

## Weather Summary for Winter 2018 (although we are not finished yet!)

If I were to describe the weather we've had this winter, I would have to say that we have experienced a *roller coaster effect*...

Icy road conditions

Heavy rains and flooding...warmer temps

Temperatures below zero and wind chills in double digits

Arctic blast

Temperatures reach 70 degrees in Feb and yes, in IN

Hoarfrost

Tulip and daffodil bulbs popping through the ground

This can also describe how our lives often are...up and down, up and down. I think that one of the purposes for the season of Lent leading up to Easter is an opportunity for us to realize that life does deal regularly with rising and falling circumstances. But as Christians, we are called to realize that those fluctuating circumstances are an opportunity to change and strengthen our faith in Jesus, who is the only constant throughout our lives. Distractions and/or sinful actions in our lives keep us from fully realizing that constant strength and love Christ desires to pour into us. Each time we do reach for that strength in Him, a bit of our heart is resurrected and we begin to truly experience the love, joy and peace that God wants to pour into our hearts. All of this happens because of Christ's resurrection on that Easter morning. *Hallelujah!!*

~Pastor Patti

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It is no secret that the most effective way to grow the Church and Christianity is when someone personally invites another person to a worship service. It can often be seen as a challenge for people to do that. But it truly is when those who sit in the pews, when those who participate in a church -- when they take this challenge seriously and *invite someone to come to church with them*, that lives change.

***Please take this challenge and invite someone to come to Easter services with you.*** Your neighbor, your family member, your friend, your co-worker is just waiting for you to ask!

As we move closer to our Easter celebration, remember...

- \*There are 300 million people in US
- \*24 million of those people do not have a place of worship
- \*12 million of the 24 million would probably go to church
- \*but no one has invited them**



For more information about the Carmel UMC Stephen Ministry program visit us online!

[click here for more info](#)

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## BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER

*An Opportunity to  
Learn, Serve, and Grow*

Stephen Ministers are members of Carmel United Methodist Church who participate in 50 hours of caregiving training. They work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, and many other difficulties.

The 2018 Stephen Ministry training begins on [August 6, 2018.](#)

To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please speak with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

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*"Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2*

*"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other."  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*"Your greatest ministry will likely come out of your greatest hurt."  
Rick Warren*



## Leadership at CUMC:

### Pastoral Staff

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Patti Napier

Director of Contemporary Worship and  
Directory of Young Adult Ministry:

Scott McDermid

Director of Music Ministry:

David Morton, Ed.S.

Minister of Children & Families:

Rev. Aj Mildenberg

Director of Youth Ministry:

Matt Sherrill

Minister of Youth:

Kevin Andrews

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Chris Thornsberry

Minister of Local Outreach:

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Jennifer Gafron

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### IN THIS ISSUE:

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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.





# Lenten Schedule

## Palm Sunday

9:00 & 10:45 am

Traditional Services

9:00 & 10:45 am

Contemporary Services

## Holy Thursday

6:30 pm

Evening Service

Pastor Scott McDermid

## Good Friday

6:30 pm

Evening Service

Rev. Patti Napier

## Easter

9:00 & 10:45 am

Traditional Services

9:00 & 10:45 am

Contemporary Services

## COMING SOON IN WORSHIP!



You and me  
**FOREVER**

*marriage in light of eternity*

Following Easter, Pastor Patti and Pastor Scott will be starting a new series called "You and Me Forever". This series is based on a book by Francis and Lisa Chan who address the question that many couples wonder at the altar: "How do I have a great marriage?" Setting aside typical topics on marriage, this series will dive into Scripture to understand what it means to have a relationship that satisfies the deepest parts of our souls.

Jesus was right. We have it all backwards.

The way to have a great marriage is to not focus on marriage.

Whether you are single, dating, or married, this series will help you discover the adventure that you were made for --and learn how to thrive in it.



## CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE

### Congratulations....

- **Estella & Yvette Andrews** were adopted by Kevin, Sandra, Tasha & Ross Andrews.

### With Sympathy To...

- **Jim Hall & family** on the death of his wife, Andra Hall, who passed away February 4, 2018.
- **Tim Buskirk & family** on the death of his mother, Sarah Buskirk who passed away Feb. 8, 2018.



**WELCOME**  
*To the*  
**TEAM!**

**Welcome Zach Beam!** We are excited to announce that Carmel UMC has a new part-time Tech Director for Contemporary Worship. Zach is also volunteering with our youth program! Zach previously was on staff at Zionsville UMC and we are so glad to welcome him to our team.

Please take a minute after the Contemporary Services and say hello to Zach!

## SAVE THE DATE!

CARMEL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



### *3<sup>RD</sup> Annual It's in the Bag Auction*

May 6, 2018

12 PM – 2:30 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>



## BIAGGIS'S RESTAURANT

14299 CLAY TERRACE BLVD, CARMEL IN 46032

**Family**



**Hula on down to the Hub on  
Saturday, March 10th from  
6–8pm for a Family Luau!**

**Pizza, snacks, games and much  
more are planned!**

**\$15/ immediate family**

**\$5/ friend, neighbor, cousin**

**REGISTER HERE**





## CONNECT WITH US



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### March Madness Viewing Party:

Sunday, March 18 from 2-4 pm at Kevin & Alexa Silvius' home in Westfield

Food and drinks provided, lots of basketball on TV, plus time to hang out with other young adults from your community



### CUMC Y.A. Bracket Challenge

Our first ever bracket challenge will award the winner a traveling trophy and bragging rights as the best b-ball picker of all! Text your email address to Brad Huber (317-989-0933, the commissioner of our

league) to join in the fun!



We have three groups that are currently meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but still have room to grow. If you are a young adult, or if you know a young adult, who might be interested in joining a group or starting a new one we would love to help get you connected. Contact Scott McDermid at [smcdermid316@gmail.com](mailto:smcdermid316@gmail.com)



## Camping & Paintball Friday-Saturday, April 13-14

Grab your tents and sleeping bags because we are going camping. A generous church member owns a great piece of land up in Noblesville (at the intersection of Hauge and St Rd 37) where we can camp and play paintball in the morning. We have a connection with a guy who owns paintball gear who can get it for us cheap!

Starts on Friday, April 13 @ 6 pm and ends on Saturday around noon.

**REGISTER HERE!!!**

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

— ministries —

## JEW FOR JESUS

**Jews for Jesus** presents Christ in the Passover; join us as we take a trip over to Epworth UMC (6450 Allisonville Rd., Indianapolis, IN) on **Sunday, March 18th** from 6-7:30pm to hear Ofer Levy from Tel Aviv, Israel explain the Passover Service and the Christian meanings that are hidden within it. There is a deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian sacrament of communion. This is a FREE event, but requires registration. Email: Chris Thornsberry at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org) if interested in attending. There will also be a coffee bar and Q&A afterwards.



**Holy Week Prayer Retreat March 26th:** Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226, 9am - 4pm, cost is \$35.

Come away to Fatima in a relaxed, calm and quiet atmosphere for an opportunity to 'unplug' from the outside world and enter more deeply into your Lenten journey. Step away from electronics, phones, computers and such and focus your attention on your relationship with God. Prayer, silence, and your focus on listening is at the heart of this day. To register, please contact Chris Thornsberry at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org).

Registration ends Sunday, March 18th. \$35.00 includes a room to use for the day, continental breakfast, lunch and the use of the common areas and grounds of the retreat house. Afterwards we will grab a cup of coffee or tea at the Starbucks down the street to talk about what God laid on your heart during the day.

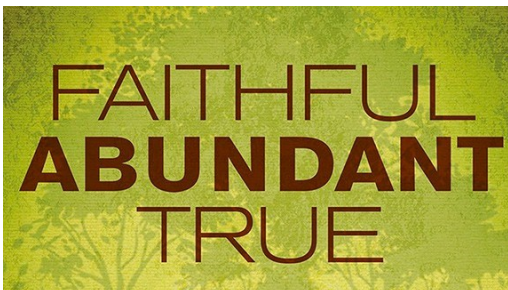
## ONLINE GROW —groups—

**ONLINE GROW GROUP:** Join Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, as we explore new topic's every 6-8 weeks in an online community setting using RightNow Media for the materials. Each week you'll be asked to watch a video on RightNow and then follow up with community discussion in the online class board. We'll also gather at the end of every study for a meal and group discussion.

To register and receive the access code for the class, please email Chris at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org). The first study will be "Why Jesus" by David Nasser.

## GROW —groups—

Interested in hosting a **Grow Group in your home?** We are looking for individuals or families who are willing to let a group meet in their home. No responsibilities outside of being present, participating in the group, and having space for 10-12 people. If you're interested, please contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org).



**Join Nicole Todd** and others as they journey through the "Faithful, Abundant, and True" study featuring Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6th from 7-9 pm in room LL12. If you have any questions regarding this class or you would like to sign up, email: Nicole Todd at [ntodd@carmelumc.org](mailto:ntodd@carmelumc.org)



# Easter Egg Hunt

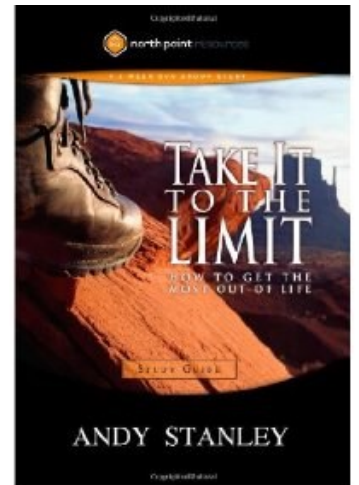
**SATURDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**  
**All-Church and Community Event!**



**Pick-Up Eggs at Pastor Aj's Cart to FILL!!**

## *Moms* Bible study

Thursdays 9:15-  
10:30am  
Childcare  
No homework



Overloaded? Maxed out? Our culture encourages us to live as if we have no limits. So we fill our schedules and empty our bank accounts. We do as much as we can, spend as much as we can, and acquire as much as we can—all in an effort to get as much as we can out of life.

In this six-part study, Andy Stanley explains that the secret to getting more out of life is not doing more, but doing less. We must learn to create margin to live the life God intended for us. The Moms Bible Study meets in the Confirmation Room in the lower level at Carmel UMC, room LL12.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Save the date: VBS is June 24-28 Shipwrecked VBS: Rescued by Jesus.

At **Shipwrecked**, kids will discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join each evening for this special send-off time.

Kids at Shipwrecked VBS will join in the missions of CUMC: The Food Pantry, Kids Coats, Operation Classroom in Sierra Leone, and our senior members who need special encouragement.

Shipwrecked is for kids from 3 years old (if potty-trained and parent is in the building) to 5th grade (current 2017-18 grade) and will run from 6pm to 8:30pm each day. For more information, email us at [kids@carmelumc.org](mailto:kids@carmelumc.org)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!!!!](#)







## Family Mission Day

This month is a take home craft to make for CUMC shut-ins as a family. Please stop by Pastor Aj's cart and pick it up beginning March 18. and return by April 15.

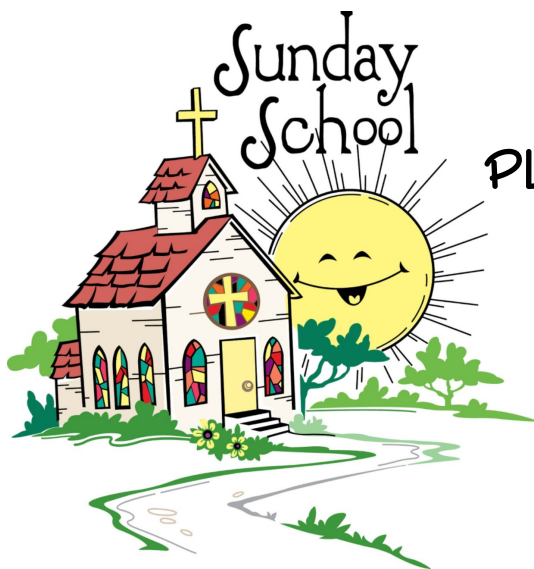
## Communion workshop

10:05-10:40 Sunday

March 4, in the library

between services

For Kindergarten through  
5th grade and their parents.



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
CHECK IN EVERY  
SUNDAY!





**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE NASHVILLE MISSION TRIP!!!**



**SLAM Nashville Summer Mission Trip!** June 18-23rd for 6-12th grade students. Come be a part of this awesome week of service and fun together being the hands and feet of Christ.

For more info contact Matt Sherrill at [msherrill@carmelumc.org](mailto:msherrill@carmelumc.org) or 317-844-7275 (x232).

**LISTENING CIRCLES:** Matt would love to hear from as many people as possible about the Youth Ministry so he can have a better idea of where we are, where we've been, and the directions we could/should go moving forward. Below are some times and location I will be available to meet:

**PARENTS ONLY:**  
 Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:  
 a) 10-10:45am in Kevin Andrews Office (near the gathering space)  
 b) 5pm-5:45pm in the confirmation room (LL12 by the HUB)  
 Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:  
 a) 10-10:45am in Kevin Andrews Office (near the gathering space)  
 b) 5pm-5:45pm in the confirmation room (LL12 by the HUB)

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**  
 Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at SOHO Coffee 3:45pm

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS:**  
 Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm at Indie Coffee Roasters (on Main Street in Carmel)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GUYS:**  
 Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:00pm OPEN GYM @ Carmel UMC. Come play and we will talk too. We can provide transportation if coordinated in advance.





Members of Carmel United Methodist Church who are high school seniors or college students are encouraged to apply for a **Higher Education Scholarship**. Application forms are available in the church office and on the CUMC website, and they have a submission deadline of Friday, March 23, 2018. Previous recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to reapply. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize students for their active church involvement and other service. Scholarship winners will be announced in May. For questions, please contact any member of the Higher Education Committee or Scott McDermid through the church office at [317-844-7275](tel:317-844-7275).

**CLICK HERE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FORM**



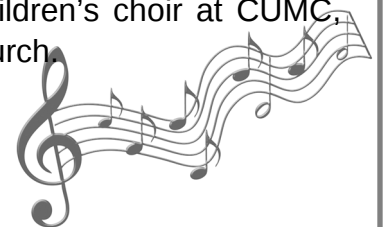
The City of Carmel's Days of Remembrance Ceremony remembers and honors the victims of the Holocaust. This historical event includes a Civic Proclamation by Mayor Brainard and other special guest speakers. The Carmel UMC Handbell Choir has been invited to perform for this special event on Friday, April 13th at 12:00pm (noon) at the Studio Theater.

This is a free event, and open to the community.

If you haven't been to this event in the past, it is highly recommended that you attend. The music and tributes are extraordinary.



This month we would like to introduce you to **Jennifer Gafron**, the choir alto section leader. She graduated from Milliken University with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education with a vocal emphasis. Jennifer has blessed our church many times over by delivering many beautiful special music solos. She is currently Director of Choral Activities at Lawrence North. There, she directs the award winning a cappella group and show choir, in addition to her curricular responsibilities. You may have seen her directing the children's choir at CUMC, KICK. She is excited to be serving in these roles at our church.





# Carmel UMC Preschool

## ASH WEDNESDAY WITH PRESCHOOL!

Preschool families enjoyed time together on **Ash Wednesday** as Pastor Aj led the preschoolers and their families in a mini church service which provided a child-friendly lesson about Lent. Families and preschoolers were able to choose to have ashes placed on their hands or head. They were also given devotional bags to help them to focus on this time leading up to Easter. It was a joyful occasion for all who attended!



**CARMEL UMC PRESCHOOL  
CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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

**317-844-1958**

**Tiffany Lehman, Director  
tlehman@carmelumc.org**

If you would like to have your child enrolled for the 2018/19 preschool year, please contact Tiffany Lehman, Preschool Director at: 317-844-1958 or via email: [tlehman@carmelumc.org](mailto:tlehman@carmelumc.org).

Our program is filling up quickly with enthusiastic kids who are ready to learn in a caring, Christian environment. We would love to talk to you, to see if our program is the best place for your little one.







## THE FOOD PANTRY

**Gleaners Market Day** Friday March 16: from Noon to 3pm in the FLC. Volunteers are needed to come and distribute the fresh produce and food. You can sign-up to volunteer [HERE](#) for the Gleaner's Day.

The Food Pantry is also looking for ongoing help a with weekday morning shift, 1-2 times each month. This would involve helping to help bring a truckload of food from Meijer to the food pantry and unloading it. This usually takes 2-3 hours and involves some lifting, and if you are able to drive a 26 foot truck, that would be helpful too.

We are also looking for ongoing help to keep the garage clean and free of empty cardboard boxes. Please contact Natalie Oehler or Mike Podgorski to help with any of these opportunities.

**The Food Pantry will be closed from Monday 3/26/18 to Friday 3/30/18 to replace some of the flooring in the Mission House.**

**The pantry will reopen on Saturday 3/31/18.**

**Tours to see the new flooring will be held between Sunday church services on Sunday, April 15th.**

**Soups ON:** Saturday 3/17/18- Sandwich making for in the FLC from 10am- 11:30am (This is a family friendly event especially for kids 8 and up)

Sunday 3/18/18- Soups ON serve day at Roberts Park UMC (downtown Indy) needs volunteers to help serve from 10am- 2:30pm (teens and adults) Contact Jim Bach (saberofborg@gmail.com) or Mike Podgorski for either event

**Fletcher Place:** 2 Friday mornings in March that Carmel UMC is providing breakfast on: 3/23/18 and 3/30/18. Contact Richard Carriger if you're interested in serving. rcarriger@richardcarriger.com

Hunger  
is  
**NOT**  
an  
option.



**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



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At Carmel UMC 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.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

# CONTACT

**MARCH 2018**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ *EASTER*
- ◆ *VBS Registration*
- ◆ *Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony*

