

## Governing Council and Nominations

Nominations are now open for the positions on the Governing Council which will be open either because of a resignation or because a member has reached their term limit.

### What is the Governing Council (GC)?

The Governing Council provides strategic leadership for CUMC and structures/oversees the mission, vision, and ministry of the church. The Governing Council establishes accountability systems to ensure strategic priorities are accomplished.

### How many members on the GC?

There are 12 members, and each serves a specific position. There are three designated trustees, three designated financial, three Staff Parish (which is the Human Resources arm of the church), one young adult, one vice-chair and one chairperson. Each of these positions holds one vote.

Each position serves a three year term. Two consecutive terms may be served. After that, at least one year sabbatical must be observed before serving another term.

The Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Business Administrator are regular members of the GC but hold no vote. The work of the secretary is accomplished by the office manager who also holds no vote.

### Agenda of the Meetings (meets the 3rd Monday of each month 6:30)

Meeting agenda includes:

1. Convene with review of vision statement, prayers
2. Operational business (Finance, Trustees and Staff Parish) and Business Administrator
3. Staff ministry reports from Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor

4. Each team offers an update of progress in their areas but also discussions will occur as needed on larger issues (for example, sale of the land and rebuild of the sign at the corner of 126th and Rangeline).

GC meetings are open to all membership. There are times during the meeting, typically done at the end of the meeting, when the session is closed. For example when there are personnel changes, these are handled in closed sessions held at the end of the regular GC meeting.

The Senior Pastor and Chair of GC will convene an annual retreat for in-depth planning work and strategic planning.

### Who may apply to serve on the GC?

Anyone may apply who feels that they are called by God and has gifts and talents to contribute. We consider persons who have been actively engaged in the life of the church for at least a year. We desire the leadership to attend worship at least two times a month, participate in spiritual growth through classes or a grow group, serve in mission and to be tithing or working toward tithing.

### What is the process?

The nomination process begins on June 1 and goes through August 1. The applications are reviewed by the GC, and candidates will be invited to speak before the GC when needed. GC will hold a vote and candidates will be notified Oct. 1. The newly elected persons are called to start service the upcoming Jan. They are invited to the December meeting prior to observe.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Elkin serving as Chair of GC or myself.

~ 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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## 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

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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.



## Congratulations....

### Baptism...

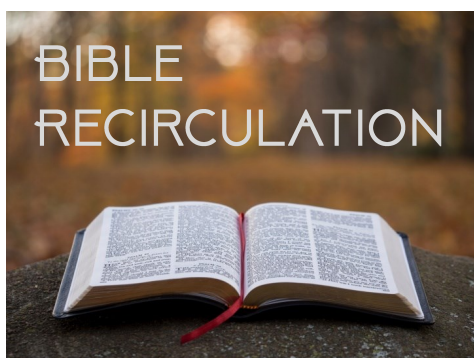
- **Josephine (Josie) Jean Howerton** was baptized May 13, 2018. Josie is the daughter of Andrew & Jenny Howerton.
- **Caitlin Marie McGill** was baptized May 20, 2018, Caitlin is the daughter of Christine Moses.

### Deaths...

- **Aaron Carlisle & family**, on the death of his grandfather, Roger Potts, who passed away April 24, 2018.
- **Stacy Cartmel & family** on the death of her mother, Carolyn Acton, who passed away April 25, 2018.
- **Ray Lahrman & family**, on the death of his mother, Sandy Lahrman, who passed away May 1, 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!



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.



**Nominations now until August open for Governing Council: descriptions of positions and application available online: [carmelumc.org/gc](http://carmelumc.org/gc)**

## Season of change... Season of farewells

It seems to me that the activity of nature during spring and fall does not necessarily reflect the activity of humanity for those seasons of life. Here is what I mean...

I am thinking that fall is the time when trees drop their leaves, flowers die back and vegetable gardens are ready for a break. Contrast this with humanity as this is a season for many of new starts as students and teachers return to the classroom and as new activities launch.

Spring is the beautiful season of new life as we have growing sunlight every day, trees bud and bloom and flower and vegetable gardens come alive. Contrast this with humanity as this is a season of good-byes as students and teachers and professors end the school year and award banquets and ceremonies signal the end of accomplishments.

This spring we will have our own season of change and time of farewell as Scott McDermid leaves Carmel UMC to pursue where God will call him to serve next. Scott will be very missed by this congregation, but we need to remember and celebrate him as a part of saying "good-bye".

Looking back, we remember when he first came to Carmel UMC in 2005 having previously served the Carmel Friends Church in youth ministry. Scott arrived with a youthful look (his hairstyle was different and he sported no facial hair) and energy to match. Scott began as the Minister of Youth and instantly developed lasting relationships with many of the students at Carmel UMC. He identified the need and created the first regular opportunities for students to participate in a weekly worship service. He developed strong service opportunities including mission trips to places including Mexico, Nashville (Tennessee), and El Salvador. He expanded the ski trip over the years (now called "WinterBlast") so that it has reached hundreds of students and become not only a time of fellowship, but also a time of worship with many over the years accepting Christ into their lives. His leadership contributed to the expansion of ministry through development of new part-time staffing roles as well as a dynamic volunteer team that continues to serve to this day.

Scott demonstrated strong preaching skills when leading youth worship on Sunday mornings, and was asked to lead the Contemporary Service as well. His leadership in this service has provided continuing growth in numbers and an increased sense of community among contemporary worshippers.

Initially, Scott also continued serving the youth part-time. It was identified that this ministry needed a full-time youth leader. This seemed to be God's hand at work, as Scott was feeling called to develop a ministry for young adults. Over the years, Scott's heart for students meant that he kept in touch long after they had graduated and were no longer his "responsibility". The transition to young adult ministry was a natural outcome of the relational investment that he continued to have with former students. Scott has laid a strong foundation for the Young Adult ministry to build upon.



I will say further that as a team member, Scott has always had wonderful ideas and a positive attitude. He quickly jumps in to contribute in support of other ministry areas. You may remember each year of VBS as he would dramatically play the lead character in the skits...which assured him to be the target of kids all week and to lose his voice in the process. Scott's leadership has had ripple effects on the entire congregation through opportunities including Kickoff Sunday which started as a youth program that grew to include the entire church.

Carmel UMC is a stronger congregation because of Scott's work and more importantly his presence. His longevity in ministry has played a big part in strengthening this community of faith to understand that being a part of the body of Christ requires us to sow seeds into the lives around us. Well done, Scott! You've been faithful in planting, tending, pruning, and harvesting.

As the rest of us continue to pursue a deepening commitment to the way of Jesus, let us remember that, although the seasons change, our call to the ongoing rhythm of sowing and reaping remains. The task continues and we are reminded that the harvest is plentiful (Matthew 9:37) but the workers are few.

**Will you be a willing worker in God's field?**

**I can't imagine a better way to honor Scott, and ultimately Christ himself, who is the reason Scott has served so faithfully.**

~ Pastor Patti

## 2018 CARMEL UMC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners!

Here are the outstanding scholarship recipients:

- Sutton Saunders plans to attend Ball State University and major in Secondary Education.
- Alexander Spanenberg plans to attend Butler University and major in Pharmacy.
- Jacob Wenthe plans to attend Indiana University and major in Journalism.

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

### Habitat For Humanity Carmel UMC Work Day!

The Carmel UMC build team met on May 19th for a very warm and wet day of building. As a team, we worked together to put siding on the home of a very deserving, extraordinary woman. We were blessed to work side-by-side with her and her children on the exterior of the home.

Thank you to Sandy Phillips and Ann Buskirk for providing lunch for the entire crew that day. We look forward to serving with Habitat again in the future.

***It was a day filled with connecting, growing, and serving!***



# Carmel UMC Preschool



It has been a busy month as we celebrated The Week of the Young Child and Race Day! Both events celebrated God's youngest children and were a time of fun and learning.

The preschool has completed its 2017-2018 school year! We had 70 students graduate from preschool and will be off to kindergarten in the fall. Please join me in praying for their successful journey and that they will continue to glorify God and his teachings.

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

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**Tiffany Lehman, Director**  
**[tlehman@carmelumc.org](mailto:tlehman@carmelumc.org)**





The 3rd Annual It's in the Bag auction was so much fun! And we met our target to raise money to support local charities. We appreciate the volunteers and attendees to this wonderful event!

## Women Circles

**Ruth Anna Circle** will gather for lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 918 S. Rangeline Road at 11:45 on Tuesday June 12. Reservations are required. If you have not already signed up and are not on a calling list, please call Katie Kessler at 317-846-9785 to reserve your place at the table. All ladies are welcome. This will be our last meeting until September 11. Enjoy your summer.

**Mom's Circle** is taking a break for the summer!

The ladies in the **Quilting Circle** have been working on Fidget Quilts for residents of the Green House Cottages, which is just east of our church. One of the cottages has 24 memory care residents. We are making these quilts with lots of interesting textures. We have 12 assembled so far. If you would like to get a kit to help with this project, please call Marie Harris 317-946-0272 or email at [mdrharris@aol.com](mailto:mdrharris@aol.com).

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

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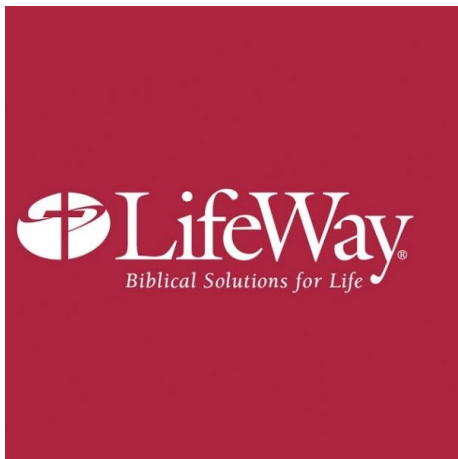
## BOOK GIVEAWAY!

We are making space in our Library/Conference Room for Grow Group and Discipleship materials for our groups and leaders. Subsequently, we are letting go of some of the books that are currently housed in the library. Each Sunday in June there will be a table outside the Library conference room with books available for you to take. All that we ask is that you would consider making a free will donation in the donation box on the table that will go toward maintaining and updating the library. Take as many books as you would like. For more information, contact Sandy Phillips at [sandyphillips11425@gmail.com](mailto:sandyphillips11425@gmail.com).



## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY!

Join us on Monday, June 18th from 6-8 p.m. for our Financial Peace Preview Night. Led by Shaina and Curtis Murphy (veterans of the course), you'll receive insight into what FPU classes look like and learn how you can sign up for our next 9 week course. This is a great opportunity to share with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members. It's also a great opportunity for new high school graduates or current college students to come and learn about how to manage their finances. To sign up for this preview night, please email the Murphys at [s18.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:s18.murphy@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there! (The next Financial Peace University 9 week course will start July 9th.)



## SHARING GOD'S WORD

Working in conjunction with Lifeway Resources and Stores, we will be joining the Share God's Word Campaign this summer! This will be an opportunity for YOU to take God's Word, the Bible, to one of your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or family members. Here's how it works...the week of July 2nd through the 8th, you will need to go to the Lifeway store at 5458 E 82nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46250 in Castleton. You tell them that you are a part of the Share God's Word Campaign from Carmel UMC. They will then give you a FREE BIBLE to share with anyone you know. We have 700 Bibles reserved for us for this week, so PLEASE take advantage of this opportunity to get God's Word out to our community. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org) or by calling the church office.



## MEN'S GATHERING

We'll be gathering once again as a group of dudes at Wolfie's in Carmel at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11th. We normally will meet the first Wednesday of the month, but with the first Wednesday next month being July 4th it will push us to the second Wednesday. So come and join us on July 11th for some good food, lots of fun, and great conversation! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Chris Thornsberry, at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org) or by calling the church office.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



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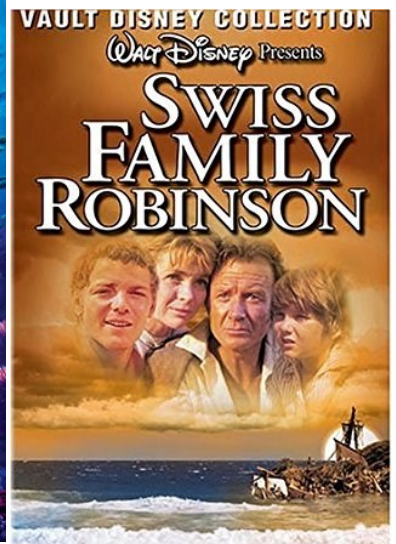
Family mission opportunity- bagel pick up and sorting for the Food Pantry! Kids all ages can help so it truly can be a family mission project. 1 time per month. If you would like to help- contact Jenny LeVora at [jennylevora@gmail.com](mailto:jennylevora@gmail.com)

## MOVIE NIGHT- Finding Dori and Swiss Family Robinson

Get ready for Vacation Bible School as we gather together to watch a movie and start making decorations for the best Children's Ministry week of the year at Carmel UMC.

**Saturday June 9th at 6:15pm.**

For both younger kids (Finding Dori) and older-(Swiss Family Robinson) and **parents!** This is not a drop-off event!



Summer camps provide an opportunity for your kids to have fun in a safe environment! This year we will only offer camps for 2 weeks in July. Kids may be here 1/2 day or all day- you choose. For kids 3 years old to 5th grade.

[Sign up here](#)

For more information,  
email [kids@carmelumc.org](mailto:kids@carmelumc.org)



VBS **Vacation Bible School** June 24-28, 6pm to 8:30pm. We will close registration Friday, June 22 or at 300 whichever is first!

Enjoy singing to a live band, experiencing Bible stories as they come to life, snacks, games and crafts. Missions donations are: Kids Coats (coats, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves) CUMC Food Pantry (cereal) Operation Classroom in Sierra Leone (school supplies), Soup's On (children's books -new or used) and Operation Leftover -Homeless ministry (hotel shampoo, conditioner and lotion) **Invite your friends today!**

**We need lots of volunteers to make VBS a success- please sign up [HERE](#) to serve!**

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



## COME ONE COME ALL! WE NEED WORKERS!

June 3 5:30- 8pm, any time basement -Childcare available

June 6 5:30-8pm any time basement orientation for new volunteers - Childcare available

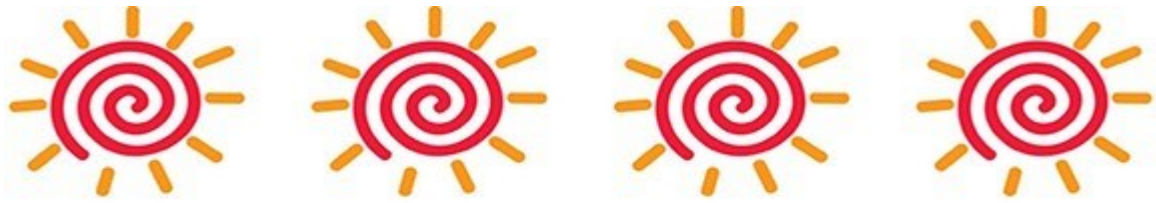
June 9 6-8pm Movie Night and work night- Hub, youth area basement

June 20-23 9am- 12noon, basement - Childcare available

June 20 5:30pm Stage build - Childcare available

June 24 after Church Childcare available





# SUMMER

## Sunday School

June 3 through August 12, school ages are combined and parents help for the summer. Preschoolers and Kindergartners (current grade) will use Owlegories, an animated series that follows a group of student owls as they travel on adventures learning about nature, faith, and God! 1st –5th graders (current grade) 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. This pioneering series packs tons of good theology into short sessions that everyone from students to adults will enjoy. Learn not only what the Bible says, but also why and what it means for us today. We use rightnowmedia.org (Netflix for Christian shows and studies, the Church can add you to its subscription for free!) We ask parents to volunteer 1 time per child (this allows our regular Sunday School teachers a little break for the summer).

**SIGN-UP HERE!**



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# HENDERSON SETTLEMENT



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Please lift in prayer the 2018 Henderson Settlement Mission Team. This team will be travelling to Frakes, KY June 10-16 to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Not only are we grateful for their servant hearts, but for their time, energy, and efforts working with this amazing mission.

Shirley Anderson

Eric Ayers

Christine Bach

Bill Bennett

Krissy Booth

Sydney Booth

Mark Bourgea

John Boyer

Debbie Carriger

Richard Carriger

Amy Case

Rick Chandler

Chris Dobie

Adam Gardner

Julie Gardner

Doug Herbert

Bob Hinnard

Katie Hinnard

Terri Hinnard

Austin Keith

Christine Keith

Bailey Lenig

Bill Leonard

Wayne Lerner

Scott McDermid

Pat McNall

Sondra McNall

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Morgan Phillips

Sandy Phillips

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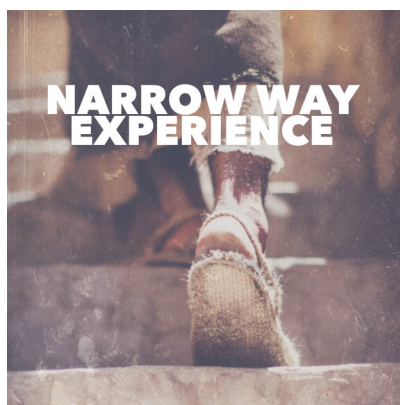
Richard Walton

Tammy Walton

Ron Williams



**YOUTH THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP:** Thursday's from 7-8:30pm at the fire pit and gaga court. We will have games, campfire, worship music, and guests sharing their faith stories. Feel free to invite your friends. We look forward to seeing you!



**Narrow Way Experience:** A unique summer challenge for students that are looking to go deeper in their faith and put it into practice. Students will have weekly challenges, get out of their comfort zones, and hold each other accountable. In order to be a part of this, students must set up a meeting with Kevin and Matt ASAP! We will meet on Tuesdays at 10am.

Please keep the **Youth Nashville Mission Team** in your prayers during the coming weeks as we prepare for our trip June 18-23. We will be heading to Nashville, TN with more than 2 dozen individuals who will have the chance to learn God's Word and serve in powerful ways. We will join with other churches and work with widows, immigrants, persons with disabilities and children.



Be praying for this group that we would have unity as a team, be led by God's Spirit, and meet both physical and spiritual needs. Our greatest prayer is that students discover that serving is an act of worship.



*Psalm 98:4*

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

Please consider joining the summer choir which sings every second Sunday of the months of June, July and August. Songs are:

**June - Shall We Gather At the River**  
**July - The Hills are Alive (from the Sound of Music)**  
**August - Give Me a Song**

All are invited to sing in the Summer Choir, so put these dates on your calendars! We will rehearse at 8:30 AM and sing at both the 9:00 AM and 10:45 AM traditional Worship services.



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**HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS:** Are you interested in helping CUMC be one of the friendliest churches in Carmel? Do you have one Sunday morning a month that you can volunteer your time? We need door greeters, Welcome Center hosts, ushers, parking lot greeters (coming Fall 2018), and worship center greeters (coming Fall 2018) to help make our Sunday morning worship experience more friendly for first time guests and those who are regular attenders as well. If you're interested in volunteering, we can provide you training. All you need to do is contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org) or call the church office at 317-844-7275 to receive more information.

**GROW GROUP HOST HOMES:** We are in need of individuals or families who would be willing to offer their homes to host one of our Grow Groups. We have leaders who are unable to host due to distance, but are willing to lead a Grow Group...all we need is a home to meet in. If you have space for 12-15 individuals to meet twice a month in your home and would be interested in hosting, please contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org). Requirements for this opportunity are minimal. Contact Chris today!



A huge congrats to Mary & Sam who became US citizens this year. They are Coptic Christians in the ESL program & have worked hard to learn English.

It is wonderful to celebrate students who reach important milestones. **THANK YOU TO ALL ESL VOLUNTEERS!** These success stories happen in large part because of you.

If you are interested in learning more about the program (no teaching background is required to teach conversational English) contact @Barbara Krueger ([blkruieger18@gmail.com](mailto:blkruieger18@gmail.com)) 317-903-7007 or Jana Miller ([mjmillier2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjmillier2@sbcglobal.net)) 317-513-9656.



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

**JUNE 2018**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* *Day Trip to N. Kentucky's The Ark Encounter (July 2018)*
  - \* *The Theology of Star Wars class (August 2018)*
  - \* *The Footsteps of Jesus 2020 Holy Land Trip (February 2020)*
-