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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ST. MARK'S
United Methodist Church

April 2022

Celebrate the Resurrection

with us on Easter Morning, April 17

7:00 AM – Sunrise

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM – Traditional

9:40 AM – The Current

stmarkscarmel.org/lent

LENT

Visit stmarkscarmel.org/lent for more information

Easter Tree Transformation

During Lent we are encouraged to consider our relationship to God, focusing on what separates us from God's blessing and love. As we contemplate this we can become aware of our shortcomings, failures and sin. During these 40 days of Lent we invited members of the congregation to bring sticks from home. (We are still looking for sticks that are 1/2" in diameter and about 2 feet long) The tree will be a tangible representation of Christ taking on our sin, our burdens and our suffering. To take the broken pieces of our lives and through the redemptive work of Christ on the cross, and the resurrection, to change this brokenness to a transformed Easter people.



Daily Lenten Prayers

During Lent join us for a daily scripture reading and prayer on Facebook. Prayers will be offered by pastors, members of staff, and various lay leaders of St. Mark's. Join us in prayer during this season of holy preparation and anticipation for the reconciling of God and God's people by the death and resurrection of Jesus!"



Lent Offering Outreach Indiana Wings of Hope

Honor someone special this Lenten season with a gift through St. Mark's **Wings of Hope Campaign**. Your Lenten offerings this year will benefit **Outreach Indiana**, an organization that provides social services, safe haven, and assistance for homeless youth and young adults in Indianapolis. Visit stmarkscarmel.org/wingsofhope to complete the form

online with a minimum donation of \$5.00 per card. Make

a gift *In Honor, In Memory, or In Appreciation* of a special person or group. Honorees will receive an Easter Card from St. Mark's acknowledging your gift and celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. Your donations are given directly to Outreach Indiana to help them continue their mission of providing hope for homeless youth!



Order Easter Flowers Now

Each year, St. Mark's Chancel is filled with spring flowers in celebration of Easter. The flowers are provided by the congregation.

This year we will be offering Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils and Hyacinths for the cost of \$8.00 per pot and may be given in honor of, or in



memory of a friend, loved one, group, etc. There will be a listing of these gifts .

You may also order online at stmarkscarmel.org/lent. The orders must be in the office by April 3 to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Given by: _____

Number of flowers ____ @ \$8.00

Total \$: _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

In Celebration of:

Flowers may be picked up after the 11 AM service Easter or Monday, 4/18 at the church. ***Please note Boston Ferns, Azaleas and Hydrangeas are not available for pickup.***

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 4/16

10:00 AM Brunch | 11:00 Egg Hunt

Bring the whole family to enjoy brunch and an Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny!



The morning will start off

with brunch at 10:00 AM. This will be a pitch-in so please sign up to let us know what brunch item you'd like to bring and how many will be attending. The food will be served by volunteers and coffee and juice will be provided.

The egg hunt itself will begin at 11:00 AM in separate areas for each age. After the eggs are collected, children will then receive a treat bag and listen to a reading of the Easter story.

It promises to be wonderful fun and all are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors! Sign up today!

You may sign up at the Connection tables or online at stmarkscarmel.org/easteregghunt.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday | April 10

8:15 AM, 9:40 AM & 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday | April 14

7:00 PM

Good Friday | April 15

7:00 PM (Child care available)

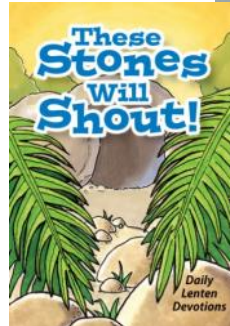
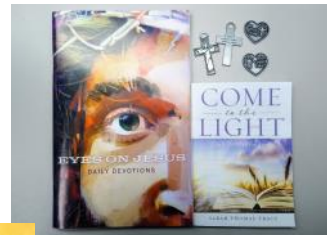
Easter Sunday | April 17

7:00 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:40 AM & 11:00 AM



Pick Up Prayer Books, Family Devotionals, and Lenten Gifts

People often choose to give up something for Lent, but it is also a great time to rest in daily prayer and contemplation. Pick up your copies of family activities and adult devotionals and prayer books from the shelves in the church entrance or table near the Café. Adults can choose either *Eyes on Jesus* or a *Come to the Light* daily prayer booklet. Free Lenten coins and cross tokens are also available.



Dear Co-workers in Christ,

Easter is almost here! As I think about Easter this year I can't help but think about the past couple of years and how the anticipation of Easter was during the worst of the COVID-19 experience. Two years ago we celebrated Easter in our homes with a video worship experience. While it was better than nothing it was less than satisfying. Last year, as we built up to Easter, we had a lot of nervousness and trepidation. Some of our thoughts were: How can we make the environment safer? What if too many people come in person? What if too few people come in person? Will it feel like an Easter celebration if we limit the number attending or add other restrictions? All of these things made the build up to Easter full of anxiety.



Today, as I look forward to Easter, I know that we are in a very different place. When I was a teenager there was a popular song by Carly Simon titled, "Anticipation." The first line to the song is, "We can never know about the days ahead, but we think about them anyway." It is true that we do not know about the days ahead but I have to say that I am living in a state of anticipation right now.

I am anticipating the things that God is doing in our congregation. The way the building renovations are allowing us to gather, to share in recreational activities, to study, and to worship is new and exciting ways.

I am anticipating sacred moments as we worship during this season of preparation. I look forward to the palms and processing to shouts of "Hosannah." I look forward to the somber contemplation of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and the eerie sacredness of "Were You There" sung in a darkened sanctuary.

I am anticipating seeing happy children at our Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt on April 16. I look forward to watching their faces as they play and as they hear the Easter story.

I am anticipating the jubilant celebration of Easter morning. I look forward to welcoming the sunrise and we celebrate the son's rise. I look forward to the choir singing, to brass playing, to pre-school made butterflies, and to a blow out celebration of the resurrection of Christ!

Oh, what a difference a year makes!

I hope you are living in anticipation right now as well. I believe God has great things for the people of God at St. Mark's UMC and in the world. Romans 8:19 says, "For the creation waits in eager expectation . . ." As God's creation, let us wait in eager anticipation of all that God has in store for us!

In Christ's service,

Brian

The Pastor's Place

Julia Gonzales, Associate Pastor
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Dear St. Mark's,

Long ago, when Methodism was just a movement and not a full denomination, John Wesley used a method called itinerant preaching to establish different Methodist societies. He would hop on his horse and ride to different towns, spreading the Good News and meeting people where they were. That practice of having a pastor travel from one town or church to another is a practice that continues to this day. It reminds us that The United Methodist Church is a connectional church, no church standing alone. It also helps keep pastors humble as we look at the big picture and recognize that the work of an individual church has to go beyond any one of us. The work of the church cannot rest solely in the hands of a pastor, but must be with the people.



Knowing this academically and living it out are two different things. As part of my call to be a pastor in The United Methodist Church the bishop has appointed me to a new placement. Starting July 1, 2022 I will be serving as the solo pastor of Main Street United Methodist in Kokomo, IN. Kyle and I are feeling the full range of emotions and reactions from sadness at saying goodbye and excitement for the work that God is continuing to do with us and will continue to do at St. Mark's. These emotions are all part of the process, but I take comfort in the truth that the Church is bigger than just one person and the truth in Jeremiah's words. (Jeremiah 29:11-14 CEB) "I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me." Let us continue to do the work that God has called us to do, to trust and seek knowing that God will reveal.

Take care,

Julia

Mission Focus

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Fletcher Place Community Center



Did you Know?

- With roots in the United Methodist Church, Fletcher Place Community Center was started in 1872, as a small outreach in the South side of downtown Indianapolis. This year they celebrate 150 years of supporting families, youth and homeless all year long! Fletcher Place strives to compassionately provide programs that ease the burden of low to moderate income individuals who struggle with life's basic needs. Hunger and financial deficiencies continue to be a reality in Indianapolis, especially during the pandemic.
- Fletcher Place provides programs such as a Free Thrift Store, Food Pantry, Christmas Program, Golden Age, Hot Meals, and daily distribution of sack meals.
- Last year Fletcher Place provided over 39,000 meals to hungry families through the food pantry.
- FPCC is currently transitioning to expand the reach of their services, partnering with Southeast Community Services (SECS), who are located at nearby 901 S. Shelby. SECS have provided a limited food pantry, coaching for employment, education, access to financial support, helping families move toward financial independence, as well as HealthNet health clinic. This exciting new partnership combines services of both centers, highlighting their expertise in assisting families with a continuum of care, while also allowing the current space on Prospect to be focused on their preschool program, REACH Early Learning.

How Can I Help?

- Donate to Fletcher Place's food pantry (Instant Oatmeal packets, Canned Veggies, Fruit and Meat, Canned Soups, Canned Chili, Rice; Beans, and Cereal).
- Donate financially in the Mission envelopes or give online at stmarkscarmel.org/give.
- Volunteer to help cook and serve one Friday a month at Fletcher Place.

For more information, visit stmarkscarmel.org/missions or fletcherplacecc.org.

Donation & Service Opportunities

Blood Drive

Sunday, April 24 | 8:00 AM- 1:00 PM

EMERGENCY NEED

for blood donations:

The ongoing COVID-

19 crisis, a series of

tragedies in the

Midwest and

decreased holiday

donations have resulted in a dangerously

low blood supply - the lowest in a decade -

and a potential crisis for our communities.

Donations are needed immediately, or

patients' lives could be at risk. Please

consider being a blood donor at your local

Versiti location or at St. Mark's on April 24!

Contact Mindy Davis at

Melinda.kay.moore.davis@gmail.com

for more info. Sign up online at

stmarkscarmel.org/signups.



Fletcher Place Breakfast

Friday, April 22

Breakfast now at 901 S. Shelby Street

NEW LOCATION & NEW DAY FOR

BREAKFAST

SERVING! St.

Mark's has long

provided

breakfast, once

a month, for

Fletcher Place

Community

Center. We are

excited for the return of serving hot meals

in person, to the Fletcher Place community,

at their new location, which includes new

meal schedules. St. Mark's will now continue

to provide breakfast on the fourth FRIDAY

morning of each month. Volunteers meet at

St. Mark's, load up supplies, drive to

Fletcher Place, where meals are cooked and

served. Thank you for helping keep hungry

Indianapolis fed! Contact Stephanie Cohen

for more info at scohen@stmarkscarmel.org

or sign up today at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.



Changing Footprints Sending Shoes to Ukraine

Help is needed to collect and sort shoes for a 5000 pair

shipment to Ukrainian refugees, in the next few weeks!

Bring your friends, family, your small group, coworkers,

and anyone age 5 & older. Sitting down while sorting is

available. If non-vaccinated, you must wear a mask.

Sorting location is 10291 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

Signup at bit.ly/CFsign-up to see sorting dates and times needed and sign up directly with

Changing Footprints. Have shoes to donate but can't go to a sorting time? - Bring your

donated shoes to St. Mark's designated drop off box inside door #2. For questions about

sorting or if you'd like to arrange an alternate time for your group that's not listed, contact

Bob Broughton at Indybroughton@yahoo.com or 317-727-4186.



Brightwood Community Center

Help is needed at
Brightwood
Community Center
Food Pantry



"I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." Brightwood Community Center, 2140 N. Arsenal Ave, Indianapolis, is providing food for families at various locations near BCC every **second** Tuesday & Wednesday of each month. Your hands can help!

- Tuesday from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. to sort and box food
- Wednesday from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. to box perishables and load recipient's cars in food distribution

Please contact Diane Newton for exact location, more information, and to sign up at 317-288-4523 or joediane244@att.net.

Night Without a Bed

Saturday, April 30

The Night Without A Bed campaign launches April 1, 2022. Join Family Promise for the sleepout **Saturday, April 30** at University United Methodist Church.



Most of us have warm and comfortable beds to sleep in each night. Family Promise receives daily calls from families in Indianapolis seeking shelter. Thanks to the support from **#NightWithoutABed** last year, \$200,000 was raised to support the Apartment Shelter Program! Help is needed to keep those units rented. Can you spend a night without your bed to raise awareness and support? Visit stmarkscarmel.org/night-without-a-bed for more info and to join Team St. Mark's!

Food Pack

THANK YOU to all who helped at our recent Rice Meal Food Pack, with Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We packed 14,460 rice & veggie meals that will be shipped to those hungry families in need. We enjoyed serving together while having fun and fellowship! Because you give, St. Mark's gives!



Club 56 Mission Camp

Monday, June 13—Thursday June 16

9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Incoming and outgoing 5th & 6th graders are invited to participate in St.



@ St. Mark's

Marks' annual Mission Camp. Youth will learn about the importance of mission outreach while safely serving others and having fun fellowship! Register at stmarkscarmel.org/signups by June 9. Contact Stephanie Cohen with questions at scohen@stmarkscarmel.org.



Because You Give, St. Mark's Gives!

Thank you for your generous support of the missions of St. Mark's. Since the March newsletter we have given to:

- **Fletcher Place Community Center:** 64 meals served, 10 bags of food and household supplies, 15 containers of oatmeal, 50 hygiene bags packed by Confirmation Class
- **Midwest Mission Distribution Center:** 14,460 rice meals from Food Pack
- **Mission Guatemala:** \$3338 (updated amount)
- **Outreach Indiana:** 5 bas of clothes, 5 bags of snack foods, 1 backpack
- **Second Helpings:** 21 bags of cooking supplies
- **Third Phase Christian Center:** 4 bags of food and household supplies
- **Travel Size Toiletries for Homeless Shelters:** 7 bags

Sunday Morning Offerings

NURSERY & TODDLER CARE

8:15 AM, 9:40 & 11:00 AM

Staffed by experienced, caring adults and teens, our nursery is here to help care for our littlest members.

KIDZ LEARN & GROW | 9:40 AM & 11:00 AM

Children have a blast learning about God, beginning with Worship followed by lively & age-appropriate programs taught by a trained team of enthusiastic volunteers. We'll enjoy Bible Stories, experiment, crafts, and games!

CLUB 56 | 9:40 AM

For students entering fifth and sixth grade. Club 56 weaves together Bible instruction, some theology, service projects and relationship building. All 5th & 6th graders are welcome to come join the fun! Feel free to invite friends, grandchildren, and neighbors!

KIDZ MUSIC & PRAISE | 11:00 AM

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord with in-person and hybrid programming during this fun-filled hour each week. Children participate in this high energy class that incorporates music, drama, art & puppets. Contact Joyce Click, jclick@stmarkscarmel.org for a Zoom invitation to participate in the class. Kidz Music & Praise will be singing with the Adult Choir on Palm Sunday at the 11:00 AM service.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Check out the Connect with Kidz website at stmarkscarmel.org/kidzconnect/ to find weekly Kidz Church, Club 56 and Kidz Music & Praise resources.
- Join our [St Marks Kidz Facebook](#) page to watch a weekly Bible Story, worship and get family activity ideas .

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

9:30 AM—11:15 AM

4/21 | Make Love Your Legacy with Seana Scott

4/28 | Must-Do Indiana Childhood Checklist with Katy Mann

Women Supporting Women. MOPS continues

to grow. Come join together with a group of women who just get it (and drink a cup of coffee while it is still

warm!). Our MOPS group

meets on Thursday mornings for fellowship and learning with children's programming available for infants and preschoolers. There are also monthly MOPS Moms' Night Out events, family play dates, and child-free monthly coffee/brunch dates. Learn more at mopsatst.marks@gmail.com.



Preschool Dine-Out Fundraiser

Papa Murphy's | Wednesday, 4/13

People love eating pizza; it tastes great, comes with so many topping options, and can even be healthy too! This month, satisfy your pizza cravings and help the St. Mark's Preschool at the same time by buying from Papa Murphy's Take and Bake Pizza at 1950 E Greyhound Pass in Carmel between 12-7p. More details available at stmarkscarmel.org/events/.

VBS Help Needed!

Monday 7/11—Friday 7/15

Volunteer leaders and donations needed this summer for Monumental VBS. Contact Children's Education team at kidzchurch@stmarkscarmel.org if you are interested in serving as a VBS team leader. For donation needs visit stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

Save the Date

Celebrating 3 Year Olds

Sunday, May 8

Toddler Recognition Sunday will be on Sunday, May 8th for three-year olds at St. Mark's. Families are invited to send a picture of their toddler to kidzchurch@stmarkscarmel.org by 5/4 (even if they cannot attend on 5/8).

Kidz Music & Praise

Lunch & Learn Family Social

Sunday, April 24 | 12:00 PM—1:00 PM

Parents and children are invited to learn, socialize, and play musical games in Cornerstone Commons. Lunch provided, all ages welcome.

Summer Camp with Impact 2818

Church camp is designed to help children



IMPACT 2818 EVENTS
Church Camp
Residential & Day Events
Six Indiana Locations

thrive on their spiritual journey. The United Methodist Churches of Indiana offers excellent camps through Impact 2818: Outdoor Ministries. In addition to lots of fun, summer church camp can also provide transformational experiences in the life of a child. St. Mark's is looking to coordinate summer camp sessions this summer to help children build community with others from our church while also meeting many other children from across the state. Information on individual and family camps in Indiana is available at impact2818.org/camps/. Early registration closes 4/15/2022.

Club 56 Upcoming Events

Friday, 4/22, 6:00 PM - Saturday, 4/23 12:00 PM

Lock-ins are a chance for 5th & 6th grade students to gather together, play games, watch movies, and grow closer to each other, all while also spending some time in prayer and devotion. Any youth, male and female, in grades 5 and 6 are welcome to attend. Guys will sleep in the Middle School Room (Room M) and ladies in the High School room (Room N). Pizza and snacks will be provided on Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning. Cost \$10 per student. For more information visit stmarkscarmel.org/youth.



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Weekly Gatherings

SUNDAY MORNING

Club 56 (grades 5 – 6) | 9:40 AM

Students in 5th and 6th grade will meet in the lower-level den. As always, inviting friends is encouraged! For more info visit stmarkscarmel.org/club56/

Cornerstone AM- Middle School | 9:40 AM

Middle School students will meet in Room M where we'll read and discuss God's word and interactively apply it to everyday life. We'll use the Bible, videos/movies, and anything else we can think of to learn and have fun. Inviting friends is always encouraged. Contact Aaron Koenig, aaron.koenig@wellpoint.com.

SUNDAY EVENING

Cornerstone Fellowship (grades 7-12) | 5:00 PM

We gather weekly in Cornerstone Commons for a time of games, fellowship, worship, a quick message, and small groups. We hope to be able to serve dinner each week as well.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Lenten Bible Study | 3/2-4/13 | 5:00 PM

In-person & Instagram Live.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

DKB@Starbucks | 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

DKB will be at the Starbucks at 131st Street and Hazel Dell Parkway from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Feel free to join him for conversation, coffee, or just to catch up. Parents are welcome as well.

Upcoming Events

4/3 | No Cornerstone Fellowship

4/10 | Cornerstone Fellowship

4/17 | No Cornerstone Fellowship (Easter)

4/24 | Cornerstone Evening Out
Great Times

5/15 | Cornerstone Cookout
5:00 PM—7:00 PM

5/20-5/22—Spring Retreat-Epworth Forest

Spring Retreat

EPWORTH CENTER

Friday, May 20—Sunday, May 22

You can count on this being a wonderful time to grow together in faith and friendship. As always, we request that you come with a heart to learn and an expectation to encounter God.

We will NEED parents/adults to help drive and spend the night with us. Please indicate your willingness to help when you sign up your student(s).

Any students currently in 6th through 12th grade are invited to attend. Cost \$95 per youth. Signup at stmarkscarmel.org/signup.

Summer Events

Sunday, 6/19– Saturday, 6/25 | Port Huron, MI
Workcamp

Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/workcamp.

Sunday, 7/24– Friday, 7/29

Week of Hope

Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/weekofhope

Adult Discipleship

Dr. Jennifer Cloud-Buckner, Adult Discipleship Coordinator
grow@stmarkscarmel.org

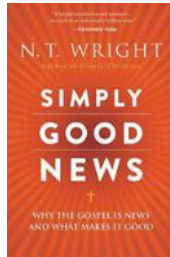
Simply Good News

WEDNESDAYS, 4/20-6/22, 6:30 AM & 9:30 AM

Led by Pastor Brian White | Hybrid online and Room B/C | Book \$14

The Gospel means good news. But if the message has been around for 2,000 years, what makes it significant today? What's so "good" about stories involving damnation, violence, and a God who sacrifices his only son? Bible scholar N.T.

Wright shows how Christians today have lost sight of what the "good news" of the gospel really is. In *Simply Good News*, Wright takes us back in time to reveal how the gospel's original audience in the 1st century would have received Jesus' message. He offers a clear and thoughtful analysis of what the "good news" really is, applies it to our lives today, and reveals its power to transform us.



Forgiveness Study

THURSDAYS, 4/14-5/19, 9:30-11:00 AM

Led by Judy Woempner | Hybrid online and Room B/C | Study Guide \$12 or Full Book is \$15, Bundle price for both is \$22.

If your mind is stuck in overdrive because you repeatedly play back others' offenses, this study of *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* is for you. As author Lysa TerKeurst shares her deeply personal journey with forgiveness, resentment,



and searching for peace, you'll learn a step-by-step plan to let go of bound-up resentments, to free yourself from hurt, to disempower triggers that hijack your emotions, and to deal with difficult relationships. This group will follow the video study guide, and the optional full book is available. (Buy both at a discounted Bundle price).

Chasing Vines: Finding Your Way to an Immensely Fruitful Life

FRIDAYS 4/15-5/20, 9:30-11:00AM

Led by Stephanie Cohen | Hybrid online and Room B/C | Study Guide is \$11 or Optional full book is \$14, Bundle price for both is \$20.

Does the field of your life feel like rocky soil? Beloved Bible teacher Beth Moore explores the ways God delights in watching things grow--and how the vineyard holds the secret to a more abundant and meaningful life as we abide in the vine of Christ. If you've ever tended your own garden, you know that the fruit is the most delicious when you've seen it grow. As she traces the metaphor through Scripture, Beth Moore uncovers how every part of our own lives—even the rockiest soil—can be used to make a difference for God's kingdom. This study will be using the Study Guide (\$11). You can bundle with the full book for a total of \$20. Individual full book is \$14.



Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups or on the Grow Connection tables.

Racial Dialogue Circles

Tuesdays, April 12-May 10 | 6:30-8:30PM | Room B/C

The Social Justice Committee is hosting a 5-week series of discussions called Racial Dialogue Circles with the assistance of former District Superintendent Rev. Michelle Cobb and E4Potential Living, Inc. From the training website: "In our society, today, we find that people and groups are hesitant to engage with 'others' who are from a different race or culture. This hesitation is found in School Districts, Municipalities, Churches and Businesses. E4Potential Living, Inc. provides training that equips individuals and organizations to engage with others who are of a different race or culture. This engagement has the potential of bringing about individual and community transformation."

There will be 12 participants, of which we are seeking 6 interested of our congregation. The meetings are 2 hours long starting at 6:30 pm on the dates of April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10. The expectation is to attend all 5 sessions. For questions, contact the Social Justice Chair, Ken Steppe (ksteppe@aol.com). Please sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.

Fertility Struggles Encouragement Group

April 14, May 12 | 6:00-7:00PM | Lemon's Bakery & Café (at Needler's Market)

This monthly encouragement group is offering support to women who have had struggles with fertility and miscarriages. If you are interested in joining this group, email Pastor Julia at jgonzales@stmarkscarmel.org.

Widows Encouragement Group

March 31, then 2 meetings per month in April and May | 6:00-7:30PM | Room B/C

Our new Encouragement Group for those who have been widowed—whether recently or long ago—has begun! Call the office or email Jennifer Cloud-Buckner (grow@stmarkscarmel.org) for updated details, or sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups. This group is a chance to find a listening ear through shared experiences, anniversaries, unexpected griefs and joys, and all the new practicalities one experiences in widowhood.

Sunday Morning Groups

9:15 AM (after the early service)

- Venture Class (Room B/C)
- Sun AM Encouragement Group (for those dealing with care of aging parents. Call church office or email grow@stmarkscarmel.org for info.

9:40 AM

- Open Doors/Open Ideas (Room L): Led by Chuck Blair, discussing the *Wired Word* and watching videos on Christian themes.
- Cutting Edge (Room G/H + Online): Led by Steve Click, discussions in this class follow the weekly lectionary.
- Foundations & Friendships (Room J/K + Online). Continuing *Holy Disunity* now through April.

11:00 AM

- Reel Spirituality (Online, some weeks in Room G/H as well) - watching films with Christian themes at home and then discussing together during meeting.

Sign up and see more info at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups or on the GROW Connection Tables in the Gathering Area. Questions? Email Jennifer Cloud-Buckner (grow@stmarkscarmel.org).

Open Groups

UMW

St. Mark's United Methodist Women
Tuesday, 4/8 | 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Welcome

Springtime as
our UMW-slowly
steps into **United
Women of Faith.**



We will certainly continue to be United Methodist Women at heart, and adapt the newer programs for membership nurturing and for drawing new members into our fellowship of faith. We hope you can join us in Cornerstone Commons on April 12th 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM, for our next monthly gathering. Light refreshments are served at each meeting, inspiration will be gained, fellowship of friends is definitely going to be present, and opportunities to fulfill our mission of community outreach are planned.

INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Cultural Insights

In the Cultural Insights Group this month, Pat Parks will offer experiences and information about her opportunity to live in England, Germany, and Ireland. We will learn about the people and cultures, as well as the churches based in these regions.

Caring and Sharing

The Care and Share Interest Group has created and delivered 49 baskets. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will continue to be used. Your donations of craft supplies and individual foods/snack and hot cocoa/hot cider type items is greatly appreciated and all your thoughtful gift items are being used.

Bookworms 2022 Books

Gail Lee facilitates the discussion in April with *And Then There were None* by Agatha Christie.

Spiritual Reflections (AM only)

Rodene Gosselin continues studying *Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom*.

Color and Chat (AM only)

Join us for calm coloring of beautiful cards, and meaningful discussion.

Bookmarkers 2022 Books (PM only)

Deb Skinner will lead the discussion of *The Beantown Girls* by Jane Healey (For WWII History Month).

THE UMW READING PROGRAM

Monday, April 25 | 7:00 PM—8:30 PM

“Your Window to the World” meets five times a year to discuss books selected by the United Methodist Women’s National Office. The next discussion, is from Leadership Development Category in the church library. For more information or to be added to the reading email list email Kathy Lentz at KathyLentz@gmail.com

Trinkets & Treasures

Friday, May 27 & Saturday May 28

When you are spring cleaning, remember to save your unwanted Trinkets and Treasures for our annual garage sale in May. It is UMW’s largest fundraiser and all hands on deck will be needed to make it a success. Whether you can volunteer for a couple of hours or a whole day, it all helps.

We are still looking for 1 or 2 more volunteers to help co-chair this event with Peggy Hoy. If you are willing and able, please contact her at pahat664@gmail.com.



UMM Breakfast Meetings

Saturday, 4/2 | 7:30 AM

Ireland travels of John Wesley

Brian White, Speaker

**NOTE THIS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED
BECAUSE OF CARMEL MARATHON**

The United Methodist Men invite all men to our April Meeting where Brian White, Roger Schenk, Linda Schenk and Michelle White will be speaking about their recent trip to Ireland. Men and women are welcome to join this meeting.

The United Methodist Men Breakfasts are normally held the 2nd Saturday of every month. Please plan to attend and invite other men to join us for this special gathering.

UMM provides a supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily God's will. UMM has donated to many Missions. For more information, visit stmarkscarmel.org/umm.

For more information about UMM or to be added to the email list, contact Mike Bultemeier, umm@stmarkscarmel.org Join us!

Summer at St. Mark's

For a full listing of events and activities available at St. Mark's this Summer, go to stmarkscarmel.org/events

Marksmen

Panera Bread (Range Line)

4/7 & 4/21 | 6:30 AM

A community of career-and family-focused men seeking to develop relationships while we unplug from the daily stress that life can bring. We meet periodically. if you have any questions or would like to be put on our list, email

marksmen@stmarkscarmel.org.

MOBS (Methodists on Bikes)

Weather is beginning to warm & plans for another St. Mark's MOB Methodists on Bikes) season are starting to roll in May.



This adult bicycling group will begin to meet the 1st & 3rd Saturdays and 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month for recreation rides. (May- September)

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM – One-hour rides starting from St. Mark's and winding through local neighborhoods & trails for 10-12 miles.

Saturdays, 7:30 AM – Fast paced rides on county roads for 15 miles or more. Starting location & length of ride determined by ride leader.



WELCOME : GROW : SERVE

Open Group Schedule

Mondays

COFFEE 'N CAMERAS

Monday, 4/18 | 9:00 AM

This self-help camera group meets for conversation about photographic art & technique. Bring your camera & your questions. Contact Ken Shultz, ken_shultz@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Tuesdays

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM | 7:00 PM

Join us every Tuesday for Open Gym Basketball for ages 16 and above. Contact Mark Moore, mvm2920@aol.com for more information.

PAGE TURNER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, 4/19 | 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

[The Other Side of the River](#) by Alex Kotlowitz

Join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month if you enjoy good books, discussions, and a shared evening with new/old friends. If you have any questions, contact Marcia Flora, mflora1950@yahoo.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Friday, 4/15 | 11:00 AM | Chapel

Join us as we prayerfully knit and crochet prayer shawls that will be used to provide comfort and solace to people in need. Supplies are available. Men are welcome too! This is a change of date from the last newsletter. Contact Judy Bonnet, bonnetjm@icloud.com for more information.

Wednesdays

ROMEOS (RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT)

Le Peep | 86th & Keystone | 11:00 AM

All men are invited to meet weekly at Le Peep's. Contact Don Mehl for more information at djmehl2004@aol.com

VOLLEYBALL OPEN GYM | 6:30 PM

Join us every Wednesday for Open Gym Volleyball for ages 16 and above. Playing experience is recommended. Come ready to have fun! For more information contact Ed Rowell, jackieanded@gmail.com.

Thursdays

JULIETS

Thursday, 4/21 | 11:30 AM

Houlihan's Hamilton Town Center

Juliets (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Out Together) Contact Barbara Johnson, (317) 863-2689, timberblj@gmail.com, or text 303-918-6308 by 4/18 so correct reservations can be made.

PICKLEBALL

Thursdays | 7:00 PM

Join us on Thursdays for Open Gym Pickleball (for 16 years olds and above.) Contact Janet Brown or Doug Brown, dthbrown@gmail.com for more information.

CRAFT & HOBBY GROUP

Thursday, 4/21 & 5/19 | 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship as we each enjoy our craft or hobby. We will follow all guidelines established by the church at the time of our gatherings.

RSVP to Kathy Bartel, 317-294-4908 or krbartel@gmail.com.

Committee News

Church Council

The church Council met on March 16th. We reaffirmed that our goals are embodied in our church message: WELCOME GROW SERVE. We will be keeping these goals in mind as we work on our committees and groups.

We completed our brain storming actions for this year and are moving on to implementing our ongoing work and the new ideas. We need your support and participation as we work to WELCOME GROW and SERVE.

Library

Check out the latest new books to be added to our library collection. They are displayed on the shelves under the courtyard window and include both fiction and nonfiction. New and seasonal children's books will be found on the top shelves of the children's section. Please sign and date the card in the back of each book and leave it in the plastic box on the checkout table inside the library door. The book return box is located just inside of door #2.



Job Opportunities

CHILDCARE JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Mark's is looking to hire several (paid) childcare staff. Childcare helpers needed during weekday mornings and occasionally during the early evening. All training provided. Please contact Ramie Cooney at rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org to apply or for more information.

YOUTH INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Ministry is excited to announce paid internship opportunities for Summer 2022. Work schedules will be flexible and approximately 15 hours per week during the summer months for youth (who must have at least completed their sophomore year of high school through college graduates). For more information visit stmarkscarmel.org/jobs.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee would like to thank those who participated in the book discussion, “I’m Still Here” by Austin Channing Brown. For more reading on our current theme regarding racism, check out “I Take My Coffee Black” by Tyler Merritt and “Black Birds in the Sky” by Brandy Colbert. Both are available in audiobook format read by the respective authors.

A more intense study on racism facilitated by Rev. Michelle Cobb called Racial Dialogue Circles will be offered at St. Mark’s. This study will consist of five meetings, once a week starting on April 4. See page 15 or stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.

In coordination with the Youth Ministry program at St. Mark’s, we will be scheduling a viewing of the film “Finding Fellowship” This documentary shows how three churches came together in finding reconciliation. Look for more information on the date in the near future.

Our theme for early summer will be addressing Native American social inequities and the United Methodist missions that serve in the western United States. This will serve as a lead-in to the VBS theme for this summer, Monumental Adventure.

SPRC

Dear St. Mark’s Family,

It is our task to inform the church that Bishop Julius C. Trimble has appointed Rev. Julia Gonzales to serve as pastor of Main Street United Methodist Church in Kokomo, Indiana, beginning July 1, 2022. We are very grateful for the ministry that Pastor Julia has provided to St. Mark’s these past four years and wish her well as she moves to her first solo pastor appointment. She will be continuing her work at St. Mark’s for the next few months, and we will provide opportunities to celebrate her ministry as her transition date draws closer.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be working with our Conference Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Saneta Maiko, to give him vital information about the mission and ministry of our church as the Bishop and Superintendents work on the selection of our next Associate Pastor. We have already begun the process of providing general information about the church and specific information about our hopes and needs for the Associate Pastor position.

In the meantime, please pray for Pastor Julia and Kyle, our SPRC members, the Bishop, and Superintendents, that we all might have a clear leading about the next pastor.

Karen Reist, Staff-Parish Relations
Committee Chairperson
Brian White, Lead Pastor

Community News

Directory Updates

Jay & Judy Bonnet
14226 James Dean Drive
Carmel, IN 46033-9866

Sympathies

To Kathy Bartel at the death of Michael Grayson, her father.

To the family of Loren Marley at his death.

Births

At the birth 3/9 of Gabriel William Nemeth. Parents Jessica and Phil; grandparents Liz and Don Rix; aunt and uncle Jennifer & Matt Reynolds.

Circle of Care

The Circle of Care list includes St. Mark's members and friends who are homebound or in a care facility. Your prayers for these brothers and sisters in Christ mean so much to them and to their families.

Myrneth Anderson	Jean Anderson
Don Ranck	Doris Carlow
Annette Dunlap	Phyllis Delp
Phyllis Gidley	Jerry Delp
Georgia Herzog	Hilda Meyers
Betty Lachman	Dorothy Mecca
Ola Morrow	Jane Roberts
Melvin Myers	Marlene Myers
Jerry Weikel	Brenda Weikel

To the Congregation

Dear St. Mark's Family,

Thank you very much for the beautiful plant and the kind words of support we've received at the death of my dad, Mike Grayson.

We miss him, but know he is in God's arms now.

Sincerely,
Kathy & Dave Bartel

Dear St. Mark's Family,

Thank you for all the love and support over the last month. The beautiful Azalea arrangement and Julia's support and help with the funeral were just amazing. The ceremony was exactly what our family needed to bring closure and commence the healing process. Our hearts are full of gratitude to Pastor Julia and the St. Mark's family.

Lori Mckeown & Family

Upcoming Events

Orchestra Concert

Sunday 5/1 | 12:00 PM

Bring your own lunch and join St. Mark's Orchestra for the annual pops concert. Dessert will be provided. Be sure to enter the drawing to conduct the orchestra!



Spring Celebration Dinner

Tuesday, 5/10 | 6:00 PM

Be sure and circle your calendar for Tuesday, May 10th - St. Mark's Spring Celebration Supper! Exciting plans are in place for a gathering of the women of our church and their children. Fun Activities, Delicious Food, and a truly special - brief program, guarantees uniting multi-generational ages with memories that will be cherished. Invite all your St. Mark's friends! More details and information about tickets will be coming soon. Plan to be with us for this evening! You will not want to miss this joyous celebration!



Game Night

Saturday, May 14 | 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

When was the last time you played a game?? Have you been craving some social time with friends and family? Join in the fun at Game Night at St. Marks! Play an old favorite or learn a new game - there will be plenty of options for fun ;-). Whether you like card games, board games, or you're a Euchre champ, it's all here for you! There will be something for everyone - young and old - singles, couples and families - all are welcomed! You might even win a prize! Bring a dessert or a snack to share or just show up! Look for details on signing up.



New Member Class

Sunday, 4/24, 5/1 & 5/22 | 2:00 PM—3:30 PM

Are you interested in exploring membership at St. Mark's? We invite you to join us for a three-week class to learn more about St. Mark's, get to know the pastors, and meet others investigating membership. We will discuss the mission and vision of St. Mark's and committing to a lifelong discipleship journey.

The new member class will be offered in a hybrid format in either room B/C or on Zoom.

Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps or contact **Missi Koenig** at mkoenig@stmarkscarmel.org. Childcare is available with 72 hour advance notice.

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Time to Picnic & Play

Tuesday, 6/7 & 7/21 | 6:00 PM

Save the date for these new events--two gatherings for all ages outside and in Wesley Hall with music, treats, celebration, and creative activities for missions and fun. Rain location will be in Wesley Hall.



Trinkets & Treasures

Friday, 5/27 & Saturday 5/28

Trinkets and Treasures is an annual garage sale held in May. It is UMW's largest fundraiser - all funds raised go to support missions. Make sure you save the date whether you bring items to sell or come and shop.



St. Mark's PRESENTS

Cello Recital with Lori Horner, Cello | Sunday, 5/15 | 2:00 PM

You're invited! Please join us for a Sunday Afternoon Recital with Dr. Lori Honer. When live performances ceased due to the pandemic, cellists throughout the world turned to Bach's Cello Suites for comfort, solace and joy. In celebration of the return to live performance and of the 300th anniversary of the composition of J. S. Bach's Cello Suites, this recital will feature several of the Suites and storytelling about the music, Bach, Pablo Casals and a few personal musings. We look forward to seeing you then

Children Summer Opportunities

Registration Open stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

Club 56 Mission Camp

Monday, June 13—Thursday June 16 | 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Incoming and outgoing 5th & 6th graders are invited to participate in St. Marks' annual Mission Camp. Youth will learn about the importance of mission outreach while safely serving others and having fun fellowship!

Registration coming soon. Contact Stephanie Cohen with questions at scohen@stmarkscarmel.org



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KMP Puppet Camp, Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Monday, 6/20-Friday, 6/24 | 9:45AM—11:30 AM

Children (Age 4-Grade 3) will make and use puppets to tell the stories of Jesus, play fun games and enjoy a snack daily. Cost \$20 with scholarship funds available. Friends are welcome and do not need to attend St. Mark's. Camp performance to be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 24th. Older students are invited to assist. Camp is directed by Joyce Click.

KMP Drama Camp, Dynamic Truths and Tales,

Monday, 6/20- Friday, 6/24 | 12:00 PM -2:30 PM

Students (Grades 1-4) will sing and act out dynamic stories from the Old Testament, play fun games, and enjoy snack daily. Cost \$20 with scholarship funds available. Friends are welcome and do not need to attend St. Mark's. Older students are invited to assist. Camp is directed by Joyce Click. There will be a drama camp performance at 2:00 PM on Friday, June 24th and a medley of songs will be performed on Sunday, June 26th at 11:00 AM.

Monumental VBS 2022,

Monday, 7/11—Friday, 7/15 | 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Go off-road at St. Mark's United Methodist Church for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the Southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids will form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

