



CARMEL THE CONTACT

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE 2017



Summer is just around the corner, which means on the church calendar, **Pentecost is here**. In fact, yesterday, June 4 was Pentecost Sunday! The tradition of Pentecost is 50 days after Easter when Jesus had ascended to heaven and

the Holy Spirit came to be with us. The experience is described as *tongues of fire resting on the heads of those gathered as they became Spirit-filled and the church was ignited*. Happy birthday church!

Just as the church is ignited and on fire and summer is here, for many this is a time for vacations and lake houses and good times away!!! I label all of those blessings!! However, very often for the local church, this time of year the fire seems to dim a bit as we get into that summer mode.

In and around churches this time of year is described as “the summer slump”, a time when we disconnect from our routines such as Sunday church attendance. This also directly affects the financial giving that supports church operations and ministries. This shortfall makes ministry more difficult and can result in stress on the staff. *But while we do feel a bit of the fire cooling, we love to remain ablaze for Jesus!*

Carmel UMC would love to **remain strong** through these summer months, avoid the slump, and be more than prepared and ready as we launch our fall series, “The Perfect Storm”. We have all planned for this special sermon series and have an extraordinary guest speaker lined up. We are very hopeful that in providing you with multiple, convenient ways to give, that even though you may

be away from worship at the church, you have the opportunity to continue your faithful and generous giving.

Just a reminder while you are gone...

- you can mail in giving checks
- you can give on-line at carmelumc.org/give
- you can give through the CarmelUMC mobile app
- you can text to give... text: CARMELUMC to: 77977

Thank you for your continued and faithful support of Carmel UMC!

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Church Governing Council

The Church Governing Council meets each month. If you have any questions regarding these meetings please contact Pat Morrison.

Greetings,

As everyone knows, Bishop Trimble has appointed me to serve the Ellettsville First UMC Congregation, effective July 1. My last Sunday with you, will be June 11. I hope to get a chance to say goodbye to each of you in person, but I know that in a church this size, that may prove to be impossible.

Therefore, I will use this forum to express my deep appreciation for this congregation and let you all know that I will miss being with you. Even though my time here has been short, just 2 1/2 years, I have learned so much and I have been blessed to have been a part of the wonderful ministry that has happened here at CUMC.

As I work to wrap up my ministry here at Carmel UMC, I am very excited at the prospect of where God is sending me next, and I believe that I will continue to do great ministry in this new setting, but my family and I will miss it here.

I also believe that this is an opportunity for God to do something new and great here at CUMC. I look forward to hearing about all of the continued blessings and accomplishments that God will provide to this community going forward.

I will continue to keep you in my prayers, and I ask that you do the same for me.

Until we meet again, may God bless each and everyone of you.

With Love,

Pastor Mike Collins



Congratulations....

Births....

- **Beckham Michael McCormick** born April 12, 2017 to Ryan & Jette McCormick. Proud grandparents are Ron & Linda McCormick.
- **Vincent Glenn Herbert** born May 24 to Doug & Taryn Herbert. Proud great grandparents are Glenn & Helen Zech.
- **Stella Ruth Burmeister** born June 2 to Josh & Kristin Burmeister. Proud grandfather is Chris Lieber.

Baptism...

- **Katherine Ann Feiock**, daughter of Ryan & Heather Feiock who was baptized May 14, 2017.

With Sympathy To...

- **Jennifer Hammond & family** on the death of her mother, Nancy Wermund on April 18, 2017.
- **Tammy Walton & family** on the death of her brother, Gary Reynolds on April 19, 2017.
- **Bill O'Brien & family** on the death of his mother, Helen O'Brien, who passed away May 7.
- **Jay & Kathy Dyer & Ashley Dyer Roeller & family** on the death of their son & brother, Kevin Dyer on May 30, 2017.
- **Maureen Callahan & family** on the death of her brother, Kevin Callahan who passed away June 1, 2017.



On June 14th at 6:30pm, long time member of Carmel UMC, **Hilda Hadley** will be honored at Summer Trace Living Center for her dedication to her faith and community. There will be a premiere of a video about Hilda and her life's impact on her community presented at this celebration. If you plan to attend, please notify the church office: 317-844-7275.

30 for Vacation Bible School

Days of Prayer

A Prayer for Each Day for Thirty Days.

1. Lord, help us to dedicate our hearts to a time of personal relationship with you, and to hear what you desire of us as we prepare for VBS.
2. Lord, Thank You for this day and for the gifts you have given to us and called us to use for Your Glory through VBS Ministry this summer.
3. Lord Jesus, we pray that Your Holy Spirit will lead us and guide us through this day and the days to come as we prepare for VBS
4. Lord, Thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to be our Helper and Best Friend.
5. Today we pray for our fellow servants, as they spend time in personal conversation with You, Lord. Give them Your plan for VBS and Your words for the Children.
6. We love You, Lord, and we lift our love to You. Thank You for first loving us. We pray that You will help us as we show that love to Your children during VBS
7. Today, Lord, we totally rely on You to lead us. Just as our bodies crave oxygen, our hearts yearn for You to lead us in this exciting Ministry.
8. Lord, today as we think of all the plans and details swimming around in our heads, may we remember that You are the God of All Things Impossible. Give us the strength as we trust You with the details.
9. Lord, today as we think of how we were chosen for this Ministry, please be with all the others You have called to do each and every position of our VBS Ministry. No matter what the position, all are equally important and could not function without the others. Lead them to us, to give of themselves for Your Glory this summer.
10. Lord, so many times as we look at all we have to accomplish, and we are so overwhelmed. Remind us to hold unto Your hand and to let You walk beside us as we continue preparing to touch the hearts of the children with Your love this summer.
11. Remind us, Lord, today, to trust You with all our hearts, with all our minds, and with all our strength and to learn not to lean on our own understanding. We can do all things through You, Lord, who strengthens us.
12. Today, Lord, we obey Your call to go out into the world and share the Good News of Your Gospel by sharing Your love with children, this summer at VBS.
13. Lord, help us as a Church and as individuals to stand, against skeptics, and against doubt, and to continue to bring the VBS to children and families this summer. Protect us from the world and help us to keep our eyes and hearts focused on You.
14. Lord, help us to continue to give VBS to the children Your way, not necessarily our way.
15. Lord, help us to seek Your vision and Your plans for our VBS this summer.
16. Lord, thank you for wrapping Your loving, protective arms around us, always.
17. Lord, we pray today for all the Station Leaders, Crew Leaders, Kitchen Staff, Band, Actors and Crew and all the VBS Directors that WILL serve You this summer at VBS. Thank You for them.
18. Lord, today we thank You for ALL the financial and prayerful support You have given and that You will continue to give to our VBS this summer.
19. Lord, thank You for the Parents who trust us with their children this summer. Please help them to feel the touch of your love through our VBS and our Church this summer.
20. Lord, thank You for ALL those You have sent and will continue to send to support us in remembering and accomplishing all the details for bringing the VBS to ALL the children and families who will attend this summer.
21. Lord, we may look ordinary, but we carry a Priceless Treasure within our innermost being, the presence of Your Spirit. Give us the courage to share this priceless gift everywhere we go.
22. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for giving Your Life for us! Thank You for dying to save us. We truly are more special than we could ever imagine, because of what You did for us.
23. Thank You, Lord, for giving us the unique opportunity of sharing our ALL with You, the King of the Universe. Oh, how we love You!
24. Thank You, Lord, for making us Your Children. Our wonderful Father, You are always there when the rest of the world seems to turn away from us.
25. Lord, we love You with all that we are. Help us to show You and everyone around us, this very fact, in everything we say and do; in every way we live our lives.
26. Lord, help us to share Your Love even if it stretches us way out of our Comfort Zone!
27. Lord, help us to reach out and touch the hearts and souls of our fellow VBS workers and staff, with comfort, support, and prayer.
28. Lord, remind us to give hugs of Christian love to those around us; through our actions and at times literally with our arms. Let us be Your arms.
29. Lord, help us to be Your hands today, as we spread Your Love to everyone within two feet of us, in every direction.
30. Lord, Thank You for a great week of VBS. May Your love be with them and bring them back to Carmel UMC.

In Jesus Name we pray, Amen!!

2017 CARMEL UMC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Thank you to all of you who are supporting the scholarship fund through contributing to Scholar Dollars. Contributions can be made throughout the year to the scholarship fund by making checks to "Carmel United Methodist Church" and writing "Scholar Dollars" on the memo line and on your envelope.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners!

Here are the outstanding scholarship recipients:

Allyson LaFon



Allyson will attend Indiana State University and plans to major in social work.

Grant Oehler



Grant will attend Davenport University and plans to major in marketing.

Ashley Elkin



Ashley will attend IUPUI and plans to major in nursing.

Oluwabukola
Olivia Akerele



Olivia will attend University of Southern Indiana and plans to major in health care services.

Mission Events/Opportunities

Henderson Trip 6/11-6/17

Gleaners Market 6/16

Fletcher Place 6/23 and 6/30

VBS will be hosting a food drive to help feed local kids as part of the Carmel Lunch program. ***The items that will be collected will be very specific to that lunch program. Please watch for the list in upcoming bulletin inserts and on our website.***

CONNECTING
GROWING
SERVING

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

For the month of June, Pastor Aj chose **harmony** as the character trait for kids to learn about. Why, because kids are home from school and probably arguing with their siblings. The Kids of Integrity website encourages you to Deputize your kids as "discord detectives," take your cue from harmonious relationships in nature, and win a three-legged race by cooperating.



Choose from these and over a dozen more ideas to help your children: **Tools for growing Godly character**

- resolve disputes cooperatively
- be quick to forgive
- escape selfishness and show concern for others.



This lesson also helps curb teasing, bickering, provoking others, jealousy and reacting with inappropriate actions or harsh words.

<http://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/harmony>



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please sign up to help this summer with our video Summer Sunday School series.

We ask that each parent help *at least 1 time per child*. We are doing a video series from Right

Now Media in both classes: the older kids will be learning about famous Christians and the younger kids will have 5 weeks of FISH (Faithful in Serving Him) and 5 weeks of EWE (you will find out!).

**REGISTER AS
A VOLUNTEER**



JULY SUMMER CAMPS

- * None July 3-7
- * July 10-14 all day
- * July 17-21 all day
- * July 24-28 all day
- * Just added – 2 – three year old 3 day camps!

REGISTER HERE



VBS: June 25-29 Maker Fun Factory!

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Spark creativity with interactive decorations and experiences.

KIDS REGISTER HERE

Board Members

Director: Stephanie Zircher
 Assistant Director: Stephanie Holl
 Registration: Mike Holl
 Volunteers: Natalie Oehler

Station Leaders

Games: Nicole Todd
 Rick Wallace
 Imagination Station: Sandy Weisner
 Bible Adventure: Ken Evancic
 Dave Coleman
 Snacks: Regan Vohs
 Childcare: Lisa Wallace

Preschool Bible Adventure: Aria Cheney
 Sandra Andrews
 Preschool Games: Lindsey Conn
 Crafts: Heather Kemper
 Spotlight: Amy Maierhofer
 Band: Kevin Andrews
 Drama: Scott McDermid
 Follow-up: Krista Drake
 Supplies: Chris Adams
 Photography: The Walters
 Sound: Chris Lieber
 Nurse: Taryn Hart
 Mission Tiffany Lehman

We still need lots of volunteers- it truly takes a village!

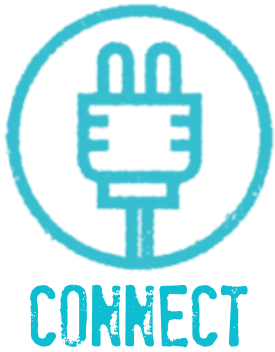
- * T-shirt sales on Sunday mornings and at all work sessions
- * **VBS Family decorating:** every Monday night, anytime from 4-8pm, downstairs room 10. Just come on down to help with crafts, organizing, building projects for adults and kids!
- * June work days:
June 5, 12 and 19 from 4-8pm (come anytime)
June 19- 22 9-12noon
June 21st stage build
June 24 all day!
 If you need childcare for infants or toddlers, please let Pastor Aj know as soon as possible!
 or email Lisa Wallace at childcare@carmelumc.org
- * **Mission items being collected during VBS:**
 Food Pantry: cereal and soup
 Kids Coats: coats, gloves and scarves, boots
 Operation Classroom, Africa: pencil sharpeners (hand held, not battery)
 Lunch Bunch: feeding the kids of Hamilton County

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**SIGN-UP
HERE to bring
supplies that
are still
needed!**

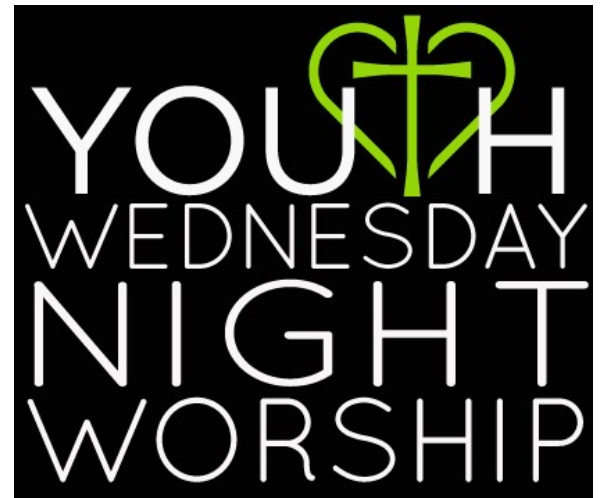
YOUTH

–ministries–



Youth Wednesday Night Worship

This weekly event is a great chance to meet with friends, worship God and be challenged to apply His Word to your daily life. We meet at the church Wednesdays @ 7pm starting June 14. Students can be picked up anytime between 8:30 and 9pm.



Summer Bible Study- Thursdays at 2pm

Join Scott and Kevin at SOHO weekly starting June 15 as we dig into Scripture on a deeper level. You don't even have to get up early to participate!



Benjamin Spanenberg (in uniform) recently created raised, organic vegetable beds to support the Carmel UMC food pantry as his **Eagle Scout** project. Fellow troop members assisted in filling the beds with soil and planting seedlings provided by the Carmel UMC Preschool and Music & Mission programs.





summer CHOIR

June 11, July 9, & August 13

All are invited to join,
arrive 9am to practice for the
9:30 & 11:00 traditional services.
No weekly rehearsals.

TRANSPORTATION

 **MINISTRY** 

Wanted: drivers for our bus ministry

We are in serious need for men and women to drive one Sunday every two months to transport our retired members that need a ride to church. We currently stop at Carmel Senior Living and The Barrington, but we are consistently getting requests from other retirement communities. It is such an amazing outreach to invite visitors to accompany our own members to worship with us at the 9:30 services. Please give it prayerful consideration.

Contact Jim Shirey at jshirey@carmelumc.org or call 317-217-0172



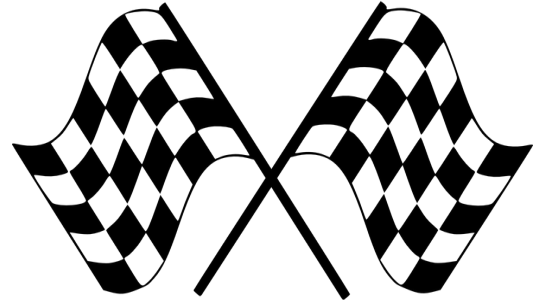
God never intended for us to go through trials alone. That's why God has brought us together as a congregation-and why we have Stephen Ministry. If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our congregation), contact a Stephen Minister Coordinator: Debbie Carriger, Referral Coordinator (317) 431-3234 dcarriger@richardcarriger.com or Wayne Lerner, Leadership Coordinator (317) 490-9850 waynewl5456@gmail.com

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Carmel UMC Preschool

"...the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." 1 Timothy 1:5

Race Day was a huge success for the students. they were able to decorate and race cars, make flags, eat race cars made out of fruit, listen to racing stories, and meet a real Indy 500 princess!



Carmel UMC Preschool held their first graduation/promotion ceremony in May. We had 80 graduates who will either continue on to kindergarten or alternative kindergarten in the fall. Please keep all of our children in your prayers.

Carmel UMC Preschool is filling up fast for the 2017-2018 preschool year! If you are interested in enrolling your child with us, please call our office (317-844-1958) or email the director at tlehman@carmelumc.org.

Our registration information can also be found on the church website: www.carmelumc.org



**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR
SUMMER!**

**[CLICK HERE FOR
MORE INFO ABOUT
THE PRESCHOOL!](#)**

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Martha “Marty” Hurst

By: Jim Shirey, Minister of Visitation

This is the second in a monthly series for the Contact entitled “In The Spotlight,” where I interview members of our church who helped bring us to where we are today. You might say they are the bedrock upon which we have continually built our programming, outreach, missions, etc. As Minister of Visitation, I have felt the need to share with the congregation many of the memories our senior members have shared with me.

Marty was born in Pendleton, Indiana in 1928. She attended Pendleton Elementary School until the 5th grade, at which time the family moved to Muncie, Indiana. She then attended Muncie Public Schools, graduating in 1946 from Muncie Central High School.

Upon graduation from high school, Marty attended Ball State Teacher’s College beginning in 1947. While still a student at Ball State, she took employment at Indiana Bell Telephone Company as a Long Distance Operator.

In 1951 upon graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Education from Ball State, she taught girls junior high and high school physical education, along with teaching social studies.

Then in 1952 she married the love of her life. She and husband, Forrest “Woody” Hurst, knew each other since elementary school and both attended Madison Street Methodist Church in Muncie, where they were involved in Sunday School and MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship).

This year they will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. They have two children, Timothy and Annie, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

After living in Illinois for a short period of time, they moved to Carmel in 1959 and started attending Carmel United Methodist Church where Marty became very active in what epitomizes our now present Vision Statement of Connecting, Growing

and Serving.

For 15 years she taught pre-school. Marty reports that she started teaching Sunday school while in high school, and continued up until three years ago at Carmel UMC.

Over the many years, Marty served for: Trustees, Mission Commission, and

Education Commission, chairman once. She was very active in getting the food pantry off the ground in the early days and continued volunteering at the Food Pantry for many years. She was also active in other areas, including UMW. Marty also was a long-time communion server.

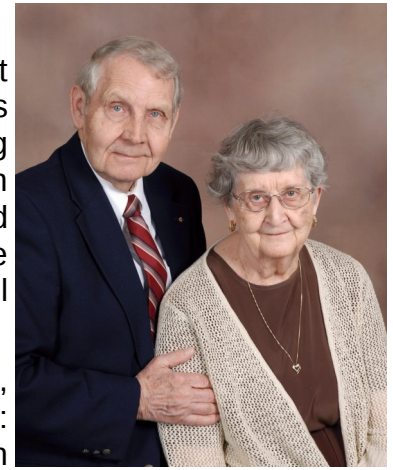
She most enjoyed serving on twelve different mission trips with the church, beginning in 1982 when they built churches in South Texas; traveled to South Carolina with the youth on mission trips; served along with husband, Woody, at Montserrat and Eustatia Island in the British Virgin Islands where a member of our congregation was serving as a missionary.

In approximately 1982 she became involved with teaching our Jr. High Youth Fellowship students, and that lasted approximately six years.

In 1989 she accompanied others from the church to Liberia with Operation Classroom. She recalled this was just right before civil war broke out where thousands were killed, and total devastation occurred to the country.

She and Woody reside at The Barrington and take part in many of the activities there, in addition to attending worship and Sunday School at Carmel United Methodist.

I extend a sincere appreciation to Marty for sharing her memories of CUMC beginning in 1959 with her service to God, CUMC and our community.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ *Youth Summer Bible Study*
- ◆ *VBS Registration is OPEN!!*
- ◆ *Kid's Summer Camps*

