



Hurricane Florence hit the Carolinas in early September. It was then followed by a tropical storm that dumped over 15 inches of rain. This was the worst hurricane to hit the Carolina coast. Carmel United Methodist has decided to partner with UMCOR to help fill and donate clean up buckets and supplies. UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, responds to disasters of great magnitude that overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own.

Carmel UMC would like to invite our church and community to participate in our "Just One More" campaign that will run the month of October. It only takes one person or one more donated item to make a difference. We have set a goal to fill 30 buckets that will be donated to UMCOR. There is a supply list and sign-up genius on the church website and on the church's Facebook page. Donated items can be brought in through door #3 and place in the designated collection spot outside the church office.

Rev. Adriane Curtis is also working to plan a spring mission trip to North Carolina. If you are interested or would like to learn more, contact Adriane at acurtis@carmelumc.org.



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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To email any staff: first initial, last name @carmelumc.org
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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.



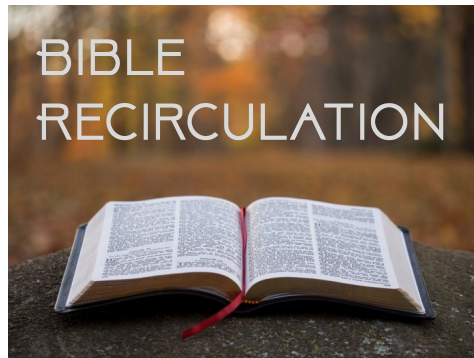
Births...No reported births this month.

Baptism...Morgan Elizabeth Koehler was baptized August 28, 2018. Morgan is the daughter of Michael & Sara Koehler.

Jack Louis Holden was baptized September 23, 2018. Jack is the son of Trey & Lauren Holden.

.Deaths...

- Rev. Jack King lost his brother-in-law, Dr. Victor Vorhees on September 7th.
- Jerry Jansen, who is the husband of Jean Jansen, passed way on Sept. 23.
- Bob Langston, Jeff Langston's father, passed away on Sept. 20th.



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).

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





Take the Next Step... Be Defined by Generosity

When I meet with families to plan a funeral or a memorial service for a loved one, I always ask this question in some manner: "Tell me about your loved one. What were his/her defining characteristics?" Even if I knew the individual well, there usually is much I did not know. As the family members begin to name characteristics, I write them down. Then I will ask in some way "What would your loved one have wanted to be remembered for?" And I write that down (because I won't remember!). Later as I develop the message for the service, I am able to refer back to my notes and weave into the elements of the service the essence of who this person was.

Someday, someone will sit with our family or friends and they will be asked to answer these same questions. What will the answers be? It can

be helpful for us to pause and think about what we hope people will say were our defining characteristics. Of course, if we think about this too much, this could be morbid and narcissistic! But now and then, considering how we want others to remember us can be a constructive exercise.

I wonder if we would like to have generosity listed as one of our defining characteristics. I would love it if someone would say of me, "She lived what Jesus taught: It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)." My hope is that we would learn the truth of Winston Churchill's famous words: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

We will be talking about "Taking the Next Step" the next few weeks which will encourage each of us to ask ourselves about our generous heart, which equates to a generous life. A generous heart and life is a gift not only to those who receive from us but also from the transformation of our heart. This is one of the ways that leads to real joy and happiness. I like to call that a win-win!

Blessings,
Rev. Patti Napier



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.

CINNAMON ROLLS & BAKED GOODS FUNDRAISER

November 11th

9-12am

Gathering Area



DO YOU HAVE A SIGNATURE BAKED GOOD? PLEASE DONATE IT FOR THIS FUNDRAISER.

To Donate Baked Goods or to order rolls

Text (317) 350-3092 or **email**
angelicabrown2009@hotmail.com



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



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



GUY'S NIGHT @ WOLFIE'S: *DATE CHANGE AGAIN!*

Once again we will be gathering as a group of dudes at Wolfie's in Carmel. Join us **Wednesday**, October 3rd 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!



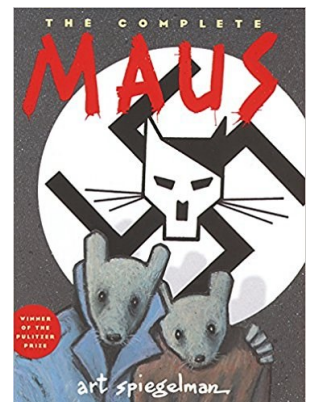
***NEW GROW GROUP* DAD'S GROW GROUP**

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 Dad's 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 are a Dad 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

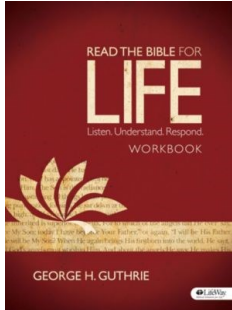
We'll be meeting to discuss parts 1 & 2 of Maus in the Library/Conference room, Sunday's October 14th and 21st from 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.. Discussion will be facilitated by Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship. You can register for the class and purchase your book online starting Sept. 16th.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

This 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. This is a story of not only the survival of Vladek but of the children who survived.



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

— ministries —



READING THE BIBLE FOR LIFE GROUP STUDY

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

We will be offering POP 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. This class is led by Pastor Patti. Register today online under "Adult Ministries".



DRAWING TO THE ROCK WORSHIP- CREATIVE ART MINISTRY

Drawing to the Rock is a creative arts ministry with 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! A Love Offering will be taken to support Kerry's ministry. Childcare is available.



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.

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.



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.

Next Steps New Membership Class



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. There are two opportunities to attend this class. The first option is 4 consecutive Sunday's from Oct. 21st - Nov. 11th from 10:30-12:00pm. The second option is Saturday, Nov. 17th, 9-1:30 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Barbara Krueger at bkrueger@carmelumc.org.



English as a Second Language (ESL) is continually working with adults who are immigrants in our community. This ministry couldn't happen without the volunteers who work with students and share the love of Christ through conversational English. At this point the program is no longer accepting students however we are in desperate need of tutors!

If you'd like to learn more about ESL @ Carmel UMC contact Jana Miller @ (317) 513-9656.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

The Higher Education Committee sends care packages to college students twice during this school year. *Information needs to be provided annually!* Please provide your student's college mail information to Karen McTaggart: kmctaggart@carmelumc.org or to Adriane Curtis acurtis@carmelumc.org. You can also call the church at 317-8447275. or fill out the form online <https://carmelumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/166/responses/new> **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT UPDATED INFO: OCTOBER 15**



PUMPKIN PATCH DAY- The Young Adult Ministry is meeting on October 14th from 1-5:00pm at Spencer Farm in Noblesville. You can come shop for a pumpkin, go on a hayride and visit the gift shop for some yummy fall treats. More info on Young Adult Facebook page or contact Adriane Curtis at acurtis@carmelumc.org. Kids are welcome.



October 20th-Sandwich Making day here at Carmel UMC 10-11:30am. Families and kids are welcome.

October 21st- Young Adults are planning to serve Soup's On at Robert's Park Church at 10:00am. Teens and other adults are welcome to serve also. Contact Veronica Cooper or Rev. Adriane Curtis for more information.

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Mark Your Calendars: The Young Adults have been busy planning.....

November 2nd- Young Adults help set-up for Kids Coats

November 3rd- Young Adults help with give away for kids coats

December 1st- YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER (time to be announced). If you are interested in potentially being a host house let Veronica Cooper or Pastor Adriane know.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



Trunk or Treat will take place this year on Sunday, October 28th at 5:00-7:00pm. Bring your little one to treat around the trunks of CUMC families and ministries. In the back parking lot of the Church, if raining we will move to the gym. This is a fun and safe family event! Hope to see you there!



Red Ribbon Sunday

Carmel UMC will once again support our school-age kids by wearing **RED** and talking about making wise choices, specifically regarding the issue of drugs and alcohol. We will have a presentation by INSTEP on November 4th. They will discuss substance use disorder and how opioids fit in and why we are in crisis. This is an event for the whole family. They will also discuss why it is important to have open, honest communication about drugs and alcohol.

Please remember to wear **RED on October 28th!**

Are you sometimes perplexed with Jesus's teachings? Do you really want what he wants? Bestselling author Kyle Idleman reveals that the key to the abundant life Jesus promised lies in embracing His inside-out way of life. As he examines Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, Kyle unpacks many counter-intuitive truths: brokenness is the way to wholeness, mourning is the path to blessing, and emptiness is required in order to know true fullness. This Moms Bible study beginning October 4th on Thursdays at 9:15am and is streamed through Rightnow Media. Childcare available



Family Mission of October

Food Pantry spruce up and cleaning! There are lots of jobs and many hands make work light. Hands of all sizes welcome. We will be planting bulbs, trimming bushes, cleaning and stocking. Sunday, October 21 at 4-5:30pm.

It's not too late for your child to join a kids choir! They meet at 10:10-10:40am on Sundays. Ages 3 years to 5th grade are welcome! See pastor AJ for more information.

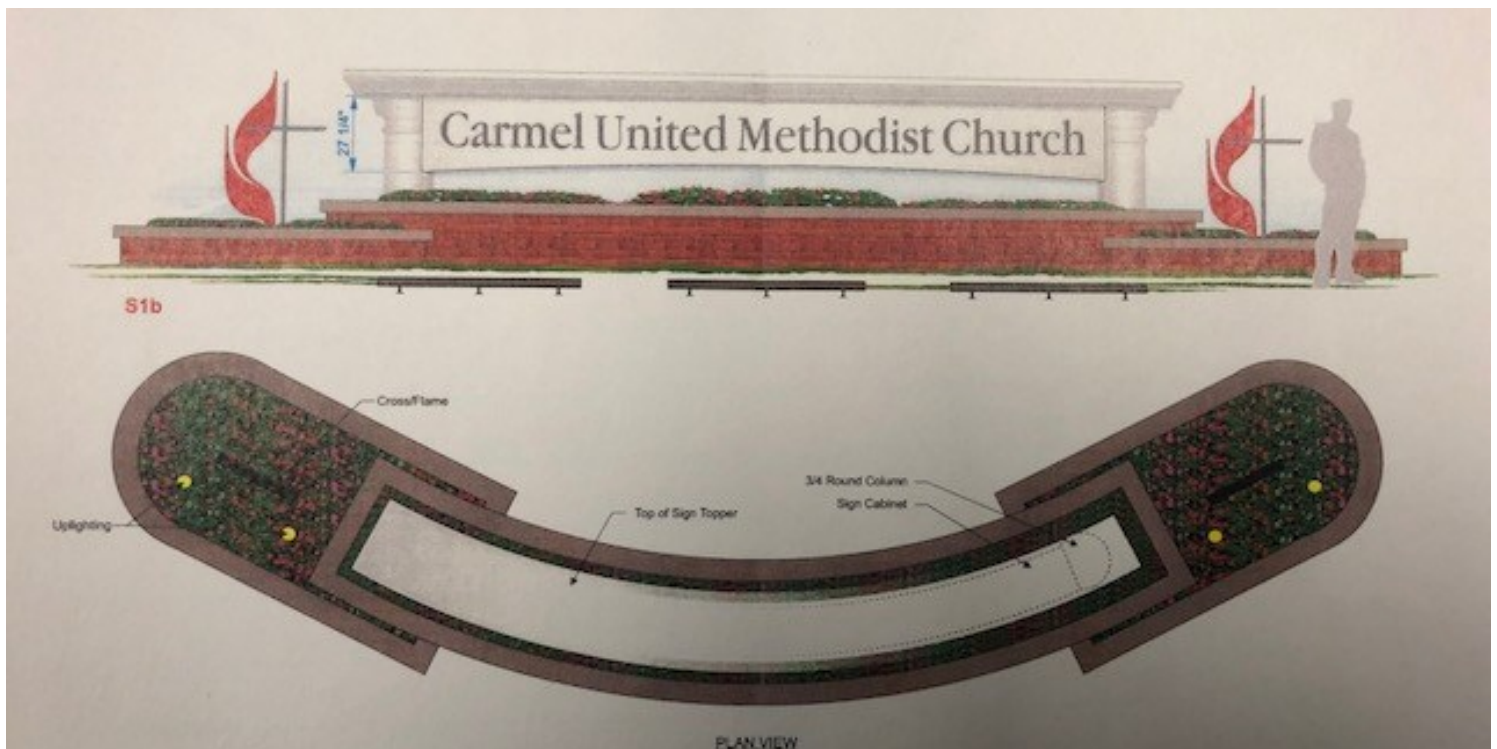




The Governing Council wanted to give you an update on the church's sign that sits on Range Line and 126th street. The plans for the new sign have been approved by the Trustees and Governing Council. You can see a picture below. This sign will be paid for from the proceeds of the land sold to the city of Carmel. It has been a long process to get the right design. We feel very confident in our decision and are moving forward. Right now, we are waiting on zoning and sign permits with the city.



Original Sign



New Sign Design

CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

YOUTH

"Carmel UMC Youth Ministry creates authentic connections that bring glory to God."



INTERSECT EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT

We invite all 6-12th graders every Sunday night to Intersect. Come check out our new format featuring Middle School and High School breakout groups, music and more. This is a relaxed setting and shorter time commitment, so bring your friends. **please note: snacks will be provided instead of a full meal.*



We are slowly adding more grow groups and connect groups. For a current list visit the Youth Page at www.carmelumc.org/youth.



We will be holding an information meeting on Monday, October 29th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary for those interested in learning more about this mission trip in June of 2019. We will be sending a youth team (16 and older) and an adult team. Pastor Pierre from Nehemiah Vision Ministries of Haiti will be the guest speaker.



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CUMC Preschool has had a successful first month. Our students are making new friends as they learn and grow together! We have many exciting events planned for the month of October including fire safety demonstrations, our very own preschool pumpkin patch, and the highly anticipated costume parade. Our students will also begin attending Chapel and Godly Play this month, where they will begin or continue to learn about God's love. Please include our preschool and preschoolers in your prayers. Please pray with me that they will grow their relationship with Him as they learn and play together each day.



The CUMC Endowment Committee



Here is an update on the 170th Anniversary Recognition Campaign as of 9/25. The 3 focus areas for growth and the gifts to date are Music (\$9,135), Preschool Scholarships (\$5,390) and Maintenance (\$7,630) totaling over \$22,000. With the blessing of \$20,000 in matching gifts the overall total will be greater than \$42,000. The Committee thanks those who continue to make contributions and reminds everyone that the campaign continues until October 28th. On behalf of the Trustees we would like to thank you for all the areas we can grow because of your gifts. If you have any questions about the Endowment contact Gary Noonan at gmn2901@aol.com with questions.

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!

Local Missions

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK



We are looking for volunteers to help serve for the week. We need overnight hosts, meals, drivers, and more. If you are interested in helping contact Mike Podgorski at mpodgorski@carmelumc.org.

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

Hamilton County



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

The Gleaners "Mobile Food Pantry"
will be **HERE**
the 3rd Friday of every month!





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

CONTACT

OCTOBER 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * *Trunk or Treat- October 28th*
- * *Young Adults Go to the Pumpkin Patch*
- * *Drawling to the Rock- October 7th*
- * *Crop Walk- October 7th*