



A perfect storm is defined as a particularly violent storm arising from a rare combination of adverse meteorological factors or a particularly bad or critical situation arising from a number of negative and unpredictable factors. Many say that a perfect storm is synonymous with "worst case scenario".

In the area of meteorology, The Perfect Storm occurred in 1991 as a hurricane out of Canada with 75 mph winds moved southward along the east coast of the US. The hurricane eventually became a cyclone before becoming a tropical storm. The damage totaled \$200 million dollars and the death toll was 13.

Perfect storms are not only packaged in weather systems. I remember when I was a nurse in the intensive care, we had this saying that emergencies with our patients seem to always come in threes...creating a perfect storm for our shift.



Perfect storms happen in our individual lives. Maybe you have experienced it yourself or someone you love has. As if one loss wasn't enough, another and another occurred. Maybe you have said of yourself or another, not sure how many more of these we can take!

We can be sure that Job experienced the Perfect Storm in his life and we will be studying this for the month of

September. We will launch this series **on September 10th with guest speaker, Molly Monroe** who will share with us her Perfect Storm. You will hear how Molly's faith in God helped her weather the storm of losing a mother, a baby, and a marriage all in a very short time.

I look forward to sharing Perfect Storms and faithfulness.

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

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS



Minister of Adult
Discipleship,
Brian Shoemaker

Please take a
moment to
welcome to
Carmel UMC:



Director of Youth
Ministries,
Helene Foust



Congratulations....

Births....

- **James William Martin** born June 23, 2017 to Jon & Theresa Martin.

With Sympathy To...

- **Ruth Curry & family** on the death of her husband, Gerald Curry who passed away July 1, 2017.
- **Nancy Johnson & family** on the death of her sister, Carol Durrett who passed away July 4, 2017.
- **Alan & Karl Hadley & Hildreth Farris & family** on the death of their mother, Hilda Hadley who passed away July 5, 2017.



LAST SUMMER CHOIR OPPORTUNITY!

All are invited to join,
arrive 9am to practice for the
9:30 & 11:00 traditional services.



All Church
ICE CREAM

Social





BALLROOM DANCE CLASS

Jim and Katie Kessler will be teaching **Fox Trot** this fall! Classes will be each Thursday evening, 7-8:30pm, September 7,14,21,28. Classes are held at Carmel UMC in the Rec Room in the lower level. Cost is \$40 per couple.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Where have you seen God lately?

This was sent to Pastor Patti following the 4th of July celebration on the lawn here at Carmel UMC:

Last night at the fireworks I was sitting at the door prize table in front of the church door 3. Behind me sat a family that was in the IHN program the last rotation.. 2 small children, they both had jobs at McDonald's on different shifts. They now have jobs as CNA and have their own place on the East side of Indy. She thanked me (you, Dale) for everything you had done for them. Their goal is to get a place in Carmel so their children can have a better education. But Dale she really wanted to find you last night and thank you for everything you did for them. She was pretty proud of their progress and wanted to share it with you and said that IHN has really helped them even after they had their own place.

- Natalie Oehler

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CARMEL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



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

The Carmel UMC Food Pantry is once again the recipient of the Carmel Meijer Store *Simply Give* Program from **August 20 - September 16th!** During the *Simply Give* campaign, Meijer customers purchase a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card upon checkout. Once purchased, the donation is converted into a Meijer Food-Only Gift Card and donated directly to the Carmel UMC Food Pantry.



English as a Second Language (ESL) begins its fourth year working with adults who are immigrants in our community. This ministry couldn't happen without the

volunteers who work with students and share the love of Christ through conversational English. If you'd like to learn more about ESL @ Carmel UMC contact Jana Miller @ (317) 513-9656 or Barbara Krueger @ 317-903-7007.



Summer
day camps



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Humility

Can you make snow? Will pride cause you to stumble? What's it like to be famous? Try these activities to find out!

Take your pick of some fun activities that help children:

recognize that everyone has different strengths, and that these are gifts from God

acknowledge their failings and need of God's help and forgiveness

apologize to others, accept advice, and receive compliments graciously.

This lesson also helps address self-centeredness, self-righteousness, a know-it-all attitude and poor sportsmanship.

<http://www.kidsofintegrity.com/lessons/humility>



Tools for growing Godly character

Sunday School Special Schedule

Aug. 13 Special Event

Aug. 20 Promotion Sunday – commission teachers in Children's moment

Aug. 27

Sept. 3 Large Group Sunday School- Hub?

Sept. 10 Kick off 3rd, 4th and 5th grade regular SS

Sept. 17 3rd grade Bible- children's Ministry Sunday

Sept. 24

Oct. 1

Oct. 8

Oct. 15 Fall Break- combine classes

Oct. 22

Oct. 29 Red Ribbon Sunday

Nov. 5

Nov. 12

Nov. 19

Nov. 26 Large group SS

Dec. 3

Dec. 10

Dec. 17

Dec. 24 No Sunday School

Dec. 31 No Sunday School

Jan. 7 Large group Sunday School

**STAY TUNED FOR
NEWS ABOUT...**



Summer Celebration TREASURE HUNT



SAT/12TH/AUG 6:30-8pm

KIDS PARTY!



Voyage around Carmel UMC to find clues and master feats of bravery and to gain the ultimate treasure.

**See: Glamente the Magician!
Snacks conclude the evening!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

SUN/13TH/AUG



Kids come at 9:45am (after children's moment) - Glamente the Magician performs and a party to follow!

Parents come at 10:30am (after service) to meet the teachers and see curriculum



Meet: Helene Foust, Director of Youth Ministries

Helene has been involved in church ministry her whole adult life, particularly with teenagers and adult youth leaders. Helene has a broad experience working in three different church settings - mid-sized suburban in Connecticut, small rural in Indiana, and large urban in Indiana - and has strengthened youth ministries in each setting. Helene comes to CUMC after serving as the Associate Director of Disciple Development for the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, where she provided resources, training and ministry coaching for churches through the conference. She is passionate about helping teenagers meet and follow Jesus and developing adult disciples who will invest in the next generation.

Helene enjoys Bible study, traveling, painting, writing, graphic design, photography, serving others, and a great cup of coffee. Her favorite snack is salsa, which she has been known to eat with a spoon.

Helene is married to Jesse, who is her best friend and ministry partner. They have three children - Eric (21), Hannah (15) and Emma (13), and two of the cutest dogs on earth - Molly (terrier/maltese) and Penny (golden retriever). They love Carmel, especially the schools, Monon Trail and the roundabouts!

A graphic for a 'Youth Open House' event. The word 'YOUTH' is written vertically in green on the left. 'OPEN' is written horizontally in white on a background of four colored squares (orange, yellow, green, red) containing images of a church steeple, a gift box, a cross, and a group of people. 'HOUSE' is written horizontally in white on a background of a group of people. On the right is a dark blue box with a green leaf icon and the text 'BE OUR GUEST'.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29TH FROM 6:30-8:00PM

Come and meet our new Youth Director, Helene Foust and the Youth Ministry Team. You will also learn about 2017-18 youth ministry opportunities and have a chance to: sign-up for retreats and confirmation, pray for the youth ministry, sign-up to serve, learn about our new parent ministry, and fill out a survey for a chance to win a free retreat! (refreshments will be served)



JR. HIGH AND SR. HIGH YOUTH RETREATS



Confirmation

Info Session with parents and students 8/20

Kickoff 9/17

Retreat 9/22-23

Carmel UMC Preschool

**The first day of school
is August 28th!**

CLASSROOM VISITATIONS

Bring your child to visit his/her classroom on either August 23rd or August 24th between 9:30-11:30am. This is a time for **you and your child** to come in and meet your teacher and see their room. This is an open house so please plan on stopping by for 10-15 minutes during these set times and dates.

PARENT ORIENTATION

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend the parent orientation on August 23rd - **please arrange childcare as this is a parents only event.**

ORIENTATION TIMES:

Bunnies (18 months) 6:15-7:15pm
Ducks (2 year) 6:15-7:15pm
3's 7:00-8:00pm
4's 7:00-8:00pm
Pre-K..... 7:00-8:00pm

The evening will begin by gathering in the Sanctuary for a short introduction. Following, you will go to your child's classroom for an opportunity to meet the teachers and learn what they have planned for the school year.

back to
School



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

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MINISTRY.

YOU ARE INVITED

On August 20, at all church services, our congregation will commission Christine Keith as a Stephen Ministry Leader. Throughout history, when God has called people to special ministry, members of their community have commissioned them for the important new work they are taking on. Now we invite you to help carry on that biblical tradition by being a part of commissioning those who have responded to God's call to be part of our congregation's Stephen Ministry.

Our Stephen Ministers have already completed substantial training to equip them for their task. We now lay hands on Christine, pray for her, and send her out to be a leader of Stephen Ministry, asking for God's blessing and the Spirit's wisdom and power.

This commissioning service offers an opportunity to show our support for this ministry. Christine will be depending on our support in the time ahead as she assumes the duties of leadership on the leadership team of Stephen Ministry at Carmel United Methodist Church.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We can pray for our Stephen Leaders, our Stephen Ministers, and their care receivers. This ministry calls for both time and effort. At times they may feel tired, discouraged, or convinced that they are not accomplishing anything. The assurance of our prayers and appreciation will help them keep moving forward.

We can also affirm and show our appreciation for this valuable ministry. We can tell them how much their hard work means to us, tell others how much we value our Stephen Ministry, and focus attention on our Stephen Ministers to bless and affirm them in special ways—as we do with our commissioning services.

We can become involved in this ministry in many ways. Some of us may recognize a call to use our special gifts in this ministry and may apply to be a Stephen Minister. Others may accept the care of a

Stephen Minister. We can be ministers of referral, watching for people in need and suggesting a Stephen Minister's care. We all can give our enthusiastic support by keeping Stephen Ministry always before us and by praying for and affirming those who have answered God's call to serve in this way.

As we commission Christine as Stephen Ministry leader, let us thank God for all that she will bring to this congregation in providing care to others, and let us promise her our daily prayer and support as we send her out to assist in leading our Stephen Ministry team.

ASK CHRISTINE

Christine Keith received 50 hours of training to become a Stephen Minister and was commissioned as a Stephen Minister in 2015. She has two sons, Ayden, and Austin. Christine has a full time job as a Tax Manager and is very active at Carmel United Methodist Church, most recently participating in the Henderson mission trip.

Christine spent a week in Dallas, TX in July participating in the Stephen Ministry leadership training program. People attend this program from all over the world. Christine has returned with a heart on fire for Stephen Ministry. Please welcome her back and ask her about her training trip.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, please visit stephenministry.org



Christine Keith (left) at Stephen Ministry leadership training in Dallas, TX.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Glenn F. Simpkins

By: Jim Shirey, Minister of Visitation

This is the fifth in a monthly series for the Contact entitled "In The Spotlight," where I interview members of our church who 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 the congregation many of the memories our senior members have shared with me.

Glenn was born January 1, 1924 on a farm in Connersville, Indiana. He grew up near the small town of Harrisburg, Indiana. Of course, growing up on a farm, Glenn was involved with all aspects of farming.

Upon graduating from Harrisburg High School in 1942, he attended IU for one year, when he was called up to serve our country by the U.S. Army, on May 27, 1943.

While in the Army, he was stationed in the United States, England, Germany, and France. In 1945 his unit was sent to the Philippines, crossing the oceans on the S.S. Lurline, stopping overnight at the Panama Canal, and again at Pearl Harbor before proceeding to his final destination of Manila.

In 1946, he was honorably discharged and resumed his studies at IU, where he graduated in 1949 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Glenn met the love of his life, Alyce Sorensen, while at IU. They married February 3, 1951 and have one daughter who resides in Portland, Oregon. For 61 years he and Alyce were married, until her death on October 25, 2012.

Glenn taught accounting at IU Extension in Ft. Wayne from 1950-51. Beginning in 1951, he began working part time for a CPA firm in Ft. Wayne, and in May, 1951, began full time.

Glenn joined a manufacturing firm in Auburn, Indiana in 1958. He served several companies as the

original company would be acquired another company, so as a result he was transferred first to New Mexico in 1960; back to Indianapolis in 1962; Harrisonburg, Virginia in 1964, and finally back to Indianapolis in 1965, where he worked 20 years for Stokely-VanCamp, Inc. which later was acquired by The Quaker Oats Company.



In 1985, he opened his own business in the Wilson Building as Glenn F. Simpkins CPA, retiring in 2010.

Glenn and Alyce moved to Carmel in 1966 where they had their house built on Ridge Road in the original Cool Creek subdivision. Their house was one of the first to be built on Ridge Road, where he still maintains his residence.

It was during this time period in the fall of 1966, that they transferred their membership from Harrisonburg United Methodist Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, to Carmel United Methodist Church where they were regular attendees.

Glenn recalls that in 1970, then Senior Pastor Warren Saunders, asked him if he would serve on the Finance Committee, which he agreed to. Glenn served on the Finance Committee two different times, serving one four year-term as Finance Committee Chairman.

Glenn also served two times as Treasurer of CUMC, and remembers all the checks he would sign during the construction of the then atrium and the parlor, both of which are now part of the Making Room Project.

The second time Glenn served as Treasurer he served another four-year term, and when he retired, John Griffin, our present Treasurer, took over.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Glenn for sharing his life memories and especially his memories and service to God and Carmel UMC.



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AUGUST 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ *Youth Open House*
 - ◆ *KICK Kid's Choir*
 - ◆ *Fall Kick-Off*
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