

Celebration Sunday is May 20th!

What will Carmel UMC be celebrating???

REMEMBERING...

- **Pentecost:** The day recorded in the Book of Acts when “there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:2).
- **A birthday celebration:** Carmel UMC celebrates **170 years** as a church serving Jesus Christ! See page 4 for info about the birthday party celebration!

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING...

- **Graduate Sunday:** We will celebrate our students completing high school and going onward in their lives to pursue God’s call of what is next for them.
- **Confirmation Sunday:** We will celebrate **TWENTY FOUR** 6th graders who have completed the confirmation process, and more importantly will be making a personal declaration of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of their lives and join membership at Carmel UMC.

This will be a very important day in the life of Carmel UMC. I hope that you will join us for a celebration of worship *REMEMBERING, CONNECTING, GROWING, AND SERVING.*

I recently came across an Advent candle lighting reading that was written by now deceased, long time member of Carmel UMC and the Methodist Church, Jean Nay. I like to understand this message as an encouragement for us to REMEMBER what we have been about and need to continue to be about.

“Hilda (Hadley) and I represent the grandparents and the great-grandparents in Carmel United Methodist Church. We represent you as the GUARDIANS OF THE FAITH in this particular family of God. In the book of Joel God said, “Listen you aged men of Israel, in yours to come, tell your children (the faith stories)...from generation to generation.” Repeat them and repeat them with accuracy. Tell them your own faith stories too.

As guardians of the faith, we grandparents and all the old-folks of our church family must birth new young messengers who know your faith stories. Today, we need young messengers with vision and wisdom to point the way to JESUS THE CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.” -Jean Nay



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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Church Governing Council

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

A warm welcome...

We are looking forward to the arrival of our new Associate Pastor, Adriane Curtis, as appointed by the Bishop and the Cabinet to begin in July. You will be able to formally meet Adriane and her family on Sunday, July 1.

My question for all of us in looking forward to that date is...How do we extend a warm welcome to a new Associate Pastor so that they feel lovingly embraced, which we know helps to ensure longevity of a relationship?

Leadership has been working diligently...

1. Beyond all of the formal meetings with Staff Parish, she has been visited informally by a Staff Parish member and multiple emails shared--some folks have even visited her at Royal Center UMC on a Sunday a.m.

2. A transition team of a few members has been requested to connect and participate in helping the family move and acclimate to our community.

3. Support and networking has been provided to assist her husband as he searches for a new

teaching position.

4. Prayers and more prayers have been shared and Leadership is working on the early connections to support Rev. Adriane.

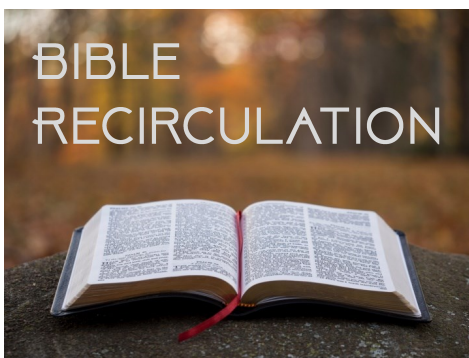
But what can the Body, the church, do to make a difference? Here are some suggestions:

- Send cards of welcome to their new home during their first month
- Provide a meal or gift card for a meal
- Ask Adriane out for coffee or lunch to get to know her
- A family who has teens could invite the Curtis family to your home for dinner
- Ask what they need as they are moving into their first home (they have always lived in parsonages)
- Pray for their family during this time of transition

I am going to suggest that it is wonderful that we show great hospitality on a Sunday morning but this is a relationship that needs and deserves more of an intentional effort. I just want everyone to ask themselves...*how can I make a difference in a significant way?*

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality” Romans 12:13

~ Pastor Patti



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.

Carmel UMC and the City of Carmel have negotiated a fair price on the land that was used for the roundabout as well as the cost to move the church sign. The proceeds from the land sale were applied to the new floor and improvements in the Family Life Center. The new sign project will continue through the summer. ~ CUMC Trustees



IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED!!

WHEN: Sunday, May 20 at 3:30pm

WHERE: Carmel UMC, front lawn (FLC if weather doesn't cooperate!)

WHAT: Join us to celebrate 170 years of Carmel UMC! We will gather for cake and ice cream, we will bury a time capsule that will be opened in 30 years and we will ring the bell in celebration of all God has done for us!

No RSVP required - if you'd like to volunteer for this fun event, please email: Scott McDermid at smcdermid@carmelumc.org



Congratulations....

Births....

Shepherd Allen Trump was born April 17, 2018 to Dan & Kaley Trump. Proud grandparents are Greg & Micah Robbins.

Baptism...

Grace Caroline Obszanski was baptized April 22, 2018. Grace is the daughter of Paul & Abigail Obszanski.

Nathanael Matthew Jones was baptized April 22, 2018. Nathanael is the son of Matt & Eva Jones.

With Sympathy To...

Chris Wilcox & family, on the death of his grandmother, Margaret Shoup who passed away March 19, 2018.

Sam Haskett & family on the death of his mother, Frances Haskett who passed away April 1, 2018.

Kathy Clark & family, on the death of her father, William Sands, who passed away April 13, 2018.

Gary Noonan & family on the death of his mother, June Noonan, who passed away April 14, 2018.

Dixie Clemmons & family on the death of her daughter, Olyvia Leigh Branch-Harris, who passed away April 17, 2018.



Rachel and Paul Herbig have set-up a collection box in the Food Pantry Donation Room so you can drop-off children's books, to be given to kids at Roberts Park UMC. Please stop by and donate!

SCHOLAR DOLLAR DAY IS MAY 20!

In conjunction with Graduation Sunday, May 20 has been designated Scholar Dollar Day. Carmel United Methodist Church established a scholarship fund in 1987 to assist deserving church members who are pursuing advanced education at accredited colleges or universities. On May 20 this year's scholarship recipients will be announced and be presented with a certificate.



To help support this important program you may use cash or write a check payable to Carmel United Methodist Church with the words "Scholar Dollars" on the memo line. Your donations may be placed in the Scholar Dollars envelope and included in the offering plate or they may be sent to the church. You may want to make your tax-deductible donation in honor of someone or as a memorial gift. The students thank you and we thank you!

Higher Education Committee

CUMC Endowment Fund Annual Report for 2017

The primary purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide a means for members and friends of the Church to make gifts and bequests to provide a permanent endowment of financial support and living memorials.

CUMC Endowment Fund Performance – 2017

The annual results were particularly strong in 2017 and are summarized below.

- Investments in the **Multiple Asset Fund** (65% equity/35% fixed income) generated a gross return of **17.98%** vs. the benchmark's return of 13.39%.
- Fees for all accounts averaged **0.70%**
- The 2017 rate of inflation (CPI) was **2.1%**.
- The CUMC Endowment Fund (excluding the Greenburg fund) grew by \$121.7K and a net of \$82.4K after distributions and fees
 - * Ending total is \$792.5K
 - * Distributions were \$34.3K
 - * Fees were \$5.1K
 - * Rushlight Fund (unrestricted gift account) exceeded \$500K (e.g. \$516K); first time since prior to 2011
- The Greenburg Fund (restricted to named Missions) grew by \$106.7K and a net of \$71.6K after total distributions and total fees.

Distribution Rates and Amounts

The CUMC Endowment Fund distribution rate (percent taken from each account) for 2017 was **5.0%**. This resulted in the following distribution payouts.

| | <u>Distributions</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| Rushlight Fund (undesignated fund) | \$23,100 |
| All Other Funds (donor designated funds) | 11,100 |
| <u>Greenburg Fund</u> (designated for select missions) | <u>30,600</u> |
| Total | \$64,800 |

The 2017 total distribution of \$64,800 compares to the 2016 total of \$63,200.

Significant Gifts in 2017

A gift of \$25,000 was received to establish a new Endowment Fund account “designated” for Preschool Scholarships for families with a financial need and (ii) a priority for ESL children.





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COLLEGE AGE SUMMER *Grow Group*

COLLEGE AGE SUMMER GROW GROUP: You're home from college for a few months... now what? Join Scott McDermid and other college age students for an exciting Grow Group where you will dig deep into scripture while applying it to your everyday life.
To sign-up email Scott: smcdermid@carmelumc.org



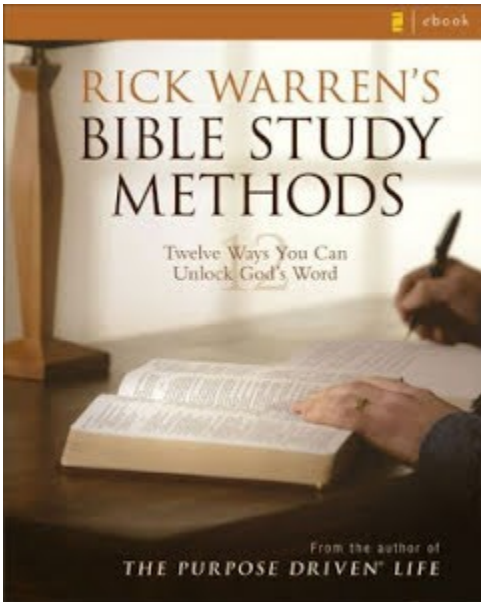
Did you know that you can join one of three young adult small groups anytime? These groups (that meet on Tuesday or Wednesday nights in homes) are a perfect place to grow in your faith AND make some friendships that will connect you to each other and to our church. So, if you want to join a group, email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

REGISTER HERE!



Summer Series Class- Bible Study Methods (12 Ways You Can Unlock God's Word)

You were created to become like Christ. This is one of the five God-ordained purposes for your life described in *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren, and it's why studying the Bible is so important. The Bible's truths will transform you, aligning you with the character and ways of Jesus as you encounter him in the Scriptures. This easy-to-understand class shows you how to simply study the Bible. It gives you not just one, but twelve methods for exploring the riches of God's Word. At least one of them is exactly what you're looking for--an approach that's right for you, right where you're at. Simple step-by-step instructions guide you through the how-tos of the following methods: - Devotional - Chapter Summary - Character Quality - Thematic-Biographical - Topical - Word Study - Book Background - Book Survey-Chapter Analysis - Book Synthesis - Verse Analysis. Bible Study Methods will help you develop a customized approach to studying, understanding, and applying the Bible. This class will meet Wednesday's, May 23rd - August 8th at 11 a.m. in room 125 and will be led by Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship. Childcare is available upon request. Register by Friday, May 18th. Cost of book is \$15.



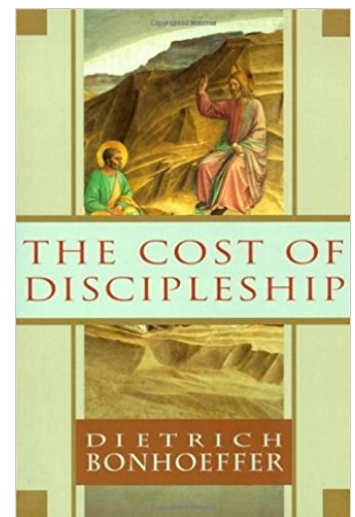
Many of us will be coming and going this summer and it's good to remember that we are all a part of the same faith community here at Carmel UMC. In celebration of our faith community, our Adult Discipleship Team wants to recommend, for your consideration, reading a book together as a congregation each month this summer. The first book chosen for the month of June, is "The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

One of the most important theologians of the twentieth century illuminates the relationship between ourselves and the teachings of Jesus

What can the call to discipleship, the adherence to the word of Jesus, mean today to the businessman, the soldier, the laborer, or the aristocrat? What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today? Drawing on the Sermon on the Mount, Dietrich Bonhoeffer answers these timeless questions by providing a seminal reading of the dichotomy between "cheap grace" and "costly grace." "Cheap grace," Bonhoeffer wrote, "is the grace we bestow on ourselves...grace without discipleship....Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the girl which must be asked for, the door at which a man must know....It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life."

The Cost of Discipleship is a compelling statement of the demands of sacrifice and ethical consistency from a man whose life and thought were exemplary articulations of a new type of leadership inspired by the Gospel, and imbued with the spirit of Christian humanism and a creative sense of civic duty.

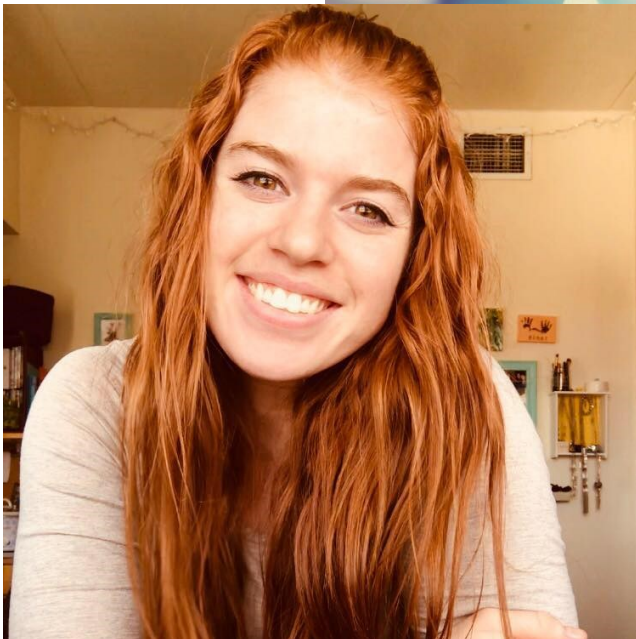
If you're interested in reading the book, please email Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, by May 21st if you'd like a copy purchased for you at the cost of \$13. Feel free to purchase on your own if you'd like as well.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



May 12, 9am-11:30am join other families at CUMC to create and make snacks and lunch for workers at Habitat for Humanity build. We will also make some crafts for encouragement! This is a family event for all ages, so come join us any time between 9am –11:30am in the FLC.



Meet Children's Ministry's new intern, Grace Lowe. Grace will be a senior at Indiana Wesleyan in the fall with a Children's Ministry major and Education Coaching minor. She says, "My overall goal is to be a successful and inspirational children's pastor. I want to be someone that young children can look up to and be excited to come back to every week. I'd love to be able to change young lives for the better with the help of Christ."

Grace enjoys reading, drawing/painting/crafts, and hiking/outdoorsy activities. She will be at Carmel UMC 20-25 hours beginning in May through August. Grace will be helping with VBS, Summer Sunday School, Children's Moments, Summer Celebration, and Kick-off. Grace is excited to help expand missions with families. **Please welcome her!**

Save the date: VBS IS JUNE 24-28

SHIPWRECKED VBS: RESCUED BY JESUS!

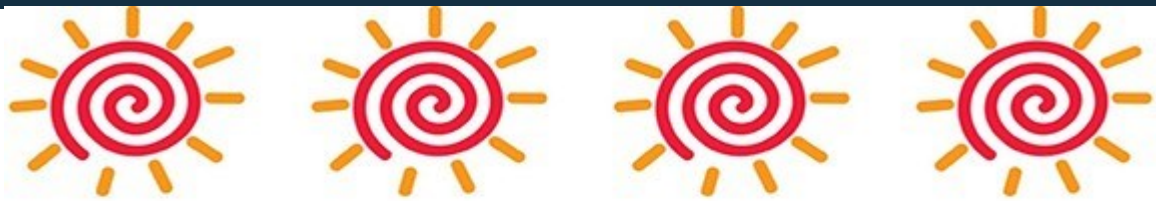
FOR KIDS 3 YEARS OLD (IF POTTY TRAINED AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS) TO 5TH GRADE (CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR)

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

SEEKING THE FOLLOWING PIRATE BOOTY:

- POOL NOODLES
- Red duct tape
- VANILLA WAFERS
- Quart plastic bags
- HULA HOOP
- BAKING SODA
- 5 oz. paper cups
- LACROIX CITRUS FLAVORED WATER
- ping pong balls
- CASES OF WATER
- OLD LUGGAGE
- White duct tape
- SWEDISH FISH
- FISHING LINE
- VANILLA PUDDING CUPS
- SKITTLES
- GOLDFISH CRACKERS
- TENNIS BALLS
- Fruit by the Foot
- Feather duster
- GRAHAM CRACKERS
- Pretzel sticks
- VINEGAR
- black duct tape
- Fruit juice
- Wet Wipes
- GALLON SIZE PLASTIC BAGS
- STRAWS
- Red ribbon 2 inches thick
- COLORED GOLDFISH CRACKERS





SUMMER

Sunday School

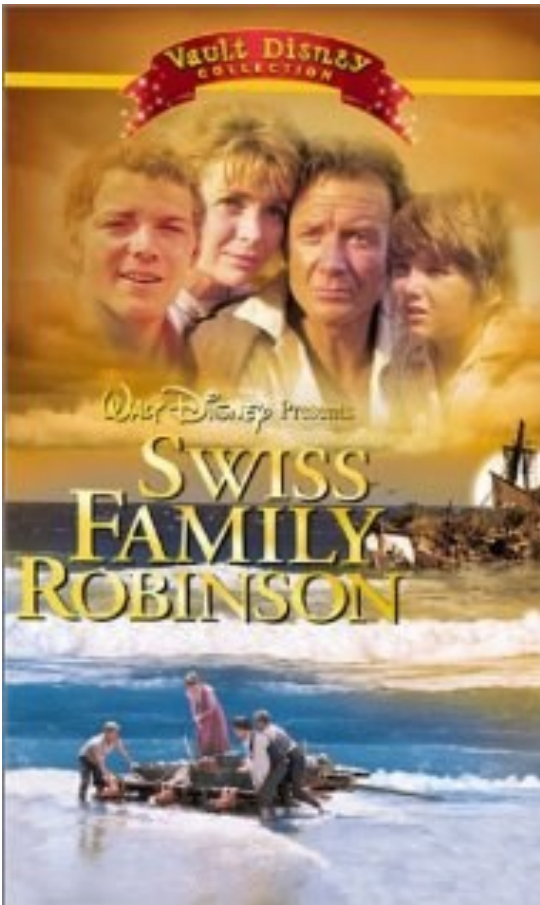
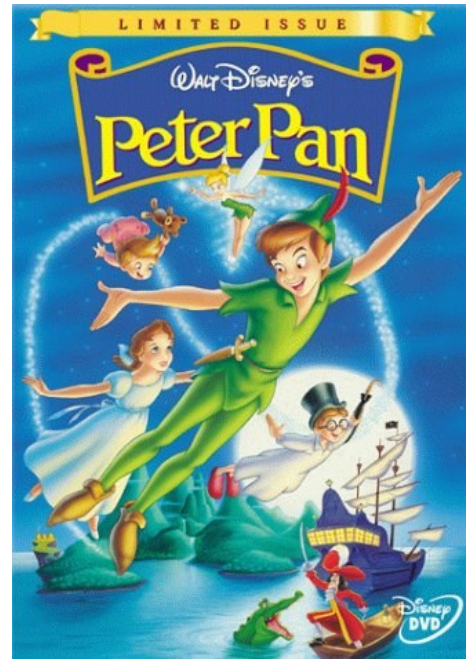
The last regular Sunday School is May 20 and Summer Sunday School begins May 27 through August 12. During the summer, all ages are combined in one class and parents volunteer to help with Sunday School.

Preschoolers and Kindergartners (current grade) will use **Owlegories** for their curriculum. Owlegories is an animated series that follows a group of student owls as they travel on adventures learning about nature, faith, and God!

1st –5th graders will study **What is a Christian?** With the help of some animated friends, we will walk through the entire book of 1 John to find the answer to the title question. This pioneering series packs tons of good theology into short sessions that everyone from toddlers to adults will enjoy. Learn not only *what* the Bible says, but also why and what it means for us today.



VBS Movie Nights



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!**

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YOUTH

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CREATING A PLACE FOR EVERY TEENAGER



SR. LED RETREAT: We are headed for a weekend of camping (May 11-13) led by the Class of 2018. Prepare for a great weekend of fun and faith development!

Meet at 5:30pm at CUMC
Camping at White River Campground
Back on Sunday by 10:30am for church service

Cost is \$40 and covers camping, transportation, activities, and most meals. Money will be needed for dinner on Friday and breakfast on Sunday.

This is a perfect way to finish out the school year and welcome the 8th graders who will be a part of senior high youth group this fall. Bring a friend!

Packing List will be emailed to people registered.

REGISTER HERE

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: www.carmelumc.org/youth



Psalm 98:4

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

Two big events are planned to celebrate music ministries in May!

The first event on May 16th is **"Bring a Friend to Choir"** evening which will include music, pizza and fellowship.

On May 23rd at 6:00pm the choir will enjoy its end of year banquet. This is a catered meal and free tickets will be available to prospective choir members in the Gathering Space between services. Look for more information coming soon on this event.



May finds us highlighting our Chancel Choir tenor section leader, Jonathon Schwier. Jon brings many musical talents to our choir. He graduated from Wabash College with degrees in music and philosophy and has spent many years performing, teaching and composing music. He has taught guitar at many local music stores and was a musician with several big cruise line companies. He currently spends a lot of time composing music.



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



CHERUB Choir meets 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!

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House at the Food Pantry is set for Sunday, May 6th between services so that everyone can see the fruits of our labor!



Cub Scout Pack 50 Tiger Den (sponsored by Geist Christian Church) collected can goods for our food pantry in the month of April. Their Den was focused on being "Knights" for those who need some extra help. Thank you Pack 50 Tiger Den for being "Knights" for our food pantry!

Hunger
is
NOT
an
option.

CARMEL UNITED
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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



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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MAY 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ *170th Birthday Celebration*
 - ◆ *126th & Broadway Sermon Series*
 - ◆ *Summer Sunday School*
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