

THE GIFT OF TIME....

weeks before Christmas...

- * Time is becoming tight as I put all of the "necessary" events in my calendar
- * My daughter has been reminding me that time is is due with their second child 12/2)
- Time has come and gone already as we have looked at our Advent and Christmas checklist as a staff for advance preparations (and yes, we have checked it twice!)

Every year the season of Advent comes and the amount of time it gives us is the same annually. Advent is always on the calendar beginning four Sundays before Christmas Day so it can last from twenty-two to twentyeight days, depending on the day of the week that Christmas falls.

The birth of Jesus is truly the best gift of the season. I want every single one of us to experience that gift but, Christmas today seems like an orgy of overindulgence. Many Americans go into debt to make sure their children and grandchildren have "enough" under the tree at Christmas. We find ourselves with a "Christmas hangover" when the credit card bills arrive. And we are so busy that somehow we miss out on the true message and joy of Christmas. Our overindulgences and hangovers tell us how we have actually used our time during Advent.

I am suggesting a change in focus. There is nothing we can buy, make or give that has more potential for us nor more lasting effect than time with Jesus. I believe the best gift that we can give you as a church is the gift of *time,* to better realize who this baby truly is and how He wants to change your heart and life in amazing ways. That was the intention of the birth of Jesus over 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, that there would be a birth of the love of Jesus in every heart.

Carmel, IN 46032

For me, I am already feeling the time crunch during these I hope that you will be in worship on the first Sunday of Advent, December 12, when we will be sharing that gift of time with you...time with Jesus.

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Patti

moving fast and what do we want to do with gift P.S. Mark your calendars that this year Christmas Eve is exchanges this year? (and rightfully so for her as she on a Sunday and Christmas Day is a Monday. There will be one Christmas Eve morning service at 9am (come and hear Rev. Greg McGarvey preach!) and the Christmas Eve services will be at 3 (Contemporary), 5 (Children and Families), 7 and 9 (Traditional with brass and choir), and 11 (Traditional with communion). All will be candlelight services.



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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.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP CASSEROLE COOK-OFF!!

Join us on Sunday, November 12th in between services (10:00 AM - 10:45 AM) for our 1st Annual Breakfast Casserole Cook-Off! Sign up to bring your favorite sweet or savory breakfast dish to share and see if YOU can be named the Church Champion! Or, just come and enjoy a good meal and fun fellowship.

This meal will help connect people from the two services for a time of fun and fellowship as well as crown a champion of breakfast food. The church will provide drinks and fruit to balance the meal....and everyone gets to vote for their favorite.

If you would volunteer or will be bringing a casserole, please sign up here!

Thanks all, this should be fun (and delicious)



Several projects in and around the Mission House are in the works to make our guest experiences better and to improve our volunteer experiences as well.

A Hurricane Relief trip is in the works over Christmas Break. Be on the lookout for more information.

A Mission Advisory Task force has been assembled. This group will evaluate the effectiveness of our current missions and create guidelines for establishing any future missions.







Congratulations to...

Births....

• Oliver Chad Eugene Murphy was born October 7, 2017 to Curtis & Shaina Murphy.

Baptisms...

• Jayne Lee Adams was baptized September 24, 2017. Jayne is the daughter of Billy & Chris Adams.

• James William Martin was baptized October 7, 2017. James is

the son of Jon & Theresa Martin. With Sympathy To...

- The family of John Bellinger, who passed away September 10, 2017.
- The family of Mary Lou (Sarge) Thoele, who passed away September 28, 2017.
- Michelle King & family on the death of her father, Jim Bohnert who passed away October 11, 2017.
- Nancy LaFon & family on the death of her father, Nick Slabaugh, who passed away October 17, 2017.



SAVE THE DATE!

The UMW Christmas Dinner at Carmel UMC will be December 12 from 6-9pm

We will have a catered dinner and entertainment provided by Julie Grissom and her band!

This year's theme is: "Are you part of the Inn Crowd or the Stable Few?".





Lydia Circle

Join the Lydia Circle on Tuesday November 7th at 6:30pm at "The Quirky Feather Confectionery" for delicious desserts, unique coffee, teas or hot chocolate! (Location is 890 East 116th and Guilford.) Come enjoy our fellowship - we'll talk about ways to develop "an attitude of gratitude" during this Thanksgiving season. Contact Cheryl Bourgea with any questions. please RSVP if possible - even on Nov. 7th (cherylbourgea@gmail.com)



Mom's Circle

Will meet on November 9th from 9:15-10:30 in room 122 anyone is welcome to join!



Ruth Anna Circle

Will meet at The Barrington on Tuesday, November 14 at 9:30am. We will have a guest speaker to share stories of the ESL program.

GOD SIGHTINGS



There are pastors that serve in many ways beyond the local church. Unbeknownst to a lot of people, there are many lives that have been touched by chaplains at the hospital, chaplains in armed services, etc. A blog www.inlawenforcementlifestyle.com recently focused on the work of Police Chaplains.

Police Chaplains serve in a wide variety of ways. They may be called upon to assist in death notifications,

assist and support victims in times of crisis, respond to suicide incidents, and serve as a part of a crisis response team. They are a resource for counseling for the police department.

In this blog from the International Conference of Police Chaplains, the position and function of a police chaplain differs from that of a pastor. Their role is to serve, not preach-- it is a ministry of presence. Police chaplains must be able to deal with a variety of people with different faith backgrounds, as well people without faith backgrounds. A pastor takes an active role in people's faith life development, while a chaplain supports people where the are at in that moment.

Did you know that Pastor Patti was sworn in over 10 years ago as a volunteer Police Chaplain with the Carmel Police Department?



Angel Tree Ministries - Volunteers Needed

At Christmas time we all connect with the ones we love. But what if you are a child with a parent in prison feeling lonely, abandoned, and hurt? Through Angel Tree, you can connect a child with their parent behind bars and offer joy and hope to a prisoner's family.

On the evenings of November 6th-8th, and also on November 13th-15th, we will be calling families to fill out the Angel Tree gift tags. If you would like to volunteer a few hours of assistance, please contact Mark Brown (<u>mark@marksbrown.com</u> or <u>317-643-0501</u>). Additionally in November and December, we will need volunteers to help distribute tags, collect gifts as they are dropped off on Sunday mornings, and deliver the gifts (December 16th).









Weekly groups for young adults starting soon To register online go to carmelumc.org/youngadults



Camping & Paintball

Friday-Saturday, April 13-14 In Noblesville near Hauge & St Rd 37



We plan to field a Co-Ed team for the Northside Softball League that plays at Northview Church

August-October 2018



Hamilton County



Young Adult Service Day

Saturday, November 4 from 7:30 to 10:30 am

@ Carmel United Methodist Church at 621 S. Rangeline Rd in Carmel

Let's help kids in our county to stay warm this winter by volunteering together! Sign up to serve at www.kidscoats.org

College Events

We love our college students and have some stuff planned just for you, like...



Make sure we have your college address so we can send you a care package around finals. Submit your info at carmelumc.org/youngadults

Pancakes & Jesus Join us on Saturday, November 25 @ 10 am for a free pancake breakfast, time to reconnect with old friends & a devotion too! Meet in the Hub at Carmel UMC



We are planning a few more college road trips this year to Muncie and Lafayette! We will keep you up to date about when CUMC will be in your town to hang out and buy you coffee!

Connect with Us



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The Mouse's Tale

The kid's Christmas Play is to be presented this year on **Sunday, December 10 at 5:30pm.** It is a fun way for our kids to learn the story of Jesus' birth through pantomiming the story and they will learn many Christmas songs. *Kids ages 4 years old (by* **September 1, 2017) through 5**th grade are invited to participate. We can only accept a limited number of kids, so please sign up early. Please make sure your child can attend 3 out of the 4 practices.



Practices are Sundays November 12 @ 4-5:30pm, November 19 @ 4-5:30pm, November 26 @ 4-5:30pm, and December 3 @ 4-5:30pm. Please also sign up to help with the play, helping the kids learn the songs and the meaning of the Christmas story by volunteering one time per child. Per our child protection policy a parent/guardian must remain in the building, so, this is not a drop off event, thank you. Questions, please email Pastor Aj at Amildenberg@carmelumc.org.

We are limited to 40 children for this event! Sign-Up today!

REGISTER HERE



KICK Children's Choir Kid's In Christ's Kingdom

Meets each Sunday at 10:10–10:50am in LL16. For more info contact: Jennifer Gafron Director, jgafrom@carmelumc.org!



Christmas Ornament and Nativity Making Workshop for Families

> December 3, 12noon FLC



Moms Bible Study is starting a new Christmas study on Thursday Nov. 9 at 9:15 in LL11. The study is called: Lifesong: The Melody of Your Heart. Examine four stories about people driven to song when God shook up their world for the better. No homework, childcare available.





WINTER IS COMING!

Will you survive the long winter break while staying in town? Do not fear, CUMC camps has you covered with exciting NEW camps!

Camp Dates: Jan 2-5th Time: 9am-1pm Snack: included Lunch: please bring your own peanut free lunch Fee: \$75 (\$4.75/hr)

Sample day

9-9:15-arrival and pray 9:15-10:30- camp activities 10:30-11:00-pray, snack and gym time 11:00-12:30-camp activities and short gym break 12:30-1pm-pray, lunch and release

Winter Wonderland-3 – 4 years old by Sept 1st

Have your little ones have fun frolicking indoors while learning about this frosty season. God made every snowflake different, just like us! Find out that different can be beautiful. Songs, crafts, stories, imaginative play and gym time.

Family Mission Night: November 3 from 5-7pm Help with Kids Coats Set Up the WHOLE FAMILY CAN HELP!!

Dr. Seuss- 4 -6 year olds by Sept 1st

Explore the world of Dr. Seuss. Wacky science, crazy crafts, silly stories, games galore, and more! Find out how Dr. Seuss teaches us lessons from the Bible in an extraordinary way. "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store."-The Grinch. This camp is just what the Dr. ordered after the long break!

STEAM-Minute to win it- 6- 9 years old by Sept 1st

This is not a sit and create STEAM camp! Relay race across the room to build a structure OR try to make a mini catapult to use on the opposing team. Try your hand painting a mural, with your writing hand tied behind your back! Anything is possible when you use the talents that God gave you.

Games Galore!- 7-11 by Sept 1st

Let's get together and play a round of the actively silly "Diary or a Wimpy Kid 10 second challenge" or "Gestures". Checkers anyone? Ok, it wouldn't be "Games Galore" without our favorite Gym time games. Dodgeball, kickball, tag, angry birds and much more. This camp will probably provide the most activity these campers have had all break!

Click here to Register



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! The Lorax, Dr. Seuss! January 4th 6:00-8:15pm popcorn, snacks, and movie on the big screen in the Youth Hub CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CARMEL UMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH DIRECTOR UPDATE

The search is on for a Director of Youth Ministries. Several great resumes have already been received and interviews are in the works. Be praying for the church leadership through this important process.

A huge thank you to the amazing volunteers and parents who have stepped up during this time of transition! If you see them, be sure to thank them for their ministry to students.



INTERSECT - EVERY SUNDAY

INTERSECT is meant to be a place where you can belong, learn about Jesus, and bring your friends. We always include high energy games and a fun craft or hands on mission activity, a meal, time to hang out with friends, and worship.

INTERSECT SCHEDULE

5:00-5:30 PM Meal 5:30-6:30 PM Games/Activities/Parent Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM Worship 7:30-8:00 PM Small Group Conversation







NOVEMBER YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

We plan events to help build community, lasting friendships, provide an opportunity for students to bring friends, grow in their faith, and serve. Please see the website for more information and to register for events.

November 3 November 4	Family Mission Night in Partnership with Kids Coats Kids Coats Service Day (sign-up for a shift: kidscoats.org)	5-8pm
November 8	Coffee Chat @ SOHO (High School Students only)	4-6pm
November 19	Third Sunday Lunch in the Hub (sign up to bring a dish)	noon
November 24	Christmas Tree Setup - Carmel UMC Parking Lot	8am
November 26	Intersect Invite Night! "Deck the Hub"	5-8pm



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

The trees (and wreaths) are coming soon and the youth of Carmel UMC thank you for supporting us by purchasing your fresh cut tree from our lot and for volunteering to work a shift at the sale. Students earn the equivalent of \$10/hr toward the summer mission trip to Nashville, TN. The sales starts November 25 (Saturday after Thanksgiving) and manned sales will run through mid-December. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser go toward Youth Missions as well as things like scholarships, leader training and other ministry expenses not covered by our annual budget. **SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE**



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SERVE LIFE + FAITH + COMMUNITY

KIDS COATS

Saturday, November 4th Carmel UMC will be distributing coats to kids who might not have another way of being warm this winter! Please consider signing up for a volunteer shift! Go to their website: kidscoats.org

Additionally we will be setting up for the Kids Coats distribution Friday, November 3rd starting at 5pm. www.carmelumc.org







"InCHOIRing Minds Want to Know"

Upcoming Anthems by the Chancel Choir:

November 5th brings the anthem "For All the Saints" for All Saints Sunday reminding us of our love ones who have entered God's Eternal Kingdom this year. Mina Keohane will be providing special music this Sunday.

"This is My Song" will be the choir anthem on November 12th with special music by Chris Morris. Continuing with our November selections is "African Gloria" anthem on November 19th with special music by Jennifer Gafron.

Finally, rounding out November 26th is the anthem of "In the Spirit of Thanksgiving".



Providing transportation to and from the Barrington and Carmel Senior Living on Sunday mornings. This ministry is currently in need of additional drivers. This can be a weekly or monthly commitment. Please contact Jim Shirey for more information. jshirey@carmelumc.org



The Contemporary Service is still in need of people who are willing to join several of our volunteer teams including our tech team (running the sound board, controlling lighting and projection of video), and our usher team who collects the offering each week.

Please contact Pastor Scott McDermid: <u>smcdermid@carmelumc.org</u> for more information

Carmel UMC Preschool



We are looking for loving, caring individuals who are excited to work with the most joyful and adorable preschoolers around! Our substitute teachers help to assist the teacher and provide a safe environment for our students. Substitutes work from 9:00-1:00 as they are needed and available.

Please contact Tiffany or Nicole at the preschool office if you are excited to be added to our list!

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Carmel United Methodist Preschool offers classes for students who are 18 months through 6 years of age. Classes run from 9:00-1:00 on various days of the week. Our children enjoy learning and growing in God's faithfulness through the guidance and love of their teachers. Please visit our website or contact the director for more information or to set up a tour.





CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE PRESCHOOL!

317-844-1958 Tiffany Lehman, Director tlehman@carmelumc.org



CHURCH FAMILY NEEDED TO FILL THE GAP!

The early morning shifts are hardest to fill for volunteers, but the most requested appointment times for Kids Coats families. There are 99 families signed up for an appointment between the hours of 8am-10:30am, and only 3 Family Guides signed up to help them find coats. CAN YOU COMMIT TO THE EARLY SHIFT?

Sign up to be a Family Guide from 7:45am-10:30am on November 4 at <u>https://kidscoats.org/carmel/</u> For more information or with questions about the Carmel Giveaway, contact Stacy Cartmel: (317) 430-1244 <u>carmel@kidscoats.org</u>

WE NEED A NEW STORAGE LOCATION IN 2018! Will you help us?

Did you know that Hamilton County Kids Coats is a YEAR-ROUND mission? With 5 November distributions county-wide and giving away coats until the end of winter, the work of keeping Hamilton County families warm doesn't stop when the weather gets warm. We store coats & winter wear, racks, hangers, and sort donations year round at donated warehouse space in Carmel. Kids Coats Warehouse Team volunteers come every Monday of the year to sort and organize the donations.

The current space is generously donated to us by Pedcor because of relationships made possible by CUMC. But this warehouse space will be gone next year; WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Kids Coats needs a donation of at least 3,000 sq. ft. located in Hamilton County. The space must have a garage door or loading dock that allows us to accept 24ft. box trucks in order to load coat racks, hangers, pallets of coats, and deliveries from our partner organizations. BE AN ADVOCATE OF KIDS COATS! If you see an empty space, write down the number or call/text/email Linda Withrow (317) 324-8818 linda@kidscoats.org Call or email Linda if you are INTERESTED in joining the committee to help solve this problem.





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



Real Men, Real Ministry, Real Difference

Excerpt from "A Stephen Minister Story" ~ The full story will be available in written form outside of the Family Life Center and at the Stephen Ministry table in the Gathering Area.

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transformation. So I got his permission to share it with you. —Joel Bretscher | Director of **Communications | Stephen Ministries St. Louis**

Joel: Tell me about your journey to becoming a Stephen Minister

Steve: I'm a retired naval officer in Fernandina Beach, Florida. I'm married, with two children and four grandchildren. I love to ride my motorcycle and play golf.

I dedicated myself to Stephen Minister training, and I learned a lot. I discovered that you can learn to listen, you can learn about feelings, and you can learn to be a better caregiver. I learned that God is the caregiver, not me. My job as a Stephen Minister is to listen and care-to really try to empathize and understand what the person is going through—and leave the fixing up to God.

That last part was tough for me because I've always been a fix-it kind of person. But I've found that it sure takes the pressure off to step back and let God do the fixing. It's also freeing, and it's helped me be more in tune with others. I no longer see people in terms of problems needing to be fixed. I see them as people who are going through a difficult time and need me to walk with them and reflect Christ to them.

Men are sometimes reluctant to reach out for help or to accept help. Can you tell me more about how men could benefit from having a **Stephen Minister?**

"My wife no longer tells me I don't listen. So she appreciates my Stephen Minister training too. You really do use these skills in all areas of life."



"The rewards you get from being a Stephen Minister, personally and spiritually—I just can't tell you how great they are," says Steve.

Having served as a Stephen Minister myself, I I would encourage any man going through something always enjoy talking with other Stephen difficult-divorce, loss of a job, death of a loved one, Ministers. When I met Steve Feith, I was moved financial difficulties, a serious illness—to be open to by his story of discipleship, ministry, and having a Stephen Minister. Men are often conditioned to be strong and self-reliant, so we put a wall around ourselves and don't talk about what's going on inside. But talking with a Stephen Minister really will help. I've seen the difference it can make.

> Your Stephen Minister is going to respect you. He's not going to tell you what to do; he's not going to judge you. He's there to listen-to walk alongside, to help you talk things out and work things through. And it's totally confidential. No one will even know you have a Stephen Minister, and your Stephen Minister won't share anything you say.

> And remember, it's not just the two of you in that caring relationship-the Lord's there too, and that's where the healing comes in. It's God who will help you take hold of what's buried deep inside and bring it out and kick it out the door.

So I would recommend Stephen Ministry to any man— or woman—during a difficult time.

What would you say to encourage other men to become Stephen Ministers?

I'd say, if you think God's calling you to this ministry, if you even have an inkling that you might want to be a Stephen Minister, give it a shot! The training is fantastic. It took an old nub like me, rounded off the edges, and taught me how to relate in a more caring way. You're going to be very well trained, and you'll have the Lord right there shoulder to shoulder with you.

And if you're like me—and you're not a real touchy-feely person—you can still be a good Stephen Minister. You just need to be willing to listen with the heart of Jesus to someone who's going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministry is about one man supporting another in the name of the Lord.



It feels so good to be able to really help someone. You have to experience it for yourself.



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