

welcome

sunday worship

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. for the Traditional service and at 11:00 a.m. for *The Current*. You can either join us in person at St. Mark’s or view from our website or Facebook page anytime, Visit stmarkscarmel.org/connected.

sunday small groups

Adults

Learn more about Sunday classes and small groups on the Welcome Center screen, on the GROW Connection Tables and at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups. All are welcome to an informal, drop-in gathering called “The Living Room,” meeting in our brand new, permanent space in Room N.

Kidz Church: *(Check-in station & classes located in the Children’s Wing.)*

Nursery & Toddler Care

9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Ages 6 weeks - 3 years

Staffed by trained & experienced leaders, our nursery & toddler areas are here to care for our littlest members.

Kidz Church: 9:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 2, Lower Level

(Children in grades 3 and up are encouraged to remain in worship).

This program opens with worship arts, followed by a rotational style class. Each week includes a variety of fun activity stations like music, drama, Bible stories, crafts, and more.

Kidz Church: 10:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 5, Lower Level

This program opens with music and worship arts, followed by a grade-specific education hour that divides children into the following groups: Preschool (4+) - Grade 1; Grades 2 & 3; Grades 4 & 5. Classes include Bible stories, games, and engaging activities that help children relate God’s Word to their everyday lives.

Kidz Music & Praise: 11:00 a.m.

Ages 4 - Grade 5, Upper Level

This high energy program is an immersive experience that offers children the opportunity to explore the weekly bible story through singing, movement, instruments, drama, puppets, and more! This class also rehearses for seasonal musicals and shares their talents in worship services, programs, and special events.

Children’s Worship Activities

Worship activities for children are available behind the sanctuary! There are shelves with items for children 3+ and Worship Bags for 6+. Please return all materials at the end of the service so they are available for others.

Youth:

10:00 a.m.

Grades 6-12, Youth Wing

This program will start in Room M with a fun activity and announcements, then we will break into middle and high school groups as we dive into God’s Word, build lasting friendships, and grow in our faith together.

circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Dorothy Mecca and Mel & Marlene Myers.

sunday flowers

Flowers this week are given by Lynn Donnelson in memory of her mother.

altar rose

The rose on the altar today celebrates the September 24th birth of Aria Pippa Sargent. She is the daughter of Tessa & Daniel Sargent and the granddaughter of Steve & Joyce Click.

October mission focus

Habitat for Humanity

Having a home is important to the quality of life, health, and economic prosperity of families as well as the entire community. In Indiana, the average hourly wage to afford a two-bedroom unit at the fair market rent is \$22.18; however, the average Indiana renter earns significantly less, at around \$18.05 an hour. Greater Indy Habitat for Humanity offers home ownership opportunities to low-income individuals and families who are unable to obtain conventional home financing. Research shows that Habitat for Humanity’s home ownership program leads to benefits beyond housing, including improved mental health, a decreased reliance on social services, and improved academic achievement of children. You can make a difference in the lives of families right here in central Indiana. Financial donations can be made online at stmarkscarmel.org/give or by using the mission offering envelopes found in blue attendance pads.

THE Current

October 5, 2025	11:00 a.m.	17th Sunday after Pentecost
THE Current		
Welcome & Announcements	Pastor Karla Elliott <i>(Find this week’s announcement slides at stmarkscarmel.org/announcements).</i>	
Worship in Song	<i>The Table</i>	by A. Cox
Worship in Song	<i>I Thank God</i>	by Butler, Bowe, Cline, Moses, & George
Opening Prayer	Scott Melvin	
Kidz Chat		
Passing the Peace		
Message	<i>The Table of Joy Philippians 2:1-13</i>	Pastor Karla Elliott
Communion	<i>Come To The Table</i>	by McDonald, Frey, & Glover
Prayers & Offerings	<i>(Tithes and offerings may be placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary or given online using the QR code inside the bulletin or at www.stmarkscarmel.org/give. May God add God’s blessings to our gifts today and always).</i>	
Sending	<i>The Table</i>	by A. Cox
Blessing		

Rev. Nathan E. Whybrew & Rev. Karla J. Elliott / Pastors
Scott Melvin / Worship Leader

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ST. MARK’S IS A COMMUNITY OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST THAT STRIVES TO **WELCOME** ALL PEOPLE, **GROW** IN KNOWLEDGE AND GRACE, AND **SERVE** OUR NEIGHBORS, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

October 5, 2025

9:00 a.m.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

order of worship

*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude

Kathy Heetland

Introit

Holy, Holy, Holy

by John B. Dykes
St. Mark’s Chancel Choir

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Karla Elliott

(Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of the pew or register your attendance at stmarkscarmel.org/attend. Observe who is sitting near you and greet them after the service).

*Call to Worship

Leader: We hear God’s calling to have joyful spirits as Christ’s followers.

People: **We lift our hearts to be filled with vim and vigor!**

Leader: We know that sometimes it is difficult to be joyful in life.

People: **We recognize that joy is a practice, not just a happy feeling.**

Leader: We open ourselves to the joy that comes with justice.

People: **We make room at this table for joy in all its forms.**

*Opening Hymn

*I Come with Joy
verses 1, 2, & 4*

Hymnal No. 617

*Opening Prayer

Mary Hayes

Let us pray:

God of the joyful table,
you gather us from many places into one family.
We bring our weeks and our worries;
make room for them and for us.
By your Spirit, knit us together and teach us to live our “yes” in word and deed.
Pour your life into us so love overflows in serving and in song.
Stretch the edges of this table until neighbors find welcome and burdens are shared.
Make our joy deep, steady, and brave—joy that heals, forgives, and builds up.
Send us from this feast as one people of grace and gladness.
Amen.

*Passing God’s Peace The Lord be with you. And also with you.		
Kidz Chat		
New Testament Lesson	<i>Philippians 2:1-13</i>	NT 197
This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Anthem	<i>In Remembrance</i>	by Lloyd Larson St. Mark’s Chancel Choir Linda Mitchell-Powell, flute
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings <i>(Offering envelopes may be found in sign-in folder.)</i>		
Prayer of Dedication Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Hymnal No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		
Sermon	<i>The Table of Joy</i>	Pastor Karla Elliott
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper		
Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.		
*Hymn	<i>Marching to Zion verses 1 & 4</i>	Hymnal No. 733
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

Community

To learn about other ways we connect and grow in community at St. Mark’s, visit our website at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/events>.

UWF October Meeting

Tuesday, October 14
9:30-11:30 a.m. | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

All women of the church are invited! There will be light refreshments, devotions, and interest groups! Visit stmarkscarmel.org/uwf for more information.

CPR/AED/First Aid Training

Saturday, October 11 | 9:30 a.m.

Have you ever felt that you would like to have a better understanding of First Aid, how to administer CPR, or how to use CPR equipment? Have you walked past the AED boxes in the hallway of St. Mark’s but didn’t know what they are for? Come to this free training session, and find out more about these life-saving methods. There is no charge, it is not a certification. It will be a wealth of information presented by a trained professional. The class will last approximately 90 minutes. All are welcome! Sponsored by the St. Mark’s United Methodist Men.

The Pumpkin Patch is Open!

Daily from 12:00-6:00 p.m.

The Pumpkin Patch will be open and selling pumpkins every day from noon to 6 PM through October 31st. Grab a friend, a warm mug of apple cider, and sign up for a 2-hour shift to sell pumpkins and meet members of our community! Visit stmarkscarmel.org/pumpkins to sign up.

Grow

Kidz Church Family Pizza Party

Sunday, October 26 | 12:00-1:00 p.m.

All Kidz Church families are welcome to attend the fall pizza party after church in Wesley Hall! There will be plenty of games, food, music, and fun! RSVP to Joyce Click at jclick@stmarkscarmel.org.

Kidz Advent Musical Rehearsals

Every Sunday | 11:00 a.m.

“The Noel Critter Motel” is a delightful musical describing the Christmas story in a most unusual and exciting way! We need all ages of children in the unique retelling of the birth of Jesus! The musical will take place on December 14th. Reach out to Joyce Click for details at jclick@stmarkscarmel.org.

Grief Group begins October 16

Faith Doesn’t Erase Grief | Thursdays
Oct. 16-Nov. 13, Dec. 11 & 18 | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Learn more on the Connection Tables or at stmarkscarmel.org/grief.

Serve

In-Kind & Kidz Monthly Mission: Fletcher Place Christmas Gifts

During October we will be collecting specific clothing items and toys that will be given to the Fletcher Place Community Center for their Christmas Program. This provides a shopping service for qualified parents living in poverty to have Christmas gifts for their families. Fletcher Place will be assembling specific wish lists for respective families, in hopes of providing a nice Christmas for each family. Please visit stmarkscarmel.org/signups or pick up a postcard in the Gathering Area or with a QR code for the sign-up link. Donations should be NEW and UNWRAPPED and may be dropped off at St. Mark’s no later than Friday, October 31st. For more info, contact Amy Adams at aadams@stmarkscarmel.org.

Habitat for Humanity Multifaith Build

Join fellow St. Mark’s members for the 2025 Habitat for Humanity Multifaith Build on October 31st from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 10:30-12:30 p.m. This build brings together congregations from different faiths to strengthen relationships while building and advocating for affordable housing for everyone. Working side-by-side, the Multifaith Build embodies the power of unity through diversity. To sign up for this opportunity, please visit stmarkscarmel.org/signups (deadline Oct. 13th).

Red Bird Mission Trip

Deadline to register is TODAY! Work Camp strives to provide home repair for low-income community residents and maintenance for Mission buildings and grounds in rural Appalachia. All ages and ability levels are encouraged to join the team—there is something for everyone! The cost is \$500 and is due TODAY. Sign up online at stmarkscarmel.org/red-bird.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is a denomination-wide celebration emphasizing the value of education and training. The offering benefits World Communion scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from the U.S. and other countries and provides grants to support training for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity and access. Donate by using the special envelope in your bulletin or online at stmarkscarmel.org/give.

MIA Day Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who put mission into action this last weekend! MIA weekend is a powerful opportunity to come together as a congregation and make a meaningful impact by serving others in need. Details on all we accomplished will be listed in next month’s Jubilee.

Sign up for these opportunities at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.
Donations can be left inside Door #2, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

- ## this week at st. mark’s

Sunday, October 5

 - The Living Room Informal Gatherings (Room N), 10:00 a.m.
 - AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

Monday, October 6

 - Worship Committee (Room B/C), 7:00 p.m.
 - Red Bird Mission Trip Meeting (Room G/H), 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7

 - Hoosier Brass Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 7:00 p.m.
 - Men’s Basketball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.
 - UWF Board (Room G/H), 7:00 p.m.
 - Stewardship Committee (Room B/C), 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8

 - Men’s Bible Study (Room B/C), 8:00 a.m.
 - Wed AM Study (Room J/K), 9:30 a.m.
 - Pastors’ Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
 - ROMEOs (LePeep), 11:00 a.m.
 - Al Anon (Room G/H), 11:30 a.m.
 - Bells Rehearsal (Music Room), 6:00 p.m.
 - Wed PM Study (Room B/C), 6:00 p.m.
 - Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 9

 - Marksmen (Starbucks), 6:30 a.m.
 - Thurs AM Study (The Living Room), 10:00 a.m.
 - AA (Room B/C), 12:00 p.m.
 - Current Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 6:00 p.m.
 - Pickleball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 10

 - No scheduled activities

Saturday, October 11

 - UMM Breakfast, (Wesley Hall & Cornerstone Commons), 7:30 a.m.
 - UMM AED/CPR/First Aid Training (Cornerstone Commons), 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 12

 - The Living Room Informal Gatherings (Room N), 10:00 a.m.
 - Youth Group (Wesley Hall), 5:30 p.m.
 - Disciple Fast-Track Bible Study (The Living Room), 6:00 p.m.
 - AA Meeting (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

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