



CARMEL THE CONTACT

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2017

Why Passover? Why the Seder Meal? Why Christians?

Thursday, March 13 @ 6:00pm
\$10/adult, \$3/child

Don't just mark your calendar...

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Why Passover?

People of the Jewish faith continue to remember and celebrate annually the Passover because it is a pivotal piece of their faith. In the narrative of the Exodus, God helped the children of Israel escape from slavery in Egypt. It was the tenth plague which finally accomplished their release as the Israelites were instructed to mark the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a slaughtered spring lamb. Upon seeing that mark, the Lord knew to "pass over" the first-born in those homes. The Israelites then fled from Egypt in such a hurry that they could not wait for bread dough to rise (leaven). This is the reason for the Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread.

For Jewish people, the Passover is a seven day holiday of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread. This celebration would have been the reason that Jesus gathered with His disciples in the Upper Room at what we often call "The Last Supper". The Feast of the Unleavened Bread is one of three pilgrimage festivals within the Jewish faith in which the population is encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the Temple of Jerusalem. This is why the city of Jerusalem had begun to be crowded when Jesus entered the city on the back of a donkey.

Why the Seder Meal?

The Seder Meal is most often a symbolic meal and also a dining experience allowing those present to

participate in an interactive retelling of the story of the Passover and exodus of the Israelites to freedom. While the Israelites were released from physical slavery, this also speaks to spiritual redemption. During the interactive, symbolic meal, there is a Seder plate placed in the middle of the table with 6 traditional items as the story of Exodus is re-told.

Why Christians?

As Christians, we too share in this story of the Exodus as it is also the story of our faith and a part of our history. We part company with the Jewish faith in that through this meal they remember that they are still waiting for the Messiah to return and as Christians, we know that has already happened through Jesus Christ. We can also celebrate this meal just as Jesus celebrated it but we celebrate also that God's promise has come to fruition in His Son, Jesus Christ.

On Holy Thursday, there will not be a traditional worship service but instead a worship experience through a Passover Meal. This experience will be led by an individual from the group "Jews for Jesus" which is a world-wide organization begun in 1973. The core belief of this group is that for people who are born into the Jewish faith, they also have the choice to accept and pursue faith in Jesus Christ. These believers are 100% Jewish and 100% Christian. They embrace the Jewish culture, symbols, and practices such as Passover and the Seder meal just as Jesus did but they also cling to the hope of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

[Buy your tickets now](#) and join Carmel UMC at this evening of worship, education and fellowship just as Jesus would have done.

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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WE'RE GROWING

2 CONTEMPORARY SERVICES
@9:30 & 11:00am

STARTING APRIL 16

Church Governing Council

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



Baptism...

- Claire Elizabeth Franzo, daughter of Tom & Carrie Franzo, who was baptized March 12, 2017.

With Sympathy To...

- Stephanie Collins & family on the death of her grandmother, Ruth Brooks, who passed away February 28, 2017.
- Jana Miller, Lauren & Nathan Miller & family on the death of husband & father Mike Miller, who passed away March 9, 2017.

Easter

at CARMEL
— UNITED METHODIST —
CHURCH

8:00 traditional
9:30 traditional & contemporary
11:00 traditional & contemporary

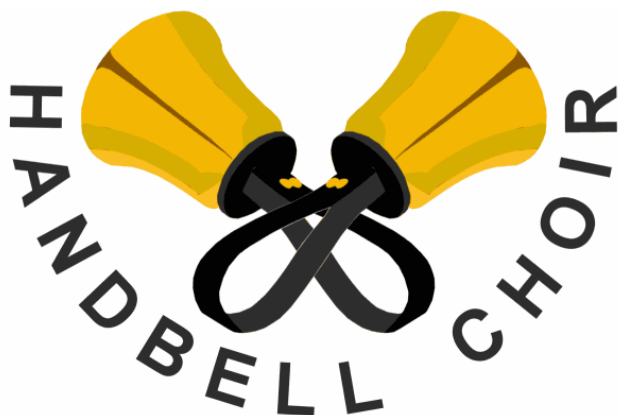


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The **Carmel UMC Sanctuary Bells** have once again been requested to perform for The City of Carmel's Holocaust Ceremony.

The date is Friday, April 28th at noon at The Tarkington Theatre. The admission is free, with a luncheon afterwards.

Mark your calendar to attend! What a great community outreach and way to support our bell choir.



The **Carmel UMC LYDIA Circle** visited the Carmel Clay Public Library in February and had an amazing time learning about the new technology at the library.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



Many seniors in our congregation enjoy a pleasant lunch and conversation on the 2nd Monday of each month. Come join in at MCL Monday, April 10th at 11:30am.



present:

Holy Thursday Dinner & Ceremonial Seder Meal

April 13th @ 6:00pm at Carmel UMC

[Click Here](#)
To Purchase Tickets



Carmel UMC is helping feed students in the Carmel School District this Summer! Students who receive free and reduced lunch during the school year are at risk of not having lunches during the Summer too. This very important project needs many hands to work.

For 11 Sunday's this summer, a team from Carmel UMC will go to Orchard Park Presbyterian Church to pack items and/or handout sack lunches to families in need. Each of these Sundays the team will volunteer from 12:30- 2:00pm.

This project is from May 28th through August 6th. To volunteer for this project, please email: Mike Podgorski: mpodgorski@carmelumc.org

Hunger is NOT an option.



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 of 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). Your "tuition" includes 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](http://carmelumc.org/serve/outreach/Henderson%20Settlement)). 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).

**Click Here
To Register**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

2017 Kids of Integrity Character Trait Calendar

This month from the Kids of Integrity website, I am highlighting the Easter Bible stories for kids. 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. This Easter lesson is structured a little differently from most of the other Kids of Integrity lessons. With this lesson, you should try to do all nine Bible stories, perhaps one each day, so your children can gain a complete picture of the events surrounding Jesus' death and resurrection.



Tools for growing Godly character

April.....Generosity

Here are some additional resources:

The Berenstain Bears and the Easter Story

by Jan and Mike Berenstain. Zonderkidz, 2012. Ages 4-7.

The Berenstain Bears' Easter Sunday

by Mike Berenstain. Zonderkidz, 2016. Ages 4-7.

The Case for Christ for Kids

by Lee Strobel. Zondervan, 2010. Ages 8 and up.

The Easter Story for Children

by Max Lucado, Randy Frazee and Karen Davis Hill. Zonderkidz, 2013. Ages 4 and up.

The Legend of the Easter Egg

by Lori Walburg. Zonderkidz, 2011. Ages 4-7.

The Legend of the Sand Dollar

by Chris Auer. Zonderkidz, 2005. Ages 4-7.

What Is Easter?

by Phil Vischer. Capitol Christian Music Group, 2015. Ages 4-7.

Why Is There a Cross?

by Kathleen Long Bostrom. Tyndale House, 2005. Ages 3-6.

[Resurrection Eggs set](#) Ages 5 and up.



JULY SUMMER CAMPS

Cooking, science, art, Star Wars, sewing, cheer, show choir, Disney, STEM & more

REGISTER HERE

Kids Sing

Kids will be singing on Mother's Day, May 14 at 9:30 and 11am. If you would like your kids to sing, please have them come to Music and Missions on April 23, 30, May 7 from 5:30-7:30pm. Contact Pastor Aj for more information.



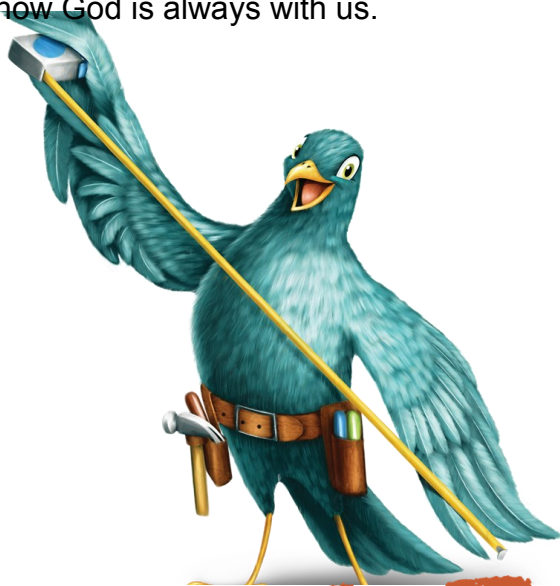
VBS: June 25-29

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 4: Tuesday, June 27

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



**GOD WILL ALWAYS
LOVE YOU.**

**JESUS DIES AND
COMES BACK
TO LIFE. (Luke 22:66-24:12)**

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**REGISTER AS
A VOLUNTEER**

VBS work nights are Monday nights beginning in March and Saturday, April 22, May 6, 20 all from 9am to 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!



Mission Trip Opportunity

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to be a part of the summer mission trip to Nashville, TN. We will serve from June 5-10 and discover the meaningful life God planned for us as we put others first. The week will be full of incredible experiences including powerful worship, learning new skills & lasting friendships. We will work hard and have a boat-load of fun too! Cost is \$325 and covers transportation, meals, lodging, work supplies and free-day activities. Confidential scholarships are available if you need a financial boost to attend. We don't want anyone to miss out on this life-changing week so [REGISTER NOW!](#) (Deadline is May 1).



[Click here to Register](#)



Students grades 8-12 are invited to the Youth Lock-In that is being planned by the Senior Class of 2017. The event is Saturday April 22 from 1pm through Sunday April 23 at 10:30am. Cost is \$30 and includes all the food and fun. Invite a friend and enjoy activities including foam pits, trampolines, laser tag, movies and much more. The senior will lead devotions related to the "Foundations of Faith". (Deadline is April 17).

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



May 21 is Confirmation Sunday when we celebrate students who have explored a deeper relationship with Christ and welcome those who confirm their baptism and commit to church membership during the 11am Traditional Service.

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!



Palm Sunday Music

What a line-up of phenomenal musicianship to praise our Lord! Don't miss this music filled, praise filled, celebration on Palm Sunday at the Center for the Performing Arts!



Featuring:

- **Brenda Williams**
- **Mount Carmel Gospel**
- **Taylor University Bells & Wind Ensemble**
- **Cliff Latham & Brighter Day Gospel**
- **CUMC Chancel Choir**

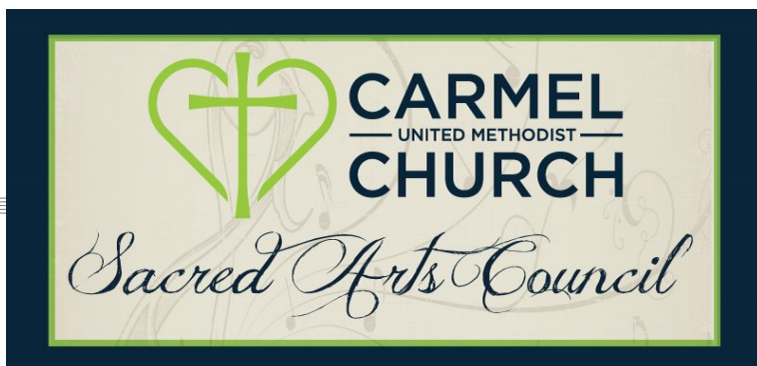
Holy Week Choral Music

- Palm Sunday: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna by Martin & Total Praise by Smallwood
- Good Friday: Father into Your Hands by Hildebrand
- Easter Sunday: Alleluia, He Lives! By Raney with Brass & Handbells. Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah

ECHOING AIR IN CONCERT

APRIL 20TH, SANCTUARY

Echoing Air is a dynamic ensemble specializing in the repertoire of the English Baroque, with an emphasis on chamber works featuring countertenor voices with baroque ensemble. This concert takes place on a Thursday evening in the Sanctuary and is sure to please those who appreciate classical music!



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



The Carmel UMC Food Pantry would like to challenge the preschool to a friendly boys versus girls food drive competition! The food drive will begin on April 17th and conclude on May 12th followed up with a special surprise for the winning group on our last week of school! Items collected will be the following:

Week 1 (April 17-21st) Mac N' Cheese vs. Soup

Week 2 (April 24th-28th) Cereal vs. Shampoo

Week 3 (May 1st- May 5th) Jelly vs Prepared Meals (Boxed or canned—Ravioli, Tuna Helper, etc.)

Week 4 (May 8th- May 12th) Toothbrush vs Toothpaste

Each donated item will be worth 1 point towards the competition (a collection box will be located in the main preschool hall in front of the restrooms). Be on the lookout for updates, age-appropriate book suggestions that discuss hunger, a grocery store scavenger hunt so your child/children can actively participate in the food drive, and MORE through both preschool staff and the [Carmel UMC Preschool Facebook page!](#)

Important Dates:

- March 26th Preschool Sunday
- March 31-April 9th: Spring break
- April 15th: 1:00 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 16th: Easter Sunday
- April 17th-21st: Portraits
- April 18th-19th: Preschool Carnival
- **April 18th 5-9pm: Chipotle Fundraiser**
- May 17th and 18th: 4's graduation
- May 15th-19th: Last week of preschool

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PRESCHOOL!](#)

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Tiffany Lehman, Director
tlehman@carmelumc.org



Don't Cook Dinner on Tuesday, April 18th!!!!

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Carmel United Methodist Preschool. Come in to the Chipotle at **12697 North Pennsylvania Street Suite 100** in Carmel on **Tuesday, April 18th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Carmel United Methodist Preschool.

**This Chipotle is located in the plaza in front of
Meijer on Carmel Drive!**



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

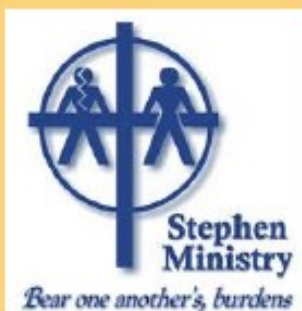
Stephen Ministry

A distinctively Christian care giving ministry.

IT'S EASY TO HELP

Who do you know that could use a Stephen Minister to listen, care and show Christ's love?

Let that person know today that a Stephen Minister will walk with them through their storm. Help them get in touch with a Stephen Leader or Pastor.



I will walk this journey
with you.

When it gets too hard to walk,
then I will sit with you.

Sun, Moon & Stars

WHO ARE THEY

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time in life.

Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you **privately and confidentially** to listen, care, encourage, support, and reflect Christ's presence in your life.

If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our congregation), contact a pastor or Stephen Leader.

Contact a Carmel United Methodist Church Stephen Ministry Leader to learn more

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: HILDA HADLEY

By: Jim Shirey, Minister of Visitation

This month is the launch of a monthly series for the Contact entitled "In The Spotlight," where I interview members of our church that have helped bring us to where we are today. You might say they are the bedrock upon which we have continually built our programming, outreach, missions, etc. As Minister of Visitation, I have felt the need to share with our congregation many of the memories our senior members have shared with me.

My first interview was with Hilda Hadley.

Hilda was born in Evansville, Indiana on November 12, 1926. She attended Newburg Elementary School for a short period before her family moved to North Manchester, Indiana, where she attended Chester High School, graduating in 1944. Hilda recalled that there were 36 graduating members of her class.

After graduation, she enrolled at Manchester College and completed her freshman year. When her family moved to Carmel in 1945 she attended Butler University, graduating in 1948 with a Bachelors Degree in Business.

The following year, 1949, she married the love of her life, Horace Hadley. They had three children, Hildreth, Alan, and Karl. While a stay-at-home mom, Hilda did bookkeeping for a family's three stores.

In 1966 Hilda began teaching at Orchard Park Elementary School where she worked for five years. She returned to Butler University to obtain her Teacher's License and a Masters Degree in Reading in 1968.

Following her time at Orchard Park Elementary School, Hilda went to Westfield Middle School and taught 5th grade. After 22 years at Westfield Middle School, she retired.

Hilda joined Carmel UMC in 1945 and attended the church which was located on 1st Street South East that was just recently torn down.

Hilda is our longest active member and hardly ever misses church. In recent years it has become difficult for her to get up and down out of the pews, so a special chair is positioned at the rear of the sanctuary, just for her.

Hilda recounts that she always loved singing and music in general, and told me she joined the choir when in the 8th grade. I can recall her singing in the choir and also playing the auto harp. For many years she chaired the Wedding Reception Committee and planned meals held at our church (I can attest that she is a superb chef). She and her husband, Horace, also catered outside the church.

A member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, a business women's society, Hilda found time to attend many church circles and most recently became a Life Member of the Carmel Clay Historical Society of which she served as president.

Today Hilda is involved in many activities at Summer Trace Retirement Community where she resides since her move there a year ago.

I extend a sincere appreciation to Hilda for sharing a thumbnail sketch of her life in service to God, CUMC and our community.



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

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, 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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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