

Dear Carmel UMC,

I want to say thank you for 13 amazing years! I know it's a cliché, but time really does fly. I can't believe I have been on staff and a part of this church for more years than I attended public school! I remember those early days with the youth ministry (I was hired as full time youth pastor) fondly and vividly. I spent my first week on a mission trip to Des Moines, Iowa and it was quite memorable (riding on a firetruck, going to Adventureland...) and that was just the start. Over the years I have been on dozens of retreats and mission trips including 7 international mission trips to Mexico (twice), Guatemala, and El Salvador (four times) and have had hundreds of students attend these events, as well as weekly programs at the church and in our community. In recent years I was asked to step in and take over the Contemporary Service (formerly called The Stream) on an interim basis...and I've been doing it ever since. I have the honor of preaching most weeks and sharing God's word with this church. I have been blessed to work under two amazing Senior Pastors (Greg and Patti) and with some incredible staff members who I now consider dear friends and mentors.

This church has become my family's church home. Our kids have been raised in the incredible Children's Ministry under the care of Ginny Allison and Aj Mildenberg and my wife and I have been blessed to be a part of an awesome small group full of people we love dearly! We have always felt loved and known at Carmel UMC and we are so grateful.

My final words of encouragement to you would be to keep seeking Jesus with all your heart. We have a huge task in front of us (to reach the world with

the good news of Jesus) and my prayers will be with you as you seek to connect with God and others, grow in your faith and serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

And let us remember these words from Hebrews 12 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."*

In God's Perfect Love,

Scott



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.



Congratulations....

Births...

Jeremy Paul Gay born June 1, 2018 to Earl & Jenn Gay. Proud grandparents are Ken & Marge Hubert.

Baptism...

Owen Michael Laughlin was baptized June 24, 2018. Owen is the son of Sam & Karissa Laughlin.

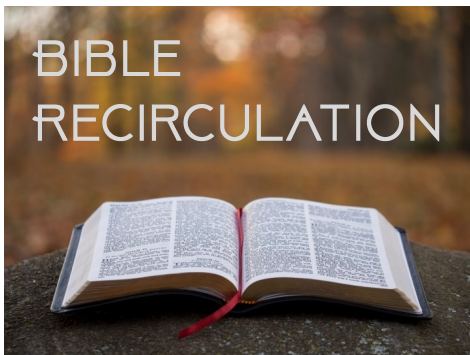
Deaths...

Jean Wilson & family, on the death of her husband, **Dennis Wilson**, who passed away May 25, 2018.



REGISTER HERE TO
VOLUNTEER!

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS for one week in July to help with a daily reading program through Project Transformation. The time commitment is a few hours a day and will require you to read to kids. Read about the project at: projecttransformation.org/Indiana to sign up to volunteer or for more information about Carmel UMC's volunteers, contact Nicole Todd at ntodd@carmelumc.org



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



June 7-9 was the annual gathering of lay persons and clergy to worship together and to do the business of the church. From the message by Bishop Julius Trimble, and through times of worship, there were constant reminders for the church to be united and focused on our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world.

It was an honor as committees made their reports to see our own congregation's participation. Nancy Leonard and Karen Gould both served as trustees for the conference. Also present were the two representatives from Carmel UMC, Nolan and Carol Barrios. If you have any questions, they would love to speak with you.

Though there were no outright discussions or demonstrations, one could feel the undertow of the issues of LGBTQ as we approach the special General Conference of 2019 to address the church's position.

Here are a few of the resolutions which passed:

- It was resolved that we live by our social

principle that we deplore acts of hate or violence against any group or person based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity or religious affiliation.

- It was resolved that we would work to eliminate racism and violence directed toward newly arriving migrants from all parts of the world, as well as those who have lived and worked among us for some time, and that we express our opposition to any policy that breaks apart families and excludes refugees solely on the basis of their religion or national origin.
- It was resolved that a letter of invitation be sent to Wesley Seminary to begin dialogue about Wesley Seminary becoming an approved seminary for training United Methodist candidates in ministry.

As we now move closer to the May 2019 special General Conference, which is solely focused on issues of LGBTQ, I will keep you apprised of any action taken. If you currently desire to have your own personal voice be heard, you may go the UMC website at umc.org and submit a petition. Most of all, I ask that we unite our hearts in prayer that God's will be done throughout this process and through the decision made.

Blessings, Pastor Patti



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 or call the church office at 317-844-7275 to receive more information.

Carmel UMC Preschool



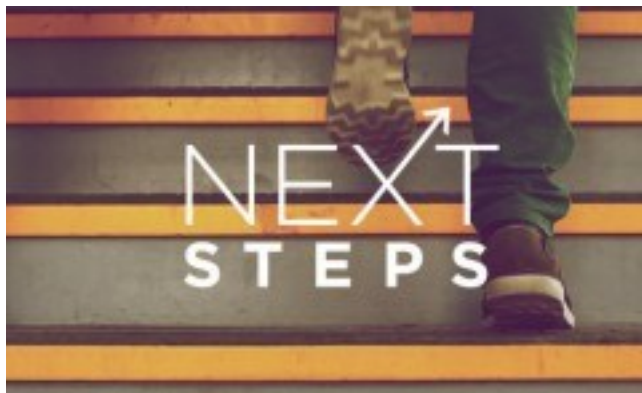
It has been a busy month as we celebrated The Week of the Young Child and Race Day! Both events celebrated God's youngest children and were a time of fun and learning.

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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God created you with unique gifts and incredible potential. Next Steps is a four-step process designed to help you explore the history and ministries of Carmel UMC, discover your gifts, develop your leadership, as well as live your life and faith to the fullest. This four week group is designed for anyone interested in becoming a fully active member of Carmel UMC or if you want a refresher on what God is doing in and through the church.

Some Benefits in taking this course...

- Learn about CUMC's Mission/Vision.
- Get connected to a Grow Group or Bible Study Group.
- Learn how you can serve here at CUMC through our missions opportunities.
- Find out what your spiritual gifts are and how to apply them.
- Learn about the biblical role of tithing through our time, talent, and finances.
- If you miss a class, you can make it up the next time around without having to start over.
- Become a FULLY ACTIVE MEMBER of CUMC once you complete the course.

A Member Mentor that will check in with you monthly and who you can count on to answer your questions and guide you in growing in your membership.

Classes will be offered every Sunday in August from 10:15am - 11:15am in room LL8 (If you attend the 10:45 service, we ask that you attend the 9am for just these 4 weeks). To register for this class, you can do so on our website, email Karen at kmctaggart@carmelumc.org, or call the church office at 317-844-7275. The deadline to register is Sunday, July 29th. The next set of classes will be offered in November. For more information, please mail Barbara Krueger at bkrueger@carmelumc.org. Childcare is provided but must be reserved, please register soon if you need childcare.

CUMC is looking for a few awesome individuals who are current and active members of our congregation to serve as sponsors for our new members. Each sponsor should be willing to connect with 1-2 individuals or families once per month for 3 months. Contact can, but is not limited to, a phone call, dinner, coffee, etc. If you're interested in helping our new members feel connected and interested in meeting new people, please contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org or call the church office at 317-844-7275 to receive more information.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

— ministries —



THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday-Friday, August 9-10, 2018

You have influence and the ability to positively impact your community and world. No matter where your influence is - in your family, school, work, or church - when you commit to grow your leadership, everyone around you wins! Join 445,000+ people around the world for two days of world-class leadership training through the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit Conference. We'll be hearing from people like Craig Groeschel (Senior Pastor of Life.Church),

Angela Ahrendts (Senior VP of Retail, Apple), Simon Sinek (NYT Best Selling Author, Futurist, & Optimist), as well as Erwin McManus (Founder of Mosaic LA) and leadership expert/best selling author John Maxwell.

This event will take place at the Summit satellite campus at St. Luke's UMC in Indianapolis on Thursday & Friday, August 9th and 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Because we are going as a group, there is a discount. However, you must register by Sunday, August 29th in order to receive the discount. Cost is \$209 per person (includes lunch from Chic-fil-a and Potbelly plus all materials and sessions. To register, please contact Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. For more info on the event, go to <http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/#>.



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 this 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, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org or by calling the church office.

GROW GROUP HOST HOMES



We are in need of individuals or families who would be willing to be host homes for 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. Requirements for this opportunity are minimal. Contact Chris today!

The Betty Carew Foundation in Sierra Leone, named for the wife of the first Methodist Bishop in Sierra Leone, has established a Women's Foundation in that country for teaching women cooking and sewing skills to help support their families. Betty Carew, the granddaughter of the woman for whom the foundation is named, came to Ruth Anna Circle at CUMC to tell us about the need for sewing machines, and \$500 was donated, which funded a total of 4 treadle sewing machines and supplies. Betty was able to contribute an additional overlock and embroidery machine. If anyone is interested in more information or making contributions, you may contact Betty at bettyncarew@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



SING-A-LONG!

Family Movie Night is WEDNESDAY, July 18th @ 6:00pm for young and not so young! The Sound of Music showing on the beautiful walls of the youth hub! Popcorn and candy free! It's a sing-a-long version so be ready to sing with Julie Andrews and the whole cast! Costumes appreciated but not required!

Wednesday, July 18 @ 6pm

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



VBS 2018





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!





YOUTH THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP:

The youth meet most Thursday Nights from 7-8:30pm at the fire pit for games, worship music, and guests who share their faith stories. This is open to all middle and high school students.



Nashville SLAM Mission Trip: We took 32 people (26 middle and high school students and 6 adults) to Nashville, TN for a week long mission trip June 18-23rd with an organization called SLAM (Students Living A Mission). We had an amazing time serving any way SLAM needed us, including running kids camps (mini VBS), visiting and cleaning residents in a low income apartment tower for people 60 and over, serving food at a rescue mission, and helping create a better recreational space for local residents to play soccer. The students who went were incredible and were always ready to help in way needed. We were all impressed with how hard they worked, how much fun they had, and how well they got along with each other and all they encountered. All of the leaders did a great job directing and helping foster stronger relationships with God and amongst the students. We are so grateful for the opportunity to go and serve, being the hands and feet of Christ, and representing CUMC. **WATCH VIDEO BELOW!**





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:

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.

2018 MUSIC CELEBRATION DINNER:





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JULY 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)*