

#THE CONTACT

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // JULY 2024



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It's All About Who You Know

We've had some ups and downs in our search for a **new Director of Children and Family Ministries** here at Carmel UMC. We've had some promising candidates who just didn't have what we thought was necessary to maintain our excellence and take our ministries to the next level. After months of looking, we are almost back to square one. Now, more than ever, we need your help.

We are looking for someone who loves God, who sees the promise and possibilities of children and their families to be an active, vibrant part of our congregation. Children aren't the future of the church, children are the church—at least a key element of the church—here and now!

We are trying to find someone who is organized, who can recruit and train teachers and ministry teams, and who understands the importance of unleashing the creativity and imagination which is already part of our excellent leaders. (Just look around during VBS and you'll know what I mean.)

We aren't looking for a teacher—though that's a useful skill—we are looking for a principal. After all, they are 'directing' the ministries we offer—not undertaking each of them personally.

Moving forward, **we need someone** whose faith is akin to our faith, though they certainly don't have to be a pastor per se. The fact that AJ was Pastor we hired to work with our children and families was a serendipitous double bonus, not a requirement.

We are hoping to find someone who can join a dynamic staff of highly committed women and men and help us crystalize our vision as a congregation for reaching out and embracing the families of our community.

But we need you to use your contacts—your friends from other churches or from your book club or the tennis court—we need your networking skills and we need them right now. If you know someone who has the faith, the personality, the creativity and energy to serve Christ in this way, then we need you to use your powers of persuasion to send them to us. Ask them if it's okay to give us their name. Tell them you are going to pray about it and would they mind praying about it too?

We have so much enjoyed and appreciated Pastor AJ's ministry with us over the last 14 years that we want to extend her legacy—our legacy as a church that is passionate about our children—far into the future. But we've run out of ideas and obvious candidates. We need you, each of you, to step up and do what you do best—sing the praises of your church and express your faith that God will raise up someone extraordinary to lead us forward. Please do

Pastor Tim



CHURCH UPDATES



JOIN US FOR A 'TRIBUTE' (ROAST) FOR PASTOR AJ MILDENBERG

Sunday, July 21, 2024

5 p.m. picnic style pitch-in dinner

6 p.m. program & celebration

We can't just let Pastor AJ retire without helping her understand how much she means to us—and to give her a gentle ribbing/teasing. We are going to have a covered-dish picnic on July 21 at 5 p.m. We'll provide the hot dogs and hamburgers and you bring your best side dish, salad, or dessert.

[Please fill out the RSVP FORM here.](#)

If you are reading the paper copy of the contact, you may call the office to RSVP. M-Th 9am-2pm or visit the web page at carmelumc.org/events.

It's a great time for summer fellowship, to break bread together, and celebrate the unique place AJ has in our hearts and our funny bones!

OPERATIONS GIVING:

These numbers reflect the amounts received vs. budgeted for the OPERATIONS of the church.

For May 2024

Budgeted Giving: **\$89,102.83**

Actual Giving: **\$85,692.80 (-3,410.03)**

In Celebration of the...

○ BAPTISM of Luke Lewis Moore on June 16, 2024. Parents are Brad and Jill Moore.

○ BAPTISM of Riley Dale Louis Wilcox on June 16, 2024. Parents are Chris and Sarah Wilcox.



A LETTER OF THANKS:

Dear Family Promise Volunteers,

Thank you to all of you who participated in the June Family Promise meal mission. The family that we served didn't just receive a meal each Thursday in June—**THEY RECEIVED A FEAST!** They enjoyed the meals and were very grateful. This family is on the way to becoming another Family Promise success story. — Don Bennett

P.S. Our final Family Promise project for 2024 will be cooking at the church and then making meal deliveries to four families on Friday, November 8th. If you would like more information, contact Don and Carla Bennett at don.bennett1947@gmail.com or carlabennett1947@gmail.com



Kick off Sermon Series: Something Entirely Different

If all Printed Bibles Were Being Destroyed, What Chapter of Scripture would be Important Enough to Memorize?

Last summer I hosted a summer book club in which we read a variety of books that touched on or influenced our faith. This year I'm recommending only two books: Ken Wilson's *Letter To My Congregation* (see separate article) and Ray Bradbury's science fiction classic, *Fahrenheit 451*.

451 degrees Fahrenheit is the temperature at which paper burns and this novel is about a dystopian future in which 'firemen' don't go around putting out fires, but where they set fire to any books they find in the possession of their fellow citizens. In this world, it is believed that books are a corrupting influence, and the government is committed to eliminating all reading material as well as punishing the ones who have them. Bradbury was inspired by the Red Scare of the McCarthy era as well as the book burnings in Nazi Germany. In later years, Bradbury was wary of political correctness or any ideological movement that tried to control thought or freedom of speech.

What we are asking you to consider, as you read this novel or think about this kind of future, is a world in which the Bible is banned and all existing copies are being destroyed. If it were up to you to keep a single chapter of scripture alive, by memorizing and passing it on to others, **what chapter would it be?** In practical terms, which chapter in all of scripture is most precious to you—which chapter guards a portion of God's truth that you believe you and the world can't live without?

We are going to then ask you to submit which chapter you would choose by the first of August and use those chapters as the subject of a series of sermons. Your CUMC preachers will consider your input and then preach on what has made each chapter inspiring and life-changing. Finally, it's your chance to help craft the sermons from your pastors!

Pastor Tim



MISSIONS MINISTRY

Carol Outland • missions@carmelumc.org

Food Pantry Gardens:

July is a busy month in the FPG! Harvests should greatly increase. Pests and weeds will increase, too. Summer heat makes it more difficult for gardeners to work for long periods, which is yet another reason why we need your help, please. It's a huge help if you can give just 10 minutes of weeding or bug patrol before or after that meeting or class at church. Contact Steph at sjfairfield@comcast.net with questions.

Garden Group meets on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30pm in the Gardens at the NE corner of the parking lot. All are welcome! **Gardeners under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult**, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Those under 18 must have on file with CUMC a **Medical Form** signed by their parent/guardian:

<https://carmelumc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/247/responses/new>

Come play in the dirt with us and help provide fresh produce to our Food Pantry guests.

- Stephanie Fairfield— sjfairfield@comcast.net



Congregational Care at CUMC & What it Means

By Barbara Krueger

Congregational Care is all about fostering a sense of belonging and support within a church family. It is rooted in the teachings of Jesus who in his lifetime reached out to the marginalized, healed the sick and offered solace to those with broken hearts. In CUMC's congregational care ministry, we care about our members' well being by offering hospital visits and pre-surgery calls. Stephen Ministry and Grief Share have been provided to those who struggle with life losses of many kinds. A card ministry directed at those who are of a "certain" age and not as likely to attend worship regularly provides a sense of unity with their church and friends. Other activities that bring support and a sense of belonging, include garments made by our knitters that are given out by the care team. And we can offer a meal to families after a funeral. We invite congregants to send Christmas cards to a list of "Golden Oldies", and last year each received a Christmas lantern delivered to their residences.

In recent discussions we have been asking what it means to be a caring congregation that happens to be in the "Heart of Carmel." What role should Carmel UMC play in reaching those who are homebound? Jesus taught we are to honor and care for our elders. With the number of retirement and care facilities in Carmel, what care needs do they have? Thinking about congregational care beyond our walls creates questions of Who, How, Where? Easy answers? Likely not.

It is hard to believe that I have had my heart and hands in congregational care here since 2009. And in 2018 God presented another opportunity to care by engaging with a group of people at Carmel Senior Living, a new retirement community. Their request was for us to lead a Bible study. Although with reluctance, I said OK. It is an understatement to say I was surprised when 12 folks were present. We met 2 x a month

for 1.75 hours and did that until COVID made us stop. Now active again, I meet with many of the same people, averaging 12-15 per class. They are my amazing "Super Seniors." Two are CUMC members, but the rest represent other faith journeys, and this is one way we learn from each other. We read and study, of course, but it is through the events of life that we care, cry, pray, comfort and love each other. Oh, we also have a ton of fun. I want you to also know that Pastor Tim and Pastor Jessica are leading a monthly study group at the Barrington. In these ways, we are already reaching beyond the walls of Carmel UMC!

About 2 years ago, The Restoracy, our neighbor to the east, asked if we would provide pastoral care to some of their residents. This is not a study, but one day each month, I visit those who have requested a meeting. We chat and laugh, share concerns and pray and end our time with communion. Those little cups come in handy! Although not likely to ever be in church, we can still be church for them. A side benefit, I have new friends! Should we and how can we foster a deeper community of care at Carmel UMC? What does that look like? Are there resources of money and people to make ideas become reality? Will it make a difference to our community and our church? The answer for me has been and is YES! I have been changed by God's Spirit and call and just perhaps God has changed those we care for, too.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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July 2024

Events are added all the time. Check the [CHILDREN'S MINISTRY](https://www.carmelumc.org/childrens-ministry) website for updates! [Click here](#) or scan this QR code with your phone camera.



CHILDRENS



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Summertime Day Camps for Kids

[SIGN UP NOW BY CLICKING here!](#)

Carmel United Methodist Church

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Looking for something fun for your kids to do this summer?

Carmel UMC is offering 3 weeks of different day camps in July 2024
Mondays through Thursdays each week! 9am through 4pm each day.

WHEN: July 8-11, July 15-18, and July 22-25 MORNING sessions: 9am-12pm AFTERNOON sessions: 1pm-4pm	COST: Camp Fee: \$75/week per session (includes a snack & supplies) MasterChef Junior camp (ADD: \$10 fee for cooking materials) Lunch Bunch Fee: \$25/week
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CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A Last Word from Pastor Aj Mildenberg

Thank you! CUMC has truly been a blessing to me! And our family. I will miss you greatly.

Around the building I have left little ducks hidden all over- they are to remind you to Depend Upon Christ the King and pray for the Children Ministry program and a new Children's Minister. Also, hidden around the building are mini Jesus statues (They are about 1/2 inch tall) those are to remind you to LOVE JESUS and LOVE KIDS! The children of CUMC, Carmel, Indiana and the whole world, keep them in your prayers.

I will be praying and thinking about you all! I am so thankful for the many cards and gifts, to be honest I have not opened them- I am waiting till VBS is over and I can truly appreciate them.

I hope you attend my going away party, Tim thinks its a roast but what does anyone have to roast me about?

July 21, 5pm here at the Church! [RSVP HERE!](#)

Thank you again!

Blessings, Pastor Aj

Register TODAY!

Registration is now open. Check out the day camp offerings below, and sign up NOW for summer fun!



Use your phone's camera to scan this code and go straight to the sign-up form

C.I.T.: The Carmel UMC Summer Camps also have a Counselor-In-Training (C.I.T.) this year! This is open to any student who has "aged-out" of the summer camps program (currently a 5th grader or older), but Pastor Aj, or a Children's Ministry employee must approve their application. This position can be for the full day or half of the day! Whatever is preferred! Attending camp as a C.I.T. is only \$30.

WEEK 1 CAMPS

Monday July 8 - Thursday July 11 *

Week 1 Camp Descriptions:

Splash Splash (Pre-K) AM: It's time to get soaked! Splash and splash through an awesome, fun-filled week. Summer is hot, but you'll be staying cool with activities like water balloon games, water relays, slip 'n slides, and so much more! Plus you'll be learning all about how water plays a very important role in the Bible.

Let's Get Crafty! (Arts and Crafts Camp) (Pre-K) AM: Arts and Crafts Camp: Do you like painting? ...yes? Maybe you like drawing or crafting? ...yes? Perhaps sewing or something of that nature? ...yes? Well if you said yes to any of those- this camp is for you! Come join us for a week of fun arts and crafts, all centered around Eric Carle's work!

Aspiring Athletes (Elementary) AM: Basketball? Check. Soccer? Check. Tennis? Check. Any sport you can think of? CHECK! Join us for our NEW week long sports themed camp, where campers will be able to explore some of their favorite sports in a safe and supportive environment.

Lunch Bunch

Dino Discovery (Pre-K) PM: Do you wish you lived among the dinosaurs? While they may be extinct, come join us for a week filled with all kinds of dino-related games, crafts, and dramatic play! Come learn about new discoveries along with different types of dinos and what they were like- and if you could've kept one as a pet!

Astonishing Astronauts (Pre-K) PM: 3...2...1...BLASTOFF! For a fun-filled week of adventure and exploration of outer space, from meeting martians from Mars, jumping to Jupiter, or soaring to Saturn, the possibilities of this week are endless! From Bible lessons such as the creation of the universe to the birth of Jesus, this camp is going to be all kinds of out-of-this-world.

Let's Get Crafty! (Arts and Crafts Camp) (Elementary) PM: Arts and Crafts Camp: Do you like painting? ...yes? Maybe you like drawing or crafting? ...yes? Well if you said yes to any of those- this camp is for you! Come join us for a week of fun arts and crafts, all centered around yourself and where your imagination can take you!



These camps will run Mon July 8- Thurs July 11, if the camp is an AM camp, it will run from 9AM-12PM. If the camp is a PM camp, it will run from 1PM-4PM. If your child is staying the whole day, or they would like to stay for lunch and socialize with their fellow campers more, sign them up for Lunch Bunch! Please be aware if you are signing your child up for a preschool or elementary school camp- it will say.

WEEK 2 CAMPS

Monday July 15 - Thursday July 18 *

Week 2 Camp Descriptions:

Holiday Hoopla (Pre-K) AM: Do you like celebrating Christmas in July? Do you wish you could eat Thanksgiving food year round or hunt for Easter eggs in the summer? Then hop on over to Holiday Camp where we will celebrate all of your favorite holidays- and ours too! Come celebrate with us with food, crafts, games, activities, and more, perfect for all campers to enjoy.

Passport Through the World (Pre-K) AM: Get your passports and get ready to travel around the world! At this camp, we will be exploring different places all around the world and some of the wonders they have to offer. Who knows where our imagination will take us!

Gardening Fun (Elementary) AM: There's something about God's good green Earth that's very magical... gardens! Not only in this camp will you be learning how to help better take care of this big, bright beautiful world, but you'll also be working hands on with a garden and learning how to grow your own vegetable or flower garden!

LUNCH BUNCH

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American Ninja Warrior (Pre-K) PM: Calling all ninjas! Have fun creating obstacle courses and running them. Everyone has to overcome obstacles in life. Learn to be a competitive Christian while perfecting your skills on the course and off! You are always a winner when you have Christian sportsmanship on your side!

Passport Through the World (Elementary) PM: Get your passports and get ready to travel around the world! At this camp, we will be exploring different places all around the world and some of the wonders they have to offer. Who knows where our imagination will take us!

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WEEK 3 CAMPS

Monday July 22 - Thursday July 25 *

Week 3 Camp Descriptions:

Lego Construction Camp (Pre-K) AM: Have you ever dreamed of building things? Well let your inner builder come out in Lego camp! Bring your own designs to life one Lego brick at a time!

Disney Junior (Pre-K) AM: Where the magic begins! Come to this camp where we talk about your favorite shows, such as Bluey, Mickey Mouse, PJ Masks and more! See how your favorite shows ties into Christian life by doing crafts, playing games, and more!

Master Chef Junior Camp (Elementary) AM: Donut miss out on a fun cooking and baking experience! Sign up for this excellent camp because you're gonna want a pizza this! Make sure you dress for a mess and prepare to cook and bake all sorts of delicious treats! All cooking and baking is supervised by an adult. NOTE: THERE IS AN EXTRA \$10 FEE FOR COOKING/FOOD SUPPLIES.

LUNCH BUNCH

Outdoor Adventure (Pre-K) PM: Hiking, exploring, and s'mores galore! In this camp, you'll be learning all about the outdoors as if you were going on a camping trip! From singing songs around the campfire to learning about the beauty of nature, this camp is perfect for everyone! Now who knows a good campfire story...

Master Chef Junior Camp (Pre-K) PM: Donut miss out on a fun cooking and baking experience! Sign up for this excellent camp because you're gonna want a pizza this! Make sure you dress for a mess and prepare to cook and bake all sorts of delicious treats! All cooking and baking is supervised by an adult. NOTE: THERE IS AN EXTRA \$10 FEE FOR COOKING/FOOD SUPPLIES.

Lego Construction Camp (Elementary) PM: Have you ever dreamed of building things? Well let your inner builder come out in Lego camp! Bring your own designs to life one Lego brick at a time!



These camps will run July 22nd-25th, if the camp is an AM camp, it will run from 9AM-12PM. If the camp is a PM camp, it will run from 1PM-4PM. If your child is staying the whole day, or they would like to stay for lunch and socialize with their fellow campers more, sign them up for Lunch Bunch! Please be aware if you are signing your child up for a preschool or elementary school camp- it will say.





Pastor Tim To Lead Book/Bible Study Ken Wilson's A Letter to My Congregation (copies available in church office)

Ken Wilson, a Vineyard pastor from Ann Arbor Michigan, has written a thoughtful book about how the church can find its way toward a more inclusive approach to our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. He describes his struggles and the struggles of his congregation in light of the scriptures and his role as a pastor. It's a very insightful and balanced discussion of a controversial and sometimes contentious question that our larger United Methodist denomination has wrestled with for many years. Pastor Wilson delves rather comprehensively into the Bible in this book, but no Bible knowledge is necessary to attend.

Pastor Tim will be hosting an evening discussion at 6:30 p.m. and a daytime discussion at 10 a.m. on July 10. If we feel so led, we can schedule additional discussion sessions at that time.

If the recent decision by our United Methodist denomination to make room for our gay and lesbian neighbors in the full life of our local churches is something that is important to you, please make every effort to attend. Yet this is a study group, not a voicing our opinion group (as our listening sessions were set up to be). Please be prepared to talk about the experiences, research, and biblical scholarship of Pastor Wilson if you plan to attend.



Pastor Tim

Learn more about Unidos en Fe

Unidos en Fe is fellowship and worship in Spanish!

- We meet MONDAYS in the Chapel at 7pm for fellowship & worship
- Each time we meet there is an ice-breaker activity to meet new people
- We sing Methodist HYMNS and WORSHIP SONGS in Spanish that you already know
- We will start ENGLISH classes at 6pm prior to worship on April 15

Have you taken more than 2 years of Spanish? Are you interested in practicing?

We have 20 adults and children joining us on Monday nights for fellowship and worship in Spanish. All are new immigrants from Venezuela and are eager to learn and practice their English. We are looking for people to help with conversational classes!



MEET Guillermo & Mary!

Guillermo and his wife, Mari Diaz, moved to Carmel at the beginning of the year and have answered God's call to serve the Venezuelan immigrant community here. **Unidos en Fe** is open to all people and is a similar outreach to one that they developed with the Methodist Church of Mexico and outreach missions that address the needs of the community in their hometown of Querétaro, México.

MEETING UPDATES

1. The **Empty Nesters Sunday School class** will meet at 9:30am each Sunday morning during the summer. Join us in the Conference Room near the piano in the Gathering Place.
2. The **Prayer Shawl knitters/crocheters** will continue to meet thru the summer on **TUES** from 12:30 until 2:30pm in the Gathering Place. There is always room for more. Join us!
3. **Lydia Circle** and the Dinner Belles will be meeting at the church together on **Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30pm** for an ice cream social. Members are asked to bring a topping or \$5 to cover costs. Ladies, feel free to join us for this event!
4. **Ruth Anna Circle will not meet during the months of July and August.** Save the date of **September 10** at 10:00am for our next regular gathering.
5. **Friends in Faith** will not be meeting during the summer. We will resume in the Fall.

Finding Ways to Gather and Connect as a Congregation of God's People

by Jessica Stevens

In June, I wrote about the structure of Discipleship here at Carmel UMC. How we make space to gather and invite others, space to explore our faith in new ways, and space to strengthen our faith through deep dive studies. Many of you have asked for discipleship opportunities where we can gather and invite others and I would like to invite you to join us in one (or all) of the following ways!

First, **Food Truck Fridays**. While at first glance this does not seem like a Discipleship opportunity, it definitely is! On the third Friday of the month, from May thru September, we will host food trucks from 6:00pm-8:00pm in our parking lot off of City Center Drive. Each month we give away one hundred meal tickets to our neighbors who shop at the food pantry. In June, we had MANY guests come and join us! The hope is that members of our congregation sit around a table and share a meal with someone they may not know, share a little about your faith journey, offer a listening ear, offer to sit with someone during worship the next Sunday. Trust me, if you open your mind and heart to getting to know someone new and intentionally discern where God was present, discipleship and evangelism are happening.



Food Truck Fridays are a great way to hang out with friends and meet new friends. Join the fun, and have some yummy food!

Similarly, on **Sunday August 11**, we will host our **Kickoff Sunday** in worship and afterward share a meal from City BBQ! This is a great time to invite a friend or neighbor to join you in worship! There will be many more opportunities coming this fall, if you have an idea or have always wanted to explore a certain topic or spiritual practice, let me know! Maybe we will try something new together!

Carmel United Methodist Church

FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

AUGUST 11 AT 10:30AM

PICNIC LUNCH FOLLOWING
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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

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July 19th

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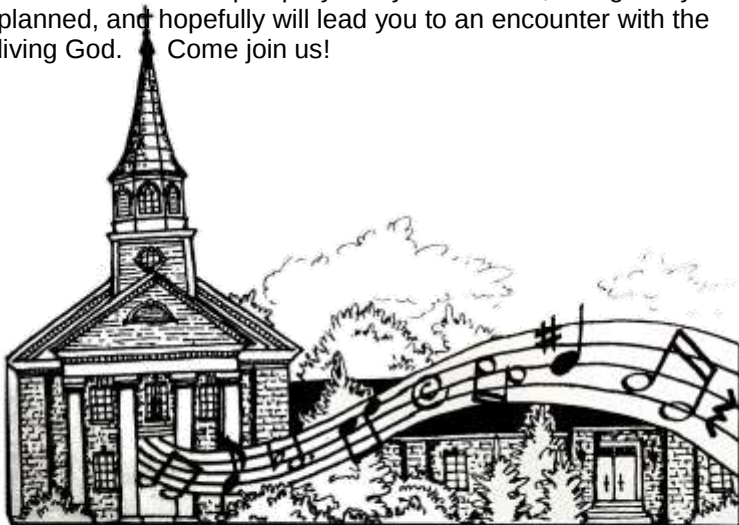
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SUMMER AT CUMC

HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT DATES IN JULY/AUGUST TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- ♦ **July 2—RSVP due** to Lydia Circle if you are going to be at the ice cream social. They need a head count for ice cream servings. nancymiller99@hotmail.com
- ♦ **JULY 4—HOSTING HELP needed** to assist with greeting, parking, and sharing info about our church.
- ♦ **JULY 4—PANCAKE BREAKFAST** An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 7am to 10:30am before the CarmelFest parade begins. Tickets are \$10 per person.
- ♦ **JULY 4**—Parade watching at CUMC, and we will be playing the simulcast over the steeple speakers for the fireworks that night.
- ♦ **July 7**—New Sermon Series: Fact Checking God's Outrageous Claims.
- ♦ **July 9—TUES.** Lydia Circle & Dinner Belles Ice Cream Social. RSVP with what topping you are bringing. RSVP by July 2, so they know how much ice cream to make. nancymiller99@hotmail.com
- ♦ **JULY 19—FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY** 6pm-8pm at CUMC
- ♦ Everyone is welcome.
- ♦ **JULY 21—Pastor Aj Mildenberg CELEBRATION PITCH-IN Dinner and Roast** (RSVP here) Dinner at 5pm, Celebration & Roast at 6pm. RSVP at this link.
- ♦ **AUGUST 11—KICKOFF celebration worship.** This will have ONE blended service at 10:30 am with an **all-church picnic** following.
- ♦ **August 11** also kicks off a **new sermon series** which will use the Ray Bradbury book, *Fahrenheit 451*. We'll all be encouraged to read and discuss this classic over the course of the summer before this series.
- ♦ **AUGUST 18—Standard worship schedule resumes,** with traditional worship at 9:00 and 10:30 and contemporary worship at 10:45.

All of our worship is prayerfully considered, thoughtfully planned, and hopefully will lead you to an encounter with the living God. Come join us!



Lydia Circle & Dinner Belles are joining together to have an old-fashioned ice cream social on **Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30pm** at the church. Ladies, please join us! Bring a topping to share, or bring \$5.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ellen Rhoades, UWF

CARMEL CHURCH

9/25 UWF spaghetti dinner

10/24 UWF meeting to vote



Prayer Shawl Circle
EVERY TUESDAY
ALL SUMMER!
In the Gathering Place.
12:30pm-2:30pm

CONTACT:
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CARMEL CHURCH



Every Monday at 7pm
in the chapel
Unidos en Fe
(United in Faith). Join us every Monday from 7:00 to 8:35 pm for a shared journey of faith with the Spanish-speaking community. Our program is in Spanish.

CARMEL CHURCH

The COLOR-CODED Church Calendar

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Summer Fun

at Carmel United Methodist Church

Volunteers Wanted to Welcome Community on July 4th!

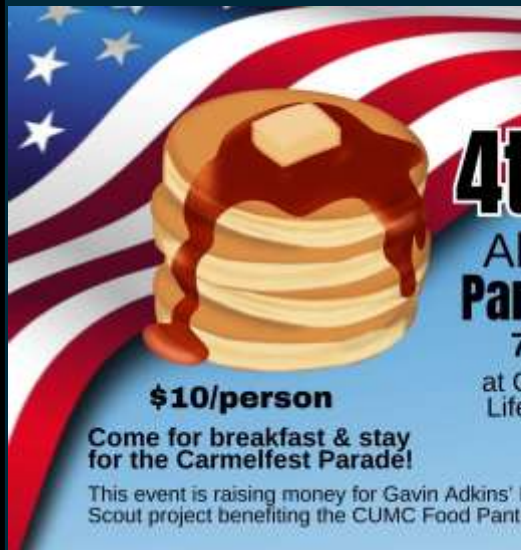
Each year we open our church to the hundreds of people who come to watch the Carmelfest parade.



Will you consider serving as a CUMC host this year?

Shifts are: 9-10:30am & 10:30-12:00pm.

Indoor and outdoor serving opportunities available!



4th of July

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

7:00am - 10:30am

at Carmel UMC in the Family Life Center (enter at Door 4)

\$10/person

Come for breakfast & stay for the Carmelfest Parade!

This event is raising money for Gavin Adkins' Eagle Scout project benefiting the CUMC Food Pantry



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Click image to email Jessica!



Click image to RSVP!

Or find the link on our website at carmelumc.org/events

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

PITCH-IN DINNER & ROAST

in honor of Pastor AJ Mildenberg

SUNDAY July 21, 2024

5pm Dinner | 6pm Celebration

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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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