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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ST. MARK'S
United Methodist Church

March 2022

~~ir~~ Reconcilable Differences

a Lenten Worship Series



LENT

Visit stmarkscarmel.org/lent for more information

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 3/2 | 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

In-person and [livestream](#) available. Childcare available.



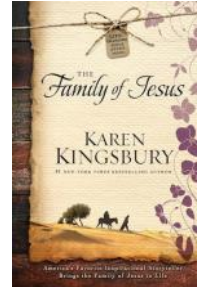
Lenten Studies

Cornerstone Student Ministries

The Family of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, 3/2-4/13 | 5:00 PM-6:00 PM (IN PERSON & INSTAGRAM LIVE)

We will walk our way through the book “The Family of Jesus” by Karen Kingsbury. Purchase of the book is NOT necessary. Study will take place primarily on Instagram LIVE at [stmarkscornerstoneyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stmarkscornerstoneyouth). Students that wish to be present in person are welcome to join me in Room N (High School Room).



Witness at the Cross Study

WEDNESDAYS, 3/2-4/6

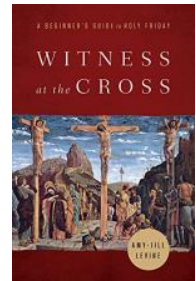
EARLY AM MEN'S STUDY, 6:30 AM-7:15 AM

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Led by Pastor Brian White | Hybrid online + Room B/C | Books \$13

In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the crucifixion of Jesus each had distinct roles to play and helps us to read, think, and experience the story in a new way.

Learn more on page 14 and sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.



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.***

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!"

Easter Tree Transformation

WE NEED STICKS!

We would like your help in creating a meaningful addition to our preparations for Holy Week and Easter services. It is our hope it will bind us together in opening our hearts and minds to the message of Easter. Would you search for some good sticks and bring them to St. Mark's?



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 we can become aware of our shortcomings, failures and sin. During these 40 days of Lent we invite members of the congregation to bring sticks from home (2 feet, 3 feet or 4 feet long) that you have collected as you clean up the yard or talk a walk. It 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. Bring us your sticks!. (Idea provided by Pinterest) Drop off sticks at Door #2 in Box marked STICKS.

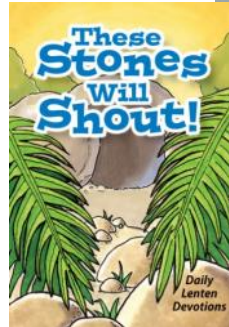
Lent Offering Outreach Indiana Wings of Hope

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!



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.



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

Easter Sunday | April 17 | 7:00 AM, 8:15 AM, 9:40 AM & 11:00 AM



The Pastor's Place

Dr. Brian White, Lead Pastor

bwhite@stmarkscarmel.org

Dear Co-workers in Christ,

One of the most difficult concepts for us to grasp as Christians is the idea that Jesus is both fully God and fully human. Theological students write papers trying to parse out the meaning of this difficult concept. How could the divine forsake divinity in order to come as a human being, live among us, and suffer the ultimate indignity on the cross?

And yet, we discover that Christian hope is rooted in an understanding of suffering.

One of my favorite theologians, Jürgen Moltmann, says, "Unless it apprehends the pain of the negative, Christian hope cannot be realistic and liberating." (Moltmann, [The Crucified God](#), 5)

I think there is somewhat universal agreement that we are living in difficult times. The number of people who have become sick or have died due to the COVID-19 virus has affected almost everyone's circle of family and friends. If we have not known someone who has become gravely ill we have been impacted by the economic and social changes that the virus has brought about.

We live in a time of significant divisions around many of the important issues of our day. A time in which relationships that we thought were impervious to disruption have become fractured or destroyed.

As we enter the season of Lent we focus on the trials and sufferings of Jesus and the early disciples. We ponder once again the humanity of Jesus and the humanness of his followers. We count ourselves among those who follow Jesus but are often confused and confounded by his teachings and actions.

And yet, in the midst of all of these divisions the gospel of Jesus Christ brings us hope.

The Apostle Paul once wrote, "And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:3-5, NRSV)

As we ruminate on the suffering of Jesus and our own sufferings we do so as people who know that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ and the hope of the resurrection. The psalmists says, "Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Psalm 30:5, NRSV) After a long night, the disciples discovered the empty tomb. Let us pray that the night of our discomfort may bring a new dawn of God's presence, peace, and comfort.

In Christ's service,

Brian



The Pastor's Place

Julia Gonzales, Associate Pastor
jgonzales@stmarkscarmel.org

“Irreconcilable differences” is a term that has been thrown around more often recently. Traditionally it is a phrase used to describe when a couple divorces and states that neither person is directly responsible for any wrong doing, but that they simply have grown apart. It’s hard to see a marriage dissolved by two people growing apart, but seeing the phrase used in connection with Methodists arguing about sexuality while the political divide in America grows...it is a lot. It is a lot of stress, a lot of uncertainty, and a lot of wondering what it will take to move to a healthier place.



This Lenten season the current and traditional services will be doing a shared worship theme of #Reconcilable Differences. The season of Lent is a time of preparation for the death and resurrection of Christ, and as part of that preparation it is a good time for self-examination. Taking the time to look at ourselves to consider the barriers that exist between ourselves, other people, and God and what we can do on our side. Sometimes that means processing and acknowledging our hurt, and sometimes it means opening ourselves to consider where we have caused harm. It’s establishing trust, opening lines of communication, and daring to let the Holy Spirit work in our lives. One Lenten season probably won’t be enough to right everything that is broken. But what would it be like if for forty days everyone put aside the assumption that all differences are impossible to reconcile, and instead opened ourselves to God’s reconciling and redeeming work?

Galatians 3:26-28, “You are all God’s children through faith in Christ Jesus. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (CEB)

Mission Focus

Stephanie Cohen, Missions Coordinator
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Did you Know?

- Family Promise is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1994, in response to a crisis of family homelessness.
- Family Promise keeps families together, battling homelessness, while they work to get back on their feet.
- As the gap between housing costs and income continues to widen, more and more families are at risk of homelessness, increasing the likelihood families will separate, children will fall behind in school, and eventually drop out.
- The core program of Family Promise is Interfaith Hospitality Network. IHN coordinates with the faith community to provide: Emergency Shelter, individual skill development and rehabilitation, advocates for economic stability and strives to end homelessness for the guests they serve. St. Mark's has been a long time partner and looks forward to hosting again in July 2022.
- Three additional Family Promise programs have been set up to fill the gap:
 - ◇ Apartment Shelter Program
 - ◇ After Care Program
 - ◇ Diversion Program
- Support IHN by donating supplies to Family Promise for their Apartment Shelter program. Supplies are replaced frequently due to the high level of use, so affordable items only are recommended.

How Can I Help?

- Signup to donate supplies that help stock the Apartment Shelter program at stmarkscarmel.org/signups. Donations can be left in bins at Door #2 Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM
- Donate financially at stmarkscarmel.org/give or in the Mission Offering envelopes at the back of the Sanctuary.

For more information visit fpgi.org, or contact Stephanie Cohen, scohen@stmarkscarmel.org.

Donation & Service Opportunities

All Church Food Pack

Sunday, March 13 | 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Join the pack! St. Mark's is partnering with Midwest Mission



Distribution Center for another Rice Meal Food Pack; Sunday, March 13, 2:00-4:00pm, in Wesley Hall. Safety guidelines will be followed including masks, gloves, and physical distancing. All meals go to non-profits internationally and each bag will feed 6 people in need!

This is a great family-friendly, hands-on mission opportunity for anyone age 5 and older. *Sitting down while packing is an option for those unable to stand!* Sign up today at stmarkscarmel.org/signups. Contact Stephanie Cohen at scohen@stmarkscarmel.org for questions. Hope to see you there!



Fletcher Place Breakfast

Thursday, March 24

“Worrying about where your next meal will come from, is one of the biggest concerns for our homeless



friends. When COVID first hit, we had people begging us to stay open. They were terrified they would starve”. Staff at Fletcher Place.

St. Mark's provides breakfast for Fletcher Place Community Center, on the 4th Thursday of each month. All food and supplies are provided by St. Mark's. Volunteers will meet at St. Mark's, load up supplies, then drive to Fletcher Place. Cooking is done in Fletcher Place's kitchen, packed in carry-out containers, and then distributed by staff at Fletcher Place. Thank you for helping keep hungry Indianapolis fed! Sign up today at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

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.

UMCOR Special Offering

Sunday, March 27

UMCOR Sunday is one of the six Special Sundays in the United Methodist Church. This church-wide special Sunday offering provides United Methodists the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters around the world in their time of need. Our generous gifts through the UMCOR Sunday offering support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and participates in ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.



Club 56 Mission Camp

Monday, June 13—Thursday June 16

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



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Marks' annual Mission

Camp. Youth will learn about the importance of mission outreach while safely serving others and having fun fellowship!

Beginning March 15, register at

stmarkscarmel.org/signups. 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 February newsletter we have given to:

- **Carmel UMC Food Pantry:** 6 bags of food
- **Fletcher Place Community Center:** 60 meals served, 12 bags of food, 36 oatmeal
- **Good Samaritan Network:** 2 large boxes of toy books, Christmas tree, 3 bags of clothing/household items
- **Mission Guatemala:** \$2198
- **Second Helpings:** 17 bags of cooking supplies
- **Soup's On at Roberts Park UMC:** 90 meals prepared and served
- **Travel Size Toiletries for Homeless Shelters:** 6 bags
- **UM Human Relations Day:** \$50
- **Versiti Blood Center of Indiana:** 27 units of blood donated
- **Wheeler Mission:** 25 bags of household items, 8 bags of clothes, 16 hat/scarf sets

Sunday Morning Offerings

NURSERY & TODDLER CARE

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. Participants are preparing for the Lenten Musical, *Raise a Hallelujah*, to be performed on March 13th at 1:30pm. All are welcome to join the fun!

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)

3/3, | 9:30 AM-11:15 AM

Protect Young Eyes

with Michelle Lothschutz

3/17|Workout +

Devotion with Hollie Nicholson

3/31 | Freedom from Culture's Expectations

with Johnna Myers



Women Supporting Women. MOPS

continues to grow and welcome new moms and mentors this spring to join the fun.

MOPS meets twice monthly 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

NOODLES & COMPANY (RANGELINE ROAD)
TUESDAY | 3/8

Would you like a break from cooking during the week? Enjoy a dine-in or take-out meal at the Noodles and Company located in Carmel on Rangeline Road and E Carmel Dr to benefit the St. Mark's preschool on March 8th. 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. We will begin advertising for donations and volunteer registration in late March.

Summer Camp with Impact 2818

Church camp is designed to help children thrive on their spiritual journey.



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

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, 3/19— Late Night

Twins just want to have fun and we have the perfect evening out for Club 56ers and their friends to play games, get to know one another better, watch a show and enjoy some (un)healthy snacks. All are invited to a late-over in the Youth Wing at St. Mark's for a night of fellowship and epic fun together. Contact Don Broad, dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org with any questions or for more information.



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Friday, 4/22- Saturday, 4/23 Lock In

Watch for more details.



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! stmarkscarmel.org/club56/

Cornerstone AM- Middle School | 9:40 AM

Middle School students will meet in Room M. 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. See page 2 for more details.

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

- 3/6 | 9 Square
- 3/13 | Cornerstone Evening Out (Urban Air)
- 3/19 | Club 56 Late Night
- 3/20 | St. Patrick's Celebration
- 3/27 | Johnny/Cookie Sunday

Summer Events

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

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

Lenten Study: A.J. Levine's *Witness at the Cross*

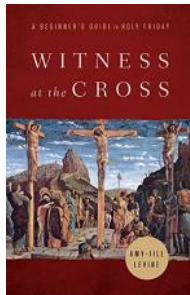
WEDNESDAYS, 3/2-4/6

EARLY AM MEN'S STUDY, 6:30 AM-7:15 AM

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Led by Pastor Brian White | Hybrid online +
Room B/C | Books \$13

Experience Holy Friday from the perspectives of those who watched Jesus die: Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and powerless, hopeful and despairing. We are transformed as we find that each Gospel has its own story to tell and discover how the witnesses at the Crucifixion paint a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play and helps us to read, think, and experience the story in a new way.



How to Pay Online for Books

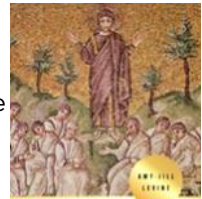
If you would prefer to pay online for books, click on "Give" from the stmarkscarmel.org website. Click "Give Online." Find the top question saying "How would you like to allocate your donation" and select **Study Books** from the dropdown menu.

Sermon on the Mount

WEDNESDAYS 3/16-4/27 | 9:30-11:00AM

Led by Lydia Fourman | Hybrid online and
Room J/K | Books \$10 | No meeting 4/6

If we pay attention to Jesus' words in Matthew 5-7, how does he provide us a road map to living as God would have us live? Dr. Amy-Jill Levine introduces the major topics in Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, explains historical and theological contexts, and shows how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today. Sign up at the GROW Connection Tables or at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.



Fertility Struggles Encouragement Group

March 17, April 14, May 12 | 6:00-7:00PM |
Lemon's Bakery & Café (at Needler's Market)

New location! 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.

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).

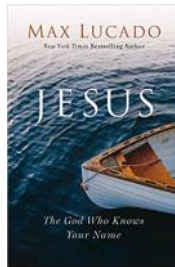
Ongoing & Future Studies

For our Thursday and Friday morning groups, it's not too late to join these studies that have met for only 1-2 sessions. Books are available while supplies last in the church entrance and Gathering Area.

FRIDAYS 2/18-3/25, 9:30-11:00AM

Led by Stephanie Cohen | Hybrid online and Room B/C | Study Guide is \$9 | Optional full book is \$11

Reading Max Lucado's *Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name*. Want to know what matters to God? Find out what matters to Jesus through his words and life. During his 33 years, Jesus felt human weakness, weariness, sadness, rejection, headache, tired feet, temptation, and more. In becoming human, Jesus made it possible for us to see God.



The following Friday study will begin on **April 15** with Beth Moore's *Chasing Vines*. Signups go live in mid March.

THURSDAYS, 2/24-3/31, 9:30-11:00 AM

Led by Judy Woempner | Hybrid online and Room B/C | Study Guide \$11

Reading Candace Payne's *Defiant Joy*. This 6-session video study uses humor, wit, and wisdom with biblical insights to find unshakable joy and freedom in every circumstance.



The following Thursday study will begin **April 14**, book TBD. Signups go live in mid March at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.

NEW: Encouragement Group for Widows

Continuing 3/3, 3/17, 3/31 | 6:00-7:00PM | Room B/C

As a branch off from last year's Grief Group, we are launching a new encouragement group for those who have been widowed. Whether widowed recently or a long time ago, this group is a chance to find a listening ear through shared experiences--remembering anniversaries, unexpected griefs and joys, and all the new practicalities one experiences in widowhood. This group is beginning 17 March 3, 17, and 31, and then the group will decide the future schedule of on- and off-site gatherings. Contact Meridith Anderson or email Jennifer Cloud-Buckner at grow@stmarkscarmel.org with questions.

Sunday Morning Groups

9:15 AM (after the early service)

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

9:40 AM

- Open Doors/Open Ideas (Room L): Watching videos of Amy-Jill Levine's *The Difficult Words of Jesus* through March.
- Cutting Edge (Room G/H + Online)
- Foundations & Friendships (Room J/K + Online). Reading *Holy Disunity* for February through April.

11:00 AM

- Reel Spirituality (Room G/H + Online) - watching films with Christian themes at home and then discussing together over Zoom and in person.

Open Groups

UMW

Tuesday, March 8 | 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

St. Mark's United Methodist Women

Our President,
Steff Mabe, fell on
February 4th and
broke her hip. We



are grateful to report that with hip replacement surgery and therapy at Indianapolis Rehab Hospital, Steff is progressing very well and making great improvement. Thanks to everyone who has assisted with meals and lent extra helping hands.

Join us for our **Tuesday, March 8th** 9:00 AM or 7:00 PM gathering in Cornerstone Commons. Bring a friend and experience the inspiration, fellowship, refreshments, and the bonding of the activities in our Interest Groups.

INTEREST GROUP NEWS

Cultural Insights

Ramie Cooney will share her experiences and lessons learned while living as an expatriate in West Africa. She will help us understand how that time exploring in Ghana, West Africa helped her family learn to appreciate the history, and pride of that community. Ramie also developed an extra appreciation for our country and what is available here. She will show us what it means to make service a way of life. This will be an opportunity to see artifacts, photos, and to hear some of Ramie's stories.

Caring and Sharing

Your donations have been greatly appreciated. So far, we prepared and delivered 36 baskets. Let us know who

might be blessed by one of these baskets. Both Morning and Evening groups, with Jodi HorstMiller and Sonjia Clodfelder, help create and fill encouraging baskets with specific items and personal notes. Busy hands enjoy fun, simple craft projects and are eager to help fill baskets with supportive thoughts and heart felt wishes. 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 *The Chilbury Ladies Choir* by Jennifer Ryan

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 Girl Who Never Read Norm Chomsky* by Jana Casale (For Women's History Month).

THE UMW READING PROGRAM

"Your Window to the World" meets five times a year to discuss books selected by the United Methodist Women's National Office. www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram. The next discussion, is from Leadership Development Category on **Monday, March 14 from 7–8:30 PM** in the church library.

For more information or to be added to the reading email list email Kathy Lentz at KathyLentz@gmail.com

UMM Breakfast Meetings



Saturday, 3/12 | 7:30 AM

The United Methodist Men invite all men to our in person meeting. The United Methodist Men Breakfasts are 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. Some of the groups we donate to are: Family Promise, East 10th Methodist Youth Center, Fletcher Place, Habitat for Humanity, Wheeler Mission, Second Helpings and SAW.

For more information about UMM or to be added to the email list, contact Mike Bultemeier, email umm@stmarkscarmel.org or call a UMM Board Member. You can see what's going on at stmarkscarmel.org/umm. Join us!

Marksmen

Panera Bread (Range Line)

3/10 & 3/24 | 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 , email list, email marksmen@stmarkscarmel.org.

Open Gyms

Basketball- Tuesdays

Volleyball-Wednesdays

Pickleball—Thursday

Open Gyms
most Tuesday,
Wednesdays and
Thursday.



For more information:

Volleyball -

Ed Rowell, jackieanded@gmail.com

Pickleball-

Doug Brown, dthbrown@gmail.com

Basketball-

Mark Moore, mvm2920@aol.com

Open Group Schedule

Mondays

COFFEE 'N CAMERAS

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, 3/15 | 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Friday, 4/8 | 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! 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, 3/17 | 11:30 AM

Sahms— 11505 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN

Juliets (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Out Together) Contact Barbara Johnson, (317) 863-2689, timberblj@gmail.com , or text 303-918-6308 by **3/14** so correct reservations can be made.

PICKLEBALL

Thursdays | 7:00 PM

Join us on Thursdays for Open Gym Pickleball. All welcome. Contact Doug Brown, dthbrown@gmail.com for more information.

CRAFT & HOBBY GROUP

Thursday, 3/24 & 4/21 | 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

For the January Church Council meeting we discussed the head winds we are facing this year such as COVID, below normal attendance and uncertain finances... To respond we did some brainstorming on how St. Mark's could be better if... The leaders of the committees and groups are evaluating these ideas and will report if they are something we should do this year or drop or defer action. For the March meeting we will be deciding on our theme for this year and how we can use these ideas plus programs already underway to turn the corner as we come out of the COVID effects.

Roger Dycus

Church Council President

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.

Library

Check out the Lenten reading display on the shelf under the courtyard window and on the top shelf in the children's section. You will find a complete listing of Lenten and Easter reading in the St. Mark's Library on the church website, by using the search term "Easter". A printed bibliography is also available on the checkout counter just inside the library door.



Lenten Reading

- Lord of the 40 days: Meditations for Lent - Topping
- Simon Peter: Flawed but faithful disciple - Hamilton
- Easter stories: Classic tales for the Easter season
- Give up something bad for Lent - Moore
- Family celebrations at Easter - Hibbard
- The mystery of Easter - Bonhoeffer
- The women of Easter - Higgs
- Entering the passion of Jesus: A beginner's guide - Levine
- The hope of glory: Reflections on the last words of Jesus - Meacham
- Make room: A child's guide to Lent & Easter - Alary
- A child's Easter - Pingry
- Legend of the Easter egg - Walburg
- Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol (DVD)

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee will be placing an emphasis on racial justice during the first part of 2022 by providing the following opportunities for study and self-reflection.

The Social Justice team advocates, educates, and engages our congregation and community on issues of social justice using the UMC Social Principles.

An opportunity for self-reflection can be found by using the following Implicit Racial bias test at implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/. Select “Project Implicit Social Attitudes” and then select “Or, continue as a guest by selecting from our available language/nation demonstration sites.”

Financial Assistant Position

The position of Financial Assistant is open. The Financial Assistant processes all income to the church and communicates with church members regarding contributions. This person also receives and records financial pledges to the church and provides quarterly statements of giving. The Financial Assistant works with the Financial Coordinator and Church Treasurer to provide financial information to the Finance Committee and pastors. If interested please send your resume to jobs@stmarkscarmel.org. For more information visit stmarkscarmel.org/jobs.

Intern Opportunities

Do you enjoy working with children? Do you want to learn more about working in a church setting?

The Children’s Ministry department at St. Mark’s UMC in Carmel, IN 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.

Job Responsibilities: Interns will assist with Children’s Mission Outreach and work with church ministries to help carry out the mission of St. Mark’s. For example, interns will assist in preparing for Vacation Bible Camp, organize a Club 56 Mission Camp, as well as plan fellowship and service opportunities over the summer for children and our local community.

Qualifications: Intern candidates should be comfortable working in a church setting, caring, compassionate, confident, and enjoy children. To be eligible, youth must have completed their sophomore year in high school.

Application Process: Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter explaining why they are interested in a St. Mark’s Internship and a resume with relevant experience (volunteer or paid) to Ramie Cooney, Children’s Ministry Director at rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org. Youth are invited to contact Ramie Cooney or Jackie Rowell at (317) 846-4912 with any questions or to learn more about this exciting opportunity.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee beginning in April 2022.

Community News

Directory Updates

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

Sympathies

To the family of Dorothy Ensign at her death.

To the Congregation

Our Friends at St. Marks,

Thanks for the beautiful Azalea plant. We will find a place to transplant it in our yard when the weather turns nice. It will be a beautiful reminder of my Moms life. She always loved being outdoors and doing her own flowers and yardwork.

Thanks,

Scott, Jennifer, Stephanie & Allison Howell

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.

Myrnych 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

Preschool Registration

St. Mark's has one of the best preschools in town.



Registration has begun. Thankfully church families will again have priority placement because the preschool usually is filled to capacity. If you or someone you know (neighbor, grandchild) would like to learn more or tour the preschool, please contact Director, Jen Weixler at (317) 846- 8941 or preschool@stmarkscarmel.org

Upcoming Events

Children's Lenten Musical

Sunday, 3/13 | 1:30 PM

Come enjoy an Easter musical filled with top worship songs such as "Raise a Hallelujah," "Living Hope" and "Jesus Messiah," arranged by Nick Robertson, Dave Clark, Gary Rhodes, and Cliff Duren and masterfully blended with new songs to tell the story of salvation. If you have questions, please contact Joyce Click, jclick@stmarkscarmel.org.



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, 4/16

10:00 AM Brunch | 11:00 Egg Hunt

Come enjoy brunch and an egg hunt with the Easter Bunny! The morning will start off with brunch at 10:00 AM. Coffee and juice will be provided. Watch for information on signing up to let us know what brunch item you will be bringing and how many will be attending. Food will be served by volunteers rather than "buffet style". The egg hunt will begin at 11:00 AM. There will be separate egg hunt areas depending on age. After the eggs are collected, children will receive a treat bag and the Easter story will be told. All are welcome so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors!



Donations of wrapped candy, small toys, stickers or treats are needed by April 1. Look for a basket marked "egg hunt" in which to place these donations in the vestibule at Door 2.

St. Mark's PRESENTS

Upcoming Concerts

The Carol Dennis Trio (Flute, Viola, Piano) | Sunday, 3/20 | 2:00 PM

A wonderful afternoon of music for flute, viola and piano with three very accomplished Indianapolis area musicians. The program will include an eclectic assortment of musical styles with pieces by William Grant Still, Mozart, Gaubert, Seymour Barab, Hamilton Harty, Ethel Smyth, Eduardo Angulo, and Bohuslav Martinu. The concert is free and open to the public.

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

Children Summer Opportunities

Registration begins 3/15

Club 56 Mission Camp

Monday, June 13—Thursday June 16

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



@ St. Mark's

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 11a 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 2p on Friday, June 24th and a medley of songs will be performed on Sunday, June 26th at 11a.

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.

Registration begins March 15.



Food Pack

**Sunday, March 13, 2022
2:00 - 4:00 pm**



MMDC distributes kits around the world
and around the corner for health,
education, and disaster relief supplies.



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