

# Carmel UMC Lenten Group Study

## AN 8-DAY REVOL UTION

—FRIDAY TO FRIDAY—

A LENTEN STUDY  
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This six-week study examines a few of Jesus' final days. A handful of scriptural snapshots reveal to us Jesus' revolutionary actions and teachings as He willingly embraces His trajectory to the cross. If you're looking for an example of what to do and say to get yourself crucified -- Jesus is your man.

The four Gospels teach us that Jesus officially begins His preparation for burial on the Friday He enters Bethany and claims His work finished the following Friday in Jerusalem while dying on the cross. And although the Gospel evangelists don't say one word about what Jesus is doing on Saturday or Wednesday, these eight days are worthy of our utmost attention and reflection, for in this brief period of time (from Friday to Friday), Jesus revolutionized the world in eternally significant ways.

**This study is available for FREE on RightNow Media with a downloadable study guide for your group. If you meet as a Bible Study or Small Group, we encourage you to utilize this resource during Lent:**

<https://www.rightnow.org/Content/Series/177315>



Adult OPPORTUNITIES—WINTER 2017



# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

— ministries —

## OUR MISSION:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for transformation of the world.

## OUR VISION:

At Carmel United Methodist Church we are...  
**CONNECTING** with God and others,  
**GROWING** in faith and love  
through Biblical learning, and  
**SERVING** our community and world

## SUNDAY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

8:30, 9:30, and 11:00am | Traditional  
11:00am | Contemporary

Additional information may be found by visiting: [www.carmelumc.org](http://www.carmelumc.org)

### 2 Peter 3:18

But **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

## Resources:



### The Pathway

The “online community” for Carmel UMC. A place where members of the church can seek needs, both spiritual and serving, within the church. The Pathway is a place where people can look for, find, and register for Grow Groups or a special event, or maybe email a fellow Carmel UMC member.

## Upcoming Events:

DAVE RAMSEY'S  
**FINANCIAL *Peace***  
UNIVERSITY

*Classes are*  
**STARTING SOON!**

Thursdays—Starting February 2, 2017  
6:30-8:30 PM in Room 121/122  
Lauren Roberts facilitates—More info go to [www.carmelumc.org](http://www.carmelumc.org).  
[daveramsey.com/findaclass](http://daveramsey.com/findaclass)



## Resources:

**Carmel United Methodist Church has a new mobile app for iOS (iPhones) and Android devices.**

Download the **free app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store today! Stay up-to-date on events, sermons, classes, serving opportunities, and more. Register for classes and Grow Groups through the app. You can even view the live stream if you can't make it to worship on Sunday morning. Give it a try!



Our Website: <http://www.carmelumc.org>



# rightnow MEDIA

It's like a Christian Netflix. Carmel UMC maintains a subscription to RightNow Media, which is **FREE** for you to use. RightNow Media contains thousands of streaming videos, Bible studies, kid's shows, movies, and more. If you would like to sign up for your free membership, please email John Kouns at [jkouns@carmelumc.org](mailto:jkouns@carmelumc.org) to request a link to enroll. You can use this with a Bible Study, Grow Group, or personally. RightNow Media streams on several smart TV's and players, including Roku and others. It's great to have for individuals or families, and...it's FREE.

## Sunday

- **Cornerstone**

**9:30-10:30 am | Room LL22**

Currently discussing a series titled "Christian Engagement with Changing America." This series examines some troubling and often conflicting issues which face people today and will attempt to develop balanced Christian perspectives. All are welcome. Various facilitators.

- **Empty Nesters**

**9:30-10:30 am | Room 121/122**

You don't have to be an empty-nester to attend this in-depth, exegetic study of various books of the Bible. The group studies the entire book verse-by-verse with discussion before moving to the next book. All ages are welcome! Rev. Jack King facilitates.

- **Followers of God (FOG)**

**9:30-10:30 am | Room 124/125**

Video-based study group. Currently studying Larry Osborne's "Thriving in Babylon." All are welcome. Various facilitators.

- **Bible Study for Parents**

**6:00-7:30 pm | Conference Room**

Currently utilizing Francis Chan's video series on the Book of Ephesians. Pastor Aj Mildenberg facilitates.

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music & missions

# Monday

- **Bible Study for Men—1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays**

**9:00-10:00 am | Conference Room**

Currently studying Romans. This foundational book written by the Apostle Paul explains the gospel and how to live for and serve God effectively. Pastor Mike Collins facilitates.

- **Moms in Prayer Groups**

Moms can make a difference! This interdenominational, informal group meets to pray for their children's lives, friends, coaches, teachers, and school staff. Childcare is available from 9:00-10:00 for the elementary moms.

**9:00-10:00 am | Room 121/122**

Families of Cherry Tree Elementary and Carmel Middle School students.

**10:00-11:00 am | Room 121/122**

Families of Carmel High School students.

**11:00-12:00 pm | Room 121/122**

Families of College/Career students.

- **Disciple III Bible Study**

**6:30-8:30 pm | Conference Room**

Disciple III, "Remember Who You Are" is the third study in the four-phase Disciple program and is prepared for those who are graduates of the Disciple I course (Disciple II is NOT a requirement). The driving idea in this study is the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. The word You in the title is meant to be heard both in its singular form (the individual) and its plural form (the community). We are a community of memory. Participants in this 32 week study will read the major and minor Old Testament prophets, with the exception of Daniel, and will read the thirteen Letters traditionally attributed to Paul.



**Next Men's Walk: March 2-5, 2017**

**Next Women's Walk: TBD**

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Following the three-day experience, participants are joined in small groups to support each other in their ongoing walk with Christ.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community.

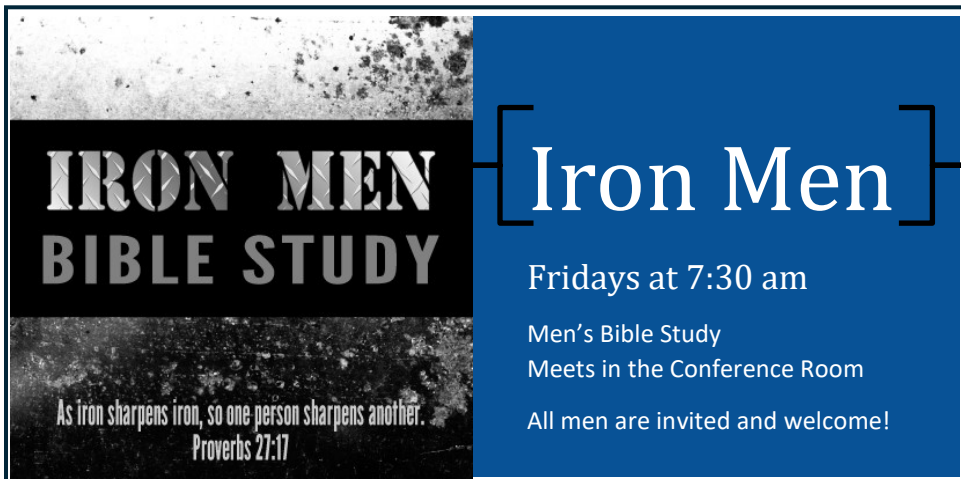
The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

For more information: Contact Richard and Debbie Carriger or visit <http://www.indyemmaus.org>, or visit <http://www.emmaus.upperroom.org>.

# **Let's Do Life Together**

At Carmel United Methodist Church, we encourage everyone to join and participate in a **Grow Group**, an intentional gathering of people who commit themselves to work together to become better disciples of Jesus Christ through **Connecting, Growing, and Serving**.

It's clear to us that living the life Jesus offers simply cannot be done on your own. It's not just that you're going to need help at times (even though you are), you need to be connected with other people. Built into the regular rhythm of your life needs to be an ongoing connection with other people that are living the Life of Jesus. You'll encourage and serve each other. You'll learn about God through the Bible and grow together. And, you'll work together to make a difference in your community.



**IRON MEN**  
**BIBLE STUDY**

**Iron Men**

Fridays at 7:30 am

Men's Bible Study  
Meets in the Conference Room

All men are invited and welcome!

*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.  
Proverbs 27:17*

## Tuesday

- **Bible Study for Women**

**9:00-11:00 am | Room 121/122**

Long-standing women's group that meets during the school year. Currently studying "The Best Yes" by Lysa Terkuerst. This group mostly utilizes women's studies, but not always! All are welcome. Lara Stickford facilitates.

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry (UMW)**

**12:30-2:30 pm | Gathering Place**

Begun in April 2015, the prayer shawl ministry provides a way for the church to express loving care to members and friends by providing them with a shawl which has been prayerfully knitted or crocheted. All are welcome. We teach new people! Jenny Andrews and Katie Kessler facilitate.

## Wednesday

- **Friends in Faith—Bible Study**

**4:00-5:30 pm | Room 121/122**

Adult weekday Bible study incorporating selected Scripture readings, study guides, and class discussions. Currently studying "Hope, Faith, and Luck" by Andy Stanley. All are welcome. Barbara Krueger facilitates.

- **Prayer Group**

**6:30-7:30 pm | Chapel**

Join other believers in lifting up prayer concerns and praying together for each other, the Church, and the world. All are welcome to participate. Richard Carriger facilitates.

## Thursday

- **Bible Study for Moms**

**9:15-10:30 am | Room LL12**

All moms are welcome to participate in this morning study. Currently utilizing the Francis Chan study of Ephesians. There is no homework, so come anytime! Rev. Aj Mildenburg facilitates.

- **Women of the Word (WOW!)**

**9:15-11:15 am | Conference Room**

Women's weekday Bible Study. Currently studying "Great Characters of the Bible" by Alan Stringfellow. This study is about how God used ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary tasks. You will study 52 characters in the Bible from Adam to Christ. Anja Nitz and Kim Henkaline facilitate.

## Friday

- **Iron Men Bible Study**

**7:30-9:00 am | Conference Room**

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

~Proverbs 27:17

This men's Bible Study is studying the book of Galatians from Max Lucado's "Life Lessons" series. All are invited to attend. Eric Stickford and Richard Carriger facilitate.

- **Quilter's Group (UMW)**

**9:30-12:00 noon | Room LL23**

Longstanding Carmel UMW Interest Group. Bring your quilt top, backing, and batting and we will hand-quilt your quilt for a low price. All monies collected for the quilting is then donated to UMW missions. Occasionally, quilts are donated or auctioned. We are always looking for new quilters and for new quilting projects. We will teach you how to quilt if you are interested in learning! Marie Harris facilitates.



### Ruth Anna Circle

Ruth Anna Circle seeks to support the goals of the UMW. Meetings are planned to provide opportunities for Christian growth, fellowship, and service to missions. All ladies are invited - it is not necessary to be a member of the church. We meet at 9:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during the school year except for December and May. In those months, the groups meets at 10:30 am and concludes with a pitch-in lunch. Katie Kessler facilitates.

### Mom's Circle

Moms Circle provides an opportunity for moms to connect with one another. This group is predominately about being in fellowship with one another and supporting each other through the many stages of motherhood. We pray, laugh and sometimes cry together. We have been known to do some Bible studies, craft projects, yoga classes, book swaps, helping with VBS projects, and eating delicious foods during our meetings. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month from 9:15-10:30 am in room 122. Childcare is available. Christy Nowlin facilitates.

### Dinner Bells

The Dinner Bells have been meeting and eating for over 20 years! This is a group of (mainly) retired ladies who meet for fun and fellowship at a restaurant of their choice on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:15 pm. The Dinner Bells are open to have new people join them—all are welcome! Mary Kay Mann facilitates.

### Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle was born with the purpose of becoming a circle of fellowship and support for working women. With time, it evolved into a more diverse circle, where a mix of working women, retired, and stay-at-home women meet monthly with the purpose of promoting fellowship among women in the church. The circle offers a variety of activities such as guest speakers, movie nights, dining out, and community support programs. Lydia Circle meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Cheryl Bourgea facilitates.