

Bad Words...Insider Language!!!

Are you wondering what I mean by "insider language"? It is those words that are so "churchy" that today's general population do not have a clue what they mean like, narthex, chancel, or sanctify.

To say that we celebrate Pentecost may be an event that carries a bit of "insider language." I hope that, through this article, I can clarify a few things.

Pentecost was the occasion we read about in the Book of Acts, Chapter 2, that happened 50 days after Easter. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and is with us today as we live out our Christian faith. The Holy Spirit speaks into our hearts and our souls providing wisdom and direction to know God's desire and will for our lives. It is also known as the birthday of the church as the church as the Body of Christ had its beginning.

So Pentecost was both a personal experience with the Holy Spirit and the start of the work of the church. So how is this relevant for me today? How does this speak in a real way into my life? What impact can this have on my reality?

I believe that as a church, we are the Church of the Pentecost, a church on fire when we are serious about CONNECTING and GROWING and SERVING as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. How can CUMC be helpful to this process? How can we be helpful in the days ahead?

Check out these upcoming opportunities. These are not just planned to keep us busy or for us to look like a busy church. These are planned to help all of us to experience the relevance of how that fire that came down that first Pentecost to ignite within us the fire of the Holy Spirit and for the flames of fire to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities:

Kids	VBS	June 18-23	Register Here
Kids	Summer Camps	July 5-29	Register Here
Youth	Summer Missions	June/July	More Info
Adults	Christian Parenting Class	June 1, 8, 15	More Info
Adults	Speaker Series	Varying Dates	More Info
Everyone	Instant Texts/Messages	Varying Dates	Download the App
Youth to Adults	Grow Groups	Varying Dates/Times	More Info

GROW GROUPS...GROW GROUPS...GROW GROUPS... youth and adults!!! I hope that you see that I cannot say enough about Grow Groups as study after study shows that if we talk about growing in our faith, this is the best opportunity of all.

May the fire of Pentecost blow through each one of us and set our hearts ablaze!!!

Blessed to serve in Christ's name,

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Church Governing Council

The Church Governing Council meeting schedule is posted outside of the Church office.

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE

Births

• Van Nicholas Wolf, born April 5, 2016 to Nick & Suzanne Wolf. Proud grandmother is Nancy Van Schaack.

Baptisms

- April 17, 2016
- Steele Allen Kruzel,
- Kennedy Lynn Kruzel, daughter of Steele & Anne Kruzel
- Andrew Preston Howerton
- Harper Ann Howerton, daughter of Andrew & Jenny Howerton

With Sympathy to

- Gary Havercamp & family on the death of his mother, **Sarah Havercamp**, who passed away March 23, 2016
- Tom Nichols & family on the death of his father, Traude Nichols, who passed away March 27, 2016
- Del Hannah & family, on the death of her husband, Tom Hannah, who passed away April 1, 2016
- Darcy Hehner & family, on the death her mother, Marilyn Redman, who passed away April 6, 2016
- Jody Rush & family, on the death of her sister-in-law, Marcia Rush, who passed away April 10, 2016
- Janet Haskett & family on the death of her sister, Marilyn Turner, who passed away April 11, 2016
 Julie Chang & family, on the death of her brother, Louis Cheng-Chang Chang, who passed away
- Julie Chang & family, on the death of her brother, Louis Cheng-Chang Chang, who passed awa April 13, 2016
 The family of Margin Fisher who passed away April 14, 2016
- The family of Margie Fisher who passed away April 14, 2016





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.

www.prayer request submit here



Church Finance Update

Church Budget

I would like to update you on Carmel United Methodist Church's financial condition as of the end of the first quarter for 2016. We are three months into our year. Through March, there has been a decline in pledges being prepaid or paid upfront in January. This suggests people that previously satisfied their pledge commitment upfront, have chosen to either pay their pledge commitment weekly/monthly or will fulfill their commitment later in the year. As it stands, our overall budget is running (\$39,000) behind operating budget for the first quarter. We did receive some pre-pays early in April so we are not terribly far behind on planned revenue.

The staff has continued to control expenses. We

are cautiously optimistic that we will close this gap prior to the end of the year; if not by the end of the second quarter. We also know that as the year moves on, we may be faced with expenses that were not anticipated or budgeted for and that summer has usually been a lower time for pledge receipts.

Carmel United Methodist Church is a giving and caring church community. Let us continue to build on our successes. Thank you so much for your ongoing support both financially and with your efforts. Together, we are accomplishing Jesus' Mission!

Making Room Capital Campaign

As our three year Making Room capital campaign draws to a close in June, we are in an excellent position to have the construction line of credit completely paid. A large number of pledges have already been paid in full, and many others are being paid faithfully each week or month. We praise God for the generosity of our church family. We are optimistic that we will collect all the outstanding pledges and complete our successful campaign with room to spare.

Chuck Shalliol Church Finance Committee



We are making progress on our 15 month youth renovation and each month we will give an update here to let you know what steps are complete, what steps are in the works and what still lies ahead

• The Governing Council approved the report from Ministry Architects and voted to hire Ministry Architects to work with us during this 15 month process

- The Youth Renovation Team has been recruited and has had their first meeting
- Dates are set for our Spiritual Formation Summit: May 13 and 14th
 - A prayer team coordinator has been identified and is in

the process of recruiting members for that team

- A support team has been recruited to help with tasks for the renovation process
- Staff Parish is looking to address the staffing needs identified in the report
- All youth programs are now tracking attendance by name using the Pathway system
- An 18 month calendar is currently being created

Other projects in the works include

- Updating Youth Database
- Summer programs created, staffed by volunteers and communicated clearly
- Grow Group game plan will be studied by the renovation team at their upcoming meetings

Ruth Anna

The ladies of Ruth Anna circle will celebrate all our birthdays at a pitch-in salad luncheon in the church gathering space beginning at 10:30am on Tuesday, May 10. Guests are welcome! Please call Katie Kessler at 846-9785 for more information.



Mom's Circle

Moms circle meeting is May 12th 9:15-10:30 room 122. More info contact: Christy Nowlin at: chawknowlin@yahoo.com

Dinner bells

Dinner Bells will meet on May 10 at 6:15 PM Kay Hapner is the hostess.

Quilters Group

Meet 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: <u>mdrharris@aol.com</u>

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.





The Governing Council has elected to raze the parsonage and the attached garage space on the NE corner of the property by mid-May. This has caused a challenge for Kids Coats to move coat racks and support needs to other places.

LOST AND FOUND

Please check the "lost and found" boxes by the Welcome Center to see if you've lost something! It is overflowing!!! Winter Coats, glasses, umbrellas, and more!

Items will be donated to Goodwill if not claimed by May 29th.





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 at 317-217-0172

Hunger is NOT an option. CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



FOOD PANTRY

Looking for an opportunity to serve? Saturday, June 4th for sack lunch preparation from 10-12 and Sunday, June 5th from 10am-2pm for **Soup's On at Roberts Park UMC.** To volunteer please contact:

John Greene 727-403-7069 or Email at <u>Jwgreene58@gmail.com</u>.



Fletcher Place dates are 4/29/16 and 5/27/16. Please contact Richard Carriger at Rcarriger@richardcarriger.com



An Alliliate of Family Promise*

IHN week is May 22-29. Carmel UMC is always in need of hosts/volunteers/meal providers. Please contact Dale Hughes at <u>dj.hughes@earthlink.net</u>



Work sessions in May:

May 5, 5:30-8pm Thursday

May 12, 5:30-8pm Thursday

May 13, 6-8:30pm Family Fun Night Friday

May 19, 5:30-8pm Thursday

May 25, 5:30- 8pm Wednesday

NO work session May 26.

For individual times or if your group would like to arrange a special work session, email Pastor Aj at <u>amildenberg@carmelumc.org</u> or Stephanie Holl, VBS director at <u>holls14233@gmail.com</u> Thailand Trek, a mission orientated VBS **June 19-23** 6-8:45pm Registration OPEN!

Register Now!

SIGN UP TO DONATE ITEMS HERE!

Family VBS Fun Night May 21st 6pm

Mom and Dad help with a VBS work night as kids watch an animated version of the King and I. After we will enjoy a lesson on waltzing by the Kessler's. Snack and fun provided. To sign up: *T- shirts, registration and cd's on sale for VBS beginning Sunday, May 1 in the Gathering space. Volunteer t-shirts are free to those volunteering all 5 days. Kids t-shirts and cd's are \$10!*

REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER

REGISTER HERE



Friday, June 3rd at referenced in the Bible. **7pm** for an Essential Oils Make and Take Partv 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, essential oils and essential oil-infused supplements can provide supplies. the targeted solutions you need to restore balance

Please join us on and feel your best. In fact there are 12 Essential Oils **Friday, June 3rd at** referenced in the Bible.

We will share with you what Essential Oils are and the many ways you can use them. We will be making 3 items that you can keep for yourself or gift to a friend, family member or even your child's teacher as a thank you gift. The items include a Peppermint Headache Stick, Chocolate Peppermint Lip Balm, Room Spray and Bath Salts.

Please bring a dessert or a snack to share. We hope you will join us and bring a friend! Please RSVP by May 26th so we can ensure we have the appropriate supplies.

Questions, email: amildenberg@carmelumc.org



Last day of grader regular Sunday assist School is May 22, please make sure you thank your Sunday School teachers.

Children's Ministry is thanking the teachers by having them to a dinner, on May 22- would you be willing to donate a dessert? Please email me if you can! Thank you!

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 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

ay of graders to go in the younger kids classroom, to Sunday assist and lead. SIGN-UP HERE FOR:

School is May 22, Traditional Summer Sunday School please make sure Help

School It's that time again! We need your help for summer Sunday school for the STREAM. Please view the dates in the sign-up and pick a 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 FOR:

Summer Sunday School Stream Help

Grow for God, our annual family mission project will begin May 8. Take a plant or seeds home to grow produce for the food pantry. Plants and seeds will be located in the Gathering Place at the VBS table.





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 second 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 #2

The sideline is as important as center court.

The sidelines are rarely valued in American sports. All the focus is on the court, field or other playing surface and the stars who shine in the limelight. Even for those of us relegated to spectating, the most sought-after seats are those closest to the action.

Reimagine that the most significant moments that happen at a sporting events are not the final score or the athletic prowess but the relationships and experiences of those who witness them. The NFL seems to have discovered this truth in their marketing campaign that suggest "Football is Family". While football might hold out some hope for fans craving a deeper connection than their 9-5 life, I'm convinced that **the church is God's best design for humans to find connection to Himself and each other as a part of the spiritual family.** The apostle Paul spoke of this family like a body that is so interconnected that it would both celebrate and suffer together.

As people become the reason we play (see Value #1 from last month), it becomes obvious that the sidelines might be the perfect place to develop those relationships. Think about it...on the sideline you aren't out of breath, sweating or distracted by a flying (or bouncing) object. You may cheer on your team but are also likely to engage in conversations with the fans around you. As we value those on the sideline, we embrace the reality that God calls all people into a relationship with Him, whether they are superstars or bench warmers like most of us.



Kevin Andrews Minister of Youth and Sports & Rec

Contact us at sports@carmelumc.org to find out ways you can be a significant relational force on the sidelines.

Kevin Andrews Minister of Sports & Recreation

Hint for Value #3: We always win in Overtime! (Stay tuned for the June Contact!)





Christian Formation Summit

The whole church is invited! This is a summit led by the staff from Ministry Architects who came in late February to evaluate the youth ministry.

May 13-14

Friday from 6-9pm and Saturday from 9-12 and 2-5pm.



Youth Grow Groups are wrapping up for the school year, but will return in the Fall. If you want your students in a group, or have any questions, please contact Minister of Youth, Kevin Andrews at kandrews@carmelumc.org.



May 1st : Final "regular" Intersect of the year before summer

May 15th - an additional night of Intersect brought by the 2015 El Salvador team featuring food, music, pictures and videos plus testimonies from last summer's international youth trip

A youth night of teaching, worship, games, and dinner starting at 5:15



Nashville Mission Trip – June 6-11

Grades currently 6-12

Register NOW to be a part of a life-changing week serving residents of Nashville, Tennessee. You'll want to experience the fantastic road trip, mindblowing food and unforgettable moments spent with friends! Plus, God will use this week to shape you into the compassionate person He created you to be!

The cost of the trip is \$325 and includes lodging, transportation, meals, project supplies, free day activities, highlight DVD and poster. If you could use some financial assistance, please contact us for a confidential scholarship application. This will be your only opportunity to place a \$50 deposit via credit card (not tax deductible) or you can submit a check to the church office at your earliest convenience. Register soon as space is limited!



Wednesday Night Worship, 7:00 to 8:30 pm @ Carmel UMC Every Wednesday night June 15 thru August 10



OUR WORLD TODAY SPEAKER SERIES

Session #1: What Every American Needs to Know About ISIS

"Our World Today" is a new speaker series starting at Carmel UMC which addresses topics and issues that are important or relevant in our lives today. This series debuts on Thursday, May 12 with the topic: "What Every American Needs to Know About ISIS" presented by Dr. David Carlson.

Dr. David Carlson is Professor of Religious Studies at Franklin College. He has been teaching in the area of religious violence and extremism for over a decade. He is the author of Peace Be with You: Monastic Wisdom for a Terror-Filled World (Thomas Nelson. 2011) and the forthcoming Countering Religious Extremism: The Healing Power of Spiritual Friendships (New City Press, 2017). He has given talks on ISIS/ISIL across the country.

ISIS/ISIL remains one of the greatest threats to our national security and to world peace. While many are confused about this group, this onehour program will explain the origins, the rage, the vision, and the attitude of this group toward the United States. This is a crucial topic during this presidential election campaign.

All are invited. Please join us Thursday, May 12 from 6:30-8:00pm in room121/122.



Let's Do Life Together

At Carmel UMC we encourage everyone to join and participate in a Grow Group:

- 8-12 people
- Become better disciples of Jesus Christ through
 Connecting, Growing, and Serving
- Learn about God and each other
- Support one another in life's adventures

Interested? Contact John Kouns, Minister of Adult Discipleship, at <u>jkouns@carmelumc.org</u>.



"Friends in Faith" Bible Study—led by Barbara Krueger Wednesdays at 4:00pm in room 121/122.

New study starting on May 4: "Heaven: It's Not What You Think" by Chip Ingram.

All are welcome and new people are encouraged. Do you want to get a better understanding as to why Heaven matters? Join us on Wednesday, May 4!



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!

Coming in June: Spiritual Parenting Class!

3-Week Study on Wednesdays: June 1, 8, 15 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Room 121/122

Online registration coming soon! For more information, contact John Kouns, Minister of Adult Discipleship @ <u>ikouns@carmelumc.org</u>.



Disciple Bible Study—Fast Track

The foundational Disciple 1 Bible Study class is Fast Track version, participants will be expected to being offered again starting on June 6 from 6:30 - read about 30 minutes daily in order to cover the 8:30 pm, and will meet weekly on Mondays. The material. Both the Old & New Testaments are orientation meeting will be May 23, 6:30 - 7:30 pm studied in the curriculum. To register, or if you have to pass out materials, and schedules. Each questions, contact Ken Steppe, participant needs a study manual available through ksteppe861@gmail.com. Online registration will also be available.

Coming this Summer—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.

Each month, 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 reservations will be available soon. Please watch for more info or contact John Kouns.



fine, but preferably not a paraphrased one. This can be discussed at the orientation session and samples will be provided. We 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 Ken contact Steppe, ksteppe861@gmail.com. Online registration will

Fitness Ministry is "ON THE MOVE"

by: Kevin Andrews

In taking over the leadership of Sports and Recreation Ministry, I have to admit that the Zumba and Yoga/ Pilates programs were a mystery to me. It seemed daunting to be leading a ministry that I have not personally participated in. However, while I have yet to attend a class, I can say from my interactions with the instructors that I feel very confident that the Fitness Classes offered at Carmel UMC are in good hands and poised to grow in wonderful ways as we move forward.

Each of the class leaders has their own personality and "niche" but each exhibits a dedication and passion for fitness they lead as well as an understanding of how they can contribute to accomplishing the larger vision of the church. Let me briefly introduce them to you.



Maricarmen Snyder Instruction: Zumba Fridays @ 9:15am (Childcare provided)

Interesting fact: Full name is "Maria del Carmen Aguilar Snyder"

Lindsey Lopez Instruction: Zumba Wednesdays at 9:15am (Childcare provided) Interesting fact: Self-proclaimed "chick with the blue hair"



Jenni Carrillo Instruction: Zumba Mondays @ 6:30pm (Childcare provided) Interesting fact: Attending classes to become a certified teacher



Rebecca McGuckin Instruction: Yoga & Pilates Tuesdays at 6:30pm (No childcare) Interesting fact: She and her husband belong to a home church

Each of these ladies is committed to making their respective class a high quality experience for first-time guests and returning members alike. They are also active members of their respective fitness associations and not only use their skills to minister at Carmel UMC but are in demand to lead classes in other venues. We are blessed to have them and I hope many more of you will discover the opportunity to enjoy some physical exercise. Even more so, I believe as other Carmel UMC women join the classes and invite friends, co-workers and neighbors, these fitness opportunities will be a fantastic first "point-of-contact" for individuals in our community to discover that Carmel UMC has more to offer than just fitness. Please consider participating as an extension of your connection at Carmel UMC in hopes that others will become connected as well.

If you have any questions email: <u>sports@carmelumc.org</u>

Ready to Connect? Remember to bring a few bucks with you. \$4 for a one-time visit Punch cards available in 10, 20 and 30 class quantities ranging from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per class (currently available for purchase at time of instruction) Childcare provided for select classes at no additional cost.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS!



Coming SOON: The Pathway

The new "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 someone can look for, find, and sign-up for Growth Groups or a special event, or maybe email a fellow Carmel UMC member. The Pathway will be rolled out to members of Carmel UMC, Spring of 2016!

Leaders of the various ministries, missions, and groups at Carmel UMC are currently training on how to most effectively use The Pathway.





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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



- Kid's Summer Camps
- Henderson Mission Trip

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