

THE CONTACT

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH // MARCH 2025



March 2025

- Pancake Supper is Tues. March 4
- Ash Wednesday is March 5
- Music Ministry: Electric Violin! March 12
- Kids: Open Gym for families EVERY Weds.
- Lenten Study & Podcasts: Join us! March 9
- New Member Class begins March 2

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The Last Week in The Life of Jesus

We've been preaching our way through Matthew's gospel this year. Starting the first Sunday in Lent (March 9) we are going to jump ahead to the last week of Jesus' life which is also called The Passion of Christ. From the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the cross of Golgotha to the empty garden tomb, the passion of Jesus is the heart of the heart of the gospel.

If you'd like to prepare ahead of time we will do one chapter a week starting with Chapter 21 and concluding with Chapter 28 on Easter Sunday.

It is thrilling, tragic, and ultimately triumphant story in which the Son of God takes on the powers that be and challenges Israel leaders to a show down that he cannot win—at least it appears as if he cannot win. Jesus prophesized that he would be handed over to angry men, be killed, and three days later he would rise from the dead. He was open and honest with his disciples but they could not comprehend it. There is so much in these chapters to teach us how to risk, how to love, and how to live.



And all this takes place within the Christian season we call Lent. Author, Frederick Buechner describes it this way.

“In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness, where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves.”

In other words, it is a season in which we put aside our distractions and obsessions and ask the hard questions of ourselves. We ask God to take us by the hand and show us a better way to live—a better way to be. It is a time that begins by recognizing our own mortality in ashes and repentance and ends with the celebration of Christ's victory over death and the promise that we will join him as resurrected people.

There are a variety of growth opportunities at Carmel UMC this year—above and beyond Sunday morning worship. I am praying at as many of you as possible will take advantage of these experiences. In fact, I believe we are all called to take at least one intentional step forward toward a deeper and richer spiritual life this lent. I look forward to talking with each of you about the wonders, challenges, and God-sightings you experience in the weeks ahead.

Pastor Tim

A handwritten signature in black ink.

CHURCH UPDATES

CUMC E-Prayer Chain

If you would like to receive the list of prayer needs, and be a prayer warrior for CUMC, please [CLICK HERE](#) for a simple form, adding you to the list of **PRAYING PEOPLE**.

If you have a prayer request for the team to pray for, send it in email to Ed King, edking722@gmail.com. When sending, let Ed know if you want it shared publicly, otherwise he will assume it is for the prayer list only.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

If you are not receiving communications from the church, whether it be in email or through the postal mail, please take a moment and UPDATE your information by filling out a **lavender form** at the WELCOME DESK! When you have completed the form, mail it to the church, or drop it in the DROPBOX (on the outside wall of the office). We will be happy to update it for you! If you would like an email version of the **"UPDATE MY INFO"** form sent to you, send an email to Marty Fryman at mfryman@carmelumc.org and you can send your completed form back by email.

Joys & Concerns

With Sympathy to the family of...

○ Thomas A. Bryan who passed away February 21, 2025

Mark your calendars:

It's time again to SPRING FORWARD your clocks on Saturday March 8 before you go to bed.



Our amazing handbell choir will be performing once again for the city's Holocaust ceremony.



Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Service: 6:30pm

Drive-thru Ashes: Noon-12:45pm

[Service will be broadcast online HERE](#)



We are happy that our mission team to Sierra Leone has made it back safely. Thank you for serving!♥

All you can eat pancakes on Tuesday March 4, 2025.





MARCH 2025

Wednesdays 3:30-5pm
OPEN GYM!

Thursdays 11:30am-12:30pm
Moms' Bible Study

Friday March 21
InTouch - Survivor Night



What is Lent?

Lent is a time of preparation, a journey with God, a time to remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

How can Kids participate in Lent?

Kids and Families can participate in Lent through PRAYER, Giving Something Up, Good Deeds and Serving Others.

Children's Ministry Lent Focus:

Children's Messages during Lent will be focused on understanding The Lord's Prayer and leading the congregation in prayer.

Too cold & wet to play outside? Need to get out of the house?

OPEN GYM!

Children's Ministry will be opening the gym for parents and kids on

WEDNESDAYS in MARCH

from 3:30pm-5:00pm.



Half the gym will be designated for basketball & the other half will be set up for our younger preschool friends. And you can always run laps around the gym!

Please note: this is not a drop off event - responsible adult will need to stay!

Summer Adventure & Mission Week

June 16-19 | 8am-4pm

Current 5th and 6th Graders

Limited spots (25 students)

Cost: \$100

Registration Opens March 24

*Link will be emailed to Current Sunday school families & posted on our [website](#)

Questions? Email Brooke Weisner camps@carmelumc.org

SAVE
THE DATE

This exciting week offers a unique opportunity for your child to dive into faith-based mission work, engaging Bible studies, and thrilling activities designed just for their age group. Throughout the week, students will embark on local adventures around Carmel and surrounding areas, discovering new ways to give back and make a difference in their community. Whether it's through hands-on mission projects or fun challenges, your child will learn to live out the love and kindness of Jesus in today's world.



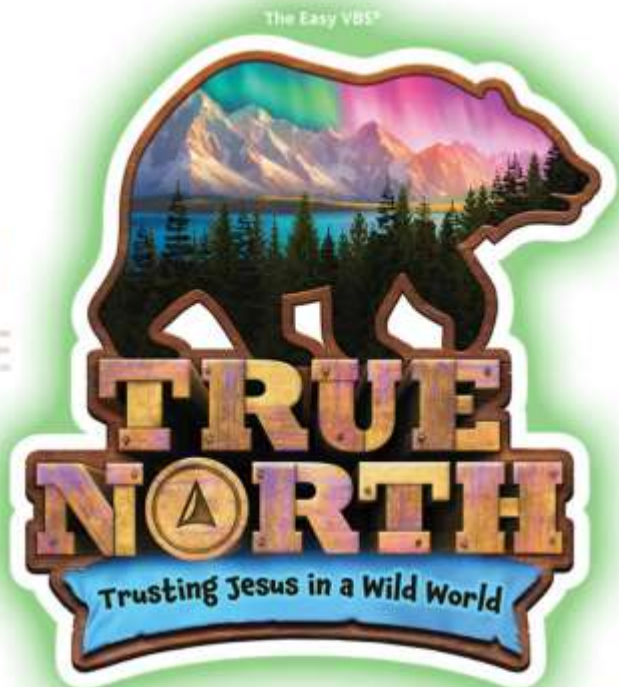
JUNE 8-11, 2025
Sunday - Wednesday
6:00pm-8:30pm

Age 5 by June 8, 2025
through Current 4th
graders

Leadership Training for
current 5th and 6th
graders

Current 7th grade
through adults can
Volunteer for station and
crew leaders!

Childcare available for
Infants through
Preschool so parents can
participate in VBS



VBS is going to look a little different and maybe feel a little different because I'm NEW to this role, BUT I'm PRAYING for you and TRUSTING Jesus. The music will be familiar, Bible Adventures will be explored, Games will be played, and Snacks devoured in the wilderness setting of Alaska.

Look out for a VBS registration in early April for kids and volunteers!

Want to stay up to date with how to participate or help? check out our [VBS page!](https://carmelumc.org/vbs)
carmelumc.org/vbs

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Jessica Stevens • jstevens@carmelumc.org



March 2025

At the beginning of this month, we will observe Ash Wednesday to remember that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. Theologian and psychologist, Warren Kinghorn, describes our time on earth as wayfaring – we are all on a journey from God and making our way back to God. Throughout Lent we take time to reflect, pray, fast, and wonder how God is working in our lives and guiding us through our own journey.


This season, our pastoral team and head usher will teach us different spiritual practices of the saints. Like Paul wrote to the Corinthians, we are one body with many parts and we all connect with God in different ways. Perhaps this series will allow you to know God in a new way.

As we observe the six weeks of Lent together, we would love for you to join us on Sundays at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place to learn more about the saints who came before us. We'll have soup for a light dinner and childcare for the little ones. And guess what? It's also the time when the Youth meet in the HUB, so bring the whole family to grow in your faith together.

In case you want a preview for the week ahead, be sure to listen to our [Lenten podcast](#). These will be ten minute episodes that you can listen to while cooking dinner, going for a walk, or relaxing at home.



Click this image →
to LISTEN to the podcast now.



COMING UP in MARCH 2025
RSVP at:
carmelumc.org/adult

Spiritual Practices of the Saints

Sundays at 6:30pm
Different instructor each week
Soup and childcare provided

Here is the schedule in case you are interested:

March 9:

Pastor Tim Burchill –

Gregory the Great and Reading the Bible

March 16:

Brian Hamlett –

St. Ignatius and the Examen

March 23:

Shaina Murphy –

St. Francis and Creation Care

March 30:

Pastor Jackie Chandler –

Labyrinth

April 6:

Ryan Remington –

Saint John the Dwarf and Obedience

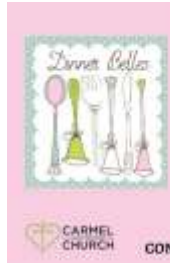
April 13:

Pastor Jessica Stevens –

Thomas Merton and Contemplative Prayer



Meeting: TUESDAY March 11 10:00am
Gathering Place
Program: Food Pantry Gardens



Dinner Belles Tuesday Mar. 11 at 6pm
We are meeting at **Tony's PIZZA** at 116th & Rangeline this month! ♥
CONTACT Kay Hapner - kayhapner@yahoo.com

If you are interested in joining the church, or simply learning more about Methodism, this (new) class is for you.

Save the Date! New Member Class is coming in March!

Classes will take place at **9:00am on Sundays in March** and will cover United Methodist History, where we are today, and the local church.

Reach out to Pastor Jessica, or
RSVP at: carmelumc.org/events



LYDIA CIRCLE is meeting at 6:30pm in the conference room on Tuesday Mar. 11
We are going to meet then clean the food pantry. Join us!



Friends in Faith Every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5pm
at church in the conference room.
STUDYING: "Holy Week Pilgrimage"
March: 12, 19, 26 April: 2, 9, 23, 30
CONTACT: HANGY ADAMS hadam35@att.net
CARMEL CHURCH



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)

SUPPORT the PRESCHOOL

LaBraid Fundraiser coming soon!
Order online: March 17-31, 2025

Orders arrive on April 15, 2025
just in time for Easter!

Link & Info at:
carmelumc.org/preschoollfundraiser



LaBraid Fundraiser is BACK at CUMC Preschool!

This is a time honored tradition! Our fundraiser is ONLINE ONLY and will take place **March 17th through March 31!** Pickup of pastries will be **April 15**, just in time for Easter! If you have never tried a delicious LaBraid Pastry, now is the time! All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards reinventing our indoor playspaces!! Please reach out to us if you have any questions! The link to order will be on our [FUNDRAISER PAGE](#) on **March 17, 2025**. Mark your calendars! ♥ We are so thankful for all of your love and support of our preschool! ♥

MARK your calendars for **March 17** to visit:
carmelumc.org/preschool/fundraiser

REGISTRATION FOR 2025-26

Spots are still open in our Bunnies (18mos) class for the 2025-26 school year! If you or someone you know is interested in joining our CUMC Preschool family, please contact us at **317-844-1958** or Stephanie Holl at sholl@carmelumc.org. Information about our class offerings and registration process is on our website: carmelumc.org/preschool.

Missions

SIDEBAR

(Missions article on next page. Here are a few missions you can help with)

SOUP'S ON: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!
on **March 23, 2025**
SIGN UP LINK is at:
carmelumc.org/missions

Questions? Contact Carol at:
missions@carmelumc.org



[Volunteer to serve at Soup's On](#)

March 23, 2025 (click the picture or text above or go to the website).

MISSION OF THE MONTH MARCH 2025

FOOD PANTRY GARDENS

- Volunteer by helping in the gardens
- Shop the Amazon WISHLIST
- Donate Money to "Food Pantry Gardens"
- Attend the "OUR CHURCH work day" on Sat. April 26, 9am - 1pm.



Go to: carmelumc.org/missions for all the INFO & links!

Food Pantry WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WANTS
FEB. 26 - MARCH 5, 2025

CLEANING SUPPLIES
It's Cold & FLU season. Let's help our guests fight the viruses that are so prevalent this time of year!

- Clorox wipes
- Spray bleach
- Surface cleaner
- Lysol, etc.

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

Food Pantry WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WANTS
MARCH 5 - 12, 2025

- Pasta
- Sauce for pasta
- Pineapple
- Peaches
- Mandarin oranges

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

WHY Food Pantry Gardens?

By Stephanie Fairfield

Someone once asked me: **"Why does CUMC have the Food Pantry Gardens (FPG) when the Food Pantry can probably just buy cheaper produce at local grocery stores?"**

That question took me aback at first. The answer seemed obvious to me, but maybe it isn't. Here are the many reasons and benefits:

Reason #1: FOOD

The Food Pantry served approximately 4,800 families in 2024. With God's blessings, the FPG grew, harvested, and distributed over 1,100 lbs. of fresh, organically grown, produce to those families. Fresh produce contributes to a healthier diet, but can be expensive and, quite frankly, may be the first food group skipped when a family's funds run low.

Reason #2: FUNDS

The FP was able to spend donated funds to purchase food items other than those 1,100 lbs. of produce.

Reason #3: FELLOWSHIP

Garden Group is an informal gathering of gardeners of all ages, abilities, and experience levels on Thursday evenings from April through October. Volunteers also meet at other times during the week as needed. Participants plant crops, prepare beds, pull weeds, prune plants, perform maintenance, put an end to pests, harvest produce, package and mark produce, and many other pertinent tasks. Not all tasks are labor-intensive; examples are packaging and labeling produce, writing plant tags, and caring for seedlings in the Grow Room and Greenhouse. It's a fun time to fellowship, laugh with each other, learn from each other, plan for the following week, and marvel at God's amazing creation!

Reason #4: EDUCATION

Have you ever made a pole bean teepee, pulled a weed with a foot long root, harvested carrots, or eaten a beet leaf straight from the garden? CUMC Preschool 4-yr old and Pre-K students have done those things and much more. FPG volunteers coordinate with Preschool teachers to expose the students to gardening, introduce them to new plants and foods, and connect them with the FP and practical ways to love our neighbors in need. CUMC Youth and adult leaders also help out whenever asked. Of course, the FPG benefits greatly from all these young hands!

Reason #5: COMMUNITY

We welcome opportunities to engage individuals and groups from our community. A few volunteers have found us because they've walked or biked past the Gardens. Groups like Scouts, Fishers HS, Carmel HS, United Way and others have connected with the FPG during their days of service. Speaking of Scouts, from the installation of the first four raised beds and irrigation system several years ago, to the creation of vegetable beds at the FP building in 2020, to the construction of six more raised beds in 2022, a composting system in 2023, and two cold frames and a greenhouse in 2024, Eagle Scout projects have helped the FPG grow to over 800 sq. ft. of plantable space! In 2025, we look forward to another Eagle Scout project, the construction of two wheelchair-accessible raised beds, and the opportunity to connect with our neighbors at The Restoracy and beyond.



FOOD PANTRY GARDENS

Loose coins will go directly towards **Food Pantry Gardens**, and anything that you specifically mark for the Food Pantry Gardens (**FPGardens** or **FPG** on the memo line or on the envelope). Thank you! ♥



WE ALSO NEED YOU!

Successful operation of a garden this size requires many volunteer hours every week from March to November. We have a core group of dedicated volunteers that go above and beyond, but we absolutely need more hands, more often. How, what, and when?

March 15, 9:00am-11:00am (weather permitting) to prepare beds for the early-season crops.

Garden Group every Thursday starting **April 3**, 5:30pm-7:00pm.

“OUR CHURCH WORKDAY” on **Saturday, April 26** 9:00am-1:00pm.

“MAY PLAY (in the dirt) DAY” on Saturday, **May 17** 9:00am-noon, to plant the warm-weather crops.

Everyday, your prayers are needed and appreciated. God has been generous and to Him goes all the glory!

Monetary donations to help purchase supplies like soil, soil amendments, trellis materials, soaker hoses, fencing, etc.

If you have **questions, suggestions**, or need to find a different time/day to connect, please email Steph Fairfield at sjfairfield@comcast.net.

Thank you, CUMC family, for your continued support of your Food Pantry Gardens!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Governing Council Update

February was Missions Pledge Month, [but you still have until late March to get your pledges in! Click the link to make your pledge online.](#)

Thank you for your ongoing, generous support of our missions and ministries at Carmel United Methodist Church. Without your service and your gifts, we could never fully live out the example of Jesus Christ to our neighbors in Hamilton County and across the globe.

Our Governing Council and Finance Committee want to keep the congregation informed about the 2024 year-end financials for our church, our pledge drive totals, and the resulting church budget for 2025, which was approved in late January.

This past fall, 169 church families or “giving units” pledged a total of nearly \$950,000 to support the continued operation of our church.

We started the 2024 budget with a deficit of \$280,000 and ended the year with a surplus of \$42,000. How did that happen? First, our church staff did a great job of managing and staying within their budgets. It was also accomplished through your increased giving, both in 2024 and carried over from late 2023.

Looking ahead to 2025, we’re starting with a similar deficit as 2024 of just under \$282,000 – planning with the faith that God will provide. Your pledges, combined with the other expected sources of revenue as shown here, total just over \$1.4 million. Budget expenses total just under \$1.7 million.

There are so many vital things funded from our operations budget:

- It keeps our church doors safely open by paying for utilities, insurance, security, and building and grounds maintenance, which as you may see at home has increased in cost in recent years.
- Printing and postage to stay in touch with you through Sunday worship bulletins and mailers, especially for those who are not smartphone and computer users.
- Any time you see our amazing staff making Disciples and making a difference, you made that happen through your support of their salaries!
- In addition to our worship services and their inspiring music, the budget funds events that bring our church community together including Vacation Bible School, Fall Kickoff, youth retreats and monthly Traditional Music Ministry programs among many, many others.

There are other ways that you contribute to the larger financial picture:

- Celebrating and remembering family and friends on Sundays through donut and altar flower donations
- Purchasing Christmas trees and porch pots to support our youth programs
- Enrolling your children and grandchildren in our preschool, which contributes to the church budget
- And your service and donations that help offset paid expenses

If you would like to learn more about our budget, please speak with a member of our Finance Committee: Tom Goeke, Christine Keith and David Stevens. **Thanks again for your generous support!**

Account	2025
Admin Expenses	\$ 113,750
Building & Ground	\$ 157,000
Church Insurance	\$ 68,600
Connections	\$ 25,500
Misc Benefits	\$ 46,000
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 881,500
Staff Insurance	\$ 73,000
UMC Apportionment	\$ 121,550
Utility	\$ 103,950
Adult Discipleship	\$ 28,700
Children's Ministry	\$ 16,000
Music	\$ 37,500
Worship	\$ 28,100
Young Adult	\$ 1,500
Youth	\$ 53,300
Preschool (NET)	\$ (60,750)
TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 1,695,200

Account	2025
Pledged	\$ 950,000
Unpledged	\$ 350,000
Plate	\$ 5,000
Camps	\$ -
Children	\$ 8,000
Coffee & Donuts	\$ 3,000
Long Term Planning	\$ -
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ -
Baird Dividends	\$ 50,000
Interest/Dividends	\$ 10,000
Facilities Usage	\$ 1,000
Building Maintenance	\$ -
Adult Ministry	\$ 500
Altar Flowers	\$ 3,000
Music	\$ 1,000
Youth	\$ 5,500
Youth Missions/Trips	\$ 9,000
Youth Winterblast	\$ 11,000
Youth Christmas Trees	\$ 12,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,413,500



Calling all children! Our Traditional Music Ministry program for March is for both the young, and the young at heart!

We're hosting a **FREE EVENT** featuring a performance by electric violinist Cathy Morris on **Wednesday, March 12** downstairs in **the HUB**. [RSVP HERE](#) —>



Cathy Morris is a prolific recording artist, composer, arranger and producer who has performed for world leaders and dignitaries including Mikhail Gorbachev and Bill and Hillary Clinton.

It starts at **5:30 p.m.** with pizza, popcorn and treats, followed by the performance around **6 p.m.** [Click here to register](#) so we order enough food and treats!

As a music educator, Cathy has worked with thousands of students each year through convocations, workshops and performing side-by-side concerts with student orchestras. She's looking forward to getting our youngest church members involved!

So what is an electric violin? Much like an electric guitar, it can use effects such as reverb and distortion for use in jazz, rock and pop music. You'll love it!

If you normally don't read The Contact until a few days into the month, there's a cool event happening in early April that you should know about.

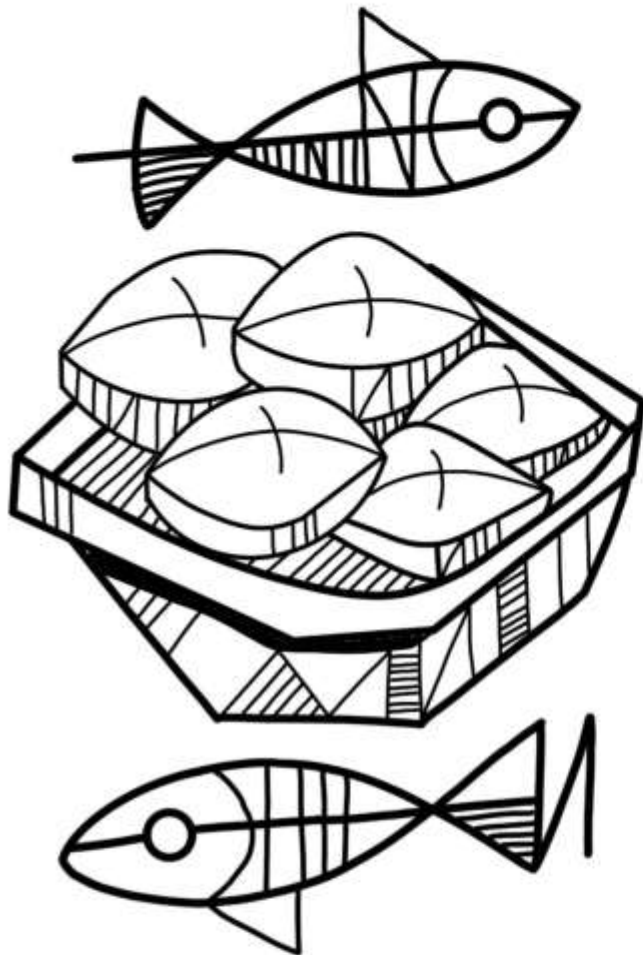
It is our "First Wednesdays" Friends and Family gathering; mark your calendar ahead for **Wednesday, April 2**. We'll meet at **6 p.m. in the Gathering Place** for supper together before we raise our voices in song to praise God. We'll warm up with the hymns for the following Sunday and then rehearse a few weeks of upcoming anthems. Please join us! [RSVP HERE!](#)



If you have questions, or if your group is interested in partnering with us for a music event, contact DMorton@carmelumc.org



We're throwing a party on **Wednesday, May 14**, and you're invited! We're celebrating the Spring season of our Traditional Music program and all who helped contribute. The Chancel Choir will be selling tickets between the 9 and 10:30 a.m. traditional services on April 13, 20 and 27 to provide a headcount to MCL, which is catering the Prime Rib dinner. Tickets will be \$20 per person.



summer missions

It's hard to believe that we are a few, short months away from summer. Which means, we're a few short months away from ALL the events. This summer, our youth will not be going to Nashville as we have in years past. Instead, we will be heading to Charlotte, NC, May 31st - June 8th. We are partnering with CROSS Missions to work in the Charlotte, NC, area to provide tangible solutions to the needs there. As with previous trips, we are in need of volunteers to head down with us. Please contact Ryan or Pastor Jessica ASAP if you're able to join us in service!

**** During Lent, encourage your PARENTS to attend the Lenten study about the saints that takes place at the same time as our Sunday night youth group. [\(click here to learn more\)](#)**

march schedule

High School Ministry

March 2nd: 6pm - 8pm
March 16th: 6pm - 8pm
March 30th: 9am - 3pm

Middle School Ministry

March 9th: 6pm - 8pm
March 23rd: 6pm - 8pm

Confirmation Class

March 16th: 10:30ish - 11:30am
March 23rd: 10:30ish - 11:30am

Confirmand Led Worship

April 23rd, 2025 at 6:30pm
Confirmation Service
April 26, 2025 at 6:30pm

[Click here to DOWNLOAD the Scholarship Application](#)



Attention high school SENIORS: Scholarship Applications are DUE on Wed. April 16.

Link at: carmelumc.org/youth



carmelumc.org/youth



Wilderness Trail

Lace up your hiking boots, bust out your backpack, and get ready for 2025's Wilderness Trail trip! Interested students and adults should contact Ryan ASAP about expectations! This year's trip will be July 7th - 12th!



Bibles & Breakfast

Every Sunday
at 10am in the HUB Cafe

YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED!

Interested in helping shape the next generation of church leaders? Our youth program is always on the look out for volunteers who want to lend a hand on Sunday nights, trips and experiences, and on Sunday mornings. We are in the planning stages right now for how we shape our youth program and we need your input and presence! Contact Ryan, Pastor Jessica, or a current youth leader today to find out how you can join our amazing team!



CIRCLE CITY RELIEF! On Sunday, March 30, our HIGH SCHOOL students are invited to head to Circle City Relief to work alongside this amazing organization. We will be leaving the church at 9am and returning around 4pm. Please [let Ryan or a youth leader know ASAP](#) if you're able to join us!

Building Trust: 2021 Year in Review

With our upcoming 2025 Capital Campaign, the Building Trustees wanted to communicate in this issue and upcoming Contacts, a summary of major projects for last four years and an accounting of fund sources used.

In 2021, we completed the first of four planned phases with our Sanctuary Roof replacement. Besides the replacing the roof with Owens Corning Duration components, the ventilation system was updated and the large box gutter sealed. The total cost of \$54,882 was funded by our capital account.



Additionally, we replaced a deteriorated garage roof at the same time for \$7010.

Also in 2021, we completed the first phase of parking lot replacement (Door 3 Southwest) to address poor drainage and slip risk. The total cost of \$48,413 was funded by our capital account.



The main kitchen heating and cooling system was replaced with a Trane mini-split and WiFi thermostat for \$10,986. The circulating pump for our boiler hot water system to the main level north wing zone was replaced for \$4082. Both HVAC replacements were covered by our heating and cooling yearly operating budget.



In keeping up our beautiful campus landscaping, the over grown shrubs on 126th Street were replaced with slower growing shorter viburnum for \$4946. Additional tree work to remove and replace failing trees cost \$4480.

In summary in 2021, Carmel United Methodist Church spent **\$214,000** with funds coming primarily from our capital account and smaller amounts from our building heating operating budget, an insurance claim and Rushlight Greatest Needs and Maintenance Endowments.



Inside the church in 2021 following a lightning power surge, the entire fire system was replaced by our insurance company claim for \$57,087.

Building Trust: 2022 Year in Review

In the Summer 2022, we completed the second phase of four planned phases with the replacement of the complex North Wing Roof with active ventilation and gutter replacement. After competitive bidding



and specifying Owens Corning materials and long term warranty, this phase cost \$85,773.

2022 also had more ups and downs, as our 1980 installed elevator needed to have hydraulics and controls replaced as well as a flooding sub lower



Led by many church members, all of our interior lights were upgraded to energy saving LEDs. The cost of for the energy saving light investment less Duke rebates was \$26,317 and covered by Rushlight Greatest Needs and the Maintenance Endowment fund sources. **Payback in lower electricity costs was achieved within two years.**

Our last project transformed our Rangeline entrance in time for **Christmas 2022**. Thanks to one of our building trustees, a perfect antique chandelier replacement was



found and new LED canopy lights installed to provide a Christmas glow. Total cost of \$3000 was funded by Rushlight Greatest Needs and a matching grant from the United Methodist Foundation of Indiana.



So in 2022, Carmel United Methodist Church invested **\$248,359** in building projects with funds coming primarily from capital projects with smaller amounts from maintenance endowment, UMF grant and Rushlight Greatest Needs.

Next month, your Building Trustees will report on **2023 and 2024 Projects** and fund sources.

level pit addressed. The total cost of this project was \$107,796 was covered by our capital account.



In 2022, all outside poles and canopy energy hungry lights were replaced with high efficiency LEDs with motion or timers.

After Duke Energy rebates, the total cost was \$14,821 and covered by our capital account and Duke prescriptive rebates.





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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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ELECTRIC VIOLIN & APRIL "FIRST WEDNESDAYS"

YOUTH MINISTRY 12 - 13

MARCH & UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

BUILDING TRUSTEES 14 - 15

A RECAP OF 2021-22 IMPROVEMENTS

THE CONTACT MARCH 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

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for more information about all the happenings at CUMC!

KIDS: In Touch Mar. 21, Survivor Night!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP: Lenten Study

PRESCHOOL: LaBraid Fundraiser! Mar.17 ♥

MUSIC: March 12 Electric Violin & Food! 🎵

YOUTH: Bibles & Breakfast, Summer, & more

MISSION FOCUS: Food Pantry Gardens