

ORDERS WITHIN THE UMC

This past month, Carmel UMC welcomed two new pastors to our staff: Rev. Adriane Curtis and Rev. Jill Buckler. Both of these pastors were appointed positions by the United Methodist Conference. In an attempt to clarify to the congregation these “titles”, we’ve come up with some proactive answers to possible questions.

What Order do they serve within the United Methodist Church?

- Adrian and Patti are *Elders*
- Jill is a *Deacon*

Who do they serve?

- Adrian and Patti’s appointment is to Carmel UMC to serve our congregation
- Jill’s primary appointment is as a counselor serving our district (replacing Jackie Chandler in that role)

All three are on staff at Carmel UMC, but only Patti and Adrian are employees of our Church.

Order of Deacon and Order of Elder Similarities

The candidacy process is the *SAME* for both Orders.

- Elders and Deacons both interview with the Board of Ordained Ministry to be Commissioned.
- Once Commissioned, candidates:
 - are granted PROVISIONAL conference membership
 - become Residents in Ministry, and meet together in cluster groups
 - become eligible after two (2) years to be considered for election to FULL conference membership, and Ordination

The Order of Elder and the Order of Deacon are parallel in status, as both are considered residents during the period of PROVISIONAL membership. Ordained Elders and Ordained Deacons are members of the annual conference, rather than members of a local church.

Order of Deacon and Order of Elder Differences

The Order of Elder and the Order of Deacon differ in function. To borrow from medical terminology, Elders are generalists, while Deacons are specialists.

• Elders are Ordained to:

- Order – an administration role
- Sacrament – a priestly role
- Word – a teaching/preaching role
- Service

• Deacons are Ordained to:

- Word – a teaching/preaching role
- Service – especially called to the marginalized
- Compassion
- Justice
- Minister in some particular area of expertise that serves to connect the congregation with the needs of the world. Jill’s expertise is in counseling.

Ordained Elders are itinerant.

- Currently with guaranteed appointment.

Deacons find their own placement, and then request the bishop’s approval and appointment to that placement.

If the placement is outside the local church, the bishop also grants the Deacon a secondary appointment to a local church. Jill’s appointment is to serve as a counselor. Carmel UMC has provided her with an office to provide her services. She chose to move her Church Home for her and her family to Carmel UMC. Therefore, she had to gain her secondary appointment to Carmel UMC.

Ordained Deacons cannot administer the sacraments unless given specific, special permission by the bishop, at the request of the Deacon’s district superintendent. Jill has received the special permission.

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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(i.e. pnapier@carmelumc.org)

Church Governing Council

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



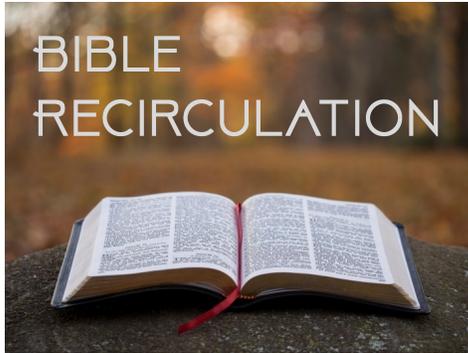
Congratulations....

Births...

Baptism...

Deaths...

- Olu Akerele and family, on the death of his father, Benjamin Akerele who passed away on July 19th.



Do you have a Bible you are not using anymore? Maybe your child has outgrown a children's or teen version. Maybe you are cleaning out your parents' books and find several Bibles that you do not need. Maybe you bought a new translation and you are not using your former Bible. We would like to maintain a library of Bibles so that if someone in our congregation needs one, we can give it to them. The Bibles would also be available if a pastor or mission team leader identifies someone who needs to have the word of God. Please bring them to the church office, and we will take it from there.



HAMILTON COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK

Mark your calendars for the annual Hamilton County CROP Walk to be held on Sunday afternoon, October 7th @ 1:30pm!

The walk starts at the Carmel Gazebo and stays on the Monon Trail.

Each year, Carmel United Methodist Church and many other local churches participate in this event to help raise funds for world and local hunger and disaster relief. For more information contact Ed King (317-574-1475 or jeking@dow.com).

Look for additional information and sign-up tables in September.

A FREE T-shirt will be provided to all CUMC walkers!



שלום shalom

Sometime on Saturday, July, 28 a hate message was painted on the shed surrounding garbage containers at Shaarey Tefilla Synagogue on 116th Street in Carmel. When I first read the reports I felt emotions from anger to sadness that this had happened in our community.

I was glad to be able to attend a community event at the synagogue where I joined around 1000 persons of varying faith backgrounds who gathered in unity to support the Jewish community following this horrific act. Driving there, I was wondering if I would want to see the damage but I found myself realizing that there was no need to see it with my own eyes as what I saw and felt from this gathering far exceeded the impact of any hatred that had been painted on their building.

Multiple persons spoke to the gathered group following opening remarks by Rabbi Benjamin

Sendrow and Mayor Jim Brainard. The speakers who followed represented many faith communities expressing support for the Jewish community and absolute intolerance for that act and any other act of hatred, discrimination and bullying. As I looked around the room, my eyes saw persons of many differing faiths, cultures and races. But it was my heart that was impacted and renewed as the love and support that was present in that room was palpable. Standing room only for over an hour...what does that express? What was the call to action?

1. Hang an American flag outside your home as a sign of solidarity and recognition that as Americans we have been blessed with freedom of religion.
2. Talk about this act and express "no more"!
3. Pray with thanks that we know that though this was an act of evil, our prayers and acts of love far outweigh any evil.

I was proud to have several staff members of the church present as well as members of CUMC. We may be communities of differing faiths but the call to love one another is our call as Christians.

Shalom...pray for peace,

Patti

Rev. Patti Napier
Senior Pastor
Carmel UMC



HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS:

Are you interested in helping CUMC be one of the friendliest churches in Carmel? Do you have one Sunday morning a month that you can volunteer your time? We need **door greeters**, **Welcome Center hosts**, **ushers**, **parking lot greeters (coming Fall 2018)**, and **worship center greeters (coming Fall 2018)** to help make our Sunday morning worship experience more friendly for first time guests and those who are regular attenders as well.

If you're interested in volunteering, we can provide you training, all you need to do is contact Chris Thornsberry,

Minister of Adult Discipleship at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org or call the church office at 317-844-7275 to receive more information.



A **HOST** should have the following qualities and are able to do a few minor tasks:

- H** Heart for people
- O** Open your home to others
- S** Serve snacks
- T** Turn on a DVD player/TV

If you can do these things then you already know how to be a **HOST** for upcoming Grow Groups this Fall. We are looking for individuals or families who are interested in being **HOSTs for our upcoming Discipleship sermon series this fall**. We just need you to commit to 4 weeks of hosting and facilitating discussion in your home based on our Discipleship sermon series. If that's you, please contact Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org.



NETWORK GROUP LEADERS: Do you like to play basketball? How about bowling? Are you into reading good books by great authors or maybe you're into walking and exercise? What are your passions and hobbies?

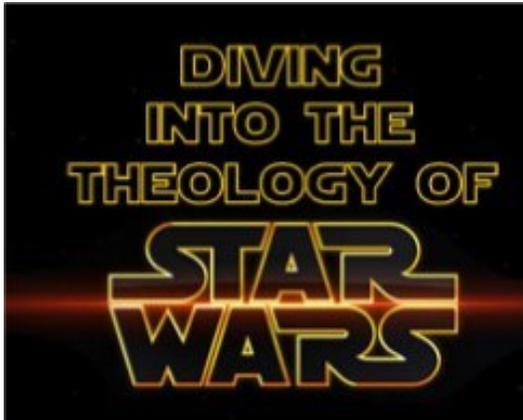
There's a good chance that if you have a hobby you like, someone else out there does too! If you're interested in seeing if others would like to get together and network around the things you're passionate about, contact Chris Thornsberry to help facilitate a new Network Group!

Email: cthornsberry@carmelumc.org

CUMC is looking for a few awesome individuals who are current and active members of our congregation to serve as sponsors for our new members. Each sponsor should be willing to connect with 1-2 individuals or families once per month for 3 months. Contact can be, but is not limited to, a phone call, dinner, coffee, etc. If you're interested in helping our new members feel connected and you are interested in meeting new people, please contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org or call the church office at 317-844-7275 to receive more information.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

— ministries —



One of the reasons Star Wars has persisted in the cultural imagination, far beyond the daydreams of a little kid in the early 1980s, is because these movies do indeed speak biblical truths in their own imaginative ways. Let's tease those truths out together, as we explore how a galaxy far, far away resonates so strongly in our hearts. We'll meet Wednesday evenings August 8th-29th from 6:30-8pm in room LL8.

Email: Chris Thornsberry: cthornsberry@carmelumc.org to sign up. **ALL are welcome to attend!**



CORNERSTONE MEN'S GROW GROUP *NEW GROW GROUP*

We're launching a new Grow Group that will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month from 6-8pm in room LL8. We'll be exploring relevant topics pertaining to issues that men are experiencing today, our role in our homes, church, business, and community. We'll also have guest speakers from time to time. So if you're a guy 18 or older, come join us! If you're interested in joining this group, please email Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. Group starts Tuesday, Sept. 11th.



GROW GROUP HOST HOMES (Different than the H.O.S.T. program)

We are in need of individuals or families who would be willing to be host homes for one of our Grow Groups. We have leaders who are unable to host due to distance, but are willing to lead a Grow Group...all we need is a home to meet in. If you have space for 12-

15 individuals to meet twice a month in your home and would be interested in hosting, please contact Chris Thornsberry, Minister of Adult Discipleship at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. Requirements for this opportunity are minimal. Contact Chris today!

COMING SOON:
Experiencing God course
John Wesley Sunday Class
Reading the Bible For Life course

DISCIPLE



DISCIPLE I CLASS

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders.

The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible.

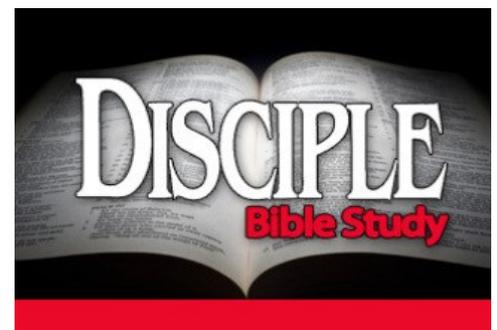
This first study in the program is DISCIPLE: BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY, a thirty-four week overview of the entire Bible. Three and one-half to four hours of independent study each week is required in preparation for weekly group meetings. While this may seem like a lot, you can ask individuals who have been through this series about the life change they have experienced because of it.

Registration for the class is \$40 per person (this includes your student book as well as the class) and will open on August 5th. Classes are led by Janet Boyd on Tuesday evenings starting September 18th. For more questions about registration, please contact Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. For questions regarding the class experience, please contact Janet Boyd at boydkjmr@msn.com.

DISCIPLE II CLASS

Disciple: Into the Word Into the World is the second study in the four-phase Disciple program and is prepared for those who are graduates of Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. The importance of keeping Bible study related to witness is reinforced while participants are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines arising out of Scripture for the purpose of changing habits and transforming lives.

The study also emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately. This study understands the growing Christian as under discipline in community and in ministry to the world. Disciple: Into the Word Into the World approaches all experiences of life as opportunities for faithful witness and service. This 32 week class requires participants to have completed Disciple I and will be facilitated by Bill Leonard every Monday night starting Monday, September 17th. The cost of this course, which includes the student manual and the class, is \$40.00. Registration for this course will be open starting Sunday, August 5th. For questions about registration, please email Chris Thornsberry at cthornsberry@carmelumc.org. For questions regarding the class experience, please email Bill Leonard at bleonard519@yahoo.com.





Graduates of Disciple 4 Course!



**Graduates of Disciple all
FOUR Disciple courses!**

We want to say thank you to those who attended and completed one of our Disciple courses for the 2017/2018 year. Also, we had a number of people who wrapped up and completed all four studies this year. That's a BIG accomplishment!

We also want to take this time to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT and to say thank you to Ken Steppe who has led and coordinated our Disciple course program for the last 5 years. For those of you who have received a blessing from these courses please take the time to tell Ken thank you when you see him. Thank you Ken for all your years of service and dedication!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



**End of Year
Summer Celebration!**

August 18th from 6-8pm

**Come and join the Children's
Ministry for fun games,
treats, prizes and a
giveaway!**

This is a Family Game Night and is not a drop off event!



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS:

The children's choirs meets each Sunday (except when school is not in session on either Friday or Monday) at 10am to 10:40am.

The KICK choir (1st through 5th graders) meets in room LL16, in the lower level of the church. This choir is led by Kristen Thornsberry, elementary music teacher in Lawrence township.

The Cherub choir (preschool through kindergarten) meets in 116 also at 10:00 through 10:40am. This choir is led by Carol Getch, former children's minister at Noblesville United Methodist Church.

Kids will sing in both the Traditional and Contemporary services on:

September 23

October 28

December 9

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School begins August 19 with a special event and open house!

Kids will be released to the Youth Hub for a special presentation and lesson. Parents will pick up their kids in the Youth Hub and enjoy a light breakfast while meeting their kid's Sunday School teachers, look at curriculum and sign up for choir.

Children's Sunday School classes are at 9am each Sunday. Classes are divided by individual age and grade. Regular classes begin on August 26th.

Please make sure that ALL kids check-in and get a nametag as you enter Carmel UMC PRIOR to going to a church service. Computer check-in stations are in the Gathering Place. This system helps insure the safety and security of all the children.

Starting August 26th, children can be picked up following the 9am church services at these classrooms:

- 3 year olds (3 by 8/1)..... room 115
- 4 year olds (4 by 8/1)..... room 117
- Kindergarten..... room 206
- First grade room 207
- Second grade room 209
- Third grade room 208
- Fourth grade..... LL14 (lower level)
- Fifth grade LL13 (lower level)

Sunday School does not begin for any of these classes until the Children's Moment in each service is finished. Please do not drop your kids off early or send them to their class until that time.

MOMS BIBLE STUDY

Want to know more about the Bible? Want to get to know others from Church?

Starting September 6 from 9:15-10:30 join other moms for the Mom's Bible Study. This group meets for a short time each week and there is no homework. **Childcare is available and free!**

This year the group will be studying: *You only know your kid once in the phase they're in now.* **Parenting Through The Phases** is a small group study for parents based on The Phase Project and The Phase Guides. There are approximately 936 weeks from

the time your child is born until he or she moves on to what's next. This time goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. This small group study will help you discover what's changing about your kid, the six things your kid needs most, and four conversations to have with your kid while they are in each phase. Email Rev. Aj Miltenberg, Minister of Families and Children for more information: amildenberg@carmelumc.org

A graphic for 'Family Mission Night' featuring the word 'family' in white, 'MISSION:' in large red letters, 'Possible' in white script, and 'night' in white. The background is dark with orange sparks on the left.

family
MISSION:
Possible
night

FAMILY MISSION NIGHT- SEPTEMBER 9 @ 5:00PM

Kids Coats mission night!

All Ages welcome!

We will be wrapping and decorating boxes to go into the schools as collection receptacles for coats, mittens, scarves and boots. We will meet in the Gathering place to put together these donation boxes!

September 23: 3 year old and 3rd grade Bible programs!

3rd Grade Bible program.

Each year during September, we begin a short class about the Bible for our third graders **and their parents** (if your kids are 4th graders and you are new to Carmel UMC please consider joining us) for the Bible class on September 23 at the Sunday School hour, following the children's moment. Following the class, your child will be presented with a new Bible at either the service in the Sanctuary or the FLC.

This Bible was especially chosen so that your kids may use it in pre-confirmation in 4th and 5th grades as well as during Confirmation(6th grade). You and your child must attend the class to receive the Bible. Please let Pastor Aj know if you and your child will be participating so that enough Bibles and materials are purchased.

This year we are adding a Bible class and presentation to children in the 3 year old program! (Children must be 3 by August 1, 2018) This class for you and your child will be at 10am on Sunday, September 23 and then the presentation of the Bibles will be at the 10:45am service, the same day. This Bible, *The Jesus Storybook Bible* tells the story beneath all the stories in the Bible. At the center of all is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. From Noah, to Moses, to the great King David---every story points to Him. He is the missing piece to the puzzle---the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the story unfolds, children will pick up the clues and piece together the puzzle. Reservations are required so that we will have enough Bibles and other materials.

Please email Pastor Aj today to reserve your spot in either the 3rd Grad Bible Class or the 3 Years Old Bible Class: amildenberg@carmelumc.org



IT'S JUST A

PHASE

SO DON'T MISS IT

The Phase Project, September 18 from 6-7:30pm

Every week, across the country we spend countless hours and dollars investing in kids and teenagers. Moms and dads hope their children will grow up with the kind of faith that transforms their decisions, enriches their relationships, and leads to a better future. (continued on next page!)

But in spite of the best hopes and intentions, many kids still grow up and miss experiencing God's unconditional love and forgiveness.

Maybe they miss it because we missed something about...

- A preschooler's brain development
- A child's way of reasoning and relating
- A middle schooler's basic emotional needs
- A high schooler's most fundamental motive

That's why the Just a Phase Project was created. It is a collaborative, ongoing, effort assembling classic and innovative research, with practical application.

It synthesizes the work of national leaders in children and youth development and authors around the country to summarize and simplify...

- hundreds of hours of research
- interviews with licensed professional counselors
- surveys of more than 250 state teachers of the year
- countless conversations with age group ministry staff
- so the average parent and leader can understand kids better.

Why?

So adults don't miss what's happening during the critical phases of children growing up.

So leaders and parents can connect God's love and forgiveness to the heart of the next generation.

Please join: Preschool Director, Tiffany Lehman; Children's and Family Minister, Rev. Aj Mildenberg; Matt Sherrill, Youth Director; Chris Thornsberry, Adult Discipleship and Rev. Jill Buckner, counselor. To join with you because, "Time is always moving. We can't slow it down. We can't stop it. We can't reverse it. But if we aren't careful, we can miss it." When it comes to the lives of the children and teenagers growing up around us, they are changing faster than we realize. Every phase (age) comes with distinct opportunities we can use to influence their future.

Childcare available.

SIGN-UP INFO COMING SOON!

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YOUTH

LIFE + FAITH + COMMUNITY

CREATING A PLACE FOR EVERY TEENAGER



YOUTH THURSDAY NIGHT WORSHIP:

The youth meet most Thursday Nights from 7-8:30pm at the fire pit for games, worship music, and guests who share their faith stories. This is open to all middle and high school students.



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019!

There will be a **Parent Orientation** on **Sunday, August 26th from 9:00-10:00am in the confirmation room** (lower level beside the youth rooms) for all parents of incoming 6th graders. We will share information for the upcoming class and answer any questions you have. For more information or questions contact Matt Sherrill at msherrill@carmelumc.org



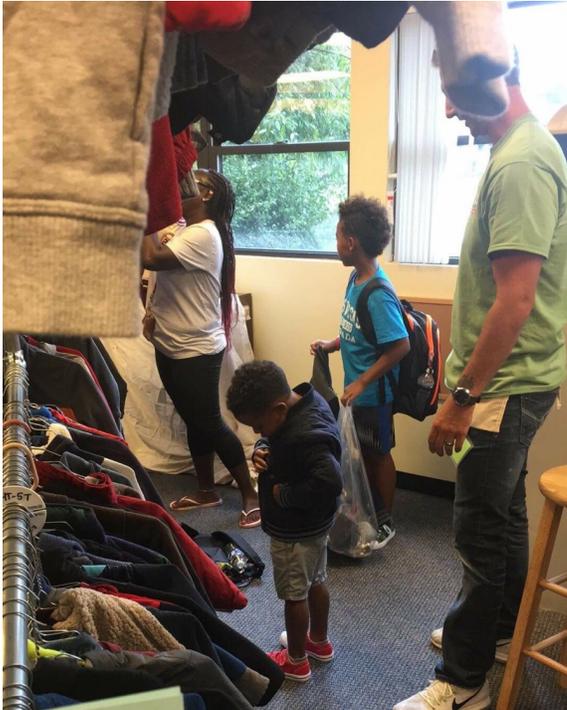
Indy Youth Summit

August 26, 6-8pm

INDY YOUTH SUMMIT will be hosted at **CARMEL UMC** on **Sunday, August 26th** from **6 to 8:00pm** on the **front lawn**. This is a monthly gathering of local youth ministries to bring youth together for a fun time of fellowship and experiencing God through worship! The location of this monthly gathering is rotated throughout the year. Come for lots of games, food, and music!. Invite your friends and come enjoy this time together as we kick off the school year!

Local Missions

Kids Coats is already gearing up for winter at CUMC! We could use you on our Team!
Contact Stacy Cartmel for more information carmel@kidscoats.org



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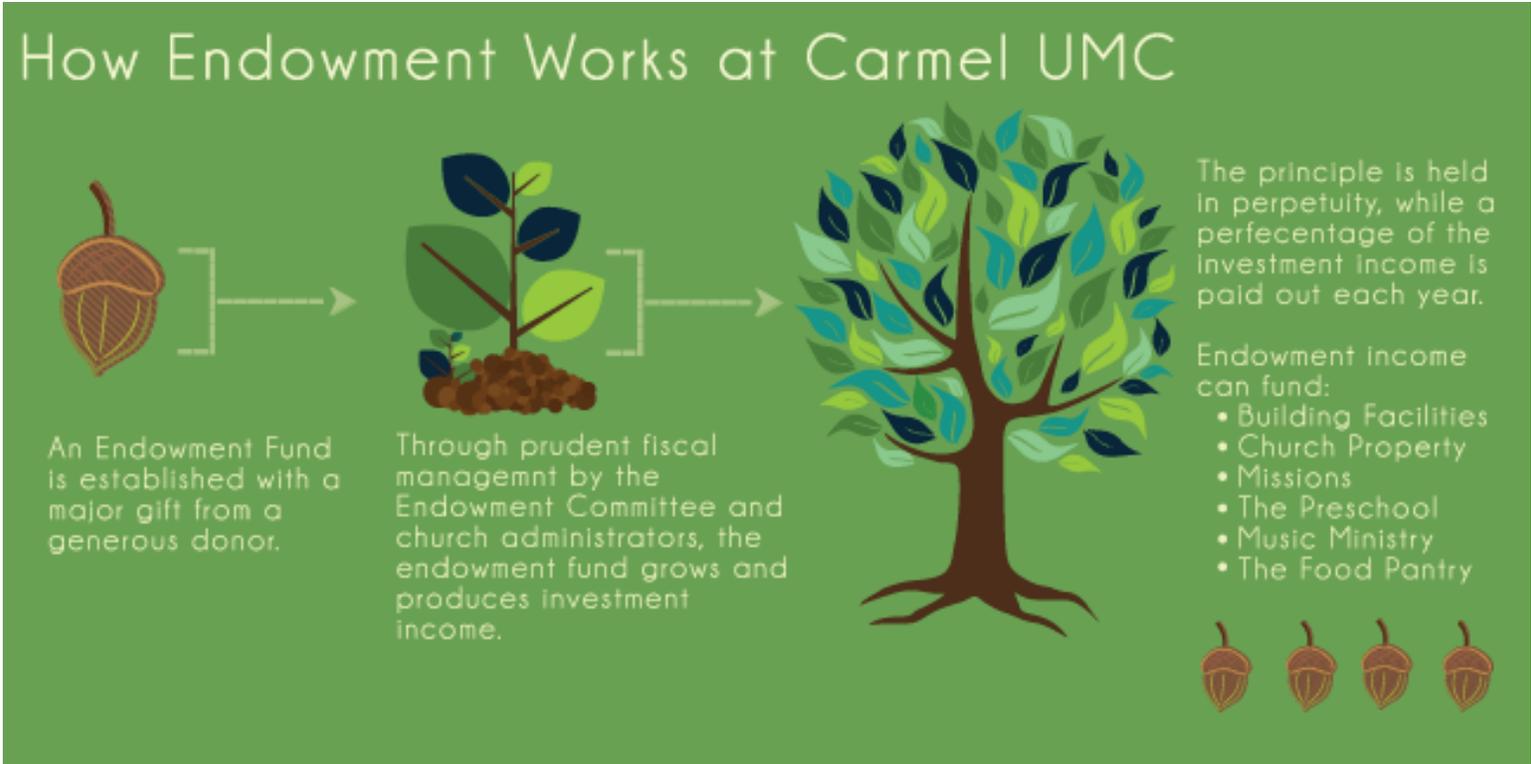
2,289 lightweight jackets given out at
Merciful HELP Center's Tools For School
event July 21-22, 2018.

Kids coats saves lightweight
jackets that we receive in
donations then we give them
out at back-to-school events!



ESL @ CARMEL UMC enters it's fifth year in ministry, providing conversational English to immigrants in Hamilton County. We have served adults from 12 countries & are thankful for each tutor & student. A special thanks to Orchard Park Presbyterian for joining the mission this year. ESL is blessed by community support from St. Marks UMC as well as other churches in Hamilton County. Interested in becoming a tutor? No experience is required to teach, only a love of people and being a native speaker. For more info contact Barbara Krueger @ 317-903-7007 or Jana Miller @317-513-9656.

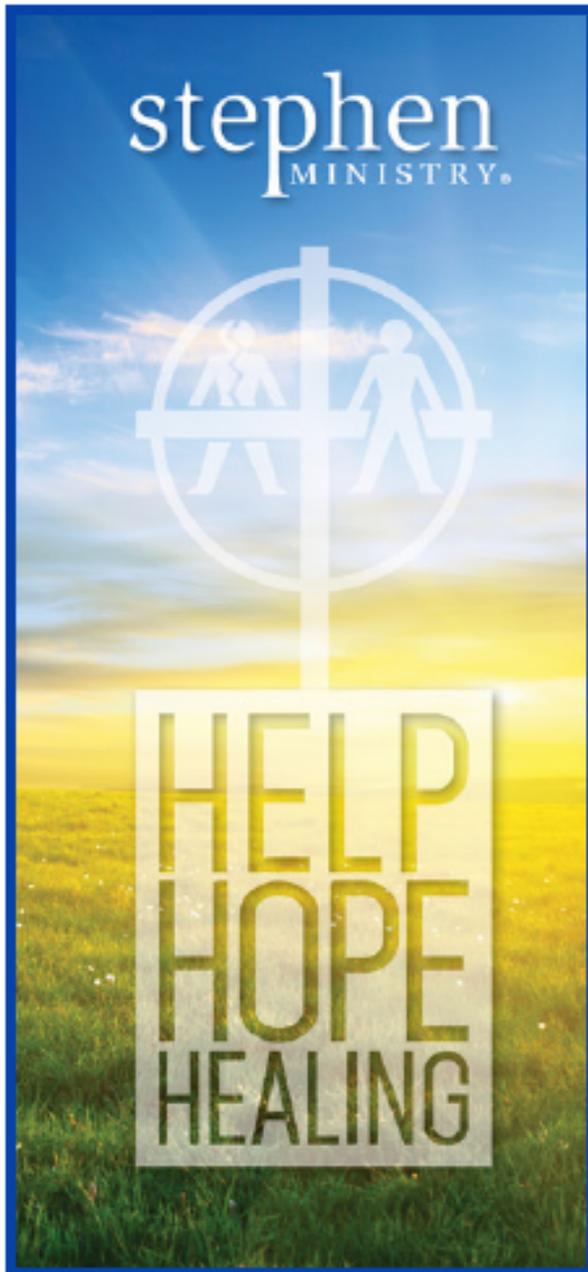
The CUMC Endowment Committee is launching a fun opportunity to honor our church's 170th anniversary while building resources to continue our ministries and missions in the future. Look for a mailing this month with more information about ways to contribute to 3 of our funds: Music, Mike Miller Preschool Scholarship, and Maintenance. Contact Gary Noonan at gmn2901@aol.com with questions.





Contact a Stephen Minister if you're interested in helping this ministry. At the training in August you will:

- 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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Christine Keith clewis613@yahoo.com

Jan Lefton doodly1@att.net

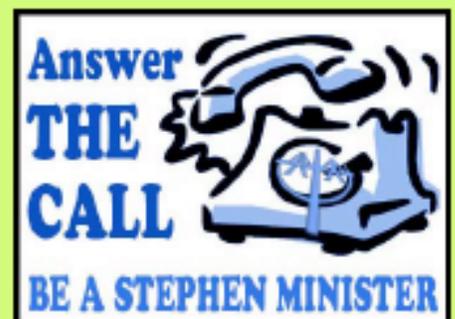
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*"Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2*

*"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*



Hunger is **NOT** an option.



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



One of the **LARGEST** needs at the Food Pantry on a regular basis is: **PAPER GROCERY BAGS!** Consider paper at your next grocery visit and save the bags to later drop off for the Food Pantry!



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

CONTACT

AUGUST 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * *Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off*
 - * *The Theology of Star Wars class (August 2018)*
 - * *It's Just A Phase (September 2018)*
 - * *The Footsteps of Jesus 2020 Holy Land Trip (February 2020)*
-