



CARROLLTON FIRST UMC

THE YELLOW BRICK CHURCH + THE BRIDGE

Sunday, April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

Alleluia – He is Risen!

Interim Pastor – Rev. Brandon Keck

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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.

Please keep praying for our church

CHURCH CALENDAR

YBC = Yellow Brick Church, TB=The Bridge

April 20 Easter Sunday – Alleluia – He is Risen!

Sunrise Service– parking lot at YBC 6:30am

Breakfast – Fellowship Hall YBC

Worship 9am YBC, 10:30am TB

April 21 Offices closed

April 21 Krills Home Study – New Study 6pm

April 22 Coffee and Christ 10am CC Coffee Co.

April 22 Pathfinders 6-7pm

April 22 UMC Kidz Club 6-7pm

April 23 VBS meeting 5-6pm

Apr 23 Jesus Shaped Life 6-7 @ YBC

April 26 Camp Aldersgate 9am-noon

April 27 Worship 9am YBC, 10:30am TB

April 28 Grief Group (Helping Children Cope) 6-8:30pm

April 28 Offices closed

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

People of Prayer

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, thanking you for the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may every day reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting. Transform our lives through acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. Amen. *from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>

Work Day at Camp Aldersgate

We will be painting the maintenance shop, moving bunks, planting flowers, and doing trail maintenance –**Saturday, April 26 from 9am-noon!** Coffee and donuts in the morning and a hot lunch at 12:30! You are welcome to come for all or a portion of the morning! If anyone has tools that would help these projects, you are encouraged to bring them. Any questions can be directed to Meredith Mateer or Brad Boughman.

Special guest pianist Sunday, April 27 at Yellow Brick. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Dipendra Sunam!

Sermon Series: John Wesley's 22 Questions

22. Is Christ Real to me?

10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?



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

Accompanist: Karen Speedy

SPECIAL: BELL CHOIR

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Jason W. Krug

Dave and Becky Dickerhoof, Maryann Erwin,
Judy Markle, Johnna Keck

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE (in unison)

**Light of Christ, Shine on our path,
Illuminate our darkness and Lead us to the heart of God**

PRELUDE

The Joyful Eastertide

George Woodward

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN

He Lives

#310 UM Hymnal

*HEARING THE WORD

John 20:1-18

*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.**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES/OFFERINGS/TESTIMONIES AND PRAYERS

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 Brandon

No Dismissal to Yellow Brick Kidz – please take a busy bag

SCRIPTURE

John 20:24-29

SERMON

Really?

Pastor Brandon Keck

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*CLOSING HYMN

Because He Lives

#364 UM Hymnal

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Charles Wesley

What got your attention? What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it?



Casual, Contemporary Worship: 10:30am

*Music – Autumn Boettner, Carl Leonard,
Dave Dickerhoof, Becky Dickerhoof, Louisa Rhodes*

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Praise and Worship

***This is Amazing Grace
Way Maker***

Hearing the Word

John 20:1-18

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 Brandon

Dismissal to Bridge Kidz – Francie Krills

Offering

The Wonderful Blood

Scripture

John 20:24-29

Message

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Closing Worship

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Dismissal with Blessing

Special Easter Offering will go to the **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** in Carrollton. Thank you for your generosity!

Hello... My Name is ...

You are invited and encouraged to sign up (at either location) to receive a name tag. We will be using these to get to know each other and to help our visitors.

Exciting News: Roof Replacement at the Yellow Brick Location

We are excited to share that Carrollton First UMC’s Yellow Brick location will soon be receiving a much-needed new roof! After years of faithful service, the current roof is in need of replacement to ensure the building remains a safe and welcoming space for worship.

This project is a significant investment in the future of our church, and we invite you to partner with us in making it possible. *If you feel led to contribute financially, please mark your offering envelopes and checks with “roof replacement” so that your gift can be designated for this important improvement.* Thank you for your support and prayers as we take this exciting step forward!

Prayers and Praises:

*****Please submit updates*****

We will begin the policy again of listing a name/concern for 3 weeks and then if we don't have an update, the name will be removed.

For Rev. Brandon Keck and his family ☺

For job opportunities and new jobs

For those dealing with any form of addiction, for their recovery and prayers for their families.

For upcoming surgeries

For our schools, our children, our nation

For our military veterans and active military

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 tithe.ly

<https://www.carrolltonfirstumc.org/giving>

Mailing Address: 253 South Lisbon St., PO Box 85
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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

- April 25 Tritt Troyer
- April 26 Cindy Henderson
- April 29 Lynn Fairclough
- May 2 Barb Truman
- May 5 Haven Rhodes
- May 12 Nicholas Fredericks
- May 13 Sophia Russo
- May 14 Luca Boettner
- May 18 Noah Boettner
- May 19 Patty Barnett, Norma Boughman,
Jimmy Galbraith, Joey Galbraith
- May 20 Teague Malone
- May 21 Sean Speedy, Jim Craft
- May 24 Dale Mallarnee, Kelsey Pitts, Harrison Hill
- May 25 Ryan Wendell
- May 29 Judy Markle, Brielle Tangler
- May 30 Stephanie Roudebush

Anniversaries

- May 8 Bill and Francie Krills
- May 10 Bill & Darla Hutchison
- May 26 Jim & Elaine Painting
- May 28 Darin & Brenda Abel

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 from our pastors, 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 one of our current pastors).

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. Meals can be provided following the service, please contact the church office to go over details.

Bulletin News Deadline - Wednesdays at noon in writing.

Interested in Becoming United Methodist? - Please call the church office about Membership Classes.

Bible Studies and Support Groups

- **MEN'S GROUP** – Meet the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 8am. Please reach out to Brad Boughman with questions. Not meeting May 3.
- **Pathfinders** –Our study is held Tuesdays from 6-7pm at YBC. This is a family friendly group. All are welcome. Reading and discussing portions of Scripture each week. Contact Kathy Cramer with questions.
- **Stitched with Love** –We meet the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at **10am** at the YBC. If you would like to spend some craft time with other believers in Christ – join us! Next date: **Thursday, May 1**.
- **Krills Bible Study**: Monday nights at 6:30pm at Bill & Francie's home. Contact Bill and Francie with questions. The study will finish up Monday, May 12 and will be taking the summer off with plans to resume in September.
- **Coffee & Christ** † Tuesdays at 10am at the Carroll County Coffee Company. We are open to any Biblical topics you would like to discuss. Contact Francie Krills with questions. The group will finish up on May 13 and will be taking a summer break; resuming in September.
- **Jesus Shaped Life - Wednesdays from 6-7pm**. This session, we will be diving into the topic of Angels— what the Bible says about them, both holy and fallen. We meet every Wednesday through May 21 ☩ Contact Kelsey Pitts for the location.
- **Lunch with Jesus** will resume on Wednesday, May 14 from 12-1pm at our Yellow Brick Church location. We will begin a study based on John Ortberg's book "Who is this Man?" Please contact the church office with questions.

Women's Spiritual Growth Program

Plans are underway for our Women's Spiritual Growth Program on **Saturday, May 3rd** at our Yellow Brick location. Registrations will be accepted until April 27.

The Bible is our guide; Jesus is our Lighthouse.

Psalm 143:10 *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.* (NIV). Amen.

Please call the church office or talk with Norma, Certified Lay Servant for Carrollton First UMC, with questions. Thank you.

Helping Children with Loss

Kara Corbett, Grief Recovery Method Specialist, is offering a 4-week course for adults to help children deal with grief from death, divorce, pet loss, moving, and other losses. The course will be held at Yellow Brick on **Mondays, April 28-May 19** from 6-8:30pm. Please register before April 25. Introductory cost is \$60 and includes all materials. For more information, visit

<https://www.griefrecoverymethod.com/grms/kara-corbett> or contact the office for Kara's phone number.

Camp Firelight 🌲 VBS 2025!

📅 **June 17, 18, & 19 - 9:30am-12:00pm**
at Yellow Brick location

Our theme verse:

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."
(Psalm 56:3)

You can register your children at

<https://carrollton-first-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>

Can You Help us with VBS Supplies?

We are looking for faux Christmas trees, toilet paper rolls, blue & brown tarps, and 2 ladder ball sets to use for VBS! If you have any of these items to lend, we'd love to borrow them—and we will return them after VBS!

Summer Camp Registration is open!

<https://www.eocsummercamps.org>

Carrollton First UMC will pay \$200 toward the cost of one of these camps for youth who attend worship, Yellow Brick Kidz, Bridge Kidz, Kingdom Youth, UMC Kidz Club, etc. *Camps our church will help pay for are Camp Aldersgate, Wanake, Asbury, ReachOut and Lakeside Institute.* Please contact the office for details.

Interested in volunteering?

Helpers are needed Sunday afternoons for check-in. For more information, contact Meredith at director@campaldersgate.org

Graduate Recognition – May 18

Please turn in names and future plans for high school and college graduates (including any that graduated in the Summer or Fall 2024) to the church office. We will be celebrating our graduates on Sunday, May 18. **Please contact the office by Sunday, May 4 with the following info:**

Full Name

High School/College

Parents' Names

Future Plans (college, career, etc.)

High School/College Activities

Current Mailing Address and Phone Number

Current E-mail

Kingdom Youth Group Update!

Summer 2025 Exciting news

for our Kingdom Youth Group!

We will be splitting into two age groups to include our entire middle and high schoolers!

Beginning June 12th, there will be an opportunity for any and all middle and high schoolers to participate in Youth Group.

~Every Thursday from 5:00-6:30pm

Grades 5-8 will meet.

~Every Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm

Grades 9-12 will meet.

This will give each group a separate learning time, with a 30-minute crossover to participate together in games and activities.

I am excited for this opportunity to tailor each group with their own specific needs in growing in their personal relationships with Jesus.

Keep an eye out for the new schedule of times and locations to be posted in May. If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Pitts.