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Christ in the Passover

HOLY THURSDAY: APRIL 13th at 6:30pm Followed by a Traditional Seder Meal.

More details to come!!!





3/5 -4/2	Lent	7 Last Words Series	Sanctuary & FLC
4/9	Palm Sunday	11:00 Bishop Trimble, Special Music	@ the Palladium
4/13	Holy Thursday	6:30 Jews for Jesus / Seder Meal	FLC
4/14	Good Friday	6:30 Evening Service	Sanctuary
4/15	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00 (rain or shine)	Carmel UMC
4/16	Easter	8, 9:30 & 11:00 Traditional Services	Sanctuary
4/16	Easter	9:30 & 11:00 Contemporary Services	FLC

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



Baptism...

- Isabella Athena Perez, daughter of Andrew & Athena Perez was baptized February 12, 2017.
- Lucas Jerome Luciano Chadee, son of Jerome & Julia Chadee was baptized February 12, 2017.

With Sympathy To...

- Bill Ernst & family on the death for his brother, Robert Ernst, who passed away February 5, 2017.
- June Correll & family on the death of her daughter, Catherine (Cay) Correll who passed away on February 14, 2017.
- Richard Gochnauer Sr. & Rich Gochnauer on the death of wife & mother, Dorothy Gochnauer, who
 passed away February 19, 2017.

2 CONTEMPORARY SERVICES 29:30 & 11:00 am STARTING APRIL 16

Wow we are just a few weeks away from launching the additional Contemporary Worship Service! This is such an exciting time! We are still recruiting volunteers to grow our teams (music, hospitality and technology) so as to not put undue strain on our current volunteers. If you would be interested in joining one of these teams, please contact Scott McDermid at smcdermid@carmelumc.org for more information.

Having an additional Contemporary Worship Service will be a terrific way to invite new families and individuals from our community to experience worship at Carmel UMC and have the chance to join in any of the other great ministries and missions that they can be a part of in our congregation. *More opportunities to worship provide more opportunities for people to know, love and follow Jesus Christ - something we want for everyone in our community!*



Endowments & Planned Giving Part 3

This is the third article about the Carmel UMC Endowment Fund. The first article focused upon the work of a newly formed Endowment Committee to develop a new Endowment Charter plus Gift Acceptance, Investment and Spending Policies for our CUMC Endowment. Our church leadership felt the need to update our old policies and create some new policies that reflect how we should care for our endowment funds. Once the policies have been approved by the Endowment Committee and the Church Governing Council, the Endowment Charter will be sent for final approval to a CUMC Charge Conference.

The second article described what Planned Giving is and how you can make a difference in the future life of Carmel UMC by considering a planned gift to the church. It mentioned the benefit we have received from our Endowment Fund by providing almost \$100,000 (over four years) toward the Making Room Capital Campaign. It spoke to many people not realizing that churches, as well as colleges/universities, hospitals and others are equipped to manage these planned gifts and want to make this giving opportunity known to its members. It provides a way for you to keep giving to our church's mission.

Now, we will tell you a little more about the current Carmel UMC Endowment Funds so you can better understand how they can make a difference in the future life of the church. The table below shows you the four major categories (e.g. undesignated/unrestricted, property/facilities, missions and donor designated accounts) of the Endowment and their respective 2016 year-end balances (rounded to nearest \$100). Collectively they add up to more than

\$685,000. The goal of any endowment fund is to preserve the principal and spend only earnings and growth each year so the funds remain and are "endowed" in perpetuity. That allows donors to know that their gifts will continue to benefit their chosen area forever. Thus, what you see as balances below are hopefully never to be spent below these current levels (or the original gift/principal). What is spent is the earnings and growth on these balances. Our funds are currently invested by the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana. Our church picks how we want to invest the funds from a limited number of mutual funds they offer that follow the goals of the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.

Fund Accounts

Undesignated/Unrestricted Property/Facilities	\$467,100 \$58,900		
Missions	\$51,600		
Donor Designated Accounts			
- Outreach	\$37,100		
- Scholarship	\$36,300		
- Other Accounts (3)	\$34,100		

If this sounds like something you would like to learn more about, we urge you to contact any of the Endowment Committee members listed below so they can address or direct your questions to the appropriate person(s).

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Luke 12:34

Endowment Committee:

Gary Noonan
Chuck Schalliol
Greg Sheridan
John Peters
Pete Grey

Eric Stickford Rodney Garrison Patti Napier Kevin Sweeney



Mission Trip Opportunity

Registration is now open for our Summer Mission Trip to Nashville, TN! Join us for a week of fun, faith and friendship in Music City USA where we will serve kids, help the poor, volunteer with the needy and care for the widows. The work we do helps people in need, and the adventure we have together can be life changing. Registration information coming soon!



Henderson Settlement Family Mission Trip 2016

YES! KID'S CAN GO!!!!



CUMC will again be sending a mission team to Henderson Settlement near the Kentucky-Tennessee border in Appalachia leaving on Sunday, June11th and returning on Saturday, June 17th, or for ½ the week at the beginning or at the end of the week. This will be the 16th Family Mission Trip since 2001 (missing only 2006 when we redirected our efforts for Katrina relief in Mississippi). This trip is open to any men, women, teens and children interested in light construction, painting, cleaning and learning how God works through each of us to help those in need.

These trips offer the opportunity to learn basic life-skills while building on our relationship with God and other Christians. Working, eating, sleeping, praying, playing and more eating side-by-side creates a bond that lasts forever. If you are interested in finding out more about this trip you may contact Bob Phillips at either 844-5636

or rdphillips13@gmail.com or Pastor Aj at amildenberg@carmelumc.org

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Carmel UMC Easter Egg Hunt is **Saturday**, **April 15 at 1pm** (the day before Easter Sunday). Please consider taking some eggs to stuff or donating some candy for others to stuff them! You may drop off the candy in the children's ministry hallway or by Pastor Aj's office.



Kids in Palm Sunday Processional at the Palladium

Come join us in the Palm Sunday Processional at the Palladium on April 9. The processional is open to children 3 years old through 5th grade. (Children 3 & 4 years old must be accompanied by a parent during the processional). There will be reserved seating for families who's kids are participating. You will need to arrive at the Palladium by 10:00am and meet in the Founders Room. There is limited space, so sign up now! https://carmelumc.ccbchurch.com/form_response.php?id=71



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

2017 Kids of Integrity Character Trait Calendar

This month from the Kids of Integrity website, I am highlighting the parent's prayer for kids to be

generous. Although we can try to develop character in our children through various methods and programs, only God can bring about permanent change in a child's heart. Begin this study on generosity by asking God to help you and to release His power in your children. Please go to their website for the full lesson: http://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/generosity

MarchGenerosity



Tools for growing Godly character

PARENT PRAYER

Kind Father, You are the Giver of all good things. You long to be gracious to me (Isaiah 30:18). I thank you for Your generosity in granting me the desires of my heart, answering my prayers, and making me glad with the joy of Your presence (Psalm 21:1-7). You pour out unending blessings, far beyond what I deserve.

Please help me to recognize that nothing I own is really mine; it is a gift from you. When I reflect on my attitude toward food and possessions, I see how often I satisfy my own desires rather than considering the needs of others. I confess that I think nothing of spending money on little extravagances, knowing full well that others elsewhere are in need of water, food and clothing. I give generously to various causes, but never to the point of significant sacrifice.

According to Your Word, selfishness and greed rank alongside sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, drunkenness, envy, murder, deceit and malice (Galatians 5:19-21, Romans 1:29). Lord, I pray that You would forgive me for the ways I have been inconsiderately selfish with the resources You have given me. I want to be generous with these blessings so I can be a blessing to others (Genesis 12:1-3). In Jesus' name, I ask that You would put to death in my life the things that belong to the sinful nature, especially greed (Colossians 3:5).

Lord, from birth I have observed in my children the human tendency to be self-centred. Please show me how I can encourage _____ and ____ to be concerned about the needs of others instead of hoarding the things You give them. Thank you that my children showed a spirit of generosity when they _____. As they are tempted to be selfish, remind them of 1 Corinthians 10:24: "Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others." Teach them the truth of Psalm 112:5 that "Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice." I pray Your grace would abound in _____ and _____, so they would be ". . . rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18).

My prayer is that generosity and grace will be hallmarks of our family so others may see You in us. Please show us who the poor and needy are in our community so we can share our wealth with them. May our generosity result in others giving thanks to You (2 Corinthians 9:8-11).

May we find joy in refreshing others by being generous with our possessions (Proverbs 11:25). You modelled true selflessness when You died on the cross. You gave Your life away. May our generous kindness to others be a testimony that You are living in us. Amen.



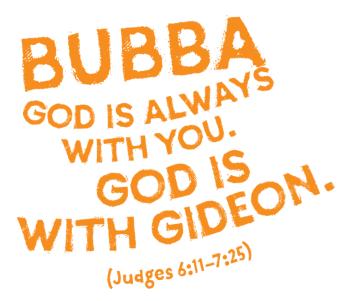
VBS: June 25-29 Maker Fun Factory!

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Spark creativity with interactive decoration and experiences.

DAY 2: Tuesday, June 27

We learn about Gideon and His love for God and how God is always with us.





REGISTER HERE

REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER

VBS work nights, Monday nights beginning in March and Saturday, April 22, May 6, 20 all from 9-12noon, and Friday night May 19 is movie night. We will be making robots, ant farms and building with gears, Legos and all kinds of fun things. Please come help and bring your kids kindergarten on up!

SAVE THE DATE:









Carmel United Methodist Women 2nd Annual "IT'S in the BAG"

Purse Auction & Luncheon



Saturday, May 6, 2017 12pm-2pm

Biaggi's Restaurant in Clay Terrace



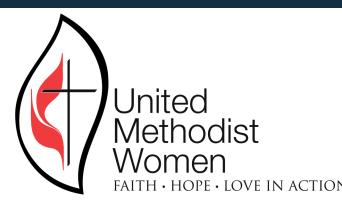




All proceeds used for UMW mission projects

Contact: Cheryl Bourgea: cherylbourgea@gmail.com more information to come soon!





It was a Wednesday afternoon ...

I got the call that my mom has passed away. I immediately went back to Mexico for her funeral and the next days were a mix of sadness for not having her anymore and happiness for the hope of her resting now with the Lord.

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I left Mexico feeling sad for my mom, but also feeling sad for my mom, but also feeling sad for leaving Mexico my hometown. When I arrived to my house, it was beautiful to find a

sympathy card from the UMW (The women's group in our church). It was a simple reminder that my new home was here in Indiana, and that there were people that care for me here.

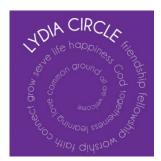
The person that wrote that note in our church was the *We Care* coordinator of UMW. This position is available now as the previous coordinator has stepped down.

I write my story today to tell of the impact that the *We Care* program of UMW has for individuals, and ask you to consider volunteering for this position if you feel inclined to do so.

The We Care coordinator of UMW, writes notes to members of the church that are going thru a difficult time or for celebrations of a happy time such as the birth of their first child.

It is a behind the scenes position that can bring so much comfort to people as it always nice to remember that someone cares for them.

To volunteer or receive more information about the *We Care* position in the UMW please email me, Angelica Brown at angelicabrown2009@hotmail.com



Lydia Circle meets Tuesday March 7th at 6:30 pm in library. Bring your favorite "go to" Bible scriptures when you are happy, sad, need encouragement and other situations. We will also be planning "IT'S in the BAG - purse auction and lunch held on May 6, 2017. All women of church welcome !!! Cherylbourgea@ gmail.com



Dinnerbells will meet on March 14 at 6:00 at McAllisters on 116th street. Kay Hapner is the hostess



Ruth Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 9:30am in the church gathering space to work on a project for VBS. Join us for a time of devotions, fellowship and service. For more information contact Donna Skeens at 317-846-5482

Sports & Recreation Ministry Winds Down

- Programs Continue -

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The Sports and Recreation Ministry resulted from the generous gift of one of Carmel UMC's church family

members. That financial gift has been invested over the last 9 years in programs and people who have discovered a connection at Carmel UMC. The gift has now been almost entirely invested, leading the Governing Council and Pastor Patti to make the difficult decision to allow the umbrella of the Sports and Recreation Ministry to close; while recognizing that several of the programs that found their beginnings in it still have vitality. Effective April 1, 2017, the leadership and ministry of these programs will shift away from a centralized structure and ownership will rest primarily with the individual lay leaders who work with each program, with support from the church office staff as needed.

The offerings of the Sports & Recreation Ministry have recently included Adult Volleyball, Ballroom Dancing, Fitness Classes (Zumba and Yoga/Pilates) and Children's Basketball. For the foreseeable future, the adult programs will continue. The Children's Basketball program will be most impacted by the change and the possibility of future events will be contingent on significant volunteer leadership and/or a reformatting of the program under the direction of Children's Ministry. At this time, there is no formal plan for Children's Basketball to continue.

For information regarding individual programs, please contact the respective lay leader:

Adult Volleyball, Gary Smith, glsmith77@yahoo.com

Ballroom Dancing, Katie Kessler, gmacovi@aol.com

Fitness Classes, Jenni Carrillo, jennijo77@hotmail.com

A Note from Kevin Andrews, Minster of Sports and Recreation Ministry

I want to thank volunteers and participants alike who have engaged in programs over the years and believe that God has used this ministry to form significant bonds. I continue to believe that God can use it for His great purposes in this church and community. While the leadership structure will be changing, the purpose of these programs remain "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."

I pray that as programs of Carmel UMC continue, leaders and participants will recognize the priority to love God with our entire being and to love others as much as we love ourselves. As we do both well, God will honor our investment in His Kingdom and we will continue to see spiritual fruit grow in our midst.

If you have question about the overall plan moving forward, please contact Pat Morrison at pmorrison@carmelumc.org

Come Sing with Us!

Palladium Singers

On Wednesday evenings beginning <u>March</u> 8th we will rehearse the music for the mass choir numbers to be sung at the Palladium for

Palm Sunday

Service at 11:00am. All are welcome to attend and be a part of this performance opportunity!

Brenda Williams in Concert March 18th, 7pm FLC

Brenda Williams is a dynamic and vivacious singer and actress based in the Indianapolis

area. Ms. Williams gained recognition in the Indianapolis area with her award-winning performances in the American Cabaret Theatre, the Indiana Repertory Theatre, and Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Whether performing in the theatre with Broadway tunes, singing ballads in a Supper Club, or swinging away in a Jazz Room, she is able to energetically communicate with her audience.



Upcoming Events

3/8 Palm Sunday Rehearsals begin 3/22 Children's service





Carmel UMC Preschool



"...the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

1 Timothy 1:5

Preschool Families!

As the month of March begins and our halls turn from red hearts to green clovers, I'm looking forward to all that we have planned in the remaining weeks of preschool! The CUMC Help Squad is busily preparing for the Preschool Carnival, we are working on songs and artwork for Preschool Sunday, and the kids are happily busy with countless, fun activities that their teachers have planned for them.

We're having a BOOK FAIR!

Carmel United Methodist Church Pre-School is hosting a Book Fair with Usborne Books & More! You will find fun, educational books for all the children in your life. There are almost 2,000 titles available – everything from infant board books to middle school internet-linked reference books and lots and lots in between! Usborne Books & More carry award winning books that make reading fun and engaging for the young readers in your life!

Usborne Books & More will be at our school Wednesday, March 15th and Thursday, March 16th during pick-up (12:30pm - 2:00pm) in the Blocks Room (113). There will be a broad assortment of books for you to choose from, and you can preview and order online at https://c4089.myubam.com/622946.

You can help build our school library while you buy great gifts for all the special children in your life. **Carmel United Methodist Church Pre-School will receive 50% back in FREE BOOKS.** Credit cards, checks and cash will be accepted.

Important Dates:

March 8-10......Vision Screenings

March 15-16.......Book Fair

March 26......Preschool Sunday

March 31-April 9.....Spring Break

April 9.....Palm Sunday @ Palladium

April 15......CUMC Easter Egg Hunt

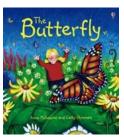
April 16......Easter Sunday

April 18......Chipotle Fundraiser

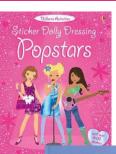
April 18 & 19.....Preschool Carnival!

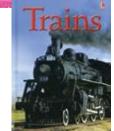
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PRESCHOOL!

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Calling All Graduating Seniors or College Students...Scholarship Application Available!

If you are a member or have attended Carmel United Methodist Church for three years, and will be enrolled in a college program, you are encouraged to apply for a scholarship through Carmel United Methodist Church. High school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students are encouraged to apply. **Previous recipients of this scholarship are not eligible to apply.** Application forms are available in the church office or on the CUMC website and have a submission deadline of **Friday, March 24**. Scholarship winners will be announced by May. If you have any questions, contact any member of the Higher Education Committee or Scott McDermid through the church office at 844-7275.

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E-mail Addresses & Updated Mailing Addresses of College Students Requested

If you are a college student, or if you have a son or daughter in college, we need your assistance! The Higher Education Committee will be sending Finals Week Care Packages in April to their college addresses. So, please take a few moments to either call in this information or fill out this form and return it to the church office. Thanks!

Zip Code

Name of College Student ______

College ______
Year in College ______Anticipated Graduation Date _____

College Email Address _____

College Mailing Address _____

State



Henderson Settlement Family Mission Trip – 2017

Since 2001, CUMC has been sending mission teams to Appalachia to do the Lord's work. Teams are composed men, women and youth (age 13 and above recommended) working at moderate to light construction, cleaning and painting. We are currently recruiting for this year's trip, June 11 to 17. If you have attended previous trips you are invited back. If you have not been on this trip before, or have never been on a mission trip, you are in for an experience like none other.

The cost to you is a week of your time and \$250 per person (family maximum is \$500). For that you get three scrumptious meals per day, free evening programs and entertainment, group devotion time, air conditioned dormitories, spacious private shower and restroom facilities, free Wi-Fi, a free T-shirt and the privilege of working with fellow Christians on projects that help people in need.

Beginning now, you may register your "intent" to attend this trip on the church website (carmelumc.org/serve/outreach/Henderson Settlement). Your "firm" commitment and money will not be requested until May. If you have questions please contact Bob Phillips (317/844-5636 or rdphillips13@gmail.com).



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: SPORTS & RECREATION'S - KEVIN ANDREWS

A huge congratulations and thank you to Kevin Andrews for his amazing work with the Sports and Recreation Ministry. As the Sports & Rec ministry winds down, we must not forget to celebrate Kevin's efforts in working so close with each sport to keep things rolling at Carmel UMC.

He has provided tremendous leadership this last year as this ministry transitioned. Kevin's passion for this as an avenue to be used for growing discipleship was strong as he worked with the various groups. The entire Carmel UMC staff, all of the volunteers and participants in Sports & Rec are grateful for his commitment to growing people's faith through sports.

Carmel UMC is lucky to have Kevin on staff and his work will continue to impact the Youth Ministry.



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

The Transportation Ministry is in full swing! This ministry is designed to help friends of Carmel UMC at the *Barrington and Carmel Senior Living* arrive safely at church to worship or enjoy Sunday School.

The bus schedule currently running is:
Bus Arrival at Carmel Senior Living: 8:30am
Depart Carmel Senior Living: 8:40am (sharp)
Bus Arrival at The Barrington: 8:45am
Depart from the Barrington: 9:00am (sharp)
Depart CUMC following worship: 11:00am



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, sometimes silently and sometimes we pray out loud, and occasionally, we join in song. For more info, contact

Richard Carriger: rcarriger@richardcarriger.com

CARMEL UMC 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



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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MARCH 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sacred Arts Music Concert Series
- Palm Sunday at the Palladium
- Launch of 2nd Contemporary Worship Service