

## Growing Discipleship

My neighbor called me to look at a bush in her yard. Half of it is clearly dying while the other half is still beautiful and green. She asked me if I knew what was happening. I wasn't sure so I consulted with a friend of mine (Jeff Lefton) who is so knowledgeable about plants. He suggested we look for spider mites and sure enough, that is the problem. I assume that my neighbor has two options now...

1. Do nothing and wait to see what happens to the rest of the bush
2. Treat the area and/or cut out the dead part to protect the healthy parts

I can't help but think how this speaks to our discipleship or our growing relationship with Jesus. One of the important areas of discipleship is our worship. How we view and practice worship of God can be one of many indicators of our level of discipleship. For example...which of these reflects your Sunday morning...

1. You and the family arise on Sunday morning and

eventually someone asks "Are we going to church today?"

2. You and the family arise on Sunday morning and there is no question because everyone knows that what you do is go to church on Sunday morning.

In both examples, the first options take little work or effort on our part. There really is no commitment.

In both examples, the second option takes work and commitment to do what is right to promote new life. It takes commitment to be willing to cut out of life what is stagnant and wrong and hurtful.

***Are you a #1 or #2 disciple as you worship?***



**Civility Codes** are ethical guidelines for the way people should treat each other and the way people should behave around each other. Most organizations have some sort of civility code, doctors and government workers take oaths, there's even a "campaign for global civility." They are not usually enforceable by law but are about good manners and better communication. Recently, Pastor Patti and Scott attended a [Global Leadership Summit](#) and agreed to introduce a Civility Code at Carmel UMC. These points have been highlighted in recent sermons and you'll be seeing these themes in action throughout Carmel UMC's culture.

1. We will greet and acknowledge each other.
2. We will say please and thank you.
3. We will treat each other equally and with respect.
4. We will be direct, sensitive and honest while speaking the truth in love.
5. We will address incivility.

**we are CONNECTING with God and others, GROWING in faith and love through Biblical learning, and SERVING our community and world, as followers of Jesus Christ.**

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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.




## FALL KICK-OFF: September 10th



Perfect storms happen in our individual lives. Maybe you have experienced it yourself or someone you love has. As if one loss wasn't enough, another and another occurred. Maybe you have said of yourself or another, not sure how many more of these we can take!

We can be sure that Job experienced the Perfect Storm in his life and we will be studying this for the month of September. We will launch this series **on September 10th with guest speaker, Molly Monroe** who will share with us her Perfect Storm. You will hear how Molly's faith in God helped her weather the storm of losing a mother, a baby, and a marriage all in a very short time.





## CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE

### Congratulations....

#### Births....

- **Edison Alexander Boylan** born August 6, 2017 to Greg & Beth Boylan.
- **Jayne Lee Adams** born August 7, 2017 to Billy & Chris Adams.

#### With Sympathy To...

- **Mark Kibbe & family** on the death of his mother, Elsie Stenacker who passed away July 21, 2017.
- **Jennifer Evancic & family** on the death of her step-father, Bill Cox who passed away August 18, 2107.
- **Glenn Zech & Doug Herbert & family** on the death of wife and grandmother, Helen Zech who passed away August 27, 2017.
- **Brian Shoemaker & family** on the death of his mother, Marilyn Shoemaker who passed away August 29, 2017.



# UMW CINNAMON ROLLS SALE

# SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY  
NOV. 10, 2017

ALL PROCEEDS HELP FUND WOMEN, YOUTH AND  
CHILDREN MISSIONS



**Ruth Anna Circle** will meet at 9:30am on Tuesday September 12 at Woodland Terrace of Carmel. After our meeting, those who wish to may take a tour of the facility.

Please call Roseanne Ernst at 317-848-4410 for more information. *Guests are always welcome.*





## GOD SIGHTINGS

**Where have you seen God lately?**

**This was sent from Dale Hughes, IHN liaison for Carmel UMC:**

**About 18 months ago, a mom and her three daughters were staying in our shelter program.**

And frankly, this mom was raising a baby with two young hurricanes for siblings. Having never finished high school and currently unemployed, the mountain she had to climb was beyond daunting.

**Just when she got going, the rock bottom dropped out. Her baby stopped eating.**

Two days passed with no change. She took her to Riley Children's Hospital. The baby was admitted. After a feeding tube and week of tests, there was still no diagnosis.

**At the hospital every night, Mom applied for jobs every day.**

You've heard of moms lifting trucks off their kids with adrenaline. This might have been the equivalent. She got a resume together. She went from interview to interview. She sought help from Safe Families for Children to voluntarily place her other two with a loving family (just temporarily to get through the crisis). Our small staff daily took her clean clothes, toys for the kids, and helped coordinate overnight visits with the siblings.

**After three grueling weeks, the baby was healthy, and Mom was offered a job!**

The doctors fixed a colon blockage. Mom had her three kids back in our Interfaith Hospitality Network shelter and started working at Taco Bell. And even better news: her public housing application had been approved! An apartment was available with an anonymous volunteer of ours paying the deposit.

**But it doesn't end there.**

With a year and a half passed, we visited her last week, just like we have every month since she left.

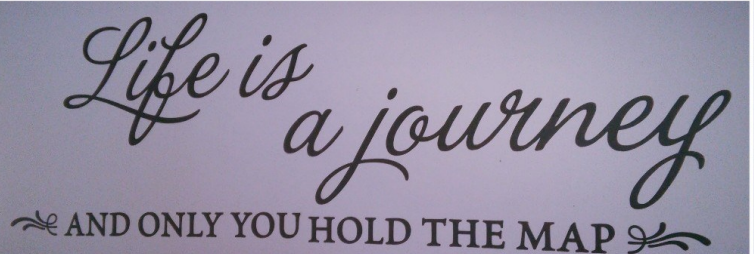
Because that's what our After Care case manager does. The baby is now running around smiling. The two older kids are on the honor roll. The structure and stability of being in the same apartment has seen a 180-degree turn in the kids' behavior.

**And Mom never stopped persisting.**

She failed the GED test. So she studied harder and passed the second time. She failed a driving test to get her license. So she worked harder and passed the second time. She now has achieved a full-time position with IPS as a dietary aid and is starting her second school year there.

Our programs that you support make a difference. But what they really do is give loving parents a fighting chance to overcome the most daunting obstacles.

**Thank you for letting us share your story, Korrea. You are an inspiration.**



Hunger  
is  
**NOT**  
an  
option.

CARMEL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH



The Gleaners "Mobile Food Pantry"  
will be **HERE**

the 3rd Friday of every month!

**SIGN-UP ONLINE TO VOLUNTEER**  
**FOR GLEANER's DAYS!**

**MORE Volunteers are needed for the Food Pantry!**

The pantry is in need of regular volunteers to work during open pantry hours, to assist visitors. Additional volunteer opportunities are available for various tasks at the pantry, like stocking shelves and organizing (this would be a great family activity).

If interested, please contact Lisa Williams to arrange a time to volunteer via email: [mrs.lisapwilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.lisapwilliams@yahoo.com) or call: 317-507-7410

The Carmel UMC Food Pantry is once again the recipient of the Carmel Meijer Store *Simply Give* Program from **NOW through September 16th!** During the *Simply Give* campaign, Meijer customers purchase a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card upon checkout. Once purchased, the donation is converted into a Meijer Food-Only Gift Card and donated directly to the Carmel UMC Food Pantry.



**English as a Second Language (ESL)** begins its fourth year working with adults who are immigrants in our community. This ministry couldn't happen without the

volunteers who work with students and share the love of Christ through conversational English. If you'd like to learn more about ESL @ Carmel UMC contact Jana Miller @ (317) 513-9656 or Barbara Krueger @ 317-903-7007.





# Family Promise<sup>®</sup> of Greater Indianapolis



You are cordially invited to Greater Indianapolis'  
premiere gourmet dessert auction

## Home Sweet Home

*a Family Promise (IHN: Interfaith Hospitality Network) benefit*

Thursday, October 5  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
The Willows on Westfield  
6729 Westfield Blvd.  
Indianapolis, IN 46220

Enjoy a silent auction, wine pull, plated dinner, and be the highest bidding table to win first pick from the gourmet desserts donated by the best area restaurants and bakeries!



**And introducing WTHR's Scott Swan  
as the event's emcee!**

**BUY TICKETS**

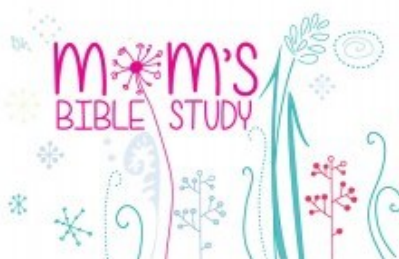
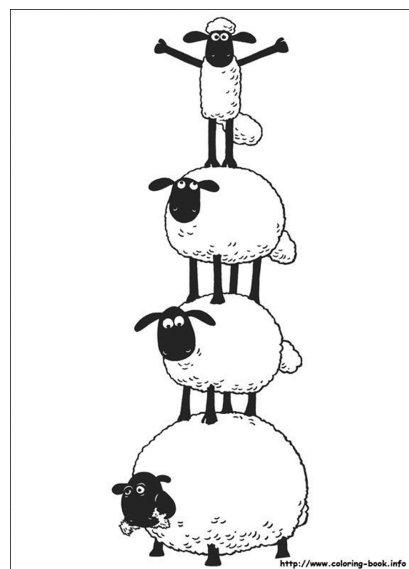
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## EWE- Eternally Worship Emmanuel

New Children's Ministry theme: Sheep are mentioned in the Bible more than any other animal, more than 500 times in some versions. Sheep were very important for food and clothing during Biblical times. But sheep are also a symbol for God's people and Jesus is our Shepherd. A ewe is a female sheep but all can and should worship God with us! We will learn more about sheep as the year progresses.



For Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
Program begins September 10 between church services.



## Moms Bible Study

Want to know more about the Bible? Want to get to know others from Church? Here are just two of the many options for you in

September.

**September 7, 9:15-10:30** begins the Moms Bible study. We study the same lesson, in adult form that our kids will learn on the following Sunday. This way, you will be prepared to answer some of the hard questions your child may ask! We meet for a short

time and there is no homework.

This year we are studying : Happy! Everybody wants to be happy. Everybody is on a happiness quest. For many, happiness is measured in moments. Experiences. It's elusive. Unsustainable.

What about you? What makes you happy? Not sure? Andy is. In this remarkable 6-part study, he reveals what makes you happy. He explores the three things all happy people have in common. Then he goes on to describe how these three things can be realities for you as well. So get ready. You are about to discover what makes you happy.

**All are welcome.**

## Scripture-a-Month Club:

Receive a back pack tool with the verses on them: Memorize them- tell them to Pastor Aj in person or on the phone. In May when school is our- she will take you to Dairy Queen for a special treat. We also have a shorter version for non- readers.



TITLWAYH.  
PROVERBS 3:5  
Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart.  
September

DNBAFIWY.  
Isaiah 43:5  
Do not be afraid for I am with you.  
October

WLBHFLU.  
1 John 4:19  
We love because He first loved us.  
November

TLIMS.HGMEIN.  
Psalm 23:1  
The Lord Is My Shepherd. He Gives Me Everything I Need.  
December

ITBGCTHATE.  
Genesis 1:1  
In The Beginning God Created The Heavens And The Earth.  
January

IWPYWMWH.  
Psalm 138:1  
I Will Praise You With My Whole Heart.  
February

BKTOA.  
Ephesians 4:32  
Be Kind To One Another.  
March

DNLYHBT.TIG  
John 14:1  
Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled.  
Trust In God.  
April

ICDETHWGM.  
Philippians 4:13  
I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.  
May



## September 10



**Author Lisa Cox will come to read her book Not Yet for the kids in a special service in the Youth Hub during Sunday School time (3 year olds to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade). Regular Sunday School for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. There will be a Biblical lesson**

that goes with the book. Lisa will be here between services to autograph books if you would like to purchase a copy. ***Not Yet*** by *Lori Hockema and Lisa Cox*

The title of the book originated when Lisa wrote song lyrics to convey a message she was teaching as a school counselor. She felt that students need to learn to enjoy the process of striving for a goal and not be defeated by mistakes.

The setting of the book is one full day in the life of Lorisa, the main character. The story takes you through her day at home and at school as she models for children a positive attitude as she makes some mistakes and experiences successes, too.

Lorisa's mom demonstrates belief in her daughter and allowing her daughter to learn from her mistakes as noted when she says "just clean it up." When Lorisa is at home, her younger brother can be found watching her carefully. Lori has the character traits of perseverance, kindness, assertiveness, and self-worth. She also models how to have a positive attitude through imperfections and mistakes as portrayed by the messy room, unorganized backpack, and always untied shoes.

We believe in the children who read this book. Are they there? Not Yet! They'll get there. You bet!

Lisa has been a friend of Pastor Aj's for almost 30 years. She lives in Zionsville with her husband Kyle and has 3 grown boys, Jacob and Andrew (Pastor Aj's middle son) have been friends since they were 3 years old.

## September 17

HAMILTON COUNTY



**Family Mission Night:  
September 17 at 5:15pm**

**Kids Coats**

**Dinner and mission night!**

**All Ages welcome!**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible program:** Each year during September, we begin by having a short class about the Bible for our third graders and their parents. However, some folks are not a part of the Church until their kids are 3rd or 4th graders. If you are in that category, please consider joining us for the Bible class on **September 17 at the Sunday School hour**. Then we will present the Bibles to the kids at both services in the Sanctuary or the Contemporary service that begins at 10:45am.

Please let me know you will be participating so that I can make sure I have enough Bibles and educational materials: [amildenberg@carmelumc.org](mailto:amildenberg@carmelumc.org)



## From the Director of Youth Ministries:

### 5 Ways to Say YES to the Next Generation

Thank you so much for the warm welcome to Carmel UMC! My first few weeks in ministry with you have been very exciting, affirming and FULL! Youth Sunday was a powerful day for me because I learned that many CUMC people are willing to say YES to the next generation - in both big ways and small ways! Investing in the next generation means saying **yes** to building relationships, sharing your faith stories, showing up when life gets hard, and rejoicing when our young people

succeed. Saying yes to the next generation means we are all willing to be a friend, mentor, guide, and because we want the next generation to grow as committed, life-long disciples, WE are committed to being a committed disciple ourselves!



**Each month, We will post 5 new ways to invest in CUMC youth and their parents.**

### Here are your first 5:

1. **Connect with youth at Intersect!** We want all of our students to know how much they are loved, so we are hoping to have many adult greeters present during the gathering portion of Intersect. This is a great way to try out serving in youth ministry. Greeters say hello, hand out popcorn, smile, give high-5s, open the door, and help to create a warm environment where every teenager feels loved. We launch our first Intersect of the school year on September 10, 2017 at 5:00 PM. There will be free shaved ice served from the Kona Ice truck, a meal, fun games and activities (Gaga ball, T-Rex Dodgeball, nine square) and awesome worship!
2. **Join our youth ministry prayer team!** We are looking for people to pray for our teenagers throughout the week and during our youth events and activities. If you believe in the power of prayer, we want you on this team!





3. **Join our Parent Ministry!** We are looking for parents who are raising teenagers, or have "been there, done that," to help organize parent discipleship and fellowship opportunities.
4. **Share your talents and hobbies!** If you know how to change a flat tire, build a picnic table, paint, craft, play an instrument, crochet, etc., we would love to help our teenagers learn from you!
5. **Help us collect coats for kids!** We are collecting new and gently used coats for the Kids Coats ministry. We have a box available in The Hub for donations.



### Will you say yes?!

Please prayerfully consider one of these 5 ways to say YES and then contact me at (317) 437-2021 or [hfoust@carmelumc.org](mailto:hfoust@carmelumc.org) to get connected right away! Of course, these are just a few ways to help! If you have an idea, please feel free to contact me, because I LOVE Ideas!

Thank you for being an incredible church! I am so thankful God called me to serve with you at CUMC and I look forward to working together to develop young disciples of Jesus Christ, who will transform their schools, homes, our community, church, and world!

*We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. Psalm 78:4*



Our "One Thing" mission focus for the month of September will be assembling UMCOR relief kits to provide relief to the many people in Texas and Louisiana whose lives have been impacted by hurricane/tropical storm Harvey.



### UPCOMING FUN EVENTS:



**Sr. High Pool Party at the Monon Center:  
Monday, September 4th from 11am-5pm**

\$10, includes lunch and admission  
Bring: a friend, bible, sunblock, towels, sensible swimsuits, snack to share.  
We will be in Cabana #12



**Jr. High Ice Cream Social: Wednesday  
September 6 from 6:30pm-8:00pm**

Build a giant ice cream sundae, play some super cool (and cold) games and make new friends!

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# JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH YOUTH RETREATS



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

We've rented out the entire theater! This is going to be an amazing event for Carmel UMC Youth Ministries and their families!

JULIA ROBERTS   OWEN WILSON   JACOB TREMBLAY

# LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

A CARMEL UMC YOUTH MINISTRIES FAMILY EVENT

BASED ON THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# WONDER



DATE: 12/2/17

SHOWTIME: 11:00 AM

COST: \$16 (Includes: Movie ticket, popcorn, drink, Family Discussion Guide)

LOCATION: Regal Village Park Theaters, Carmel

Register ASAP - Only 150 tickets available.



# Carmel UMC Preschool



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The Carmel UMC kids playground equipment is here and it's getting installed on **September 9th at 9:00am** and it won't happen without volunteers!

If you're available to volunteer, please [SIGN-UP HERE!](#)



## ICE Cream Social

The Carmel UMC Preschool will be hosting an

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**September 20th for all preschoolers and their families.**

This will take place in the FLC between 5:30-7:00. Ms. Brenda will be playing her guitar for entertainment and families can enjoy ice cream and fellowship.



FOLLOW THE CARMEL UMC  
PRESCHOOL ON FACEBOOK!  
REGULAR UPDATES, CUTE PICS, AND  
CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS!

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE  
INFO ABOUT THE  
PRESCHOOL!**

**317-844-1958**  
**Tiffany Lehman, Director**  
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To Carmel United Methodist CROP Walkers from 2016:

We've got good news and bad news....



Bad news is that due to construction issues obstructing walk routes, the Carmel Clay Parks did not allow for the Hamilton County CROP walk in Carmel this year.



**Good news** is that Hamilton County churches have been invited to walk in the Marion County CROP Walk on Sunday October 15 at 2 pm @ Christian Theology Seminary (CTS) near Butler University. It is about a 5k or 3.1 mile walk through CTS, Butler U and the Butler Tarkington neighborhood. Water stops along the way and restroom facilities at the beginning of the walk. I have again set up a Carmel United Methodist Team Page where you can sign up on our walk team online and solicit donations!



Bad news is that this is scheduled on Carmel Schools Fall Break, so some of us may be out of town for the walk.



**Good news** is that even if you can't walk this year, you can still donate or sponsor another walker from our church. You can donate to the Carmel United Methodist walk team online (use link above) or place check in offering plate and be sure to designate it "CROP Walk". As in previous years, 25% of funds raised by Hamilton County churches support local food pantries.

**REGISTER HERE**



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**SEPTEMBER 2017**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ *Chancel Choir All-Day Retreat*
- ♦ *KICK Kid's Choir*
- ♦ *Fall Youth Retreats*