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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Update on 2016 General Conference of the UMC worldwide

The quadrennial meeting of the elected lay and clergy delegates from around the world has come to an end and in many ways with a sigh of relief for some yet with frustration for others. Issues of the church can be very volatile piquing the interest of the media but it was not to be so for this session.

Here is a list of just a few of the issues addressed. If you have further interest, please access the General Conference site of the UMC and you will have plenty to read!!

- Pause button pushed on the issues of sexuality related to ordination of clergy, unions and marriage. The current UMC stands remain unchanged
- voted against adding a fossil fuels investment screen
- Resolution passed calling all UMC agencies to raise awareness about harm caused by sports teams that use mascots or symbols disrespectful to Native Americans
- Term limits for bishops was denied
- approved creation of a new hymnal. Have not had one since 1989. It will be internet-cloud based and print-on-demand. The high tech hymnal for any mainline denomination
- withdrew UM membership from Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice due to the support of that organization for gender-selection abortions and late-term abortions.

There were other issues so I invite you to access them on-line. I am always a listening ear if desired!!!

Blessed to serve in Christ's name,

Pastor Patti



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 meeting schedule is posted outside of the Church office.



Births...

- **Claire Elizabeth Franzo**, born May 17, 2016 to Tom & Carrie Franzo
- **Hudson Patrick Walworth**, born May 16, 2016 to Matt & Anne Walworth.
- **Judah Scott Edwards**, born May 6, 2016 to Garrett & Ashley Edwards

Baptisms...

- **Cora Charlyze Dell**, daughter of Randy & Olivia Dell was baptized May 8, 2016
- **Emery Prezgay**, daughter of Dave & Jennifer Prezgay, was baptized May 8, 2016

With Sympathy To...

- **Amy & Karl Maierhofer & Evan Gray** & family on the death of Amy's son & Evan's father, David Gray, who passed away May 15, 2016
- **The family of Juanita Middleton** who passed away May 11, 2016.
- **The family of Trudy Peterson** who passed away May 2, 2016.
- **Betty Streeter & family** on the death of her brother, Howard Wolfe, who passed away April 26, 2016.
- **The family of George Rupp**, who passed away April 26, 2016.

Community Worship Service - July 3, 2016



Carmel UMC is excited to announce that we will be hosting a community worship service on Sunday, July 3 at 11 am at the Center Green Amphitheater next to the Palladium and Monon Trail. This outdoor service is open to **the entire community** and we are excited to be a part of the Carmelfest weekend events! Bring a lawn chair and a picnic lunch. Stick around after the service for some games and music leading up to the Festival starting at 2pm just down the trail.

Our topic for the day is "How to Neighbor," a message on the parable of the Good Samaritan and our call to show love to our neighbors, as the church, through service and a welcoming attitude! Communion will be served to all who want to partake.

We love our community here in Carmel and can't wait to host a community worship service. **All are welcome**, so please invite a friend or neighbor to join you as we sing, learn and share together in this special day!

Women's Circles

Ruth Anna

Ruth Anna Circle will have our annual spring excursion on Tuesday, June 9. Meet at the church at 9:45 and carpool to the Carmel Historical Society for a tour of the facility; then lunch at 11:00 at Tina's Traditional Old English Tearoom. Reservations are necessary for Tina's, so please contact Donna Skeens at 846-5482 or donnaskeens@gmail.com if you are not on our calling list.



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Women

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Dinner Bells

Dinner bells will be going to Dooley O'Toole's on June 14, 6:15. Ethel O'Conner will be the hostess.

Lydia Circle

Celebrate the last meeting of Lydia circle until next fall at the Bourgea's house on Tuesday June 7th at 6:30 pm. Bring an appetizer or a small \$ donation for a cook out.

Angelica will show us her new summer outfits from her clothing company, AngeliCotton!

Call Cheryl to rsvp. 317- 496 -7981.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry meets every Tuesday from 12:30 until 2:30 in room 124. Anyone is welcome to join us. Call Jenny Andrews at 989-0586 for more information.

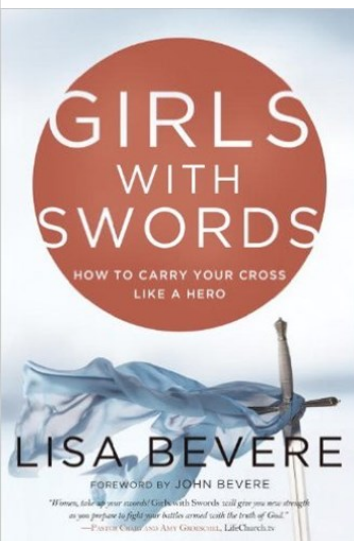
Quilters Group

Meets each Friday from 9:30 to noon, and we welcome new members, even if they don't know how to quilt. Any questions please contact Marie Harris at: mdrharris@aol.com

New Books in the Library

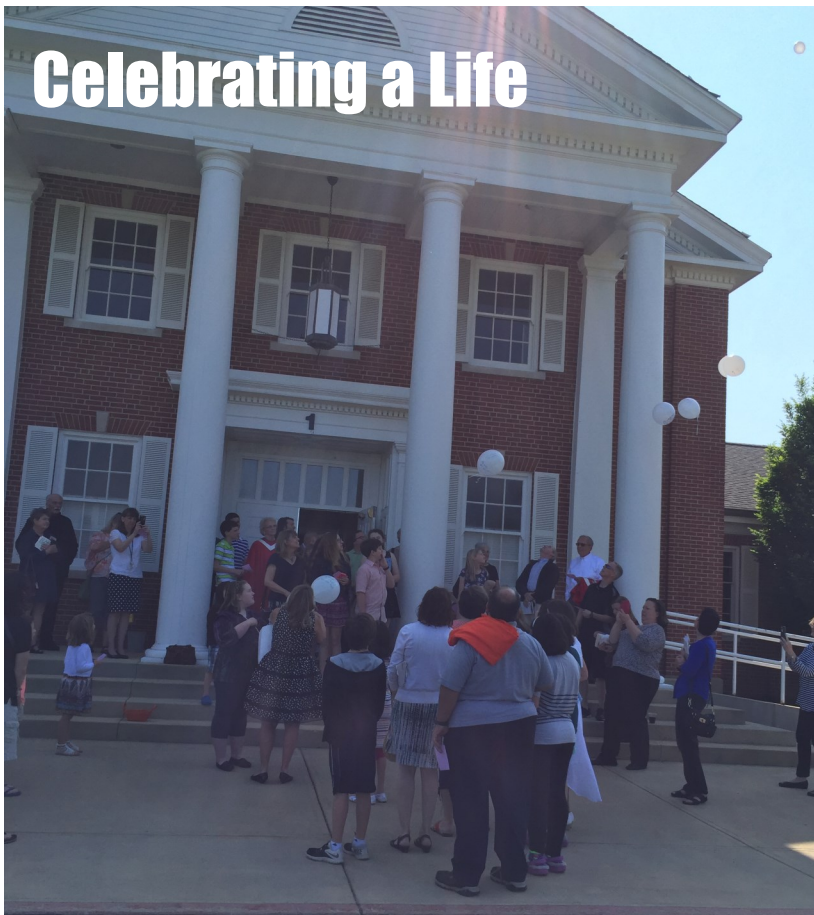
Girls with Swords is one of the new books we just received at in the Carmel UMC library, be sure to stop by and see the new selection available!

"We are living at an amazing time in history; there is so much pain, suffering and heartbreak on the planet today- and at the same time such a great opportunity to bring change and be a part of the solution. In her own unique style, Lisa Bevere encourages the King's daughters to understand that we are a part of an epic battle and that we need to be prepared. This is not the time to draw back! Read *Girls with Swords* and join the growing company of women who are rising strong on the earth!"



—Holly Wagner, founder of GodChicks, author of WarriorChicks

Celebrating a Life



On May 22, Sunday School teachers and children celebrated the life of beloved teacher, Jane Danner. Jane went to be with the Lord on December of 2015 after 24 years of teaching Sunday School. Megan Reed was her aide in the third grade classroom. This year we have many young people helping in Sunday School: Ruthie Buskirk, Katriel Marks, Lanie Suiter, Zach King, Austin Keith and Evan Grey who help along with

Megan. As a group the 23rd Psalm was recited, we prayed and released balloons with special messages to Mrs. Danner. We prayed over Megan as a representative and that she continue on the legacy of teaching about the love of Jesus as she wore the prayer shawl given to Jane before her death. Thank you to Ed King for the pictures.

Moms Night Out - June 3rd

Are you ready to take back control of your health? Are you ready to maintain good health, and good body functions overall? Today's lifestyles don't always create optimal conditions for physical wellness. Poor diet, lack of exercise, and an overabundance of environmental toxins can leave the body unbalanced and diminish energy levels. Essential oils are a necessity, and are healthy alternatives that have been used for thousands of years. In fact there are 12 Essential Oils referenced in the Bible.

Please join us on Friday, June 3 at Aria Cheney's for an Essential Oils Make and Take Party and we will show you how you can ditch the synthetics and switch over to something that will benefit your body, mind, and overall body functions in the most perfect and plant-based way. From cleansing and weight management to supporting every system of the body. Using essential oils and essential oil-infused supplements daily can provide the targeted solutions you need to restore balance and feel your very best.

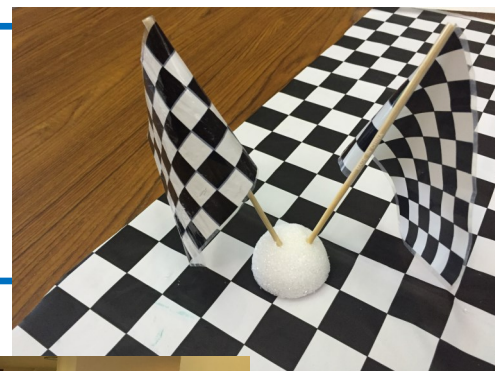
We will share with you what Essential Oils are and the many ways you can use them. We will be making four items that you can keep for yourself or gift to a friend, family member or even as a thank you gift. The items may include a Peppermint Headache Stick, Chocolate Peppermint Lip Balm, Room Spray and Bath Salts.

We hope you will join us and bring a friend!



From the Carmel UMC Preschool

The hallways of the Church are filled with laughter, chatter, teaching, friendship, and so much Love.



It was a RACE to the finish!

The Carmel UMC Preschool had a visit from 500 Festival Princesses who helped with various activities and the pre-k had their traditional parade and race to help them celebrate in the traditional "month of May" way.

Each class had a party or time to recognize the children and the amazing year. Over 75 children "graduated" from the preschool and will go off to different Elementary Schools. We wish them well.

As we look forward to 2016-2017 we ask that you always keep the CUMC Preschool in your prayers. We want our families and children to see and feel the love of God everyday they walk through our doors.

We are still accepting registration for the next school year. Please email Nicole Todd if you are interested or have any questions. Ntodd@indy.rr.com



Preschool Registration 2016-2017

We are still accepting registration for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer classes for 18 months to age 5.

Please Call the Preschool Office @ 844-1958 or email Marian Fales: MFales@Carmelumc.org for questions or a tour.

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an

option.

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FOOD PANTRY

The Gleaners "Mobile Food Pantry"
will be **HERE**

the 3rd Friday of every month!

SIGN-UP ONLINE TO VOLUNTEER
FOR GLEANER'S DAYS!

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



"Last night was so awesome!! She's better at English than I thought. It was a blast - I'm so glad, I really like her a lot!"

(text message from a college student who became an ESL tutor. She has a job, full course load and loves meeting with her student)

No teaching experience required to be an ESL tutor, just a desire to share God's love in a tangible way. For more information, please contact esl@carmelumc.org or Barbara Krueger at bkrueg@sbcglobal.net (317) 903-7007.



Vacation Bible School registration is open for both participants and volunteers! Please sign up today.

T- shirts, registration and cd's on sale for VBS on Sunday, June 5, 12 and 19 in the Gathering space. Volunteer t-shirts are free to those volunteering all 5 days. Kids t-shirts and cd's are \$10!

VBS work sessions

Work sessions include; cutting, decorating, painting, organizing, hanging and putting things together. To make VBS a success, we need your help. Please come to one of the following work sessions!

June 1: 9am-12noon

June 2: 5:30-8pm Mission Night

June 8: 9am-12noon

June 9: 5:30-8pm

June 12: 12:30 put stage up

June 13: 9am- 12noon

June 14: 9am-12noon

June 15: 9am-12noon

June 16: 9-12noon

June 16: 5:30- 8pm

SIGN-UP HERE TO BRING ONE OF THE MANY ITEMS WE STILL NEED!

Here are some really important needs!

Watermelon	42
Sugar	5 lbs
Cinnamon	3 lbs
Pumpkin pie spice	2 spice containers
Pepper	2 spice containers
Dill	2 spice containers
Ginger	2 spice containers
Turmeric	2 spice containers
Uncooked gluten free rice	80 lbs
Gluten free pancake mix	1 box
Pancake mix	12 boxes
Cans of Pineapple	50 cans
Bread	20 loaves
Bread - gluten free	2 loaves
Chocolate Hersey sauce (squeeze bottle)	20 bottles
Popsicles	500
Heart cookie cutters	10
Whipped butter	20 tubs

Register Now!

**REGISTER AS
A VOLUNTEER**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join the Fun!

Traditional Service Summer Sunday School

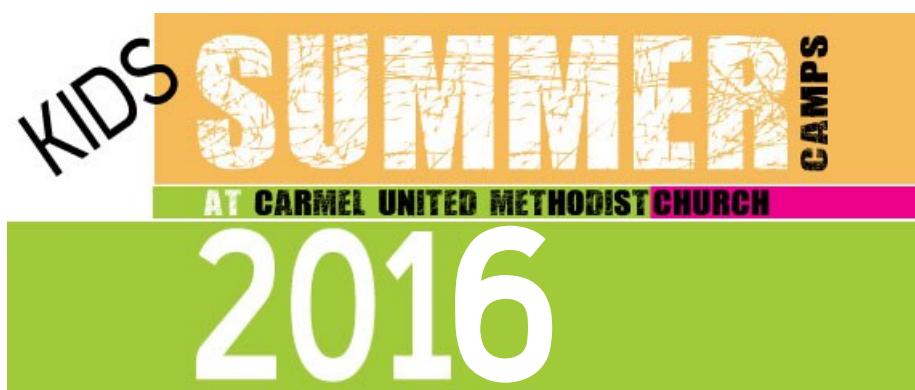
This summer Sunday School is themed, *Vacation at CUMC*. We will divide the kids by age and classrooms. One room will be an amusement park/ carnival and the other is a beach! The room that your child is in is based on their current grade. We ask all parents to sign up to help at least one time per child, 2 kids, 2 times. We have asked the 5th graders to go in the younger kids classroom, to assist and lead.

[Please sign up to help today!](#)

Contemporary Service Summer Sunday School

It's that time again! We need your help for summer Sunday school for the **CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**. Please view the dates below and sign up for the time slot that best fits your schedule. We are asking each family to sign up for at least one slot per child: 2 kids, 2 slots. This is a great way to get involved with your child and the church. The lessons are easy to teach and will already be prepared for you. Thank you for your help and for sharing the love of Jesus with the children of CUMC.

[Sign-up here to help with the Contemporary Service Summer Sunday School.](#)



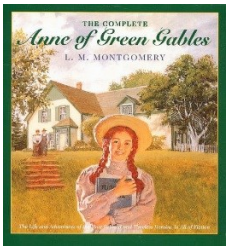
REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!!!!
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER

Summer Reading



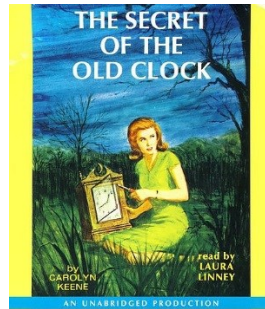
In a world of pretty pink princesses, where women in fairy tales and fiction are often cast in subordinate roles, it's not always easy to find strong and positive female role models for our daughters. Here is a suggestion of eight books that have female characters young girls will be inspired by. When my daughter was little, we had a mother/daughter book club. It was a fun way to read together and join with other moms and daughters. I recommend 3rd grade to 5th grade. ~ Rev. Aj Mildeberg

Anne of Green Gables



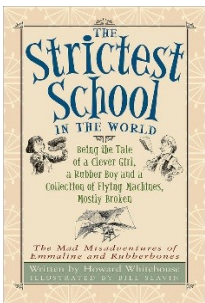
This wonderful book from "the classics" inspires girls with positive female role models. Her favorite feisty feminine heroine is the leading lady of [Anne of Green Gables](#): 11-year-old Anne Shirley.

Nancy Drew



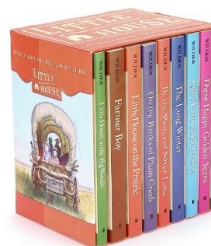
The perennial classic [Nancy Drew](#) by Carolyn Keene is an oldie but goody! This go-getter sleuth has been inspiring for girls for decades.

The Strictest School in the World



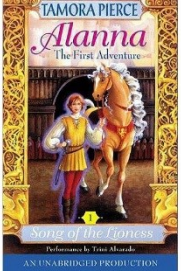
Women recommend [The Strictest School in the World](#) by Howard Whitehouse. "The heroine is a girl who likes to build flying machines." It is a good read for moms to recommend to daughters looking for female inspiration in navigating life's common rites of passage for teens.

Little House on the Prairie



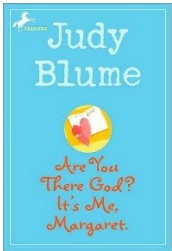
Also reaching to the classics, we recommend the [Little House Collection](#) nine-book set by Laura Ingalls Wilder for moms wanting their daughters — and sons — to find inspiring females in fiction. My daughter "loved every single book," so much that we traveled to Minnesota to visit the Ingalls museum.

Allana The First Adventure: Song of the Lioness



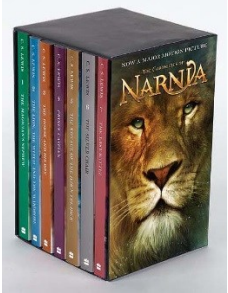
Books by author Tamora Pierce, especially [Allana The First Adventure: Song of the Lioness](#), are top of the list. It is not often in fairy tales that the "female character is on a journey to knighthood."

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret



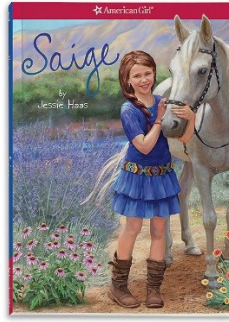
The leading character, Margaret Simon, "speaks her mind" and offers her coming-of-age anxieties and concerns as a 12-year-old.

The Chronicles of Narnia



My number one recommendation is: [The Chronicles of Narnia](#) by C.S. Lewis. "The female characters are pretty strong and positive."

American Girl Saige Books



The American Girl doll book collection — specifically the [American Girl of 2013 Saige](#) book set — because all the books in the series reference life happenings, overcoming obstacles through perseverance and determination. These books are great books for girls. Each book is inspiring, and confronts life obstacles that girls often deal with.





“It’s in the Bag”

CUMW’s Purse Auction and Luncheon Was a Huge Success!

By Cheryl Bourgea, Carmel UMW

The first annual CUMW's "It's in the Bag - purse auction and luncheon for mission projects" was a huge success! A tremendous “thank you” to everyone who helped to make this event so wonderful.

The Carmel United Methodist Women's first auction of new and gently used purses on Saturday, May 21, made over \$1000 for their mission projects. Ladies leaving the event were heard saying, "I am bringing a friend next year. It was so much fun!"

A delicious lunch at Biaggi's Restaurant started the event. Gayle Webb was the auctioneer who successfully sold all 26 purses to very happy attendees. Purses ranged from a small hot pink eyeglasses purse to a huge beach bag, stuffed with items needed to have fun at the beach!

Remember...look for purse sales this coming year so you can donate a purse for next year’s auction.

Do you believe God's Spirit wants to **captivate your kids?**

Come find out how **spiritual parenting** could change your family life.

About Spiritual Parenting:

- Create environments for the Holy Spirit to shape your kids.
- Feel the freedom of depending on God for your children's spiritual growth.
- Know the end goal: vibrant faith, not just good behavior.
- Be inspired, equipped, and supported to revolutionize your parenting and influence generations to come!

3-Week Study for parents of young children on Wednesdays: June 1, 8, 15.

6:00-8:30 pm, Room 121/122

Online registration available on our Carmel UMC website. Workbook and folder required for the class, so please register online! For more information, contact John Kouns, Minister of Adult Discipleship @ jkouns@carmelumc.org.





Starting mid-June—Dinners for 8!

Dinners for 8 are an expression of Christian fellowship and hospitality.

If you're looking for a great way to meet new people, get connected, and enjoy fellowship, food and fun, we invite you to join ***Dinners for 8*** this summer. If you are new to Carmel UMC, or if you've been around for years, this is a wonderful opportunity to get to know more people in our community. ***Dinners for 8*** is a monthly dining opportunity for you and 7 other people.

Every other week (or as discussed by your group), a person in your "8" will serve as host for the dinner. They can then choose to meet at their favorite restaurant, serve dinner at their home, or plan a picnic at the park—it's up to you.

Online group reservations will be available soon. Please watch for more info or contact John Kouns.



At Carmel UMC 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**. Groups gather, learn about God and each other, support one another in the normal challenges of life, and work together to serve the community. If you are interested in participating in or leading an adult Grow Group, please contact John Kouns, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at jkouns@carmelumc.org.



Summer 2016 Bible Challenge

Proverbs

6-Week Reading Plan

June 19—July 29



strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. We miss the moments because we rush ahead to the next thing. By neglecting time for tranquility, serenity, and repose, we limit our Christlikeness and miss out on some of God's greatest gifts. It is time for us to breathe and build margin into our lives for God. In the Old Testament, God instituted principles and laws that would transform the Israelites' mindset. He didn't just want them legally free; He wanted them to be able to walk in the freedom and enjoy it. So God gave them many gifts, including boundaries in which to enjoy those gifts. Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted the concept of Sabbath will change your life."

Priscilla Shirer



Starting Wednesday, June 29.
Online registration available on
www.carmelumc.org.
Class facilitated by Sondra McNall

Women's Summer Bible Study

Come join us for the 5-week Bible study, "Breathe - Making Room for Sabbath," by Priscilla Shirer. Classes

will be Wednesdays, June 29, July 6, July 20, July 27, and August 3 from 9:30 - 11:30am. Childcare will be available. For more information or to register, contact John Kouns, Minister of Adult Discipleship at jkouns@carmelumc.org. Online registration is available on the Carmel UMC website: www.carmelumc.org.

We know that it's hard to make room for Sabbath, especially during the summer. If you are unable attend all five sessions, that's okay! Sign up anyway and come when you are available.

The cost of the class is \$15 for the workbook and materials.

"One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to stop and cease from all the activities and busyness and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly



Disciple Bible Study—Fast Track

The foundational Disciple 1 Bible Study class starts on June 6 from 6:30—8:30 pm, and will meet weekly on Mondays. The class will be following the new Fast Track course option, which reduces the number of sessions to 24. This is 33% fewer than the traditional 34 lesson course, given how busy we all seem to be these days. The Disciple 1 course is a pre-requisite for the other courses 2, 3 & 4, which can be taken in any order after #1. Disciple 3 will be offered this Fall. Though there is less reading in the Fast Track version, participants will be expected to read about 30 minutes daily in order to cover the material. Both the Old & New Testaments are studied in the curriculum. If you have questions, contact Ken Steppe, ksteppe861@gmail.com. **Online registration is available on our Carmel UMC website.**



Youth Ministries, Higher Education Committee, and Carmel UMC celebrated **the Class of 2016** on Sunday, May 22nd. Following the 9:30 service, cake was served in the Gathering Place. Congrats to all of the Grads!



**2016
Henderson
Settlement
Mission Team**

Carmel UMC celebrates and prays for the 2016 Henderson Settlement Mission Team as they prepare to make a difference in the lives of many in Henderson, KY the week of June 12th.

Ayers, Eric
Bach, Christine
Bach, Jim
Bennett, Bill
Blessing, Tom
Carriger, Richard
Chinn, Hannah
Chinn, Laura
Collins, Mike
Dalstrom, Sarah
Fairfield, Steve
Gochnauer, Rich
Herbert, Doug
Hinnard, Bob
Hinnard, Katie
Hinnard, Terri
Irwin, Mike

Keith, Christine
Leonard, Bill
Lerner, Wayne
McNall, Pat
McNall, Sondra
McTaggart, Karen
Mildenberg, Aj
Najjar, Katherine
Oehler, Grant
Phillips, Bob
Phillips, Morgan
Phillips, Sandy
Roberts, Loren
Schnurpel, Brett
Vohs, Jason
Wilcox, Chris
Yde, Fred

**Carmel UMC Staff
Bowling Outing**



The Carmel UMC Staff enjoyed a “team building event” at Woodland Bowl on May 24th. The competition was stiff, but Preschool Teacher, Martha Zetzyl came out the winner of the day!

Pictured back row: Scott “Old McDermid” McDermid, Linda “LuLu” Farrand, John “Koundog” Kouns, Martha “Pretzl” Zetzyl, Kevin “Kevo” Andrews, Mike “Pod” Podgorski, Mike “the Rev” Collins

Front Row: Aj Mildenberg, Patti Napier, Karen “Kare Bear” McTaggart, and Rachel “Raradragonfly” Ferry



The incoming freshman will get a special day of being welcomed into the senior high youth ministry on June 28. If you know of a student who will be starting high school in the fall, ask them to RSVP to Pastor Scott at smcdermid@carmelumc.org or email their basic contact info to youth@carmelumc.org so we can invite them personally.



Wednesday Night Worship will begin June 15 and happen every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm through the start of school. This is a weekly connection to adults, peers and God. We will enjoy the relaxed atmosphere around the fire pit and take a couple of “road trips” as well.



The Youth Ministry is serving this summer in the community for a Local Mission Trip: July 11-15

Serving locally for a week ~ work one day, or many. It's up to you! Stay tuned for details.

Youth Renovation Update

The Christian Formation Summit as part of the Youth Renovation process resulted in a 7 year plan for teachings that cover 9 major themes. Thanks to all who participated and offered insight regarding the teachings that Carmel UMC believes to be at the core of the Christian faith.

Other recent highlights from the Renovation process include:

- A team of professional educators has been recruited to determine the best age group and setting for the teach plan to be implemented in a practical way.
- The Prayer Team met for the first time on May 16 with plans for bi-weekly prayer during the 15 month process on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 7-7:30pm
- A list of potential volunteers is being compiled in preparation for summer recruitment as well as a volunteer process to ensure each is well-qualified and trained for their respective role.



What a great year of Confirmation as we have explored a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Jesus, and students have wrestled with their own relationship with God. Students participated in weekly classes, service projects, Grow group discussion, Bible reading, retreats, pastoral interview, & more. We recognize the huge role that parents continue to play in faith development and included them in five classes, participation in the retreat, service projects, and the pastoral interview. Here are a few of students' own words about their relationship with Christ from the "Selfie of Faith" end-of-the-year project. Not only have they learned a lot but seem to realize that more effort is required on this lifelong journey with Jesus.

From the students...

To me being a Christian means that you not only believe in God but you worship God (Demons believe in God.) -Billy B.

I have faith in God and I know He will always be there even when I might drift away from Him. -Olivia M.

I wish I had connected with God earlier for me to be more connected with God now. -Lauren P.

To be a follow of Christ means to have faith that He can do great things and put your life in his hands. -Norah S.

I don't think I understand as much about the Holy Spirit as I should. -Matthew Z.

When I am feeling down, Jesus is always there. -Carter M.

I will probably just need a little kick in the behind to help me remember to go to church. -Anonymous

Continue to pray for all our students that they will become more like Jesus and discover the abundant life that comes from living in close connection to Him.





Carmel UMC Higher Education Scholarship Winners Announced

Each year the Higher Education Committee awards scholarships to deserving church members who are pursuing advanced education at accredited colleges or universities. In 2015 you responded generously to the request for contributions to the Scholarship Fund, and we were able to award scholarships to all of the applicants.

To contribute to the Scholarship Fund, please write your check to Carmel United Methodist Church with "Scholar Dollars" written on the memo line. Please also write "Scholar Dollars" on the outside of your envelope and put it in the offering plate or take it to the office.

The 2016 scholarship winners were recognized during the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on May 22. Here is information about the outstanding winners:

Ruth Buskirk will attend Ball State University and plans on majoring in special education and elementary education. During the past 18 years, Ruth has participated in many CUMC activities, including being involved in the children's ministry, being a Sunday School teacher, being a crew leader for Vacation Bible School, and attending youth group, retreats, and mission trips. Ruth is the daughter of Ann and Tim Buskirk.

Gillian Harrison will attend Ball State University and plans to major in speech pathology. Her CUMC activities through the years include being an ESL tutor each Wednesday, being a VBS crew leader, being a Wednesday night dinner dishwasher, doing food pantry service, and attending mission trips. Gillian is the daughter of Thomas and Camilia Harrison.

Nathan Miller will attend Indiana State University and plans to major in computer science. He has been very active at CUMC, participating in Kids Coats, the food pantry, youth group, and many mission trips. Nathan is the son of Jana and Michael Miller.

Leah Patton will attend Indiana University and plans to major in speech language pathology or special education. Leah has attended CUMC all her life and has been active through the years. She has participated and volunteered at VBS, participated in volleyball and youth band, and attended mission trips. Leah is the daughter of Julie and Todd Patton.

Samantha Todd will attend Butler University and plans to major in criminology and minor in music. In her 17 years at CUMC, Samantha has participated in many CUMC activities, including attending youth services, being a participant and leader in Vacation Bible School, helping with Comfort Closet and the Food Pantry, singing in the youth band, and attending mission trips. Samantha Todd is the daughter of Nicole and Brad Todd.

Taylor Smith will attend Ball State University and plans to major in music education. At CUMC he has been a slideshow technician, a child activity volunteer, participated in Vacation Bible School, and attended mission trips. Taylor is the son of Penny Dollens-Smith and Gary Smith.

Ian Cartmel will attend Purdue University and plans to major in engineering. Ian has attended CUMC all his life. He has been a volunteer for Vacation Bible School and Kids Coats, and he has participated in mission trips. Ian is the son of David and Stacy Cartmel.

Oluwatobi (Tobi) Akerele will continue to attend Purdue University and major in electrical engineering technology. Tobi has attended mission trips and volunteered for VBS and Christmas tree sales. He has also helped with the audio and video on Sundays. His parents are Olusegun Akerele and Ngozi Mandy Akerele.



Relationships go into Double Overtime

Purpose:

Carmel UMC Sports & Recreation Ministry exists to leverage sporting and recreational activities as a platform for members of the Carmel UMC family to build intentional relationships with persons without a church home toward the goal that they become connecting, growing and serving followers of Jesus Christ.

Every organization has to decide not only what they hope to accomplish but how they plan to do so. This is the third installment of a series to introduce the values that guide how we achieve the goal of more followers of Jesus through the relationships that develop in every SRM program.

Sports & Rec Ministry Value #3

Relational investment continues after the buzzer.

Usually the end of anything enjoyable is tough on us. We don't love the end of a relaxing vacation or good movie or the empty bottom of an ice cream carton. As we make relationships the focal point of all Sports & Rec programs (see Values #1 and #2 from past articles), we need to rewrite the timetable on each event. The buzzer (end of the activity) no longer gets final say on our decision to continue to take our best shot at relationships that lead to spiritual growth.

Last I checked, relationships aren't over until one party stops having a pulse. In fact, God prioritizes His relationship with us in a similar way, as He continues to pursue a relationship with us until death, whether we are following Him or would be better categorized as a prodigal or even His enemy. (Luke 15 and Romans 8).

SRM Ministry commits to planning for relationships to continue after every program and expect that people

who started without a church family will respond to our authentic care for them especially when it is no longer based on their involvement in our activity. Doing so may even give them a fresh perspective that the God we serve is pursuing them as well.

Contact us at sports@carmelumc.org to find out ways you can kick start a relationship that could have an ongoing impact.

Kevin Andrews
Minister of Sports & Recreation



Kevin Andrews
Minister of Youth and
Sports & Rec

Hint for Value #4: Winning is everything (as long as we are keeping the right score). (Stay tuned for the July Contact!)



TECHNOLOGY NEWS!

Celebrating Technology Impacting Ministry...

by: Rev. Patti

In the last year, and for the next year, we will continue our progress in using technology to the benefit of communication and faith growth. And being what the world is today, anyone who will always want to be relevant and growing will need this to continue to be a priority. Here is a summary of the technological opportunities you will hear us talk about and know that if you use them, you WILL feel connected to Carmel UMC...

Carmel UMC Mobile App...it is simple and so informative!! (download from your app store and enjoy! It is that simple!)

The mobile app was developed and is maintained by BlueBridge, Inc., located in Fishers, Indiana. Recently, our Communications Specialist, Rachel Ferry, was asked to participate in one of their national webinars as our app launch and continued use has exceeded expectations. The Carmel UMC initial goal was for there to be 300 downloads in the first year - and we had 350 in the FIRST quarter! Also catching the attention nationally was our push notification campaign over Lent which had a higher than national average open rate.

The Pathway...the new Carmel UMC, cloud based, church database.

As we near a church wide launch, keep your eyes open because at your fingertips will be a way to connect with other church members, grow in your faith in groups and activities and serve our community and world through mission opportunities and activities. You will have the opportunity to update your own profile, and allow individuals to access what information you want them to. This is an exciting development for Carmel UMC. Many church staff, and volunteers are already using the system on a daily basis.

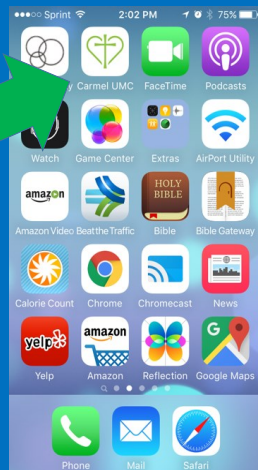
RightNowMedia...though not new this year, still another successful technology that can be used with grow groups or individually. If you have Roku or an AppleTV you can stream all kinds of Bible studies and great children's videos FREE! If you don't have a username, email jkouns@carmelumc.org and he will send you one!

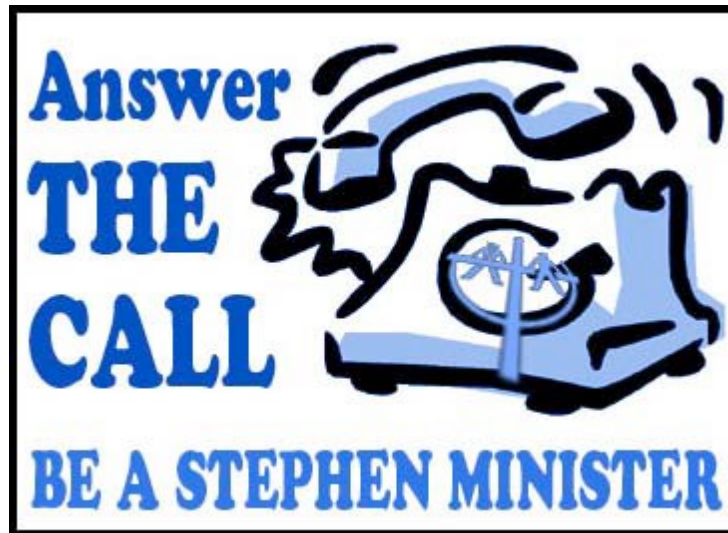
Carmel UMC NEW Website...**COMING SOON!!** Our website is under construction but due to launch in a few short weeks.



Did you know that Carmel UMC has a new MOBILE APP?

Download the **free app** from your App Store – stay up-to-date on events, sermons, and even catch the live feed if you can't make it on Sunday!





Don't Miss the Boat!

Act Now If You'd Like to Be Part of the Next Stephen Minister Training Class!

Time is running out if you want to be part of CUMC's next class of Stephen Ministers, which will begin on Monday, August 1.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in faith, develop stronger relational skills, and bring Christ's love into the lives of hurting people.

To be part of this class, you will need to pick up a copy of the Stephen Minister Application from the church office. Fill it out and return it to the church office.

We will then schedule a time when you can meet with a couple of our Stephen Leaders to learn more about the training and so we can learn more about you.

If you have any questions, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:
Debbie Carriger, Jan Lefton,
Wayne Lerner, Sandy Phillips, or Mitzi Rose.



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The Transportation Ministry is in full swing! This ministry is designed to help friends of Carmel UMC at the Barrington arrive safely at church to worship or enjoy Sunday School. If you're a resident at the Barrington, and would like to participate in this ministry or if you'd like to volunteer as one of the drivers, please contact Jim Shirey 317-217-0172

The bus schedule currently running is:
Bus Arrival at The Barrington: 8:45 a.m.
Depart from the Barrington: 9:00 a.m. (sharp)
Depart CUMC following worship: 11:00 a.m.
Arrive at Barrington: 11:15 a.m.

PRAYER MINISTRY



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP:

Be brave and courageous. Come and pray in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. We pray for about an hour, some times silently and sometimes out loud.

Occasionally, we sing.
Contact Richard Carriger:
rcarriger@richardcarriger.com



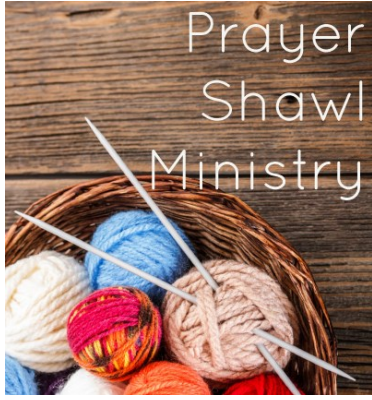
CUMC E-Prayer

This ministry is a vital piece of electronic communication within our church family, used to share (via e-mail) timely prayer requests and concerns about family and friends. If you would like to begin receiving and using CUMC E-Prayer, please send your e-mail address to Ed King at jeking@dow.com.



prayer request [click here](#)

A MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:



Prayer Shawl Ministry Each Tuesday from 12:30 until 2:30, a group gathers to knit or crochet prayer shawls to be given as an expression of love and encouragement from our church family. You are invited to come whenever you can. Call Jenny Andrews at 989-0586 or Katie Kessler at 846-9785 with questions or suggestions. Also, please call if you know of someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl.



Look for an upcoming Sunday to meet with one of the Pastors of Carmel UMC in the Library Conference Room for an informal time to have a **"Conversation with the Pastor"**. This is open to new attendees as well those who attend regularly. It is the goal of Carmel UMC to offer this at least once per quarter! Dates TBA.

UPDATE: The Parsonage



Due to extensive repair that was needed on the existing parsonage and garage, and that in the best interests of CUMC, the Governing Council has elected to have the structure removed. The land will be reserved for the future growth and expansion of church ministries.

The parsonage has served Carmel UMC well and we look forward (at some point in the future) to design and build something that will further our mission of *connect, grow, and serve*.



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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.

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CONTACT

JUNE 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ *Kid's Summer Camps*
- ◆ *Dinners For 8*
- ◆ *Nashville SLAM Youth Mission Trip*
- ◆ *July 3rd Community Church Service @ Center Green*