF WORSHIP CANDLES**

**\*GATHERING CHORUS EMMANUEL EMMANUEL #204**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**L: O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus  
you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Bestow  
upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all  
people, so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us,  
and that we may have the ever brightening hope of  
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING #240**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**CONGREGATION RESPONSE: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!**

**READING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

**SIERRA FAIVRE**

**LUKE 2:1-20**

**HYMN ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH (1,2,3) #238**

**MESSAGE NOW THAT IS AMAZING PASTOR LARRY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC ALL PRAISE TO THEE CHOIR**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**SERVICE OF PASSING THE LIGHT**

**\*HYMN SILENT NIGHT (1,2,4) #239**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**L: Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage;**

**P: HOLD FAST THAT WHICH IS GOOD; RENDER TO NO  
ONE EVIL FOR EVIL;**

**L: strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help  
the afflicted; honor everyone;**

**P: LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD, REJOICING IN THE  
POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT;**

**L: And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always.**

**P: AMEN.**

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Second Time Guest

Regular Attendee

Member

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