

Traditions have always been an important part of my life. As I put away my Christmas decorations this year (I assume most people have. I think I am late with this. I took mine down Jan. 15) I also put away those holiday traditions...until next year. But, wait! traditions don't only happen once a year...there are other beautiful traditions throughout the year!

A tradition of the church calendar, which I have always loved is the season of Lent. More and more I find people have forgotten much about this faith tradition. I hope that perhaps you will consider starting a tradition for the season, if this is not already a part of your life.

**Consider the tradition of preparing for Lent**, by joining Carmel UMC on Tuesday, Feb. 13 in the Family Life Center for the Boy Scout's annual Pancake Supper as we celebrate Fat Tuesday (French word is Mardi Gras). The tradition of Fat Tuesday came as everyone is supposed to clear from their kitchen ingredients that are used to prepare rich, fatty foods that will be abstained from (fasting from) during the 40 days of Lent. Over the years that has been symbolized by eating pancakes.

Then **consider the tradition that launches the 40-day season of Lent**, Ash Wednesday, which is the following day, this year on February 14th. The season of Lent is a 40-day period (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. It is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. A time of self-examination and reflection. We launch this period on Ash Wednesday through worship which includes the imposition of ashes on your forehead or hand symbolizing your desire to be forgiven for your sins and being willing to make changes that will bring you closer to Christ.

Consider making this day a part of your tradition:

- Drive-thru ashes will be shared from 6-9 am

- Lunch-time service where ashes will be shared in a 30-minute service
- Evening service for children and adults at 6:30 pm. Childcare available

Throughout Lent, **consider a tradition of study**. A book study of "Shadow of a Galilean" will be led by Minister of Adult Discipleship, Chris Thornsberry throughout the Lenten season. You can either join online or in person.

**Consider a tradition to participate** in weekly worship as we launch the Lent series titled "Death to Selfie." We will look within our lives to find that there are little "lies" in every selfie and it is those little "lies" than can sometime keep us from a right relationship with Jesus.

Finally **consider planning to never forget** the Holy Week experiences of Palm Sunday (March 25), Holy Thursday (Thursday, March 29), Good Friday (Friday, March 30) and finally culminating with Easter on April 1 (and that is no fooling!).

I have long said that the season of Lent and Easter are my favorite times, as those are times where I have really felt challenged to grow in my faith. I hope that you will find the same and will invest your heart and time!!!

Serving Christ, Pastor 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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## STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

*An information table will be located in The Gathering Area*

- Learn about receiving care and referring others for care
- Learn how to become a Stephen Minister
- Learn about our 2018 Continuing Education programs
- Meet current Stephen Ministers

## BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER

*An Opportunity to  
Learn, Serve, and Grow*

Stephen Ministers are members of Carmel United Methodist Church who participate in 50 hours of caregiving training. They work alongside our pastors in providing emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, and many other difficulties.

**The 2018 Stephen Ministry training begins on  
August 6, 2018.**

To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister,  
please speak with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders:

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*"Bear one another's burdens and in this  
way you will fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2*

*"Therefore encourage one another and  
build up each other."  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

*"Your greatest ministry will likely come  
out of your greatest hurt."  
Rick Warren*



## Leadership at CUMC:

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Senior Pastor:

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Minister of Adult Discipleship:

Chris Thornsberry

Minister of Local Outreach:

Mike Podgorski

Minister of Shepherding & New Members:

Barbara Krueger

Minister of Visitation:

Jim Shirey

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### IN THIS ISSUE:

- ⇒ GAME NIGHT
- ⇒ NEW CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS
- ⇒ LENTEN BOOK STUDY

### Church Governing Council

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





# Lenten Schedule

**Ash Wednesday**  
6:30–9:00am Drive-Thru Ashes  
12:00pm Lunch Break Service  
12:45pm Preschool Service  
6:30pm Traditional Evening Service

**Palm Sunday**  
9:00 & 10:45am Traditional Services  
9:00 & 10:45am Contemporary Services

**Holy Thursday**  
6:30pm Evening Service  
Pastor Scott McDermid


**Good Friday**  
6:30pm Evening Service  
Rev. Patti Napier

**Easter**  
9:00 & 10:45am Traditional Services  
9:00 & 10:45am Contemporary Services

## COMING SOON IN WORSHIP!



"Death to Selfie" a new series for our whole church starts on Feb 18 and goes through March 11. In this series, we'll discover how finding our identity in Christ can save us from the greatest obstacle standing in our way - us. We hope you will join us for this series (in contemporary and traditional worship) and consider using it as a chance to invite friends and neighbors who want to find God and find themselves too.



## CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE

### Congratulations.... Births....

- **Caden Alexander Graves** was born December 27, 2017 to Joe & Stephanie Graves. Proud great grandparents are Bill & Mary Lou Crawford.
- **Cora Grace Ogle** was born December 28, 2018 to Eric & Lauren Ogle. Proud grandparents are Gary & Sue Noonan.
- **Vera June Cardinal** was born January 3, 2018 to Ryan & Sarah Cardinal. Proud great grandmother is Mary Jo Hoffman.

- **Andrew Steven Carriger** was born January 18, 2018 to Scott & Ann Carriger. Proud grandparents are Richard & Debbie Carriger.

### With Sympathy To...

- **Karla Walsworth & family** on the death of her grandmother, Elaine Lincoln who passed away December 29, 2017.
- **Paul Deenik & family** on the death of his half-brother, Christopher Boere, who passed away December 30, 2017
- **Rick Wallace & family** on the death of his father, William (Bill) Wallace, who passed away January 1, 2018.
- **Karen Estridge & family** on the death of her mother, Barbara Vogt who passed away January 10, 2018.
- **Alice DeHart & family**, on the death of her mother-in-law, Betty DeHart, who passed away January 14, 2018.
- **Jim Shirey & family** on the death of his wife, Pat Shirey, who passed away on January 19, 2018.
- **Kathy Clark & family** on the death of her mother, Helen Sands who passed away on January 18, 2018.
- **Rich Gochnauer & family** on the death of his father, Richard Gochnauer Sr. who passed away January 28, 2018
- **Rick Weymuth & family** on the death of his mother, Mary Greer Weymuth who passed away on January 21, 2018.

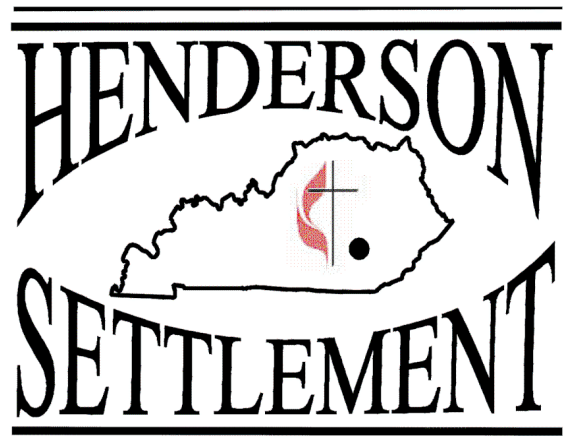


**Gleaners Friday** works much like a Farmers Market for people who are in need of food. This event happens every 3rd Friday each month in connection with our Food Pantry efforts. Carmel UMC was able to serve 89 guests in January, which equates to helping feed around 300-400 people. Additionally, volunteers were able to **connect** with many of these individuals while helping them load up their groceries. These **connect** moments were filled with laughter, conversation, hand shakes, hugs and prayers. Please consider **serving** for the Food Pantry and to hand out food and **connect with others** on the next Gleaner's Day: Friday February 16th from 12-3pm.

### Online registration is open for our annual Henderson Mission Trip (June 10-16)!

This amazing week to this wonderful place, offers opportunities to serve families and individuals in need AND build powerful connections with others in our church family. This is a family trip which means it is open to teens and adults of all skill levels. We need master carpenters down to those who don't yet know how to hammer a nail.

[Click Here  
To Register](#)







God Sightings are everyday moments when in a specific moment, God can be felt or seen in action. The following God Sightings all happened within the Missions of Carmel UMC and were *provided by Mike Podgorski*.

- Our missions are very active and they do make a big impact on others. We'd like to recognize that there were numerous times in the 2017 year where people in our church and the missions that they represent quietly went above and beyond what was expected. These actions were all done for others for the love of Christ Jesus Our Savior.
  - A homeless man who left Wheeler Mission and we helped to get settled into an apartment, this very same man comes back to serve in our missions.
  - A lady who was in desperate circumstances, we were able to completely furnish her apartment and we have brought food to her on several occasions too.
  - A disabled single Mom who has 3 sons and was in desperate need when her car was in need of repairs including her brakes. This is the only car they have to get to food pantries and to the pharmacy. We were able to get the car repaired and make it road worthy and safe again.
  - We were able to help an IHN family who was getting established in a new home when they had car repair issues. We covered the tow and the repairs so that the Dad could have transportation to maintain his new job.
  - We had members who helped 3 different IHN families at Christmas.
  - We were able to work with our preschool and provide Christmas gifts to many of the children who visit our Food Pantry.
  - Our folks stepped up and helped the efforts of the Carmel lunch program for kids right here in the Carmel Clay School System who might not get lunch in the summer or on holiday breaks.
  - There were a few Angel Tree families who had children with no coats, Kids Coats partnered with us and got them coats in addition to their Angel Tree gifts.
  - We linked up with a single Mom in our Angel Tree program who had never had a Christmas tree in her entire life. She and her kids were overjoyed when they received a tree, lights and ornaments that they can use for years ahead now.

**Missions Pledge:** If you haven't had a chance to make your 2018 Missions Pledge, there are pledge cards available at the church during the entire month of February. Your missions pledge goes directly to supporting the Carmel UMC 9 local missions plus the national and international missions as well.

**Please take time to prayerfully consider how you could financially support the missions of Carmel UMC.**



## CONNECT WITH US



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We have two campus visits coming up in February where Scott will visit some of our college students for a cup of coffee and encouragement (also to talk plans for college ministry over summer break)

Feb 1 at Ball State from noon to 3 pm at the Cup

Feb 16 at Purdue from 1 to 3 pm at Lavazza Coffee

**Mark your calendars** for our young adult campout April 13-14 in Noblesville. We will camp on Friday night and then play paintball (optional) in the morning! This will be a perfect event to invite friends (co-workers, neighbors...) to get to know the CUMC Young Adult Ministry



We have three groups that are currently meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but still have room to grow. If you are a young adult, or if you know a young adult, who might be interested in joining a group or starting a new one we would love to help get you connected. Contact Scott McDermid at [smcdermid316@gmail.com](mailto:smcdermid316@gmail.com)



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

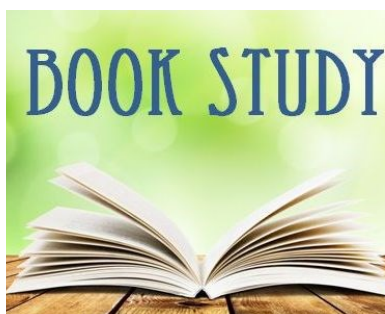
August-October 2018



**GAME NIGHT** Saturday, Feb. 24th from 4:30-6:30pm in the FLC! Come for food, games, and fun!! Dinner and Board Games will be provided by CUMC Please bring your favorite board game too! This is a FREE event but we need a headcount for dinner and provided childcare. Register online by 2/18/18.



CLICK THE BUTTON TO REGISTER TODAY!!!



**BOOK STUDY** *The Shadow of the Galilean* a 6-wk study starting Sun. Feb. 18th - March 25th, 10:05-10:45am in the Chapel. Join the discussion in person or via an online group. You can join one or both. Email: [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org) to register for either and get info on class materials.

The book follows the journey of a certain Andreas on his clandestine, yet reluctant quest to undercover intelligence about Jewish religious movements on behalf of the Roman prefect Pontius Pilate.



**PARENTING OUR PARENTS** Millions of people in their 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's and beyond who thought that they had finished parenting have been drawn back in time, to care for their own elderly parents and other family members. Join Pastor Patti for a FREE, 6-session workshop to explore the issues of this season of life and how to navigate through it faithfully, lovingly and knowing that we are not alone.

To register email: [cthornsberry@carmelumc.org](mailto:cthornsberry@carmelumc.org)



**Ruth Anna Circle** will meet in the Carmel UMC Gathering Place at 9:30am on Tuesday February 13. New members are welcome. Please call Katie Kessler at [317-846-9785](tel:317-846-9785) for more information.



Hello Church Family!

My name is Chris Thornsberry and I'm the new Minister of Adult Discipleship! My family and I are super excited to be joining CUMC's community of faith and we are really thankful for all the people that we have met so far. Also, let me just say that we have experienced so much kindness, caring, and love from the staff and the congregation that we are just simply thankful for all the outpouring of love that you've given us so far.



I wanted to take a second and share a bit about myself and our family so you can know more about us. I'm originally from Louisville, KY (GO CARDINALS!!!) and my wife, Kristen, is originally from Berne, IN near Ft. Wayne. We have two boys, Jack (6) and Benjamin (4). Kristen is the Elementary Music Teacher at Sunnyside Elementary in Lawrence, where we live. I've been in ministry, in one form or fashion, for almost 20 years. I've served as a church planter, campus minister, Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor, and



most recently a volunteer Pastor at People's Church Indianapolis in Lawrence. Prior to that I was on staff at St. Luke's UMC as Associate Director of Adult Ministries before heading to Christ's Community Church in Fishers as the Pastor of Communities & Outreach. Needless to say, I love doing ministry and it has always been a major part of my life.

To get a bit more personal, I love all things 1980's! From the music, movies, TV shows, etc.; in my opinion it doesn't get any better than the 80's. Our family loves playing board games, having meals with friends, and spending time

enjoying the outdoors. I'm a HUGE FAN of the Cleveland Indians, Louisville Cardinal basketball, and the Pacers. In my spare time, which there's not a lot of, I love to work on genealogy and history. I currently serve as the Historian for the Clarence A. Cook Indianapolis Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. My family is related to Gen. George Washington through his sister Betty, who is my 6th Great Grandmother.

Our family is really looking forward to getting to know each of you and hearing your stories as well. We can't wait to spend time over a cup of coffee in the Gathering Place or maybe a meal together sometime. Until then, my office door is always open and I invite you to stop in and say hello.



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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Save the date: VBS is June 24-28 Shipwrecked VBS: Rescued by Jesus.

At **Shipwrecked**, kids will discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join each evening for this special send-off time.

Kids at Shipwrecked VBS will join in the missions of CUMC: The Food Pantry, Kids Coats, Operation Classroom in Sierra Leone, and our senior members who need special encouragement.

Shipwrecked is for kids from 3 years old (if potty-trained and parent is in the building) to 5th grade (current 2017-18 grade) and will run from 6pm to 8:30pm each day. For more information, email us at [kids@carmelumc.org](mailto:kids@carmelumc.org)

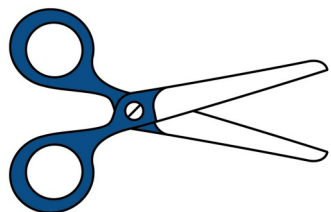
**Registration will open February 14 for kids and volunteers.**







Come on Monday, Feb. 19,  
(President's Day) anytime  
between 10am and 2pm to make  
cookies and cupcakes for our local  
Police and Firemen.



Cutting projects are at Pastor Aj's cart ready for  
you to take home - Thank you for helping!



**FAMILY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL** Pastor Aj has prepared a Lenten  
devotional for families and a prayer guide to use to pray for your  
children. Available today at Pastor Aj's cart to take home to prepare  
for Lent, beginning Wednesday, 2/14/18.



Boy Scout Troop 131 

# PANCAKE SUPPER

Carmel United Methodist Church

**Fat Tuesday, February 13**

**5:30 — 7:30 PM**

**\$6 each/Kids 5 & under free**







## CARMEL UMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

**INTRODUCING THE NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES: MATT SHERRILL**  
(Matt starts officially working at Carmel UMC on Feb. 12th!)



From Matt:

I was born and raised in Cornelius, NC, which is north of Charlotte, and grew up attending church at Mt. Zion UMC. After High School I went to undergrad at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC where I received a Bachelors degree in Recreation Management with a minor in Psychology. I pursued camp ministry all throughout college, thinking that was the direction God wanted me to go. The summer of my senior year, when I was working at a Methodist church camp, I got a call from Mt. Zion asking if I would be the interim Youth Director. I took the position, despite some reservations, and I have loved working there for the past 14 1/2

years. In 2008 I finished a Masters Degree in Christian Education from Pfeiffer University with a concentration in Youth Ministry. In 2006 my life changed forever, meeting the most beautiful person in the world. After seven years of dating, Julie and I got married at Lake Wawasee, Indiana in 2013. We have a pug named Boone who brings us great joy everyday. I love being outside doing just about anything from backpacking, to hammocking, to water sports, to gardening, to biking, and on and on! I am a die hard Carolina Panthers fan and have been cheering for them since the beginning of the franchise. In basketball, I love Duke and have cheered for them since I was a kid. One of my favorite things to do inside is sit by a fire and read a good book.



### 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



# Piano Concert

Sunday, February 18th at 7pm FREE

Tiantian Liang will perform a doctoral piano recital featuring the works of Bach, Debussy and Schumann with a reception following in the Gathering Place.



The Music Council had its first meeting of the year in January. We look forward to a year full of recruiting new choir and handbell members, supporting concerts such as the upcoming recital on February 18th by Tiantian Rogahn and volunteer projects within the church and the community. It is our hope that the Music Council will support and achieve the Music Ministry's goals for our congregation.

The Music Council consists of the following persons:

President - Melanie Frauhiger

Vice President - Aimie Morris

Secretary - Marty Fryman

Treasurer - Elizabeth Shiverdecker

Historian - Mary K. Mann

Section Leaders - Aimie Morris (soprano), Jennifer Gafron (Alto), Jon Schwier (Tenor) and Kyle Johnson (Bass)

Editor/Reporter - Christy Nowlin

Music Librarians - Margaret Kettle and Marie Harris

Wardrobe Chairs - Veronica Cooper and Pat Bigham

Social Chairs - Susan Messenger and Sarah Warf

Ministry Chair - Janet Lefton

For the next several months we will highlight our section leaders. This month the spotlight is on Aimie Morris, soprano leader.



Aimie was raised in Plainfield, IN and studied music education at University of Indianapolis where she met her husband, Chris Morris (also a choir member), in the university choir. Aimie obtained her master's in organizational leadership from Indiana Wesleyan. She taught middle school choir for four years and has also been a music leader at Pittsboro UMC and a children's youth music director at St. Luke's. Currently Aimie now maintains a private studio teaching voice. She and Chris have two children, Luke (3 1/2 yrs.) and Gwen (4 months). Aimie and Chris enjoy SCUBA diving together and traveling. Also a goal of Aimie's is to perform with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra twice a year and secure voice overs and commercials in the area.

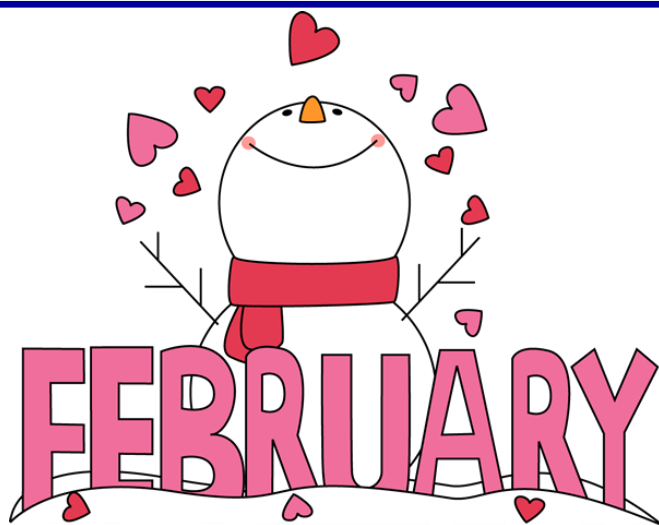


# Carmel UMC Preschool



The preschoolers and their families had a great time at the registration carnival on January 22nd! Balloons, games, popcorn, and music helped to entertain our families as they registered for the 2018-2019 school year, which will begin in August.

We do still have some openings remaining. If you have a preschooler who would enjoy learning in an energetic, loving environment, please contact the preschool office at 317-844-1958 or email [tlehman@carmelumc.org](mailto:tlehman@carmelumc.org). We would be happy to provide information, answer questions, or set up a tour!



**CLICK HERE FOR MORE**  
**INFO ABOUT THE**  
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**317-844-1958**

**Tiffany Lehman, Director**  
**[tlehman@carmelumc.org](mailto:tlehman@carmelumc.org)**

The preschoolers enjoyed meeting the "3 Kings" in celebration of Epiphany in early January. They were able to answer a large variety of questions about baby Jesus and set the kings on the correct path with their gifts for the Savior.





kids coats



**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 very soon; 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](mailto:linda@kidscoats.org)** Call or email Linda if you are INTERESTED in joining the committee to help solve this problem.



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**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](mailto:mrs.lisapwilliams@yahoo.com) or call: 317-507-7410



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At Carmel UMC 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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# CONTACT

**FEBRUARY 2018**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ *LENT*
- ♦ *VBS Registration*
- ♦ *#DeathToSelfie Series*