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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // MAY 2026

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Keep Your Politics Out of My Theology Keep Your Theology Out of My Politics

There's been a lot of back and forth the last few weeks between politicians and religious leaders about what is theology and what is ideology. As you might guess, I've been glued to each new twist and turn in the process. As a preacher I have sometimes found myself in similar discussions with my parishioners. Every once and a while I have someone tell me that I've quit preaching and gone to meddling. And half the time, they're right. But since I've been having those conversations for the last 40 years or more, I've had a lot of time to give the whole thing some thought. I've had a lot of time to study the scriptures for myself and come to my own conclusions.

Amidst this current spate of tweets and press conferences I overheard one pundit saying something along the lines of: *"What do you expect—most Americans are woefully ignorant of scripture."* He wasn't saying we don't know our individual passages of the Bible, he was saying **few Christians today understand the grand sweep of scripture—the repeated themes that come up again and again in God's salvation history.** When I heard that comment, I began to ask myself, how well have I laid out the bigger perspective—the larger story of the Bible? Not wanting my congregation to venture into the world without being fully informed, I decided to host a Bible study this month.

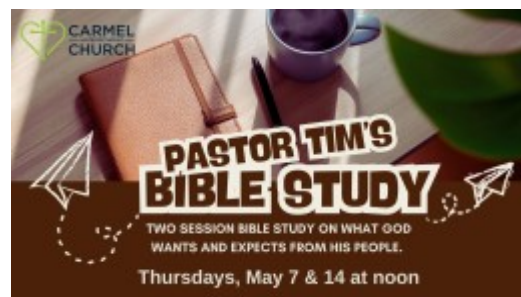
I decided to do a **two-session Bible study on what God wants and expects from his people** starting with the Hebrew scriptures and including the Christian scriptures. You won't be surprised to know that God has a vision for how we ought to relate to one another as neighbors, as a worshipping people,

as a people with leaders of all kinds, and even as people who buy and sell what we need to live. Is it politics or is it theology or economics? I'll let those who show up decide for themselves.

I do want to be very clear though. **My intention is *not* to talk politics.** At least not partisanship American politics. This won't be the place to voice your well-informed opinions about who is wise and who is foolish in public office. This is about God's declaration and God's expectations for his sons and daughters who live in community with one another. If you see obvious applications to past or present Presidential administrations, then I'll expect you to keep those observations to yourself. I want to know more and share more about God's heart and to do so by taking note of what comes up again and again throughout God's Word.

If that sounds interesting to you then I **invite you to join me here at church on two consecutive Thursdays--May 7 and May 14 at noon.** If you're coming over during your lunch hour, bring your lunch with you. You don't have to come to the first to come to the second, but it will help you to follow the discussion more closely if you do.

Pastor Tim



CHURCH UPDATES

Finance Committee Report

Each month the finance committee will provide an update on contribution totals that have been received year-to-date. The information provided is current through the timing of the submission for The Contact.

Operating Budget.

Total Contribution Income (through 04/27/2026)
\$ 497,832

Budgeted total contributions for 2026
\$ 1,417,000

Total budgeted expenses for 2026
\$ 1,627,700

Missions Budget (through 04/27/2026).

Total MISSIONS Contribution Income \$ 71,218

Total MISSIONS Grants from outside sources \$ 18,541

Joys & Concerns

With Sympathy to the family & friends of...

- Anne Passage who passed away on April 9.

PRAYER CONCERNS

* CUMC E-PRAYER CHAIN: [CLICK HERE](#) to be added

* PRAYER REQUESTS: Email to Ed King, edking722@gmail.com with details

* PRAYER MENTIONS in WORSHIP: Email Sue Burchill, sburchill@carmelumc.org



Exploring Membership?
We are having a
“LUNCH & LEARN”

Join us for two Wednesdays,
May 6 & 13 at Noon

On May 6, enjoy lunch with our staff.
On May 13, enjoy lunch with ministry leaders.
Learn more about our church
and get to know those who serve!
Fill out an interest form at the Welcome Desk!




CARMEL CHURCH

Mark Your Calendars
SUMMER SCHEDULE
begins on May 24

SUMMER

10:30am Traditional
10:45am Contemporary
& Summer Sunday School



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ruth Anna Circle

Meeting: TUESDAY May 12 11:00am
at the church
Program: Birthday Celebration



FREE ITEMS:
The church has the following items being offered for free.

- 2 upright pianos
- 1 black cover for a baby grand piano

Contact Marty Fryman if interested.
mfryman@carmelumc.org



Summer Camps at Carmel UMC

SIGN UP & MORE INFO:
carmelumc.org/kids



VBS Project Nights
Thursdays in May
6pm-8pm

Contact: Monica LaFon
kids@carmelumc.org

Help build the Rainforest, one leaf and vine at a time.

RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God



SENIOR SUNDAY
May 10, 2026

CARMEL CHURCH

Deadline extended to May 15.

MISSIONS: MISSION OF THE MONTH

May 2026-MISSION FOCUS
(Loose coins will go to):

Missions Pledge Month • missions@carmelumc.org

FAMILY PROMISE

In 2026 Carmel United Methodist is partnering with two branches of the Family Promise non-profit: Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis (FPGI) & Family Promise of Hamilton County (FPHC).

FPGI helps families in financial distress avoid homelessness and assists those currently homeless in becoming self-sufficient. CUMC has supported FPGI with talent and treasure since a member of our congregation helped form the Interfaith Hospitality Network organization in the early 90s.



FPGI pioneered a successful apartment model - now implemented by over 200 Family Promise affiliates nationwide - which provides a stable, furnished landing space and the services needed for families to end their cycle of homelessness. FPGI properties for families include one house, one duplex and 20 apartments. In addition to housing, FPGI provides counseling and assistance in finding jobs, healthcare, childcare, transportation and permanent housing. To ensure the success of the program, counseling



frequently continues after the family has moved to a permanent home. The result is that after two years, most families that complete the program are still living independently. As families complete their stay in stabilizing housing they are entitled to keep the furnishings as they move into permanent housing. As a result, there is a constant need to furnish temporary apartments.



Family Promise of Hamilton County ("FPHC") began in 2015 with a small group that began searching for solutions to homelessness in Hamilton County. Based in Noblesville, they received their 501(c)(3) in 2017 and opened the doors to the day center and their first family in 2019. While the need might look different in Hamilton County FPHC focuses on proactive solutions for homelessness through landlord mediation, utility payments, budgeting and financial counseling, rental assistance and case management. They have an

active diversion program that helps shelter families to find resources to move towards stable housing. In addition FPHC provides stability services to help families remain in stable housing and develop their career paths for a successful tomorrow. In 2025 FPHC helped 3 shelter families enter permanent housing, worked 487 housing crisis calls, prevented 42 families from homelessness, and their core programs served 365 families, including 566 children. FPHC is actively engaging congregations for their support in multiple ways through quarterly donations of "stability kits" for their families, freezer meals, time donated at their resource center and more. On April 25th, CUMC volunteers assembled 30 "stability kits" containing personal hygiene and household cleaning items to be distributed to the families at FPHC. We plan to also help support this wonderful organization through future activities during Serve week and beyond.

How can you help:

- CUMC is collecting household items: plates, flatware, small appliances, lamps, bedding, etc to fully furnish an apartment.
- Scan the QR code for our apartment wish list or to see an example of the items needed or sign up at carmelumc.org/missions or on the paper at the Welcome desk.
- Large furniture items can be donated directly to The Mustard Seed of Central Indiana in Fishers.
- Join us in June to stock the apartment with CUMC donations



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amazon

(click on these QR codes if you are viewing this digitally)

CUMC and many other partners enable FPCI and FPHC to make a difference for families experiencing homelessness. Questions? Please contact Carla or Don Bennett at carlabennett1947@gmail.com or call 317-445-9196.



We had a wonderful BBQ pitch-in April 26th to celebrate all of our Food Pantry volunteers! Thank you

Missions in May

Looking for a reason to get outside in the beautiful weather? Help the Food Pantry Garden by signing up to water the newly planted raised beds and green beans.



Sign Up for Gardens:



Join our Missions Team **June 7-13** at Henderson Settlement. No previous skills required, just a wonderful week to work together and let God use us to do good for others. Register at carmelumc.org/missions



Come weave **plarn mats** for the unhoused with us. We have 6 completed mats, and made great headway on our 7th one at the All Church Work day!

Dates: May 1, 13, 15, 28 all listed at carmelumc.org/missions
If times don't work for you, just reach out and we will schedule one!



Our **sewing group** meets bi-weekly to assemble bags for our education kits that will be shipped to Midwest Missions. We need help cutting fabric. If you would be willing to join us to cut or take some fabric home we would greatly appreciate that. Talk to Jenny or email missions@carmelumc.org

Sign Up here:



We are serving at **Robert's Park Soups On May 31**, and would love to be able to provide some summer essentials to the community like **sunscreen, bug spray, cooling towels, puzzles, and books or magazines** for adults. We would also love to serve **brownies and ice cream** during our meal service so if you would like to volunteer to **make brownies** please go to carmelumc.org/missions to sign up.

Soup's On Amazon Wishlist



Carmel Coat Closet has had a busy month of April. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers we have been able to share over **150 coats** with Family Promise of Indianapolis, Henderson Settlement, and Soups On.

Find out more about how YOU can make a difference with Carmel UMC Missions at:

carmelumc.org/missions



CUMC Food Pantry and Meijer Partner Up



Even in Hamilton County, Hoosiers face food insecurity... 32,160 neighbors of which includes almost 8,000 children. The need is great, and our neighbors turn to us for help in ensuring they know where their next meal will come from.

In response, we are pleased to announce that CUMC Food Pantry has joined forces once again with the Meijer *Simply Give* Hunger Relief program to help fill that void for our local families. The 2025 Holiday *Simply Give* Campaign resulted in a total donation of \$14,990 including the \$10,000 match from Meijer. Each *Simply Give* campaign helps more than 270 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Wisconsin feed hungry families by keeping their shelves stocked with food for those in need.

The campaign also fosters a sense of community by encouraging Meijer customers to add a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card to their cart at checkout, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to the local food pantry selected by the store for a given time frame.

CUMC Food Pantry will benefit from donation cards purchased at the CARMEL Meijer located at 1424 West Carmel Drive in Carmel from March 29 to June 27, 2026.

Help us fulfill our mission of feeding the hungry in Hamilton County by adding a food donation *Simply Give* card to your cart during your next shopping trip at Meijer. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers because every dollar makes a difference. Whether you shop in-store or online using Meijer Pickup or Home Delivery, consider adding a *Simply Give* donation card to your basket.

And when we give, Meijer gives. For every \$10 *Simply Give* donation card a customer adds to their trip on **Saturday, June 20**, Meijer will DOUBLE match the contribution, meaning they will contribute an additional \$20. This means the food pantry will receive a total of \$30 on that DOUBLE MATCH day.

Pick up a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card at the Welcome Center or look for the cards above each register at Meijer (other than the self-serve registers). Present it to the cashier, or scan it yourself, when checking out.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.



Acclaim! Profile

Jennifer Midkiff, Soprano

You may have noticed new voices leading our Chancel Choir or providing special music with our Acclaim! ensemble during Traditional worship.

In the coming months, we'll introduce these talented new members, starting with **soprano Jennifer Midkiff**. Her musical journey spans decades, continents, instruments, classrooms and churches.

Jennifer's passion for music began in middle school as a founding member of the **Indianapolis Children's Choir**, participating in their first tour of Europe. She sang with elite choirs at **Carmel High School and Luther College** in Iowa, before completing graduate studies in **choral conducting at Butler University**.

Jennifer's career has swung, much like a metronome, between directing church and school choirs. Today, she serves as librarian and music teacher at **Edgewood Elementary in Anderson**.



Trained in piano and voice, Jennifer tried upright bass in high school before a one-year experiment with harp lessons in college. "Harp was the detour I didn't imagine my musical life taking," she says, "I didn't know I could love playing an instrument this much."

Jennifer has since carved out a rare niche as singer-songwriter and harp arranger. She has recorded three solo CDs and numerous singles, and three albums with her band Wild Mercy, which still reunites for sci-fi conventions and other gigs.

Jennifer has also taught private lessons and played harp for special events and weddings, including those of

friends and family. "The beautiful thing about music," she reflects, "is that there are so many ways to use your skills."

Jennifer balances music with the quieter joys of knitting, crocheting, and reading. She has been married for 23 years and is mom to two children, ages 16 and 19.

Purchase tickets for May 13 Music Ministry Dinner by this Sunday



Time is running short! Tickets for this year's **Traditional Music Ministry end-of-season celebration dinner must be purchased by this Sunday, May 3** between worship services.

The celebration takes place at **6 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, in the Gathering Place**. It promises to be a warm, festive evening of gratitude, fellowship, and great food — a fitting send-off for the musicians, singers, handbell ringers, technicians, and volunteers who have faithfully and joyfully enriched our worship all year long.

Maggiano's Little Italy will cater the evening, with guests choosing between chicken parmesan or spaghetti and meatballs, accompanied by salad and finished with tiramisu. Live music will be provided by **our Sacred Strings trio and harpist Jennifer Midkiff**.

All who participated in the Music Ministry this year are invited free of charge. **Tickets for family members and other guests are \$25 per person**. Complimentary childcare will be available so parents can relax and enjoy the evening fully.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Shaina Murphy • smurphy@carmelumc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you

Becca Frohardt
Alayna Frohardt
Erin Belbutoski

Martha Zetzi
Katie Pilson
Robin Jackson
Julia Wingfield

MAY 2026

Sunday May 3
Register TODAY for VBS!

Wednesdays 3:30-5pm
OPEN PLAY!

Thursdays 11:30am
Lunch Ladies Bible Study

Sunday May 17
Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday May 24
No Sunday School

Sunday May 31
Summer Sunday School

& Childcare

Brooke Weisner
Madeline Weisner
Matt Jones

Dave Coleman
Ken Evancic



Thank you

Lisa Wallace
Lila Franklin
Nate Wallace
Jennifer Warf
Maddie Callender

**LUNCH LADIES
BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAYS**

11:30AM

BRING YOUR LUNCH
CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

ROOM LL12

Last regular meeting for
the School Year May 14

Open Play in May

May 6 & 13: 1-1:30pm
May 6, 13, 20, 27: 3:30-5:00pm



Called to Serve

- 1 outreach
- 10 Hours
- 100+ smiles

Answer the Call by clicking on the phone image (right) or scan the QR Code



MONDAY JUNE 8 - THURSDAY JUNE 11

6:00-8:30PM



Elementary VBS

Current Kindergarten (incoming 1st) through 4th grade (incoming 5th)

Monday June 8 - Thursday June 11
6:00pm -8:30pm

Registration is NOW OPEN

Register before May 1, 2026 to receive a free VBS Tshirt, available at the event.



DON'T MISS OUT!



REGISTER NOW

Preschool VBS & Camps

Potty Trained 3 years old by May 1, 2026 through current Kindergarten

Monday June 8 - Thursday June 11
Monday June 15 - Thursday June 18
Monday June 22 - Thursday June 25
Monday June 29 - Thursday July 2
9:00am-12:00pm



Letter from Rick: Looking forward to summer...

For the youth program, May is the month where the pace of the spring schedule gives way to a new summer rhythm. Students and families feel it too. The pressure of exams, projects, and packed schedules starts to give way to a season marked by a little more margin—time for rest, connection, and anticipation of what lies ahead. Summer brings with it opportunities for camps, mission trips, and family vacations, and for many parents, a chance to step away from the daily routine and reconnect with those who matter most.

This spring has been a meaningful and encouraging season for our youth ministry. Week after week, more than 20 students have continued to prioritize gathering on Sunday evenings, choosing to invest two hours in a space centered on food, fun, and thoughtful conversations about where faith and life intersect. In a season often described as “busy,” this consistency reflects something deeper—students and families recognizing the value of being part of a community where they are known, supported, and encouraged in their faith.

As we transition into summer, our youth programming will shift to match the changing pace of the season. Rather than meeting on Sunday evenings, we will gather on **Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM**, creating a rhythm that better fits summer schedules while continuing to offer a consistent place for connection. We are excited to kick off the summer with one of our favorite traditions—**Murder Mystery Night on June 24**—a fun and engaging way to bring students together as the summer schedule begins.

The full summer calendar can be found on the next page, and we hope it provides a helpful guide as families begin to plan their months ahead. Whether students are joining us for weekly gatherings, attending camp, or preparing for a mission experience, our goal remains the same: to create spaces where they can grow in faith, build lasting relationships, and experience the support of a community that walks alongside them.

Thank you for the many ways you continue to encourage your students to be part of this ministry. It is a joy to see what God is doing in their lives, and we look forward to all that this summer season will bring.



Contact Rick:
rbelbutoski@carmelumc.org



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

YOUTH MINISTRY

Rick Belbutoski • youth@carmelumc.org



YOUTH
-ministries-
Carmel UMC

SUMMER

Schedule

- 8-11**
JUNE, 2026
Students Volunteer w/ Vacation Bible School
- 14-19**
JUNE, 2026
Middle School Students @ Camp Adventure
- 24**
JUNE, 2026
Summer Kickoff: Murder Mystery Party at 6 pm (Wed. Night Youth Group Begins)
- 11-17**
JULY, 2026
High School Students @ Mission Puerto Rico (no youth group)
- 29**
JULY, 2026
Final Wednesday Night Youth Group for Summer



The last Sunday night youth group of the Spring is May 3rd at 6 pm.

Join us for great food, fun with friends, and a celebration of faith before the break.



Higher Education

SCHOLARSHIP

2026

Carmel UMC

High School Senior Recognition

We look forward to celebrating our graduating high school seniors during all services on May 10, a meaningful opportunity for our church to recognize the accomplishments of these students and the important step they are taking into the next season of life. In addition to honoring each graduate, we will also celebrate this year's recipient of the CUMC Higher Education Scholarship, recognizing their commitment to faith, leadership, and service. Moments like these reflect our church's ongoing investment in the next generation, as we support and encourage students stepping forward into their future with purpose and confidence.



Stephanie Holl
Preschool Director
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Paula Foster
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of Preschool
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Holy Week Community Hymn Sing was a Huge Success!

For Maundy Thursday this year, our Congregational Care team partnered with the Music Ministry to host a Hymn Sing worship service. By holding the service midweek and in the middle of the day, we were able to extend a meaningful invitation to local retirement communities—places many of our members now call home.

For those who no longer drive, this simple shift made a profound difference. With transportation available during the week, many were able to return to church for the first time in quite a while. What might have seemed like a small logistical change became, in reality, a doorway back into community.

Before long, people were catching up, singing favorite hymns, and reconnecting with old friends. Together, we moved through the Lenten story—journeying toward the cross, reflecting on the weight of the crucifixion, and ultimately lifting our voices in the hope of the resurrection.

In the end, this gathering was more than a service; it was a reminder. A reminder that the body of Christ stretches far beyond our walls, that connection is always worth pursuing, and that even the smallest efforts can open the way for belonging. On a day that calls us to remember love poured out, we witnessed it—renewed in song, rekindled in community, and present in the joy of being together again.

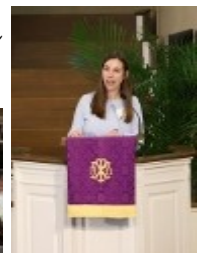
(Some of the feedback we have received is written below)

GROUP Meetings for MAY

- **NEW MEMBER CLASS:** Meeting on **May 6 & 13 at noon** for a “Lunch & Learn” class. Learn more & signup at carmelumc.org/new-here
- **PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE:** knitting & crocheting. **Every Tuesday—12:30pm-2:30pm** in the Gathering Place at the sofas
- **QUILTING CIRCLE—Fridays 9:30am to 12pm** in LL23, Contact Marie at mdrharris@aol.com
- **FRIENDS IN FAITH BIBLE STUDY—** We meet on **Weds in Conf. Room 3:30-5:00pm**. Our last spring meeting is May 20, then we break for summer. Contact Nancy Adams at nadams35@att.net
- **RUTH ANNA CIRCLE—**will meet on Tuesday, **May 12 at 11:00AM**. This is our annual **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** lunch, so it will take place an hour later than usual. Contact Katie Kessler at 317-607-9307 or gmacovi@aol.com.
- **LYDIA CIRCLE & DINNER BELLES—** are **NOT MEETING** in May, we will be at the UWF Garden Party on Thurs, May 7 at 6pm.



“The Hymn Sing was beautiful.”



“Really nice luncheon, and the residents enjoyed it.”



“Residents had a great time.”

“It was the human connection I enjoyed!”

“Your invitation gave me love and joy!”



Are you looking for a way to join in, but don't know where to start? Send me an email, and I will be glad to help you join a group, or form a new one! - [Pastor Jessica Stevens](mailto:jstevens@carmelumc.org)

The CUMC Food Pantry Gardens Fence Project is a CUMC Scout Troop 131 Eagle Project

Written by Al Moss

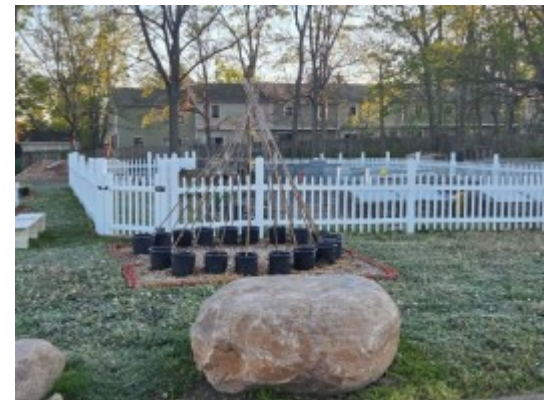
The Food Pantry Gardens provided the basic idea / design and financing for the fence. Eagle scout candidate **Jeremiah Richardson** (pictured) and Troop 131 provided the organization, labor and management.

This large fence project has a area of close to **2500 square feet** and, will hopefully protect the garden from rabbits & other critters. This fence and garden will “reflect” nicely Carmel United Methodist Church and the Food Pantry Gardens.

This fence project was started in late November with the help of some 20 or so Scouts, Jeremiah’s friends and family. The CUMC ROMEOS group also provided help and engineering. A special shout out to John Andis and Jeff Silvius (ROMEOS group members) for the engineering of the 45 degrees gates on the fence project. (dueling engineering from Rose Hulman and Purdue)

As you might expect, using a power auger, digging and cementing in holes and fence posts is healthy labor. Measuring, setting post holes, setting fence panels, and adding extra bunny, chicken wire to the fence panels required 2 full ,weekend Saturdays (and a little more)

A Eagle Project, like the Food Pantry Gardens Fence project, allows a Scout to attain real life experience to organize, plan and lead a group. This is a “win win” for the Scout, **Jeremiah Richardson**, and for Carmel United Methodist Church Food Pantry Gardens.



On May 31, Learn about modernizing our Sanctuary

When inviting friends and family to join us at church, we want them to feel more than just welcomed, but at home. It's worth asking: What are new visitors seeking and what would prompt them to come back?

This spirit of hospitality is an important factor behind our *Renovate & Elevate Capital Campaign*. We're working to make CUMC the best version of itself, while honoring the history and traditions matter to us.

First built in 1957 and expanded over the years, no space is more historic or sacred than our **Sanctuary**. A team of staff, Trustees and in-house experts are looking at **how to improve the look, sound, and function of traditional worship**. The experts include Audio/Visual Tech Chris Lieber, Director of Music Ministry David Morton, Accompanist Ray Lahrman, and Veronica Cooper, who manages the slides most Sundays.



Existing pain points are aging projectors that have dimmed over time and directional lighting controlled only from Pastor Tim's pulpit. At the same time, work is moving forward to improve the heating and cooling systems throughout the church, including the Sanctuary.

Stay tuned for more information about a **Sunday, May 31 presentation, after the 10:30 a.m. Traditional and 10:45 a.m. Contemporary worship services** conclude. All are invited to the Sanctuary to hear initial recommendations from our in-house experts and gather input from the congregation before any work begins.

This is your Sanctuary, and you'll have a voice in shaping its future. Together, we'll ensure that the home we love is ready to welcome visitors for decades to come.





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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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for more information about all the happenings at CUMC!

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together, we can help end hunger in our community.

ONLY at the **CARMEL Meijer...**
SCAN THIS CARD and the
CUMC FOOD PANTRY
will get the donations from
Mar. 29 through Jun. 21, 2026

Double Match Day is June 20!

Serving Downtown on May 31
We are collecting sunscreen, bug spray, cooling towels, puzzles, and books or magazines for adults.
Sign up to help serve at:
carmelumc.org/missions

Every *Simply Give* card scanned at the checkout at the **Carmel Meijer** location will benefit our CUMC Food Pantry until June 21.

Tell your friends and neighbors that they can make a difference \$10 at a time! Cards are at the registers when you check out!

MISSION OF THE MONTH MAY 2026: FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise
Check the board in the gathering place, and online, for items you can contribute to a family apartment.