

#THE CONTACT

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // JULY 2023



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Cosmological Conclusions On The Time-Space Continuum (Observations on Vacation Bible School)

I had a chance this year to join the music team for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Even though Steve Baker pulled together excellent musicians and vocalists you could see right away that there was a severe shortage on electric kazoo. Being the gracious team player that I am, I volunteered to step in. Needless to say, I quickly became the glue that held the team together. (Though it was a bit of a surprise that the one night I couldn't be there, no one mentioned anything about the gaping hole that came from not having the melodious sound of my amplified instrument ringing through the sanctuary.)

Let me tell you what I observed during that week at Carmel United Methodist Church. We have a dedicated and talented lay leadership. Stephanie Zircher was the VBS Director and Stephanie Holl her very involved assistant. We had registration to coordinate, t-shirts to pass out, creative snacks to provide, music to direct, video and visuals to pull together, skits to practice, curriculum to teach, and of course hundreds of kids to corral, inspire, and to share the love of Jesus with. The volunteer Crew Leaders who got to know each and every child, they were and are the best contact to the kids God sends us.

And don't forget the elaborate decorations that put us at the heart of Mission Control ready to launch out and explore the Cosmos created by our God.

It doesn't hurt that we have a passionately creative Children's Ministry Director in Pastor AJ. I kept telling her how much easier it would be if we just did maybe 3 versions of VBS and just rotated them. You would have thought I'd said, "Kick all the kids out of the church!" "No, no, no", she said. It's the discovery of something new and creating a whole week around it that fires her up. I get that. I have the same problem when I try to preach a sermon I have delivered before. It never quite feels the same.

What struck me most was how all these leaders, and assistants, and participants all come together every year for one purpose: to share the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus with the next generation. It's more than just "Jesus loves you," though that in itself is worth the price of admission. No, what I saw was, "this is how Jesus loves you." Jesus loves you through us—through our preparation, energy, creativity, attentiveness, learning the hand

motions to half a dozen songs, and soothing your tears when separation anxiety gets the better of you. If you think about it, in five nights, over 13 hours with adults and youth who walk the walk, while talking the talk, each child is getting an exciting dose of Jesus equal to being in Sunday School for a quarter of the year. And because each night builds on the last, there is a cumulative impact that is impossible to measure.

I guess I want to let you know how proud I am of our congregation. We've got our heads and hearts in the right place. We certainly are living into being the heart of Jesus in the heart of Carmel.

By the way:

Natalie Oehler organized the volunteers. Dave Coleman and Ken Evancic lead Bible Adventures. Carol Seifken and Kim Morris lead preschool Bible Adventures. Matt Collins led preschool games and the Bellotti family coordinated elementary games. Shaina Murphy and Eva Jones oversaw snacks with Nolan Zircher and Patrick Levora leading the skits. Lisa Callendar led Imagination Station, Linda Withrow led missions, and Ashley Evancic was our craft goddess. Veronica Cooper ran spotlight and visuals, and Chris Lieber and Chris Wilcox took the lead on sound. Terri Hinnard coordinated banners and registration. Sandy Phillips and Karen McTaggart led the ever popular t-shirt sales. Steve Baker was the band leader, with Bailey Oehler and Matthew Zetzl creating and leading the motions. Our children's ministry gurus included Brooke Weisner, Emily Sandy, Madeline Weisner, and Samantha Smith.

And these are just the leaders. The volunteers go on and on. Thank you to everyone involved!

Pastor Tim

Handwritten signature of Pastor Tim.

CHURCH UPDATE



WE NEED SOME HELP..

On Saturday August 12, we are looking for a small army to help set up tables and chairs under the tent in the parking lot. If you would like to be included on this email, send a note to Sue Burchill at sburchill@carmelumc.org

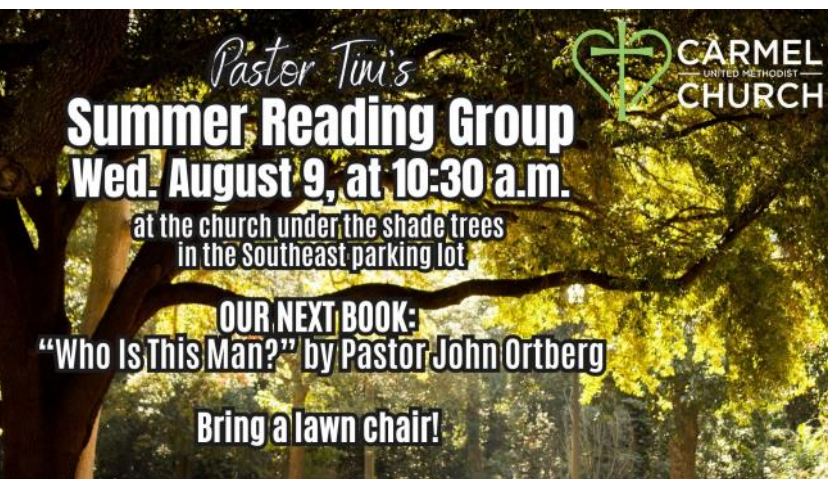
Join us for some **WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, and FOOD.** We will have a combined worship service at 10:30am with all kinds of worship music, and then we will have food and music as we kick-off the new school year, and new church year, with lots of fun for everyone!



We are hiring! Would you like to work for Carmel United Methodist Church? Please visit our **EMPLOYMENT PAGE:**

<https://carmelumc.org/employment/>

Browse our open positions, and contact the email listed for the position you are interested in. We look forward to working with you! ♥



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at the church under the shade trees
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TAKING THE NEXT STEPS

Pastor **Matt Sherrill** was ordained, and Pastor **Jessica Stevens** was commissioned at The Indiana United Methodist Church Annual Conference on Saturday June 10, 2023. Join us in congratulating them both on these achievements. ♥

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

We had a great week at the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. Our team of 13 completed five projects that included painting a kitchen, staining a deck, replacing rotted boards on the front porch and back deck of a home and building a shed. While the work we accomplished was amazing, it was the people we served that helped us see Christ's light out in the world.

Many of the people we served were facing serious health issues. At the painting site, our host was facing uterine cancer while also caring for her aging parents and raising her grandson. At the beginning of the project she was reluctant to accept our help, feeling guilty for not doing it herself and by the end of our time together we all became good friends. Our help did not fix her circumstances but provided a ray of hope during a really difficult time. We were so grateful we were able to walk with her through this time even if it was only for a few days.

Another woman we helped was recovering from cancer and breaking her back in several places after a fall in the bathtub. She lived on a farm and we worked alongside the cows and donkeys to build her storage shed. Luckily there was a fence to separate us from the livestock!

Each year our team is grateful to return to this small town in Appalachia to participate in the healing of a community. The coal mine that offered jobs was closed in 2001 and the nearest town is thirty minutes away on a winding mountain road. The Henderson Settlement is a respite for missionaries like us and a beacon of light in Frakes, KY.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

Loose change/coin offering in July will go to **SOUP'S ON**. Loose change is anything that jingles, you **MUST** designate cash bills or a check by placing it in an envelope and marking it for the "LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING" or this particular mission. Read more about this mission on the next page!



JULY IS 'SOUP'S ON' MONTH

Carmel United Methodist Church assists Roberts Park UMC in downtown Indianapolis to serve meals to the poor and the homeless of downtown Indy as part of their Soup's On ministry. Meals are provided at noon on Sundays to whoever comes to the event; proof of need is not required. Limited clothing and personal hygiene items are also available to our guests. The generous financial gifts of our congregation, as well as those individuals willing to get personally involved in serving during these events, allows us to share God's love to His less fortunate children.

WHEN WE SERVE...

CUMC typically serves 5 times per year. The dates in 2023 were/are:

- 8-Jan-2023
- 26-Mar-2023
- 11-Jun-2023
- 10-Sep-2023**
- 12-Nov-2023**

We plan to serve at approximately those same dates in 2024 (give or take a week).

WHAT WE SERVE...

Pre-COVID we served a hot meal in the cafeteria located in the basement of Roberts Park UMC and handed-out a take-along sack lunch as they left so that they would have food for later in the day (or the following day). We had been serving between 200 and 250 guests at these events. We hope to be able to resume doing this once COVID has cleared-up and they can once again find a 'chef' to run the kitchen with us.

Typically, this meal consisted of (and will again, hopefully):

- Fried Chicken
- Green Beans
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Bread
- Baked Snack
- Fruit Juice
- Sack Lunch (essentially what we're handing-out now)

Since 2020, because of COVID (which has prevented inside dining) we've been handing-out **sack lunches**, to typically 100 to 130 guests per event (up from 50 to 100 in 2022!), containing:

- Fried Chicken
- Ham Sandwich
- Gatorade and/or Water
- Baked Snack (often donated by CUMC members)
- Chips
- Fruit Cup w/ spoon
- Sanitizing Wipe
- Napkin



To serve these sack lunches CUMC volunteers gather at CUMC at **10:15am** and depart to Roberts Park at **10:25**, arrive at Roberts Park around 11:00am, unload the supplies, and start making the sack lunches so they can be handed out promptly at noon. It generally takes at least 6 people to operate this event, although it runs smoother with 8. When we resume serving hot meals we will once again need 16 to 20 volunteers to operate an event.

WHAT WE COLLECT...

A few weeks before our serving events we post a donation drop-off box in The Gathering Place so that our congregation members can donate material goods that we can hand-out to our guests. These items include:

Clothing (summer):

- Hats (thin)
- T-shirts (no text)
- Polo/dress shirts (short sleeve)
- Socks (thin, short, new in package)
- Underwear (men's, new in package)

Clothing (winter):

- Hats (thick)
- Gloves
- Jackets
- Socks (thick, long, new in package)
- Underwear (men's, new in package)

Personal Hygiene:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shaving Razors
- Soap (low-scent)
- Sanitizer Wipes

HOW TO HELP...

If you wish to donate financially this can be accomplished by writing a check to CUMC with "Soup's On" in the memo line. For every \$100 donated you could be supplying approximately 25 hot meals (when we resume that activity) or approximately 50 sack lunches (our present mode of operation).

If you would like to assist this mission, please contact Jim Bach at: SaberOfBorg@gmail.com You will be placed on an e-mail distribution list so that you can stay informed of upcoming events and have the opportunity to volunteer (personally, hands-on) or by donating material donations (which can be brought in at ANY time if non-perishable).

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE MINISTRY: BAD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

By Barbara Krueger

In June of 2014, CUMC began an ESL program that was unique in that it offered one on one tutoring to immigrants living in Hamilton County. Jana Miller, the founder of ESL, had felt called by God to provide a program that could help “transform lives through education.” And as time went on, we began to see life transformation occur in the lives of the students and their families. As one of the early volunteers, I was blessed to witness Jana’s faithfulness to her call. She contributed her heart, love and energy to students, their families, and the incredible tutors who were crucial to this ministry. ESL continued to grow to levels that exceeded expectations, but then, it became a casualty of COVID. As COVID continued to impact so many aspects of life, many tutors and their students decided they could no longer meet one on one.

By August 2020, there were only a few tutors and students meeting. And some of the leadership group had moved or faced other life changes, and this led them to decide they could no longer participate in the program. After many conversations and much prayer, the decision was made that we could not continue to provide support for the one on one tutoring model that had been so successful and, therein lies the “bad news!

However, there is good news to share, too. During ESL’s existence, there were 66 tutors who met weekly with their students. There will never be enough words to thank them for their commitment, their creative teaching methods and for the love and compassion they offered each student. Our records show that we had 95 students in the program. Many were from Egypt, but overall we had students from 12 different countries. On some of the meeting nights, it was like taking a quick trip around the world. Some tutors still are in touch with their families. and I recently enjoyed a wonderful evening with my students, who were the very first ones in the program.

As I look back on my ESL experience, I ask myself if we succeeded in our mission of transforming lives through education. My answer is yes, for I could write pages of stories about lives that have been

changed; students and tutors. When I look at the level of support from our church and the immigrant community, I am moved to deep gratitude for the help we were given and relationships that were formed. Many tutors were from our church, and their gifts of time, knowledge and their love of God’s people, will have an impact far beyond the end of the program. Tutoring sessions were held in the church, and members of staff went to great lengths to make sure teaching space was safe and appropriate for those participating. And certainly the many financial gifts that were designated to ESL were used to build a library of appropriate resources to meet the needs of students. Did ESL succeed? Absolutely!

Earlier this year, I was asked to help decide what should be done with money that remained in the ESL mission account. Since these gifts were initially given to benefit immigrants, I wanted to make sure that we would still do that. And It is wonderful that at CUMC we have other missions that are providing help to our immigrant community. so we have reallocated remaining ESL funds as follows.

1. The CUMC Food Pantry Garden that provides fresh vegetables to the food pantry.
2. The CUMC Food Pantry that serves many new immigrants.
3. Kids Coats where immigrant families can get coats and other help.
4. A gift to the Carmel Elementary School ESL program. They plan to use the funds to provide advanced training to their ESL teachers.
5. ESL had put together an extensive library, 18 large boxes, of training materials. They were donated to the Immigrant Welcome Center in Indianapolis.

In the Book of John, Jesus asks Peter, “Do you love me?” Peter says yes. Jesus then replies, “if you do, feed my lambs; take care of my sheep.” Thank you, thank you all; Tutors, ESL students and CUMC members and friends, for the love you have shown through your support of ESL. Your gifts will go on to bless many others.



MUSIC MINISTRY

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Music Ministry Banquet

On Wednesday, May 17, the Music Ministry gathered to celebrate with music, food, and friends before the summer months begin. Honored guests were members of Sanctuary Choir, Handbells, and Acclaim. Also in attendance were Pastor Tim and Sue Burchill, as well as Ellen Rhoades and Carol Getch.

As the pictures reflect, a good time was had by all.



During this celebration, David Morton, Director of Music Ministry, provided a wrap-up of the past year. In 2023, Sanctuary Choir volunteered 86 hours and Handbells volunteered 82 hours. Acclaim sang 59 songs for special music.

David ended the evening with shared appreciation to Margaret Kettle and Marty Fryman for taking care of the Music Library.

Pastor Tim expressed his appreciation to the Music Ministry for all the hours everyone volunteers.



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

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SMALL GROUP LIBRARY

In July 2022, Matt Sherrill met with Marty Fryman, Cathy McCallister, and Sandy Phillips to discuss the Library becoming a Small Group Library. This has now happened.

Did you know?

The Library has been organized into a Small Group Library.

Other books include Bibles, hymnals, Children's books.

An important item in the Library is a book entitled "Millennium History of Carmel Methodist Church" which was co-written by John Rutherford and Reverend Jack King and covers the years from 1848 to 2001. If you want to know why it doesn't say Carmel United Methodist Church, then you need to look at this book. Please use in the Library only.

The Small Group Library is arranged alphabetically by author. Some of the authors are Francis Chan, Adam Hamilton, Max Lucado, and Andy Stanley.

In fall 2023, Disciple is going to be a Small Group study. Maybe you'll want to check out this book to see if you would like to join the Bible study.

Over the past several years, church members have accessed the Library and some of their remarks were:

There have been various Bible translations I have used to look up different wordings to help understand a particular passage. Often gotten ideas for other Bible class studies to use; and sometimes, just found a book to read.

I have discovered that our Library has a number of studies by respected authors such as Max Lucado and Adam Hamilton, which are suitable for small groups. It also contains several different versions/translations of the Bible and books for personal growth.

As with any library, there will be some instructions. **There is a sign out sheet in front of the three ring binder where you can check a book out.** This binder also has all the books listed in the Library by subject with tabs indicating what books are in the library. There will be a **basket on the credenza with a sign saying "Return Books Here"**. Once you take a book out and want to return it, just put it in the basket and it will be re-shelved.



The CUMC History Book and Check out log are both on the same shelf (as pictured —>).

The basket for returning books is on top of the table near the door (as pictured above).

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WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

We are always looking for new ways to get people connected, so if there isn't anything that fits you, please reach out to us so we can help get you plugged in or help start something NEW! CONTACT Rev. Matt Sherrill msherrill@carmelumc.org



ADULT

Click or Scan

this QR code to visit the [ADULT MINISTRIES website at carmelumc.org](http://ADULT_MINISTRIES_website_at_carmelumc.org). Sign up forms and updated info is also available.



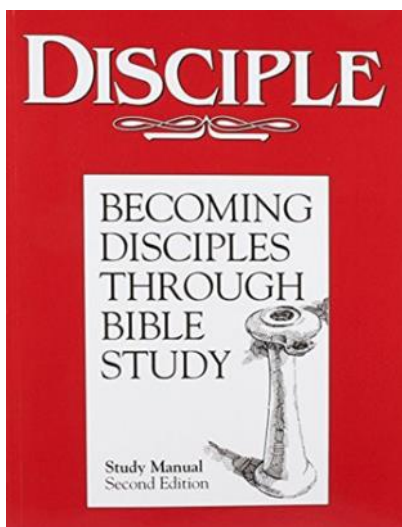
GARDEN CLUB: Meets every Thursday 6-7:30pm at the garden (Food pantry if raining). Open to all! Join in the fun and have a great excuse to be outdoors in this beautiful weather. There are easy projects for any skill level and physical ability. We will have projects for you. Most of all we want to enjoy fellowship in God's amazing creation. Contact: Stephanie Fairfield at sjfairfield@comcast.net

Disciple Bible Study: More Info

Disciple is a disciplined 34 week Bible study giving equal time to the Old and New Testaments. It emphasizes the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Disciple draws on the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and the dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of scripture. The study covers the entire Bible, following the biblical story from creation to New Jerusalem.

Who should join this study? Someone new to the faith who wants to learn more about scripture. Someone who has studied specific books, but wants a deeper understanding of the whole Bible as a complete story of God's people. Someone who wants to refresh and renew their faith and increase knowledge of God's word.

Starting this fall, the meeting time will be determined by the participants' availability. For more information, contact Matt Sherrill (msherrill@carmelumc.org) or Elizabeth Shiverdecker (eashivy19@gmail.com)





Click [here](#) to visit the [Youth Ministries Page!](#) Sign up forms, and updated info on all events are available online.

Our Mission Trip to Nashville—SLAM: Students Living a Mission

By Samantha Smith, CHS Rising Senior

Throughout SLAM we had the opportunity to serve and to grow in our relationships with others and God. Each day members from CUMC were split into two groups that did different service projects. Group A served at a kids camp and Group B served at different locations around Nashville. At the beginning and end of each day we had a worship session, where we were able to come together as a church and with the other churches, to be reminded who we were serving.

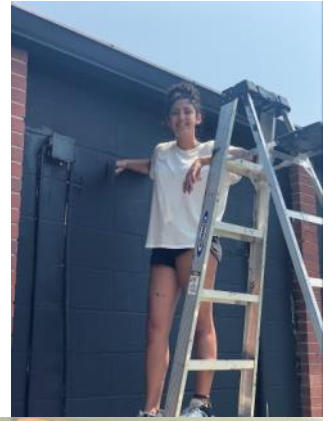
Group A, while at the kids camp, was able to build relationships with the kids by playing games and getting to know them. Luke 18:16 says, "But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'" Despite not knowing how many kids would show up each day, God brought kids to our camp everyday that we were able to serve and shine His light on. And we truly saw God in the kids as they opened up to us and through their excitement to be at camp each day.

Group B, served in many different ways including painting and packaging items and then passing them out to those in need with The Bridge, an organization in Nashville that passes out meals every Tuesday among other things they do to serve the community. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Everyone was able to use their gifts in their acts of service around Nashville. Not only that, the



YOUTH MINISTRY

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work we did around the SLAM campus was extremely helpful as we were able to accomplish tasks in a few hours that would have taken one person weeks to complete.

Both Group A and B were able to use their gifts and shine Jesus' light on those around them. We also enjoyed getting to know others from CUMC better and growing our relationships with Christ. Our week at SLAM was truly unforgettable and we look forward to returning next year!



SUMMER YOUTH GROUP 2023
THURSDAY NIGHTS:
7pm-8:30pm

JUNE: 1, 8, 29
JULY: 13, 27
AUGUST: 3

For all Rising 6th graders through graduating Seniors

CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THURSDAYs July 13 & 27, 7pm-8:30pm!

All rising 6th graders through graduating seniors are invited to join us. We meet in the Youth HUB or outside at the fire pit. We can't wait to see you there and bring your friends!!

ASAP NOTE: JULY 4TH is a perfect time to help YOUTH MISSIONS. We need help from 8:30 am - 11 am. We need of people to direct cars to spots, collect donations, do face painting, and other fun activities to make people feel welcomed by our church. This is a great outreach opportunity for our church to connect with the community, and an awesome opportunity for the youth. Please email Hannah at (youth@carmelumc.org) if you can help!



SUMMER CAMPS

SIGN UP NOW!

**CONSTRUCTION, AGILITY, ACTING,
CREATIVE, SCIENCE, WATER, & MORE**

**July 10-14
July 17-21
July 24-28**



July/August 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Monday July 10 - Friday July 14

9am-12pm—Morning Camps

12pm-1pm—Lunch Bunch

1pm-4pm—Afternoon Camps

Monday July 17 - Friday July 21

9am-12pm—Morning Camps

12pm-1pm—Lunch Bunch

1pm-4pm—Afternoon Camps

Monday July 24 - Friday July 28

9am-12pm—Morning Camps

12pm-1pm—Lunch Bunch

1pm-4pm—Afternoon Camps

August 13 - Kick-Off SUNDAY!

Everyone worships under the tent!

August 20 - Fall Worship Schedule Begins

Join us for Sunday School and a new year of FUN!

Events are added all the time.

Check the [CHILDREN'S MINISTRY](http://kids@carmelumc.org) website

for more updated information about all the

cool events happening for kids!

[Click here](#) or scan this QR code

with your phone camera.



CHILDRENS

2023 SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTER NOW: THERE IS STILL TIME

<https://carmelumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/378/responses/new>

Summer Camp weeks this year are:

(M-F 9am-4pm; \$195 full day all week, includes morning camp-lunch bunch-and afternoon camp—[SIGNUP for each segment to fill ALL DAY].)

- Monday July 10 - Friday July 14

- Monday July 17 - Friday July 21

- Monday July 24 - Friday July 28

Camps: Dino Discovery, Let's Get Crafty!, Lego Construction Camp, American Ninja Warrior, Next On Stage Theater Camp, Amazing Animals, Outdoor Adventure, Disney Junior, Holiday Hoopla, Astonishing Astronauts, Dr. Seuss, Master Chef Junior Camp, Splish Splash, and a CIT helper position for those who have aged out of camp, but still want to join the fun while helping. Questions: camps@carmelumc.org

[Click to Register](#)

VBS— THAT’S A WRAP!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

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What a wonderful week full of God sightings and fun adventures for so many kids from around the area. Every night the crews started with music and songs and fun skits, and then they went to a rotation of snacks, outdoor fun (usually involved getting soaked), Imagination Station, Missions, Bible Adventures, then they headed back to the sanctuary for more music before going home.

During the week we had DAILY MISSIONS. We collected: School supplies for Operation Classroom in Sierra Leone; NEW stuffed animals for Bags of Hope; a favorite book for Family Promise; winter gear for Kids Coats; and food for the CUMC Food Pantry.



VBS: WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THE SUMMER!

QUICK CONNECT: If you are viewing this on your computer or phone, you can click some of these slides to quickly connect to more information about the event or mission. Links & Email addresses!



**Are you interested in the history of our church?
175th Committee needs YOU!**

Contact:
Jessica Stevens at
jstevens@carmelumc.org




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4TH OF JULY

Join us on the church lawn for the CarmelFest Parade at 10:30am and the Fireworks at 9:45pm. We have the best seats in town right here in the HEART of CARMEL!




Want to know more about this week's sermon?
Want to deepen your faith?
A quick one-page-read might be just what you need!

BLOG POSTS every Monday from Pastor Tim

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ONE MORE THING...
with Pastor Tim Burchell




Donuts & Altar Flowers

If you would like to remember or honor someone by making a contribution and dedication of altar flowers and/or donuts, the envelopes & the calendar of available dates are located on the wall in the narthex (at the back of the sanctuary).




FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK
JUNE 28-JULY 4, 2023

- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Mac & cheese
- Canned tomatoes
- Granola/protein bars
- Applesauce

Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry house in the Donation Closet 24/7. Thank you!



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Click the banner to visit the MISSIONS PAGE!

OUR CHURCH IS TURNING 175 YEARS OLD!
DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD PHOTOS? STORIES TO SHARE?

We would LOVE to include them in our 175th celebration this year!

Send photos and stories to Jessica Stevens
jstevens@carmelumc.org



Jack & Doris King




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Endowment Fund Supports A New Ice Maker for the JKFLC Kitchen

Have you ever stopped to consider how important ice can be at times. Many events at the church rely on having sufficient ice to have their functions run smoothly and be successful. Especially events at the Jack King Family Life Center (JKFLC) such as church celebrations, Easter and Christmas season events, annual church kick-offs, funeral lunches and many more.

Recently, CUMC found themselves without a functioning ice maker. Surprisingly, the cost of a replacement runs between \$4,500 and \$6,700. Our trustees and staff were able to keep this unexpected expense to \$4,500.

The Endowment Committee approved the use of the Rushlight Greatest Needs Fund to pay for the expense to replace the old ice maker. An expense well worth supporting.

The **Rushlight Greatest Needs** fund is an unrestricted/undesignated account in the Endowment Fund to be used for areas of significant need. We are thankful for all the families who have provided support to the Endowment Fund and especially God for the blessings and riches He has bestowed upon our church!



Leaving your Legacy through a Bequest

A popular way to leave a lasting legacy at Carmel United Methodist Church (CUMC) is to establish a bequest. A bequest is a gift from your estate – a transfer of cash, securities, or other property. You can make a gift to CUMC Endowment Fund by including language in your will or living trust dedicating a specific amount or percentage to the church. By including CUMC in your will, your investment in the future of the Gospel and ministries of the church will continue for years to come.

Types of Bequests

Specific bequest: Of the many ways to give to CUMC through your will or trust, a bequest of a fixed dollar amount or specific property is the simplest. If you'd like your charitable gifts to remain in proportion to other bequests, you can designate a specific percentage of your estate, rather than a fixed amount, to be given to CUMC.

Residuary bequest: If you do not wish to specify the exact size or nature of your charitable provision (often the size of a future estate is difficult to estimate), you might consider naming CUMC as a residual beneficiary of your estate. You may provide that all or a portion of the remainder of your estate shall pass to the church after other commitments.

Considering A Bequest?

If you are considering a bequest to CUMC, here is some suggested wording to take to your attorney:
"I (We), _____ give and bequeath \$ _____ to Carmel United Methodist Church (Tax ID # 35-1908516), a not-for-profit organization located in Carmel, Indiana, to be applied to the Endowment Fund for the Greatest Needs of the church."

If this sounds like it may interest you, we encourage you to consult with your legal and tax advisors regarding your particular circumstances as to how best leave an end-of-life gift to CUMC.

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NIV





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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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