

# THECONTACT

**APRIL 2018** 

Easter Sunday has come and gone, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus but leaving us with the question...so what is next? Easter candy is off the shelves of stores, and Easter flowers are wilting unless they have been planted in the ground. How did the Easter experience transform my life? How can we follow up this amazing Christian celebration with more opportunities?

Connect with the upcoming series "You and Me Forever: Marriage in Light of Eternity" which not only speaks to married couples, but also to those considering marriage and those who encourage and support men and women who are married. Everyone will grow and be inspired by the messages.

This sermon series will run the month of April with a special visit on April 15. We will be inspired that day by Facebook favorites Kristin and Danny Adams,

whose lip-sync videos have gone mega-viral. As they speak about marriages, family, and relationships, the one very consistent and helpful component they stress is that LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE.

April 15 would be a great day to invite friends and family to join you at church. You might be surprised how many folks know and love Kristin and Danny Adams!!!

Blessings,

Pastor Patti



At CUMC 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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# JOIN STEPHEN MINISTRY AND WATCH GOD TRANSFORM LIVES

Carmel United Methodist Church's Stephen Ministry team will begin training another class of Stephen Ministers in August of 2018.

Stephen Ministers work alongside our pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please begin to prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry.

Stephen Ministry applications are available in the church office. Once completed please return to the church office or a Stephen Ministry Leader.

For more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, please speak with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Debbie Carriger, (317) 431-3234 dearriger@richardearriger.com

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### Leadership at CUMC:

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Patti Napier

Associate Pastor and

Director 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** 

Minister of Adult Discipleship:

Chris Thornsberry

Minister of Local Outreach:

Mike Podgorski

Minister of Shepherding & New Members:

Barbara Krueger

Minister of Visitation:

Jim Shirey

Retired Pastor in Residence:

Jack King

**Preschool Director:** 

Tiffany Lehman

### Office Staff

**Church Administrator:** 

Kevin Sweeney

Office Manager:

Pat Morrison

Financial Secretary:

Elizabeth Shiverdecker

Communications & Media Specialist:

Rachel Ferry

Membership Secretary:

Karen McTaggart

Preschool Administrative Coordinator:

Nicole Todd

Children's Ministry Assistant:

Amy Severson

Music Associate:

Ray Lahrman

KICK Kid's Choir Director:

Jennifer Gafron

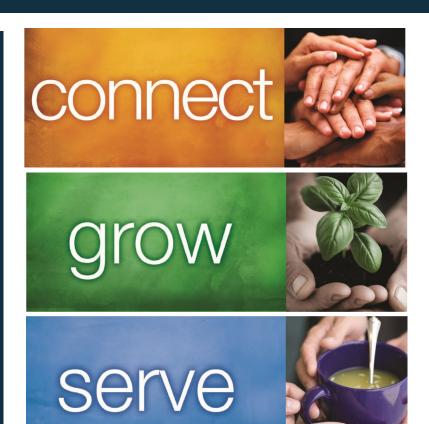
KICK Kid's Choir Accompanist:

Kyle Johnson

Cherub Choir Director:

Carol Getch

To email any staff: first initial, last name @carmelumc.org (i.e. pnapier@carmelumc.org)



### IN THIS ISSUE:

- ⇒ HANDBELL CHOIR SPECIAL PERFORMANCE
- ⇒ YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES
- → VBS!!!!

### **Church Governing Council**

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

We recently shared with you that with Scott serving the spiritual needs of Royal Center UMC as McDermid's departure we would be working with the Senior Pastor. Cabinet of the United Methodist Church for an appointment. We notified the Cabinet of our need just as the 2018 appointment process was beginning. The Cabinet made our request a priority and I am pleased that we are able to make this immediate announcement.

Effective July 1, Reverend Adriane Curtis will be appointed to Carmel United Methodist Church (CUMC). She will be taking over Scott's pastoral duties for the Contemporary Service, Missions and the new Young Adult Ministry . Her actual start date Ken Boyd when she will be onsite at CUMC will be mid-July.

Rev. Adriane Curtis has a strong Curriculum Vitae. Her education includes a Bachelor of Social Work from University of Indianapolis, a Masters in International Relations and Diplomacy from Seton Hall University and a Masters of Divinity from Methodist Theological School of Ohio. She also has been appointed to United Methodist Churches for 10 years. She began her calling as a Youth Pastor and for the past four years she has been leading and

In July we will also be welcoming Rev. Adriane's family: her husband Shawn, a high school history teacher and their three children Sullivan (16), Theo (13), and Evangeline (8).

I am excited to welcome Rev. Adriane and her family to CUMC. There will be more information in the near future about their arrival and welcoming. Please keep the Curtis family in your prayers as they make their move to Carmel.

Chair of Staff Parish







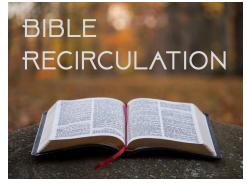












Do you have a Bible you are not using anymore? Maybe your child has outgrown a children's or teen version. Maybe you are cleaning out your parents' books and find several Bibles that you do not need. Maybe you bought a new translation and you are not using your former Bible. We would like to maintain a library of Bibles so that if someone in our congregation needs one, we can give it to them. The Bibles would also be available if a pastor or mission team leader identifies someone who needs to have the word of God. Please bring them to the church office, and we will take it from there.

Don't Miss Out on April 15th at Carmel UMC! Great Speakers + Great Food = Great Day

Special Guest Speakers:
Kristin & Danny

April 15th
9:00 & 10:45am
Services





#### With Sympathy To...

- Norma Patton & family, on the death of her sister, Evelyn Helweg who passed away March 1, 2018.
- Margaret Kettle & family on the death of her mother-in-law, Betty Kettle. who passed away March 13, 2018.



#### SOMEWHERE BETWEEN LOST AND FOUND:

Missing a sock (yes, one sock)? Maybe your Bible? What about an umbrella or scarf? It could be in the lost and found. Our Lost & Found box is behind the Welcome Center station and you are welcome to check and see if your item is in there. The box will be emptied every 30 days and items will be donated. So please make sure your item finds it way back to you.

United Methodist Women

CARMEL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

3RD Annual It's in the Bag Auction

May 5, 2018

12 PM - 2:30 PM

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** 

You can buy your tickets online or in the Gathering Place on Sunday morning.



### **BIAGGIS'S RESTAURANT**

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On Tuesday, March 20th the Carmel UMC office and pastoral staff joined forces to defeat the clock and solve an ancient mystery at The Escape Room in Fishers. After uncovering many clues, throughout several rooms, the team came in with 1 minute and 45 seconds to spare, and "got out"! This was a great team-building event and fun was had by all. We discovered the many things that make us all unique are skills that can be used when you didn't know you needed them (Did you know Scott played chess and that Elizabeth can decipher messages with ease?)



### The City of Carmel's Days of Remembrance Ceremony

You're invited to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust. This historical event includes a Civic Proclamation by Mayor Brainard and this year's special guest, Frank Grunwald - Holocaust Survivor "The Vast Landscape of the Holocaust". Every year, students from area schools participate in the event, which also features special musical performances including the Carmel UMC Handbell Choir who is again performing. Carmel's Holocaust Ceremony is Friday April 13, 2018 at 12:00pm (noon) at the Studio Theatre. This event is free and open to the public.



### **CONNECT WITH US**



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Young Adult
Camping & Paintball
Friday-Saturday,
April 13-14

### **DETAILS:**

S'mores around the bonfire and paintballs in the woods! We are going camping with other young adults and are excited to spend some time together laughing, getting to know each other and even shooting at each other (with non-lethal weapons of course). All young adults (college-30's) are welcome to join us on April 13-14 for one night of tent camping and then in the morning we will play paintball. You can register now at www.carmelumc.org/events.

We are grateful to the Holl family for hosting us on their property near the corner of St. Rd 37 and Hauge Rd in Noblesville (exact directions sent after you register). The cost is \$20 for the weekend or only \$10 if you choose not to play paintball.

Bring your own camping gear (tent, sleeping bag...) but all meals will be provided (plus supplies for those s'mores too). Paintball gear is being donated by Mercy Road Church (thanks church friends!) and so we are able to keep the cost way down!

This is a perfect event to invite people to as it will be a fun and relaxed evening where relationships are formed. If you know someone who might want to join our Young Adult Ministry, or just likes the great outdoors, please invite them along!

### **REGISTER HERE!!!**



Did you know that you can join one of three young adult small groups anytime? These groups (that meet on Tuesday or Wednesday nights in homes) are a perfect place to grow in your faith AND make some friendships that will connect you to each other and to our church. So, if you want to join a group, email smcdermid@carmelumc.org and I'll get you connected!



### Who is up for softball?

What better way to have fun and get to know people than to play together on a team? We have decided to join the Indy Northside Softball League starting this summer. Watch for more details about registration,

cost, and schedule coming soon.

We can't wait for our college students who are away at school to start coming home! We have lots of plans in the works including fun events, small groups and more! Be on the lookout for information about the events and how to get involved!



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 our material. Each week you'll be asked to watch the video on RightNow and then to follow up with community discussion on 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. *Our first study will be "Why Jesus" by David Nasser.* 





It is the first day of the week and the disciples were hiding in the Upper Room because they feared the Jews. Jesus appears to them and says to them "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Acts 20:19-23). Do you long to feel the breath of the Holy Spirit as the disciples did so long ago? Would you like to awaken your soul to the movement of the Holy Spirit that already resides in you? Then please join Lenae Goeke as she leads a new study on 40 Days with the Holy Spirit by Jack Levison. This is a six week study that will begin on April 11, 2018 at 10:00am. Please contact Lenae 225-916-8411 by at or email at lenaegoeke@yahoo.com to register. Come and journey with the Holy Spirit and rekindle the fire that stirs the soul!

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.





MEN'S GROW GROUP: Join us the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday's at 9 a.m. in the Library/Conference room as we study God's word together and talk about how it applies to our lives as men. All men are welcome to join us as we currently are studying the Book of Acts and asking how we can live out our lives as Disciples of Jesus. FREE COFFEE as well!!! Study led by Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

# Save the date: VBS is June 24–28 ShipWrecked VBS: Rescued by Jesus!

For Kids 3 years old (if potty trained and parent volunteers) to 5th grade (current school year)

The hallways at Carmel UMC will be filled with ocean scenes and jungles that will stimulate the kids senses of sight - it will be a cross between Moana (Disney movie) and Gilligan's Island with pirates thrown in too! Rooms with coral reefs, sailboats and island palms will help the kids be transported to places in their imaginations where they can open their hearts to the love of Jesus. Each day kids will learn a new Bible point that coincides with a New Testament story. Music, games, snacks, and crafts all share the theme of the day.

There are many needs: volunteers to share the love of Christ with kids from CUMC and the community. Items to be donated, the list will be at the registration table in the Gathering Space. Invites to be made to grow disciples. Invite your neighborhood kids, your relatives or friends to experience VBS. Do you have a special talent to share in the preparation of VBS— painting, crafts, organization, building or hanging decorations. We are also looking to borrow a small sailboat on a trailer to use for decoration (no one will go on it), let us know if you have one or know where we can borrow one. #1 thing you can do is: pray for us— the directors Stephanie Zircher and Stephanie Holl, volunteer leaders and those who are registered and those who need to be registered. Please pray that our focus remains on giving the love of Jesus to all and glorifying Him with excellence in duties and in our fun! Thank you!





MOM'S NIGHT OUT: Come and visit with other moms at Pastor Aj's house in Zionsville on Saturday, April 28th at 7pm. Visit with moms who have kids older than yours and get tips and tricks that help with the raising of your children. Give new moms support and encouragement too. Bring your favorite treat and a picture of your kids. Address: 80 Williamsburg Court, Zionsville.

### Kids Music - (10:10- 10:40am) Sunday Mornings



We are pleased to announce a new Preschool choir— CHERUB Choir! This choir will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:10 - 10:40 in room LL16 (next to the Rec Room). Carol Getch, the choir's director, led this choir many years ago at CUMC before she was called to direct a Preschool and Children's Ministry program. We are blessed to have her return.

For more information email her at: cgetch@carmelumc.org



**KICK Choir** meets in the basement room LL4 (choir room). This choir is for children in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Kids will learn and sing music from Choir teacher Jennifer Gafron. Kyle Johnson, also a music teacher, is the accompanist.

For more information: email jgafron@carmelumc.org

Music is a great way for kids to learn the concepts of the Christian faith, scripture and how to worship and praise God.

All of these disciplines are important in growing disciples!



Disciples come in all shapes and sizes, and in all ages. Did you know that the average age of someone knowing that Jesus is Lord and Savior is 11 years old? (Barna Research Center) Each year, I interview some of our 6th graders before they are confirmed as part of our CUMC Confirmation program. A consistent statement, when I ask them about their relationship with Jesus, is that they cannot remember a time when they have not known Him. But, to know Jesus is just a step in the discipleship process, each of us must grow to know and love Him in a deeper and fuller way. Children's Ministry programs are designed with thought and purpose to help kids and their families to grow in their love and service to God. A disciple is one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ and sharing Christ. As your minister and your children's minister, I am here to help your family succeed as a disciple of Jesus Christ. I desire to say that every day I am growing, serving and sharing but I fall short. I do not have all the answers but I find much joy in walking with you in the journey of discipleship. Please feel free to email me or call and let's meet for coffee or ice cream? Please know that all your family is prayed for; we want to be your help and your support. amildenberg@carmelumc.org



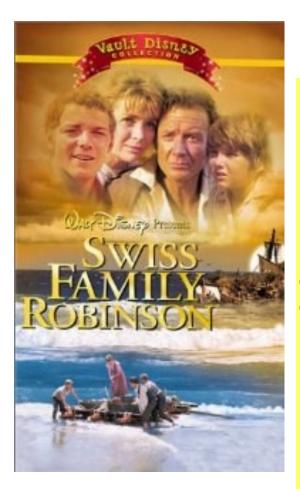
Children's Ministry has a 20 hour per week paid internship available this summer for a college student who is interested in ministry. We are looking for an Intern who will show God's love to the children of our church and provide participation & leadership in programming to help families & people from our community know more about Christ. Our goals as a church & church staff are to help the person in this internship position have practical, hands-on experience in Children & Family Ministry and to encourage this person in his/her faith & service in God's kingdom.

For more information or to request an application for this internship, please email Pastor Aj by 4/15 at amildenberg@carmelumc.org.



# VBS Movie Nights





APRIL 14: MOANA
MAY 12: PETER PAN
JUNE 9: SWISS FAMILY

ROBINSON

6:15-8PM IN THE YOUTH HUB (BASEMENT)

WE WILL WORK ON VBS STUFF WHILE KIDS WATCH A MOVIE.

SNACK AND FUN PROVIDED.

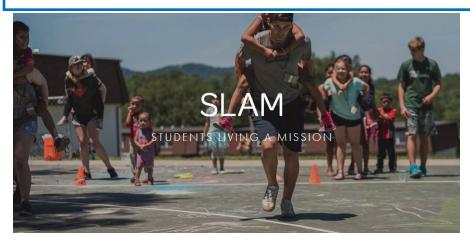
THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT!

### CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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





**SLAM Nashville Summer Mission Trip!** June 18-23rd for all middle and high school students! This is a great week-long mission trip where we serve, as Jesus calls his Disciples to, those in need. We will be working in and around Nashville, TN. To be a part of this, visit our website for more info and to sign up: <a href="https://www.carmelumc.org/youth">www.carmelumc.org/youth</a>

#### INTERSECT:

We just finished a 3 week study on LEGACY, and we learned about how we can live as disciples for Christ having clear vision, purpose, and standards so that we can make more disciples in the world. In doing this we create a legacy for students now and the future.

Intersect meets every Sunday (unless otherwise posted) from 5-8pm in the HUB (Basement). It is open to all 6-12th grade students.

#### **SENIOR RETREAT:**

**Save the date for May 11-13th** (we will be back in time for the 10:45am service on Sunday). This is open to all high school students and is planned and led by our senior class. We will be looking at how we as disciples can have, and share, peace. More info coming soon.



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, **DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 13, 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 <u>317-844-7275</u>.

### **CLICK HERE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FORM**



Psalm 98:4

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

There is much to sing about this month as we continue to celebrate our risen Lord!

The Chancel Choir continues to find ways to sing praises to our Lord as we serve and host our congregation this month with brunch that will be held on April 15th. We also look for ways to connect with others and grow our choir. Join us at our upcoming Bring a Friend to Choir on May 16th with pizza and prizes. More ways of serving and singing praises to our Lord are being researched as we plan to serve at Soup's On and with Gleaner's Food Bank in the fall.



We continue to highlight our section leaders for music ministry news, and this month we learn more about Kyle Johnson, our bass section leader.

Kyle Johnson grew up in the suburbs of Chicago, and graduated from Millikin University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. He is currently serving at Lawrence North High School as the Choral Accompanist and Performing Arts Assistant. There, he directs the award-winning Legacy Show Band, in addition to his curricular responsibilities. He has been a part of several notable ensembles including the Millikin University Choir and the Millikin Latin

Jazz Project. You may have seen him

accompanying the children's choir at CUMC, KICK. He is excited to be acting as section leader for the Chancel Choir..

# **Carmel UMC Preschool**



We are excited to have a week long celebration in honor of all of our preschoolers! This celebration will include spirit themed days, a carnival, magic show, and a few other surprises that we have planned. Please mark your calendar for these exciting events and be sure to dress your child according to our themes on the days that they are with us. Every child will have the opportunity to participate in the carnival, but if your child is not here on Wednesday, please plan on attending the magic show with them. We would love to have you!

April 16th: Carnival Fun in the gym!

THEME: Crazy Sock Day! Wear your craziest socks

under or over your pants!

**April 17th:** Carnival Fun in the gym!

THEME: All of the COLORS of the World! Wear as

many bright colors as you can find. Rainbows, tie-dye, or just put them all together. Clashing colors are encouraged!

**April 18th:** Magic Show in the gym!

THEME: Pajamas and friends! Wear your favorite

pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal (Please make sure that your child is able to participate in recess and all other activities in their pajamas. Shoes no

slippers please.).

**April 19th:** Yoga with a special person!

THEME: Crazy hair or hat day! Wear your hair in a

crazy fashion or find a funny hat.

April 20th: Books and Bubbles!

THEME: The future! Dress like what you want to be

in the future. That can be anything from a veterinarian to a super hero. We need all

kinds of helpers in this world!



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.

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.



RECENT GRANTS AND DONATIONS TO MISSIONS AT CARMEL UMC:

Kids Coats received a check for \$100 from Miller Auto Care.

The Food Pantry received a \$300 grant from Carmel Rotary and a \$5,000 grant from the Clay Township Trustee (Doug Callahan).



The new floors at the Food Pantry are about 90% completed... we are still waiting on a few trim pieces to arrive for completion!

An **Open House** is set for **Sunday**, **May 6th** between services so that everyone can see the fruits of our labor! What an amazing experience it has been to see all of the various groups helping to make this happen including the

Youth Ministry, the ROMEO group, and others! THANK YOU!!

# **Hunger**

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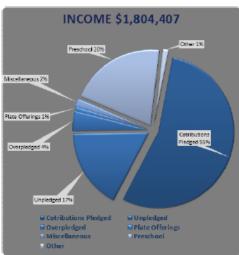
MORE Volunteers are needed for the Food Pantry! The pantry is in need of regular volunteers to work during open pantry hours, to assist visitors. Additional volunteer opportunities are available for various tasks at the pantry, like stocking shelves and organizing (this would be a great family activity).

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

#### Carmel United Methodist Church Financial Report for the Period 1/1/2017 -012/31/2017

#### 2017 Income Statement (Budget)

INCOME	
Contributions Pledged	\$ 986,042
Contributions -UnPledged	\$ 307,584
Contributions -Over Pledge	\$ 75,969
Contributions-Plate Offerings	\$ 14,715
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 29,290
Other-Special gifts, rentals, usage	\$ 23,002
Preschool Income	\$ 367,868
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,804,470
EXPENSE	
UMC Apportionments	\$ 156,416
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 864,193
Preschool Salary & Benefits	\$ 249,831
Administrative Expenses (Bank fees, Copiers, publications, office supplies, equip., preschool, etc)	\$ 107,477
Building/Grounds Expenses (Custodial supplies, HVAC repairs, Trustee repair, Mission house, Etc.)	\$ 76,173
Hospitality	\$ 10,737
Program Expenses (Music, Youth, Children, Preschool, Adult etc.)	\$ 57,013
Worship	\$ 26,810
Utilities (gas, electrical, etc.)	\$ 112,581
Insurance Liability	\$ 39,783
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,701,014
Net Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ 103,456





### **CASH ACCOUNTS**

Operating Cash Account	\$ 353,986.00
Restricted Cash Accounts	\$ 186,254.00
Mission Cash Accounts	\$ 352,488.00
	\$ 892 728 00

Carmel United Methodist Church Endowment Fun	ds:	12/31/2017
Scholarship Fund	\$	40,505.00
Emerson Fund	\$	13,134.00
Maintenance Fund	\$	40,796.00
Special Ministry Fund	\$	12,771.00
Local Missions	\$	13,979.00
Ruth Lindsey Fund	\$	17,904.00
Undesignated Fund	\$	5,819.00
Landscape & Grounds Funds	\$	11,835.00
Music Fund	\$	7,440.00
Mission Endowment Fund	\$	30,743.00
Rushlight Fund	\$	516,041.00
Advertising & Outreach Fund	\$	41,484.00
Lois Jones Food Pantry Fund	\$	12,891.00
Greenberg Mission Fund	\$	682,445.00
<b>T</b>	otal \$	1,447,787.00



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- UMW's It's In the Bag Purse Auction
- All-Church Brunch 4/15
- Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony