

Ballooning in the Spirit!

Sunday, September 9th

9:00am and 10:45am

Join us for combined services as we feature Inlatable Stories. Come hear Dr. Dan share his love for children's ministry and passion for balloons, allowing him to spread the gospel in unique and powerful ways. In his hands, balloons transform into life-size works of art reflecting the truth of scripture in a way that captivates hearts and minds. These are "blown-up stories" to share life's biggest truths!

After the service, stay to enjoy inflatable slides, bounce houses and food trucks! This is an event your whole family will LOVE!



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

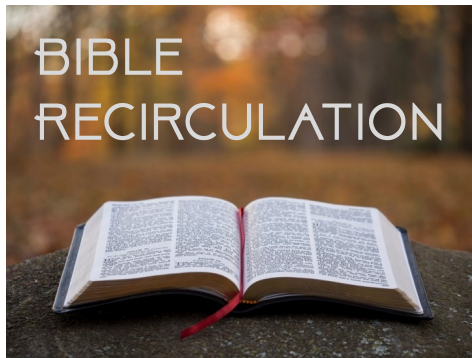
The Church Governing Council meets each month. If you have any questions regarding these meetings please contact Pat Morrison.



Births...Rhett George Silvius born August 1, 2018 to Kevin & Alexa Silvius. Proud grandparents are Greg & Micah Robbins and Jeff & Roxann Silvius.

Baptism...Grayson Anthony Dale Wozniak was baptized August 19, 2018. Grayson is the son of Anthony & Amber Wozniak. Morgan Elizabeth Koehler was baptized August 26, 2018. Morgan is the daughter of Michael and Sara (Beck) Koehler.

Deaths...Olu Akerele & family on the death of his father, Benjamin Akerele who passed away, July 19, 2018. Sue Noonan & family on the death of her mother Ann Mattis who passed away July 25, 2018. The family of Lacey Almquist who passed away August 6, 2018. Kay Hapner & family on the death of her sister-in-law, Marcia Knee who passed away Aug. 14, 2018. Evelyn Rice & family on the death of her brother, Emerson Dansay who passed away August 26, 2018.



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.



HAMILTON COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK

Mark your calendars for the annual Hamilton County CROP Walk to be held on Sunday afternoon, October 7th @ 1:30pm!

The walk starts at the Carmel Gazebo and stays on the Monon Trail.

Each year, Carmel United Methodist Church and many other local churches participate in this event to help raise funds to end world and local hunger and disaster relief. For more information contact Ed King (317-574-1475 or jeking@dow.com).

Look for additional information and sign-up tables in September.

A FREE T-shirt will be provided to all CUMC walkers!





The Sunday afternoon drive... I think that has gone by the wayside along with clothesline, party lines, and landlines.

I can remember as a child that some Sunday afternoons my parents would pile our family into our car without seatbelts, electric windows and GPS for a Sunday afternoon drive because we didn't have anything else to do and because it was quality family time. What was the plan and the destination? There was none other than just meandering, usually through the country for a few hours. Sometimes we would stop and get out of the car. That really helped my attitude, as I really had no use for just driving when I could have been home reading a book !!! My dad's rule for me in the car was to put the book down and enjoy the scenery.

While meandering is important in regards to slowing down from the usual craziness of daily life, meandering in respect to our discipleship probably does not indicate that there is a plan or intention for our growth in our relationship with Jesus. If we meander too much in our discipleship, some areas of our faith grow while others do not--and perhaps we only grow in the ways that are easiest for us.

If your faith journey has been growing but not with an intentional plan of balance and progression, it may be time for a **shift** and we are excited to be launching this fall a **DISCIPLES SHIFT** !!! We will launch a sermon series on September 16 sharing how your **discipleship** may become more planned and intentional, therefore maximizing your potential as a disciple of Jesus. You will be presented a charted course with checkpoints along the way to help you set goals so no more meandering!

Meandering has its purpose but only in the right places. Let's make a **shift** this fall!!!

Blessings, Patti

Rev. Patti Napier
Senior Pastor
Carmel UMC



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.

COULD YOU BE A



HOST

A **HOST** should have the following qualities and are able to do a few minor tasks:

- H** Heart for people
- O** Open your home to others
- S** Serve snacks
- T** Turn on a DVD player/TV

If you can do these things then you already know how to be a **HOST** for upcoming Grow Groups this Fall. We are looking for individuals or families who are interested in being **HOSTs for our upcoming Discipleship sermon series this fall**. We just need you to commit to 4 weeks of hosting and facilitating discussion in your home based on our Discipleship sermon series. If that's you, please contact Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org.



NETWORK GROUP LEADERS: Do you like to play basketball? How about bowling? Are you into reading good books by great authors or maybe you're into walking and exercise? What are your passions and hobbies?

There's a good chance that if you have a hobby you like, someone else out there does too! If you're interested in seeing if others would like to get together and network around the things you're passionate about, contact Chris Thornsberry to help facilitate a new Network Group!

Email: cthornsberry@carmelumc.org

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 be, but is not limited to, a phone call, dinner, coffee, etc. If you're interested in helping our new members feel connected and you are 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.

GROW

ADULT
DISCIPLESHIP
—ministries—

Check out all the ways to get connected and to GROW!



GUY'S NIGHT @ WOLFIE'S: *DATE CHANGE* Once again we will be gathering as a group of dudes at Wolfie's in Carmel. Join us Tuesday, September 4th at 7pm. We'll have some fun, great conversation, and good food! Please email Chris at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org to let us know if you are coming!



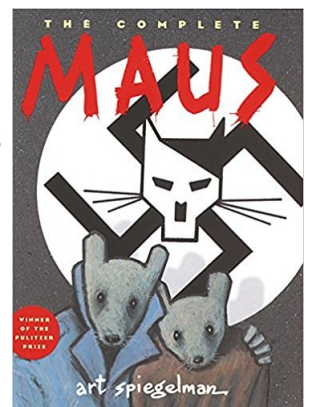
CORNERSTONE MEN'S GROW GROUP *NEW GROW GROUP*

We're launching a new Grow Group that will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month from 6-8pm in room LL8. We'll be exploring relevant topics pertaining to issues that men are experiencing today, our role in our homes, church, business, and community. We'll also have guest speakers from time to time. So if you're a guy 18 or older, come join us! If you're interested in joining this group, please email Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. Group starts Tuesday, Sept. 11th.

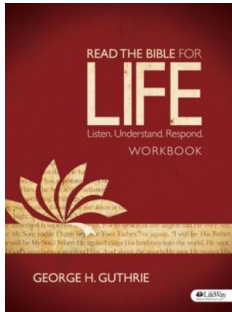
MAUS, PARTS I & II: A GRAPHIC NOVEL DISCUSSION

The Pulitzer Prize-winning *Maus* tells the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story. *Maus* approaches the unspeakable through the diminutive. Its form, the cartoon (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), shocks us out of any lingering sense of familiarity and succeeds in "drawing us closer to the bleak heart of the Holocaust" (The New York Times).

Maus is a haunting tale within a tale. Vladek's harrowing story of survival is woven into the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father. Against the backdrop of guilt brought by survival, they stage a normal life of small arguments and unhappy visits. This astonishing retelling of our century's grisliest news is a story of survival, not only of Vladek but of the children who survive even the survivors. *Maus* studies the bloody pawprints of history and tracks its meaning for all of us.



We'll be meeting to discuss parts 1 & 2 of *Maus* in the Library/Conference room, Sunday's October 14th and 21st from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.. Discussion will be facilitated by Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship. You can register for the class and purchase your book online starting Sept. 16th. Cost for book is \$20.



READING THE BIBLE FOR LIFE GROUP STUDY

Read the Bible for Life by George Guthrie is an approach to greater biblical literacy. This study equips individuals to better understand the Bible by introducing you to its history, genres, interpretation, and proper application to transform lives through reading and studying God's Word. God inspired the biblical writers to use a variety of literary types, including stories, poetry, proverbs, parables, and others.

Read the Bible for Life teaches you how to read the various types of biblical literature in a way that unlocks God's intended meaning, enabling you to accurately interpret the Bible and appropriately apply its teachings to life. Read the Bible for Life provides tools and a process in your life for ongoing, life-changing training that equips you to understand this

grand story and how its various parts fit together. Once you understand the story of Scripture, you can better understand how you fit into that story.

Study is led by Kevin Andrews, and will meet every Thursday for 9 weeks starting Oct. 4th - Dec. 6th (skipping Thanksgiving week); in the Library/Conference room from 6:30-8 p.m. Registration begins Sept. 2nd. Cost of workbook is \$15.00. Additional resources will be available for purchase at registration, but are not necessary for the class. For more information, contact Kevin Andrews at kandrews@carmelumc.org.

POP (PARENTING OUR PARENTS) CLASS

Millions of men and women in their 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and beyond who thought that they had finished parenting have been drawn back in time; this time, to care for their own elderly parents and other family members.

Maybe you are in this season, been in this season or are looking at it staring you in the face. I think that probably most all of us will experience this time sometime in our lives because there is a season for everything under the sun. I know that I have and I know it will come into my life again.

We will be offering this class to explore the issues of this season of life and how we may navigate through it faithfully, lovingly and knowing that we are not alone. Because these sessions will be interactive, class size is limited, so you'll want to register as soon as possible.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 10/24 - 11/14 with two guest speaker presentations on 11/15 (Elder Law) and 11/18 (Funeral Homes). One class will be held at 10 am and the other at 6:30 pm. There is no book to purchase. There is no fee. You are just asked to commit to attending the six sessions and participating. Join me, Pastor Patti for this class.

If being a Christian community means that we share life together, we look forward to sharing this season of life with you. (Rooms are TBA closer to the class times.)



GROW GROUP HOST HOMES (Different than the H.O.S.T. program)



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!

**WESLEY LAY ACADEMY CERTIFICATION
*ONLINE OPPORTUNITY***

There is a broad mainstream of Christian theology out there. But there's a shortage of high-quality educational materials that make those ideas accessible to adult laypeople. The Wesley Theological Seminary Lay Academy fills this gap, bringing the teaching of the world's best theologians right to you.



The Wesley Theological Seminary Lay Academy — created in partnership with Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. — has created courses and educational materials that are theologically rich and deep. The program is based on one core idea: that churches thrive when they are connected to a strong seminary, and seminaries are strong when they are affiliated with vital congregations. Its vision is to be a leading resource for the education of the *whole church in the whole world*. *BeADisciple in partnership with Carmel UMC is pleased to be partnering with the Wesley Theological Seminary Lay Academy to bring the great courses they provide into an online setting.*

There are 6 classes total that you must take with lots of options. All classes are online through Blackboard and can be done at your own pace anywhere in the world. For more information about this opportunity, please email Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org.

**DEVOTION TO JESUS: THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST IN EARLIEST CHRISTIANITY
*ONLINE OPPORTUNITY***



Dr. Larry Hurtado contends that worship of Jesus was a very early, widespread and radical practice for 1st century believers. A renowned professor at Edinburgh College, Hurtado is an expert in Christian origins. In this course, Hurtado utterly refutes those skeptical scholars that propose that belief in the divinity of Jesus grew incrementally over time. The more plausible explanation is that Jesus believed he had a unique relationship with God and that he was God's decisive agent in human history.

Facilitated by Rev. Beth Perry, graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Pastor in the UMC; this class will take place Oct. 8th through Dec. 10th. Cost of class is \$50. If you are interested in more information or registering for the class, please email Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. This class is online and can be done at your own pace anywhere in the world.

Lessons Include:

1. Introduction to Jesus Devotion
2. Roman and Jewish Backgrounds
3. Jesus in the Letters of Paul
4. Jesus in Jewish Christianity
5. Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels
6. Jesus in the Gospel of John
7. The Costs and Consequences of Jesus Devotion
8. How Did It Happen? Why Does It Matter Today?

Experience the places and
people of the Holy Land



FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS 2020 HOLY LAND TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Join us as we discover the Holy Land together, Feb. 10-20, 2020. This meeting is for anyone who is interested in receiving more information about our Holy Land trip. Join Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, and Bill Shannon of Educational Opportunities, as they share about the trip; going to places like Cana & Nazareth, Galilee, Samaria, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and the Dead Sea. We'll discuss these places, cost, safety, and what to expect. You'll also have a chance to ask any questions you may have. For more information about this trip or to register, please contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org.



ST. GEORGE FESTIVAL

Join Barbara Krueger, Minister of Shepherding and New Members, as we head out to the St. George Festival in Fishers, IN. The St.

George Festival presents a Christian heritage of faith, hospitality, food, music, and crafts from our roots in the Holy Land. The family-oriented festival includes a variety of Middle Eastern cuisines and pastries, bookstore, live band, dancing, and vendor booths with arts and crafts. The festival is held at St. George Orthodox Christian Church, 10748 E. 116th St. in Fishers. Tour guides will explain the church's unique Byzantine architecture, Greek iconography, and beliefs.

Our group will be going on Saturday, Sept. 22nd from 1-3 p.m. (bus departs from CUMC at 12:45 p.m.). If you are wanting to attend or if you need to take our bus, please email Barbara at bkrueger@carmelumc.org. For more information about the festival, check out their website at www.stgfest.org.

DRAWING TO THE ROCK WORSHIP THROUGH ART SERVICE

Drawing to the Rock is a creative arts ministry of Kerry Jackson, North American Missionary from Marietta, GA. Drawing the Rock performances are a fresh and creative way for the Gospel of Jesus to be communicated. Join us on Sunday evening, Oct. 7th from 6-7 p.m. in the Chapel, when Kerry will enhance our worship experience and lead us to visually experience God in a new and powerful way!

To see a video of one of Kerry's experiences as well as get more information about Kerry, checkout his website at www.drawingtotherock.com. A Love Offering will be taken in support of Kerry's ministry and prints will be for sale.



DISCIPLE



DISCIPLE I CLASS

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders.

The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible.

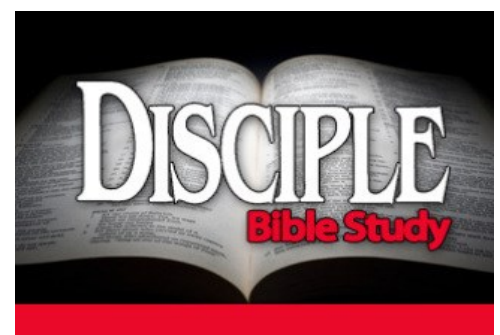
This first study in the program is DISCIPLE: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY, a thirty-four week overview of the entire Bible. Three and one-half to four hours of independent study each week is required in preparation for weekly group meetings. While this may seem like a lot, you can ask individuals who have been through this series about the life change they have experienced because of it.

Registration for the class is \$40 per person (this includes your student book as well as the class) Classes are led by Janet Boyd and Lisa Wallace on Tuesday evenings starting September 18th. For more questions about registration, please contact Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org For questions regarding the class experience, please contact Janet Boyd at boydkjmr@msn.com.

DISCIPLE II CLASS

Disciple: Into the Word Into the World is the second study in the four-phase Disciple program and is prepared for those who are graduates of Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture for the purpose of changing habits and transforming lives.

The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. This study understands the growing Christian as under discipline in community and in ministry to the world. Disciple: Into the Word Into the World approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service. This 32 week class requires participants to have completed Disciple I and will be facilitated by Bill Leonard every Monday night starting Monday, September 17th. The cost of this course, which includes the student manual and the class, is \$40.00. Registration is open. For questions about registration, please email Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. For questions regarding the class experience, please email Bill Leonard at bleonard519@yahoo.com.



NEXT STEPS

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS



God created you with unique gifts and incredible potential. Next Steps is a four-step process designed to help you explore the history and ministry 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. Classes are forming now and will begin in October. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Krueger, Minister of Shepherding and New Members, at bkrueger@carmelumc.org.



**COMING
SOON!**

Financial Peace Class

Our fall Financial Peace class will be launching soon! If you are interested in receiving up to date information, as it becomes available, regarding our next class opportunity, please email Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org.



Children's Ministry News

September 2018



Sunday School classes at 9am are by individual age and grade. Please make sure that kids are signed in per our computer system to insure safety and security of all our children.

3 year old I (3 by 8/1) room 115

4 year old (4 by 8/1) room 117

Kindergarten room 206

First grade room 207

Second grade room 209

Third grade room 208

Fourth grade LL14 (basement)

Fifth grade LL13 (basement)



~~Kids need to sign in each Sunday and receive a name tag. Sunday School does not begin for any of these classes until the Children's Moment is **finished**. Please do not drop your kids off early or send them to their class until that time.

~ OWL– Our Wise Lord Back pack tags with Bible verse. Take one home today!

~ No Sunday School 9/9 and 12/9

~ Large group Sunday School on 9/2, 10//14, 11/25, 12/23, 12/30

Kids Choirs:

The kids choirs meet on Sundays at 10:10am to 10:40am. The KICK choir for 1st through 5th graders meets in room 16, in the basement. This choir is led by Kristen Thornsberry, elementary music teacher in Lawrence township. The Cherub choir for pre-school through kindergartners meets in 116 also at 10:10 through 10:40am. This choir is led by Carol Getch, former children's minister at Noblesville United Methodist Church. Choirs do not meet on 3 day weekends and holiday weekends.

Kids will sing in both the Traditional and Contemporary services on :

September 23

October 28

December 9



Play at the park! Meet other families at Monon Park, **September 5** after school. Pastor Aj will meet you there with a snack! If it is raining, it is canceled.



**Family Mission
project
at home for all
ages!**

Easy and fun project for the food pantry! Pick up bagels and sort them for friends from the food pantry to take home.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0A45A8A82DA0F58-bagel>

Or Jenny LeVora at jennylevora@gmail.com

Moms Bible Study

Want to know more about the Bible? Want to get to know others from Church? September 6, 9:15-10:30 begins the Moms Bible study. We meet for a short time and there is no homework. Childcare is available and free!

This year we are studying : You only know your kid once in the phase they're in now.



Mom's Bible Study

Parenting Through The Phases is a small group study for parents based on The Phase Project and The Phase Guides. You have approximately 936 weeks from the time your child is born until he or she moves on to what's next. It goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. This small group study will help you discover what's changing about your kid, the six things your kid needs most, and four conversations to have with your kid while they are in each phase. For more information: amildenberg@carmelumc.org



Family Mission night- September 9th- 5:00

Kids Coats mission night!

All Ages welcome!

We will be wrapping and decorating boxes to go into the schools as collection receptacles for coats, mittens, scarves and boots. We will meet in the Gathering place to put together these donation boxes!

September 23: 3 year olds and 3rd grade Bible programs!

3rd Grade Bible program Each year during September, we begin by having a short class about the Bible for our third graders **and** their parents. Join us for the Bible class on September 23 at the Sunday School hour, (9:15am) following the children's moment. Then we will present the Bibles to the kids at both services (Traditional or Contemporary) later the same day 10:45am.. This Bible was especially chosen so that your kids may use them in pre-confirmation-4th and 5th grade and also in Confirmation(6th grade). You and your child must attend the class to receive the Bible. Please let me know you will be participating so that I can make sure I have enough Bibles and educational materials.



This year we are adding a Bible class and presentation to children in the **3 year old program**. (Children must be 3 by August 1, 2018) There will be a class for you and your child at 10am on Sunday, September 23 and then the presentation of the Bibles will be at the 10:45am service, the same day. This Bible, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* tells the story beneath all the stories in the Bible. At the center of all is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. From Noah, to Moses, to the great King David---every story points to him. He is the missing piece to the puzzle---the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the story unfolds, children will pick up the clues and piece together the puzzle. Reservations are required so that we will have enough Bibles and other materials.

Questions- contact AJ at Amildenberg@carmelumc.org



The Phase Project, September 18 at 6-7:30pm

Every week, across the country we spend countless hours and dollars investing in kids and teenagers. Moms and dads hope their children will grow up with the kind of faith that transforms their decisions, enriches their relationships, and leads to a better future.

But in spite of the best hopes and intentions, many kids still grow up and miss experiencing God's unconditional love and forgiveness.

Maybe they miss it because we missed something about...

A preschooler's brain development ~ A child's way of reasoning and relating ~A middle schooler's basic emotional needs ~A high schooler's most fundamental motive

That's why the Just a Phase Project was created. It is a collaborative, ongoing, effort assembling classic and innovative research, with practical application.

It synthesizes the work of national leaders in children and youth development and authors around the country to summarize and simplify...

hundreds of hours of research ~interviews with licensed professional counselors ~surveys of more than 250 state teachers of the year ~countless conversations with age group ministry staff ~so the average parent and leader can understand kids better.

Why?

So adults don't miss what's happening during the critical phases of growing up.

So leaders and parents can connect God's love and forgiveness to the heart of the next generation.

Please join: Preschool Director, Tiffany Lehman; Children's and Family Minister, Rev. Aj Mildenberg; Matt Sherrill, Youth Director; Chris Thornsberry, Adult Discipleship and Rev. Jill Buckner, counselor. To join with you because, "Time is always moving. We can't slow it down. We can't stop it. We can't reverse it. But if we aren't careful, we can miss it." When it comes to the the lives of the children and teenagers growing up around us, they are changing faster than we realize. Every phase (age) comes with distinct opportunities we can use to influence their future.

Childcare available.

CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOUTH

CREATING A PLACE FOR EVERY TEENAGER



INTERSECT KICKOFF:

Sunday, September 9th from 6-7:30pm all 6-12th graders are invited to come check out our new format for the fall, featuring Middle School and High School breakout groups, music and more. This will be a more relaxed setting and less time commitment, so bring your friends. **please note: we will not provide a meal.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019 KICKOFF:

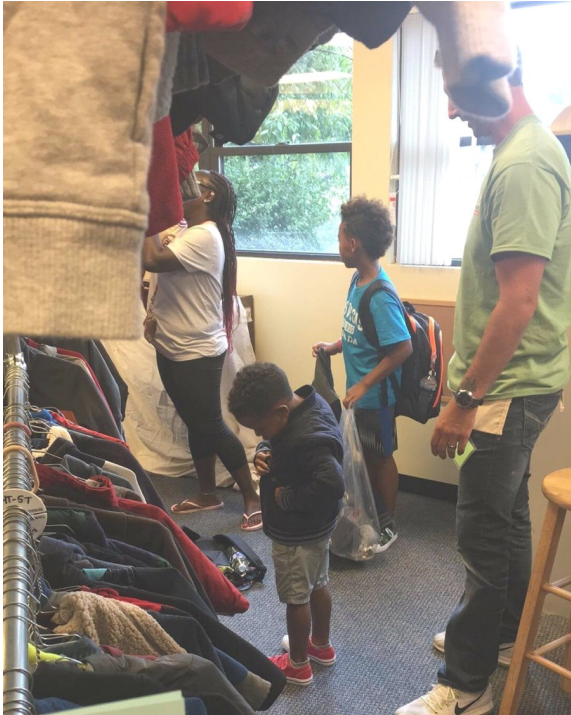
This confirmation class is open to all 6th grade students or any older students who didn't take it and would like to participate. Please join us **SEPTEMBER 16th** at 9:15am. We will first break into small groups. Then parents will join us at 10:00 for closing music and upcoming lessons for the week. If you have any questions or would like to participate, contact Matt @msherrill@carmelumc.org.



FALL YOUTH RETREAT: Mark your calendar for Sept. 21-23rd. We are going to Ark Christian Ministries again this year. Open to all 7-12th grade students. Cost \$80/person. Registration is OPEN on the website www.carmelumc.org/youth

Local Missions

Kids Coats is already gearing up for winter at CUMC! We could use you on our Team!
Contact Stacy Cartmel for more information carmel@kidscoats.org



2,289 lightweight jackets given out at Merciful HELP Center's Tools For School event July 21-22, 2018.

Hamilton County



Kids CoatsSM



Kids coats saves lightweight jackets that we receive in donations then we give them out at back-to-school events!



ESL @ CARMEL UMC enters it's fifth year in ministry, providing conversational English to immigrants in Hamilton County. We have served adults from 12 countries & are thankful for each tutor & student. A special thanks to Orchard Park Presbyterian for joining the mission this year. ESL is blessed by community support from St. Marks UMC as well as other churches in Hamilton County. Interested in becoming a tutor? No experience is required to teach, only a love of people and being a native speaker. For more info contact Barbara Krueger @ 317-903-7007 or Jana Miller @317-513-9656.

The CUMC Endowment Committee is launching a fun opportunity to honor our church's 170th anniversary while building resources to continue our ministries and missions in the future. Look for a mailing this month with more information about ways to contribute to 3 of our funds: Music, Mike Miller Preschool Scholarship, and Maintenance. Contact Gary Noonan at gmn2901@aol.com with questions.

How Endowment Works at Carmel UMC



An Endowment Fund is established with a major gift from a generous donor.



Through prudent fiscal management by the Endowment Committee and church administrators, the endowment fund grows and produces investment income.



The principle is held in perpetuity, while a percentage of the investment income is paid out each year.

Endowment income can fund:

- Building Facilities
- Church Property
- Missions
- The Preschool
- Music Ministry
- The Food Pantry





Contact a Stephen Minister if you're interested in helping this ministry. At the training in August you will:

- Learn about receiving care and referring others for care
- Learn how to become a Stephen Minister
- Learn about our 2018 Continuing Education programs
- Meet current Stephen Ministers

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

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

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

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

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



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 or call: 317-507-7410



One of the **LARGEST** needs at the Food Pantry on a regular basis is: **PAPER GROCERY BAGS!** Consider paper at your next grocery visit and save the bags to later drop off for the Food Pantry!

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

IHN, Interfaith Hospitality Network, is a national network of churches sharing a common goal of providing temporary shelter and meals to homeless families with children. In 1994, Indianapolis and Carmel United Methodist Church joined the national IHN program. Carmel United Methodist Church continues as one of 40 churches now involved locally. During the past 14 years we have hosted up to 15 guests for a week at a time, four times a year. These guests are families who have made a commitment to permanently change their lives. Their goal is to move toward self-sufficiency through jobs, housing, and transportation. Contact Dale Hughes at dj.hughes@earthlink.net to volunteer.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

Individuals of the community of CUMC commit a few hours in an effort to enable our guests to have a secure place to spend their nights as they work to reach their goals. We need about 80 volunteers for each week we host to help with...

Setting up rooms at CUMC for guest families

Helping to provide a wholesome evening meal

Driving the van one day to transport guests to and from IHN Day Center

Providing snack and food items for lunches

Sleeping in host room at CUMC one night to provide security for guests

Assisting with children's crafts and activities

Laundering bedding and towels after stay

Taking down beds and loading a van to move beds on to next church

CUMC will be hosting IHN guests the
week of October 21-28



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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

SEPTEMBER 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * *Ballooning in the Spirit (September 9th)*
 - * *New Sermon Series-DISCIPLES SHIFT (begins September 16th)*
 - * *It's Just A Phase (September 2018)*
 - * *The Footsteps of Jesus 2020 Holy Land Trip (February 2020)*
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