



## Next Step Sunday

November 11th,  
2018

Plan to attend  
service

9:00am or  
10:45am

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;*

Evangeline and I have been planning our “girls” road trip for over a month. She has two weeks for Fall Break. For her first week, she patiently became my ministry “shadow.” She has done “fun” things that include going to the travel clinic with me so I could get my yellow fever and typhoid immunizations, wandering around a campground while I met with the other pastors and staff at Carmel UMC, and binge-watching “Once Upon a Time” while I wrote my sermon. She has been patient because she knew there would come a time when my attention would be ALL HERS. For an entire week, we will be driving around the country and going on adventures. Honestly, I have been looking forward to our week together also! Yet, I find myself wondering, “Can I afford the time?” If I had not partitioned the time off on my calendar last month, I suspect I would be rescheduling our trip. (continue on page 4)

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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David Morton, Ed.S.

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Carol Getch

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To email any staff: first initial, last name @carmelumc.org  
(i.e. pnapier@carmelumc.org)

## Church Governing Council

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

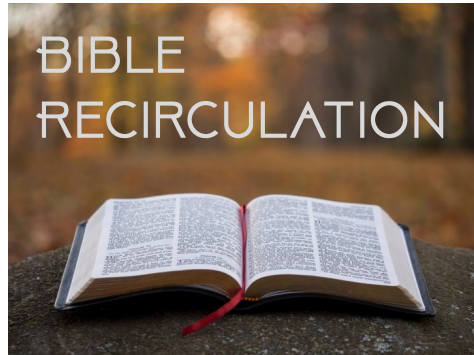


**Births...**Brielle (Brie) Kathryn Kruzel born October 22, 2018 to Anne & Steele Kruzel. Proud grandmother is Patti Napier.

**Baptism...**Jeremy Paul Gay was baptized October 14, 2018. Jeremy is the son of Earl & Jennifer Gay & grandson of Ken & Marge Hubert..

**.Deaths...**

- Kevin Clancey, who is the husband of Carol Clancey, passed away on Sept.17th.
- Mike Fast, who is the father of Lara Stickford, passed away on Sept. 29th.
- John Sterchi, who is the brother of Roxann Silvius, passed away on Oct. 8th.
- Jack Badger, who is the husband of Ila Badger, passed away on Oct. 9th.
- Elma Joyce Ring, who is the mother of Becky Pickett, passed away on Oct. 9th.
- Ralph Schumann, who is the father of Katy Kok, passed away on Oct. 10th.
- Merritt Jaggar, who is the husband of Joanna Jaggar, passed away on Oct. 25th.



**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.



### **Angel Tree Ministries - Volunteers Needed**

At Christmas time we all connect with the ones we love. But what if you are a child with a parent in prison feeling lonely, abandoned, and hurt? Through Angel Tree, you can connect a child with their parent behind bars and offer joy and hope to a prisoner's family.

On the evenings of November 5th-7th, and also on November 12th-14th, we will be calling families to fill out the Angel Tree gift tags. If you would like to volunteer a few hours of assistance, please contact Mark Brown ([mark@marksbrown.com](mailto:mark@marksbrown.com) or [317-643-0501](tel:317-643-0501)). Additionally in November and December, we will need volunteers to help distribute tags, collect gifts as they are dropped off on Sunday mornings, and deliver the gifts.



# Taking the NEXT Step



Cover story continued...

So many things are happening, it feels like one of the worst times to be away on vacation.

In America, we measure our time out carefully. "Daylight Savings Time" still baffles me. I definitely do not save any time changing my clocks twice a year. We are obsessed with trying to turn back the clock and fight the passage of time. How often have you wished there were more hours in the day? Yet, in Ecclesiastes, time is portrayed as a series of events that ebb and flow within seasons of our lives in great abundance. There is time for EVERYTHING. Time is not something to be captured or fought. No need for more time, because we already have more than enough for the necessary things of life.

If we wanted to get closer to the sense of time reflected in Ecclesiastes, we could hop the Atlantic to the continent of Africa. John Mbiti is a noted African Theologian who wrote on "The Concept of Time." He says that in Africa, time is seen as a series of events that have taken place, or are currently happening, rather than numerical dates. He argues that numerical calendars are "both impossible and meaningless in traditional life." [1] There is always enough time for the necessary things of life.

What truly matters? I could also ask, where do we

spend our time and money? Take a look at your calendar, or your budget. Are you spending your time and money on the things that matter most to you? Rather than needing more time or money, God may be calling us to set better priorities. Could we be wasting time and money on the things that don't matter, while we sacrifice the things that do matter? In the list of priorities that are reflected in our budget and schedule, where does God rank? These are questions I continue to struggle to answer. Sometimes I get it right, and sometimes I get it wrong.

We all have an opportunity to consider our priorities for giving in the weeks ahead at Carmel United Methodist Church. I hope you will all join me in prayer about where God is calling us to prioritize spending our time and money. If you haven't gotten your devotional book, please pick one up outside the sanctuary or the family life center. We have an amazing God of abundance who loves us relentlessly. God wants to give us the full range of life, with every glorious season. May we all have God's vision to set priorities. May we be generous with the time and money entrusted to us, because we have a God who has been abundantly generous to us. May you, and your family, experience God's deep abundance in the coming month.

Blessings,

Pastor Adriane Curtis

Associate Pastor

Carmel UMC

[1] John S. Mbiti, *African Religions & Philosophy* (London: Heineman, 1969) 21.

**NEXT STEP PRAYER VIGIL- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10th 9-12 in the Chapel. Come prepare your heart and mind and let the holy spirit lead you in your journey of generous giving.**

## 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.

# CINNAMON ROLLS & BAKED GOODS FUNDRAISER

November 11th

9-12am

Gathering Area



HAVE YOU ORDERED YOUR  
CINNAMON 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. We are looking for individuals or families who are interested in being **HOSTs for our upcoming sermon series**. 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](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org).



## INSTEP OPIOID CRISIS PRESENTATION

Come hear this powerful presentation in the Sanctuary from 4-5:30 p.m. on November 4th. INSTEP will be here to talk to us about Substance Use Disorder. They will discuss what it is, how opioids fit in, why we are in crisis and how to begin those conversations. This event is open to the public, so please encourage others to attend. No cost and childcare is provided.





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



### GUY'S NIGHT @ WOLFIE'S: \*LAST MEETING FOR 2018!\*

Once again we will be gathering as a group of dudes at Wolfie's in Carmel. Join us **Wednesday**, November 7th at 7pm. We'll have some fun, great conversation, and good food! Please email Chris at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org) to let us know if you are coming!

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

Discovering your



Spiritual Gifts

What are your spiritual gifts? Do you know how to use them?

Join us for a three session class where we will learn about our Spiritual Gifts and how to use them. Classes are Sunday's December 2nd-16th at 9:00am or 10:45am in the Library Conference Room led by Chris Thornsberry. To register, go online to our Adult Ministries Short Term Classes Page. There is no cost for this class. Pick either the 9 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. class. If you have any questions, email Chris at [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org).

### GROW GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER

#### PITCH-IN WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 8th • Carmel UMC Family Life Center  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Let's celebrate the Christmas season with a family pitch-in dinner. Come enjoy food and fellowship, plus a complimentary photo with Santa!!! Check with your Grow Group Leader for more details. If you're not in a Grow Group and you'd like to attend, you're more than welcome to. Just contact Chris Thornsberry about what to bring.





### NEW GROW GROUP OPPORTUNITY

#### "Devoted!" Worship Ministries and Tech Team Grow Group

Are you a part of Worship Ministries or Tech Team on Sunday mornings? If so, then join us for our Devoted! Grow Group that will meet every Sunday in the Choir Room from 10:10 - 10:40 a.m. between services. Hosted and led by Jan Lefton, we'll spend time in prayer, have a devotion, and then talk about how the group devotion relates to our lives. This group will start on Sunday, November 4th. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for this group, please contact Jan Lefton at [doodly1@att.net](mailto:doodly1@att.net) or at 317-727-4392.

### NEW WOMEN'S GROW GROUP

A new women's group is starting at CUMC! We will be meeting the first Thursday of each month at various locations. COME HELP US NAME OUR GROUP! Any questions contact Lisa Baker at [ninakatine@yahoo.com](mailto:ninakatine@yahoo.com) or call or text 317-435-8477.



### ADVENT SOUP AND SPEAKER EVENT

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 5th at 11 a.m. in Room 121 for our Advent Soup and Speaker Event. Guest speaker will be Rev. Susan Marie Smith, Ph.D.; Priest in Charge at the Church of the Nativity in Indianapolis, IN. She will be speaking on "Mary: The Mother of Jesus". We'll serve a soup lunch and have a chance to listen to our speaker as well as engage them in a Q/A time. Cost of this event is \$5. You can register online and pay in advance or pay at the door, but you must register in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Thornsberry.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org).

**PHILEMON BIBLE STUDY W/DR. N.T. WRIGHT \*ONLINE OPPORTUNITY\***

This course compares two letters which address a nearly identical issue: what to do about a runaway servant. Prof. N.T. Wright unpacks Paul's letter to Philemon, which addresses concerns about the 'runaway' named Onesimus. Prof. Wright then explains the situation and setting surrounding the letter of Pliny the Younger to Sabinianus about an unnamed runaway. The social structures endemic to Rome become visible and understandable in such a way to see how Paul's new way of life was meant to confront social norms.



To sign up for this course, go to <http://ntwrightonline.org/portfolio-items/philemon/>, and then email Chris Thornsberry to let him know that you are taking the course. There is no cost for this course!



**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.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

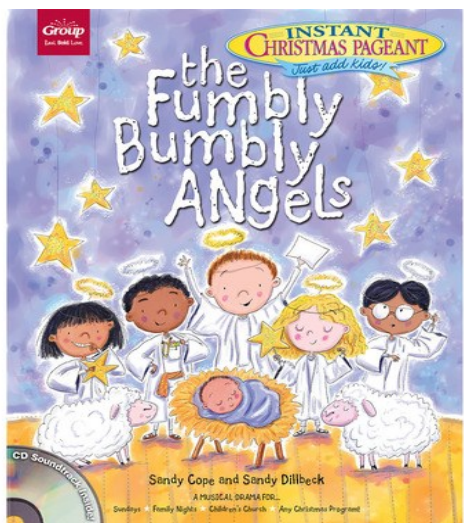


## Moms Bible Study

Join us Thursdays at 9:15am in the basement for a time to connect with other moms. Beginning in late November, we will study *The Greatest Gift*, a New York Time bestseller by Ann Voskamp. This book is a moment of calm amid the busy holiday season. Childcare is provided.

**December 2nd at 12:15pm**

Come help decorate the FLC Christmas tree in the gym with your family and friends. You can then make ornaments, cards for the food pantry and learn about the Advent wreath. Soup and cookies provided.



## Kids Christmas Play

**Sunday, December 9th at 5:30pm**

The kids Christmas Play is to be presented on Sunday, December 9th. This year we will be performing *Fumbly Bumbly Angels*. We can only take 40 kids so register today. We will close registration on November 10th. Our first practice will be November 11th at 4:00pm. See Pastor AJ for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

**December 6th, 2018**

**Preschool Christmas program**

**5:45 & 6:30pm**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

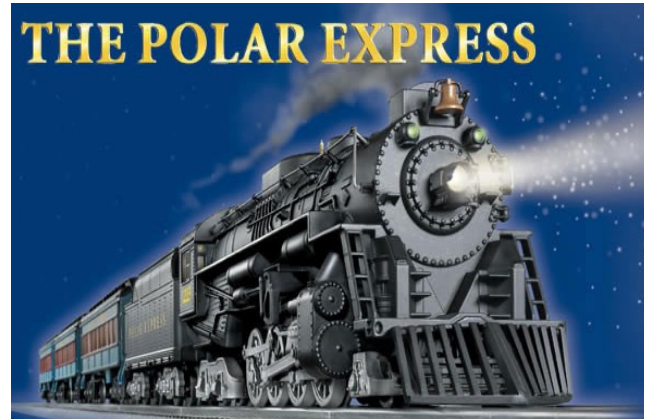


## Free Family Movie Night

November 24th- 6:30pm

December 15th-6:00pm

In *The Star*, a small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become unlikely heroes in the greatest story ever told, the first Christmas.



## Family Christmas Eve Service

December 24th at 5:00pm

Join us Christmas Eve for the family friendly service. This year the theme will be *Believe*, from the movie *The Polar Express*.



## YOUNG ADULT PROGRESSIVE DINNER

December 1st, 4:30-7:30pm

This is your chance for fellowship and a chance to get to know other young adults (18-35 years old). We will meet for appetizers at 4:30 in the Gathering Place at Carmel UMC, then leave for a meal at a hosted home by 5:15. We will return for dessert in the FLC by 6:30pm. Everyone will be assigned a special host house for a delicious main course. Buy your tickets (to cover expenses) online or through the young adult Facebook Page. A-M (last names) are invited to bring an appetizer to share. N-Z (last names) are invited to bring a dessert to share. Child care is offered at the home of one of our grow groups, with a child friendly meal!





## 170th Anniversary Recognition Campaign

Here is an update on the 170th Anniversary Recognition Campaign as of October 28, 2018. Three focus areas within the Endowment Fund were selected for growth this year. The gifts to date are below.

Music	\$20,255
Preschool Scholarships	16,760
Maintenance	18,720
Undesignated/Other	960
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	\$56,695

With the blessing of \$20,000 in matching gifts the overall total will be almost \$77,000. The Committee thanks those who have made contributions to the Campaign. The final results will be reported by the end of the year.





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.*



This winter retreat is one of the highlights of the year and is planned for all students grades 6-12. We will head to Kalamazoo, MI during MLK weekend (January 19-21) and have a ton of fun while learning more of God's plans for us. You won't want to miss this incredible time together!

Register NOW: <https://carmelumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/181/responses/new>

## HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS OUTING

Parents of High School students can CONNECT with other parents over dinner at Burgerhaus in Carmel on Sunday, November 11 at 6pm (during intersect). Come enjoy good food and conversation.



MISSION  HAITI  
M E D I C A L

July 16-22, 2019 we will be sending a youth team (16 and older) and an adult team to Haiti on a Medical Mission Trip. If you are interested in attending or would like more information contact Matt or Pastor Adriane.

CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**YOUTH**

**LIFE + FAITH + COMMUNITY**

CREATING A PLACE FOR EVERY TEENAGER



**WOVEN**  
**High School Girls**  
**Retreat**  
November 16 and 17  
Meet at church for service project  
Ends at 8 p.m. Saturday  
Cost: \$10  
Bring: Sleeping bag, pillow/snacks  
Registration required

Register HERE by Nov. 12

<https://carmelumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/180/responses/new>

Questions? Contact Ellen Baker at [ellen.baker94@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.baker94@yahoo.com)



**ALL SALES SUPPORT**  
**YOUTH MINISTRIES MISSION TRIPS!**

**FRESH CUT**

**SALES START**  
**SATURDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING**

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

**Carmel United Methodist Church**      **621 S. Rangeline Rd, Carmel**

The trees (and wreaths) are coming soon and the youth of Carmel UMC thank you for supporting them by purchasing fresh cut trees from our lot and for volunteering to work a shift at the sale. Students earn the equivalent of \$10/hr toward the summer mission trip to Nashville, TN or Haiti. The sales starts November 24th(Saturday after Thanksgiving) and run through mid December.

Sign up now: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4ea4ae28a75-christmas3>





United  
Methodist  
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION



*Let's Celebrate the Christmas Season!*

All women are invited to attend the

Methodist Women's Annual

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

6 PM

In the Gathering Place

Tickets are \$17 per person

Enjoy a dinner buffet and festive Christmas fellowship!

Tickets will be on sale November 18, 25, and Dec 2 in Gathering Place. On-line sales available mid-November.

Contact [cherylbourgea@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbourgea@gmail.com) for more information.

## LADIES NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

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Sweet M's  
BOUTIQUE

After Hours  
Shopping

Hosted by  
Mom's Circle

Nov 29, 2018  
7:30-9pm

2448 E 146th St  
Carmel, IN

**You are Invited!**

**Shopping, Refreshments,  
and Fellowship**

20% of all sales for the evening will  
benefit Carmel UMW Missions



## Project ♥ Linus



**Providing  
Security  
Through  
Blankets**

Join us Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 6:30 pm  
in Family Life Center to make  
blankets for the Linus Project. It's  
easy to learn how to make blankets -  
Bring scissors, 1 ½ yards of fun  
patterns of fleece per throw/blanket.  
Come enjoy making homemade  
blankets for children in need.

Questions contact:  
[cherylbourgea@gmail.com](mailto:cherylbourgea@gmail.com)



# Local Missions

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK



A big thank you to all of our volunteers and donors for the successful IHN rotation October 21st-28th. We greatly appreciate your dedication to the families we serve and to this mission.

CUMC will be hosting IHN guests again December 9th-15th. We need many volunteers to help with driving, overnight hosts and more. If you were not able to volunteer in October, now is your chance. Contact Mike Podgorski - [mpodgorski@carmelumc.org](mailto:mpodgorski@carmelumc.org).

### DOUBLE MATCH DAYS COMING:



Mark your calendars to begin shopping at Meijer on Nov. 18th. When you purchase Simply Give cards Nov. 18-Dec. 29th, Meijer will match the amount of the cards you buy during that time period. On December 7th, Meijer will double the match on cards purchased that day.

**meijer**  
*Simply Give*

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





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

# CONTACT

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* *UMW Bake Sale- November 11th*
- \* *Youth Christmas Tree Sales- November 24th*
- \* *Young Adults Progressive Dinner-December 1st*
- \* *Kids Christmas Play- December 9th*