



Vacation Bible Camp

June 17-21

VBS will be the most fun you'll have this summer! Invite neighbors, friends and family to have a roaring good time.

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Signups are live at stmarkscarmel.org/vbs

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Confirmation Class 2019



Jaybin Beutler enjoys music and singing. His Mentor is Jeffrey Keyt.

Jenna Christ enjoys theater, drawing, and reading. Her mentor is Donna Schwartz.

Cameron Cohen enjoys playing sports and learning new tricks on his trampoline. His mentor is Joshua Harpe.

Landon Denison enjoys volunteering at Conner Prairie, playing soccer and music. His mentor is John Babione.

Jamie Elliott enjoys basketball, soccer, running, swimming, and playing with her cats. Her mentor is Judy Bonnet.

Rozanne Lorenzana enjoys art, theater, baking, and writing. Her mentor is Stephanie Cohen.

Ayla Lukaart enjoys competitive cheerleading and video games. Her mentor is Lydia Fourman.

Grace McDowell is in 7th grade and enjoys horseback riding and crafts. Her mentor is Leslie Babione.

Jack Nevitt enjoys playing video games. His mentor is Jacob Zadny.

Dominic Parisi enjoys soccer and video games. His mentor is Michael Bontrager.

Nathan Patane enjoys baseball and soccer. His mentor is DeVon Yoho.

Alison Persinger enjoys basketball, soccer, cooking, and playing with her dog. Her mentor is Angela Adams-Vance.

Adom Quist enjoys exercising and playing basketball. His mentor is Barry Simich.

News From the Pastors

Dear Co-workers in Christ,

As I write this pastor's note I am less than two weeks away from my sixtieth birthday. It seems odd to me because, like many people, I really don't feel that much older on the inside. And yet, I have had to make the normal concessions to my body - thinking more about what I eat, how much attention I give to exercise, and limiting some of the things that I choose to do. In the midst of those concessions I have also chosen to become healthier and there are some physical limitations I have chosen to defy rather than give in to.



Our church will be celebrating our fortieth anniversary in October. During the forty years of our existence we have seen lots of change both inside the congregation and in our community. We have witnessed the rapid growth of Carmel and we are living into the changing demographics as we welcome as many grandparents moving here to be near grandchildren as there are young professionals moving here. We have lived through the seasons of change with new pastors, new staff people, and members who often move in and through Carmel as they pursue their vocational goals. This gives us pause to consider how we are conditioning, and positioning, ourselves to best serve Christ in our community in the years to come.

The United Methodist Church is also in a time of transition. With recent General Conference decisions the denomination is in a time of discerning the core values of our mission and identity. We are growing into new understandings of what it means to bear Christ's witness to all people and how God is calling us to live out this witness in our daily lives. As a local congregation we are in a time of discerning our relationship to the stated values of the larger church and how we sometimes live out our Christian commitment in sympathy to those stated values and how sometimes we have to live out our Christian commitment in opposition to parts of an organization we love as a whole but disagree with in part. It is yet uncertain where this path will lead us but I am confident that God will continue to be God and we will continue to be God's church.

In the midst of all the changes in our lives, in our congregation, in our denomination, and in our world, I am confident that God is the thread that binds everything together. At the end of Matthew's account of Jesus' life he has the resurrected Jesus give this assurance to the disciples: "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20, NRSV)

Jesus didn't give the disciples a map but he did give them a theological compass. It is as if Jesus said, "Keep focused on doing the mission and God will show you the path to take." As we discover God's future let's continue to live out the mission of the United Methodist Church, that draws on Matthew 28, which states "The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

In Christ's service,

Brian

News From the Pastors

Hello St. Mark's Family,

As I sit and write this, I can hear the birds singing from the tree outside my office. The grass is emerald green and the new buds still have little "crystal drops" on them from last night's rain shower. It's so beautiful out and I can't help but smile with the promise of the sun peaking through soon enough. In hearing the birds sing, my mind is going to Matthew's account of Christ's words on the sparrows:



Matthew 6:26-27, "Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than they are? Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life?" (CEB)

Matthew 10:29-31, "Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows." (CEB)

The reminder to not worry because of the care God shows to the sparrows is a poetic one. On a beautiful spring day like this it feels easy to trust in the promise that there is no need to worry, but I can still remember times in winter when worry felt heavy and I know that those times will come again. Worry has a way of creeping up like ivy, finding places to take hold and spread until it's covered a house. I remember as a child thinking that the ivy looked beautiful, but was stunned by my mother's explanation that the ivy was damaging the foundation of the house. Worry can damage our spiritual foundation, and yet we can take hope that we have an Expert Gardener to work with, someone who doesn't mind showing us over and over again how to remove worry from our lives and let faith bloom. May joy and peace bloom in your lives.

Blessings,

Julia

MAY MISSION FOCUS

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Interfaith Hospitality Network is a partnership of congregations and community organizations that works as an affiliate of the national organization, Family Promise, to eliminate homelessness in greater Indianapolis. Interfaith Hospitality Network is a ministry of hope for homeless families that provides emergency food & shelter, offers individual skill development & rehabilitation, advocates for economic stability and strives to end homelessness for the guests they serve. IHN partners with congregations in the Indianapolis area including St. Mark's. We represent many different faiths and take turns hosting IHN guests several times each year. The role of volunteers is fundamental

to the IHN program and many are needed each time we host. As volunteers, we can make a difference by offering dignified and compassionate assistance to families who have suffered the ordeal of losing their homes.

Financial donations to Interfaith Hospitality Network may be given online at stmarkscarmel.org/give or using the mission envelope in the Sunday bulletin. We are also collecting **diapers, pull ups, twin size blankets** and **pillows** for the IHN guests to be used here and at the day Center; please bring these to St. Mark's by May 26th.

Sunday, May 26- June 2

St. Mark's will host IHN guests May 26 - June 2 and we need *your* help to make it possible!

Volunteer needs include:

Dinner hosts (5:00-8:00 p.m.) Share a prepared meal with our guests, provide companionship & help with clean up.

Meal preparation - Prepare part of a meal for 15 - 20 people. Bring the meal to church by 5:00 p.m.

Provide food - provide prepared foods for lunch & breakfast (milk, lunch meat, etc.).

Overnight hosts (8:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.) - be part of a team that spends the night at St. Mark's and is on-hand to assist guests.

Set up, tear down and clean up - help set up beds and rooms on Sunday before our guests arrive or help remove beds and clean up on the following Sunday.

Transportation - drive the van between St. Mark's and the IHN Day Center.

Sign up to help at a Connection Table outside the sanctuary or online at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.
For more information contact Jeff Keyt at 239-201-8207 or shellcreek5@gmail.com.

SOUP'S ON! Roberts Park Sunday, June 2, 2019



The Roberts Park United Methodist Church **Soup's On** ministry provides a wonderful opportunity for us to carry out Jesus' command to "feed the hungry." Each Sunday, volunteers at Roberts Park serve lunch to 200-250 homeless persons and others in need in downtown Indianapolis. St. Mark's will be providing the meal on Sunday, June 2nd. Servers: we'll meet at St. Mark's in Wesley Hall at 9:15 AM, plan to leave at approximately 9:30, and return around 2:30.

How can **you** be involved?

- Join others from St. Mark's on June 2nd and help serve lunch for those less fortunate. (23-25 volunteers are needed.)
- Provide food for the lunch.

Sign up to help at stmarkscarmel.org/signups anytime or at a Connection Table outside the sanctuary.

5th & 6th Grade Mission Camp July 8-11

God calls us to love God and our neighbors. St. Mark's youth who will be entering 5th or 6th grade this fall are invited to Mission Camp where they'll learn about missions by serving God's people. We'll have fun getting to know one another and serving together! Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Cost is \$10. Please register by July 1 at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

To make it possible, adults are also needed to help chaperone and drive. (You don't have to have a Mission Camper to be an adult volunteer, but you will need a background check.) Please contact St. Mark's Mission Intern, Caleb Cohen, ccohen@stmarkscarmel.org or Stephanie Cohen, scohen@stmarkscarmel.org for more information and to volunteer .

St. Mark's Blood Drive

**Sunday, June 16, 8:00 AM-
12:00 PM**



Every two seconds, someone needs blood and every day, approximately 40,000 units of blood are used throughout the country. You can help save a life by donating blood at St. Mark's on Sunday, **June 16, 8:00-Noon**. Healthy individuals, age 16 and older can lend an arm to help!

Sign up at the connection tables outside the sanctuary or at stmarkscarmel.org/signups. Contact Stephanie Cohen at 317-846-4912 or scohen@stmarkscarmel.org for more information.

Family Promise Reunion

**CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday, May 19, 2:00 PM-5:00 PM**

Calling all past and present guest families, volunteers, coordinators, clergy, staff, board members, donors, community partners, and family/friends--basically EVERYONE--to the first of two parties to celebrate all the successes of the past 25 years of serving families through Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis!

Join us on **Sunday, May 19, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** for the Family Promise Reunion. Carmel United Methodist Church--the congregation that hosted the first family in 1994--agreed to host the party in their gym, playground, and parking lot at 621 South Rangeline Rd. in Carmel, IN 46032. The event will also recognize Barb Williams, Family Promise After Care Case Manager. RSVP www.eventbrite.com/e/family-promise-reunion-presented-by-strada-education-network-tickets-57432943480 by 5/1.

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

JUNE MISSION FOCUS

East Tenth Children Youth Center

East Tenth United Methodist Children & Youth Center serves children and families on Indianapolis' Near Eastside, providing quality care and education regardless of a parent's ability to pay. They have a sliding scale and this month St. Mark's is collecting donations that will help subsidize parent payments and provide scholarships for children to attend.

Statistics show that the children in this area are faced with many challenges and East Tenth offers a variety of programs to help meet their needs:

A before and after school program serves school-age children. Their focus is on tutoring, homework, recreational & service opportunities, and drug prevention to help their youth become successful, well-rounded students. They provide transportation to & from school and all-day care during breaks and holidays.



Summer Days for Youth provides an all-day camp, which focuses on academic enrichment, computer classes, art programs, recreational activities and field trips. The #1 goal for summer is personal development.

Little Dove Daycare Ministry serves children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old and provides educational and enrichment activities helping them become lifelong learners.

Monetary donations to East 10th may be given using the mission envelope in your Sunday bulletin during June or online at stmarkscarmel.org/give.

Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed is located in Fishers. It is an organization that helps the homeless by providing furniture and basic items once they are in homes. They are in immediate need of the following kitchen items: (Items can be left in fellowship hall in the bin or Janice Presley will pick them up.)

Dinner plates	Salad Plates	Soup Bowls	Drinking glasses	Coffee cups/mugs
Forks, knives, spoons	Kitchen towels	Dish cloths	Pot holders	Bath towels
Queen sheets	Full sheets	Wash cloths	Hand towels	

Because You Give, St. Mark's Gives!

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

- **Carmel UMC Food Pantry:** 14 bags of food
- **Fletcher Place:** Oatmeal 38
- **Forest Dale Elementary:** 10 bags of food
- **Habitat for Humanity:** \$4688
- **Hamilton County Kids Coats:** 24 coats, 1 pair of gloves, 4 hats
- **Midtown Mental Health:** 23 toiletry kits
- **UMCOR Sunday:** \$2069

UFIT FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM

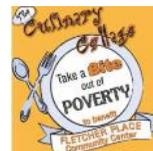
UFit North has partnered with Team St. Mark's to create an hour workout to help our bodies and generate funds for Habitat for Humanity. Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 AM everyone can work out with a UFit trainer for \$10. UFit North pays the trainer, and Team St. Mark's earns 100% of the money raised for Habitat for Humanity. If you are interested in participating, please contact Ali Lemberg at ALemberg@stmarkscarmel.org

CULINARY COLLAGE

Sunday, May 19

1:00 PM-3:30 PM

**University of Indianapolis
Schwitzer Student Center
1400 E. Hanna Ave**



The 10th Annual Culinary Collage is a family-friendly fundraising event for Fletcher Place Community Center that helps the homeless and lower income families of Indianapolis' near southeast side including historic Fountain Square.

Fletcher Place works to break the cycle of poverty by providing immediate aid as well as educational and skill-building programs for children, adolescents and adults. 100% of the proceeds from The Culinary Collage will go to these programs.

Event goers can taste unique culinary specialties from local eateries, bid on great live & silent auction items, participate in grab bag "praffle", and enjoy a live animal show by Silly Safaris! Simply bring a \$10 Kroger gift card or pay \$10 at the door. Children 12 & younger are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult and are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the food pantry.

adult music

stmarkscarmel.org/music

Eric De Forest, Director
edeforest@stmarkscarmel.org

Join the Choir in the Fall

Join the Chancel Choir and make a joyful noise with us! We accept any singer from high school age to 100! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Please contact Dr. Eric DeForest at edeforest@stmarkscarmel.org with any questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

5/5 Orchestra Concert
5/19 Indy Winds in Concert

Bell Rehearsal

Bell Rehearsals will resume in the Fall Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Join the Orchestra in the Fall

Orchestra is open to all ages 10-100 who want to glorify God with music. Performances once a month (August—April) Rehearsals are the Wednesdays prior to the performance.

Contact Ed Rowell or Dr. Eric Deforest for more information.

Music Appreciation Dinner

Wednesday, May 15 | 6:00 PM

Open to anyone who participates in the Music Ministry at St. Mark's and their families! Please bring salads, sides and desserts to accompany the entrée from City BBQ. Any questions, please talk to Eric DeForest (edeforest@stmarkscarmel.org)

Summer Special Music

Anyone interested in providing Special Music for the summer, please contact Eric DeForest (edeforest@stmarkscarmel.org) no later than May 15.

Can You Help Once a Month?

We are looking for team members to join our AV Ministry on Sunday mornings. Team members run the soundboard, LiveStream, lights and/or computer presentations. No experience needed and your commitment would be once every 4-5 weeks. Hands on training is available. Contact the church office at 317-846-4912 if you are interested.



adult music

Thank you for sharing your talents with St. Mark's!

CHANCEL CHOIR

Director Dr. Eric DeForest, Accompanist:: Elizabeth Goodenough

Sopranos

Meridith Anderson	Adoley Azu	Leslie French	Hazel Lorenzana
Hazel Lorenzana	Shelly Gidley	Kassie Schaefer	Kathleen Wetzel
Dorothy Wiens			

Altos

Carol Branson	Lynn Donnelson	Anna Flohr	Julie Gren
Connie Mehl	Jonene McDermitt	Pat Parks	Marge Patterson
Brady Powers	Pam Whitehead		

Tenors

Dennis Gardner	Joe Newton	Bob Parks	Brian White
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Basses

Bob Chreist	Luci Galloway	Rick Kattner	Darrell Megli
Steve Murray	Bob Parks	Roger Schmenner	Joe Thurston
Bob Wiens			

BELLS

Doug Brown	Kathy Deakyne	Austen Gren	Julie Gren
Mary Gospel	Linda Mitchell-Powell	Kathy Reeves	Jan Rugaber
Linda Schenk	Betsy Scott	Trisha Stanearth	Pam Whitehead

ORCHESTRA

John Amstutz	Reid Bonner	Tricia Bonner	Judy Bonnet
Cathy Brinkman	Aiden Brown	Doug Brown	Tom Chen
John Clodfelder	Coco Cooney	Amanda Cornet	Eric DeForest
Chris Denison	Emery Denison	Landon Denison	Eric Dodd
Elizabeth Goodenough	Maggie Hite	Jack Hittle	Brian Hoover
Lori Honer	Kira Howe	Barb Howes	Corinne Imboden
Lana Johnston	Janet Kimiri	Sarah Knight	Mary Sue McAlister
Becky McElhannon	Jack McElhannon	Darrell Megli	Jeff Melin
Rosie Meyers	Allen Miller	Linda Mitchell-Powell	Joe Newton
Adam Nichols	Ron Nobles	Pat Parks	Julia Pritchett
Will Rice	Ralph Roper	Christine Ross	Bill Rowe
Ed Rowell	Jackie Rowell	Sofia Rowell	Christy Santangelo
Roger Schmenner	Bill Schmidt	Ellen Schmidt	Natalie Schoeff
Mark Schuster	Julie Scull	Kevin Slaughter	Dawn Stapert
Dianna Tetrick	Brian White	Pam Whitehead	Ginny Womack
Jenna Zartman	Kira Zolner		

Education

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING



Nursery & Toddler Care

Staffed by experienced, caring adults and teens, our nursery is here to help care for your kids at all of our Sunday Morning Services.

Kidz Learn & Grow Preschool

Children have fun singing, learning Bible stories, eating snacks and making fun crafts. Bible discovery and exploration is integrated in every lesson by our fantastic volunteer team.

Kidz Learn & Grow Elementary

Kids entering kindergarten through 4th grade have a blast learning about God at Kidz Church beginning with Worship followed by lively & age appropriate activities (including games, crafts, and creative play) to accommodate various ways kids learn. Our fantastic Kidz Church leaders follow the Revised Common Lectionary and classes also include discipleship development following United Methodist principles.

Kidz Music & Praise

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord during this fun-filled hour each week. After Worship with Kidz Learn & Grow classes, children participate in this high energy class that incorporates music, drama, art, and puppets. "Family Recipe" will be performed on May 12 to honor the women in their lives. All children in Kidz Learn & Grow and Kidz Music & Praise classes are invited to sing.

Upcoming Events

5/12 Kidz Sing 9:40 AM & 11 :00 AM

Club 56

Club 56 weaves together Bible instruction, some theology, service projects and relationship building. All 5th & 6th graders are welcome to come join the fun!

Sunday Programming

Each week in the basement den at 9:40 AM through May 26. During June and July, Club 56 will join the Kidz Learn small group in the basement.



SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Why just read about the story of baby Moses when you could act it out in a shadow play?

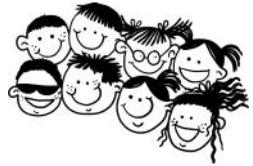
Why not learn about the Nile River by exploring water currents and making your own mini-stream tables?

This summer, Children's Ministries is excited to unveil a new interactive curriculum! "Spark Rotation" leads kids through 8 different workshops over the course of the summer. Workshop themes include: Art, Bible Skills & Games, Digital Media & Technology, Cooking, Creative Drama, Music, Science, and Video. Come join the fun! **We are actively searching for one-time volunteers to be guest leaders at the 9:40 and 11:00am worship hours.** If you have a passion for one of the themes mentioned above, and you would enjoy using it to make a bible story come to life for kids, then We Want You! All curriculum is provided. Please prayerfully consider which theme resonates with you the most and contact Jackie Rowell (jrowell@stmarkscarmel.org) or Ramie Cooney (rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org) for more details. Signups are also available at the Connection tables behind the sanctuary.

Kids Night Out

Friday, May 10, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM

Parents enjoy a date night while children ages 4-10 years old are invited to join the fun at St. Mark's. Parents will drop off their children, and they will enjoy a craft project, a movie and a (nut-free) snack throughout the evening as they are supervised by Cornerstone Youth.



Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/signups and contribute \$15 per child (or \$30 per family) to benefit youth mission trips and retreats. Contact Ramie at rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org or (317) 846-4912 for more information.

CarmelFest Parade

July 4th

All are welcome to join the parade or cheer on the "Strike up the Band" float from the parade route. Watch for more details will be posted in June. Accepting candy donations.

Celebrating 3 Year Old

Sunday, May 19

Toddler Recognition Sunday will be on Sunday, May 19th for three-year olds at St. Mark's. Families are invited to send a picture of their toddler to rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org by 5/15 (even if they cannot attend on 5/19).

Move-up Sunday

Sunday, June 2

All children are invited to join the Sunday Kidz Church small group for their new grade. Congratulations on finishing the school year and have a great summer!

Congratulations to our summer interns!

We are excited to welcome Caleb Cohen as our St. Mark's Children & Youth Missions Intern and Maya Raymond as our St. Mark's Children & Youth Fellowship Intern. Caleb will be a Carmel High School senior and he shared that "after my first summer of being an Intern, I have been completely motivated to pursue God's work through me as my career. My goal is to work in the church whether be pastoral, ministry, or really anything. Church to me is a second home." Maya will be a junior at Westfield High School and she "[has] always loved children, especially when it comes to learning. When volunteering with children, it never feels like work and always makes me happy. I look forward to being with the kids...". Please warmly welcome Caleb and Maya and look for exciting announcements about summer programming.





Cornerstone Fellowship

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Cornerstone's Summer Schedule will go into effect on May 12, 2019. Keep an eye out for all the fun events we have planned through August!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

We are organizing a Summer Bible Study for students currently in grades 6 through 12. The study will use the You Version Bible App available on all smart phones. If you are interested, contact DKB at dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org.

Spring Retreat

Friday May 17- Sunday, May 19

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, Bible, deodorant, and other personal items.

The Retreat will take place at Indiana Diabetes Youth Camp. We will meet at St. Mark's at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17th and return Sunday, May 19th by noon.

Any students currently in grades 6 through 12 are invited to attend. The cost is \$75.00 per student.

Please sign up at www.stmarkscarmel.org/spring-retreat

College Retreat

Friday, 5/24- Saturday 5/25

This is a chance to get together, reconnect before the summer kicks off, spend some time in devotion, and retreat from the chaos of college life.

We will gather at Teter Family Retreat for an overnight retreat from 6:00 pm on Friday, May 24, 2019 until 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 25, 2019.

Anyone who is or was a college student as of August 2018 is invited to attend. The cost is a mere \$10.00 per student.

Please sign up at www.stmarkscarmel.org/collegeretreat

Dear Friends,

Spring is here—and with it comes new life, new temperatures, and hopefully more sunshine.

With spring also comes new study group topics. During Lent some of us had the opportunity to read and discuss **Entering the Passion of Jesus** by Amy-Jill Levine. She sets the narrative of this study in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters of Jesus's last week on earth. I bring up this study, because of the new perspective we were given because of Levine's knowledge and experience in the Jewish tradition. Her deep knowledge of Jewish culture and traditions offered us a much clearer idea of the Passion week in Jerusalem through Jesus and his Disciples life as Jews. This takes my thinking toward reading the Bible in a more expanded way. In a book by Peter Ennis, he writes:

...the Bible is worth reading—not a sanitized and artificially well-behaved version that tells you what to think and do on every line, but the diverse, inconsistent, messy, sometimes bizarre one we have. *This Bible*, which preserves ancient journeys of faith, models for us our own journeys.

We recognize something of ourselves in the struggles, joys, triumphs, confusions, and Despairs expressed by the biblical writers.

...I believe God encourages us to explore this land [the Bible]—all of it—patiently, with

Discipline, in community and above all with a sense that we, joining the long line of those

Who have gone before, will come to know ourselves better and God more deeply by accepting that challenge. (page 24 of *The Bible Tells Me So* by Peter Ennis)

Christ calls us to welcome, to grow, to take action, and to serve. United in the power of Christ we live to serve and to love.

Lydia

Sunday Small Groups

9:40 AM

VENTURE

This group meets at 9:15 AM to share concerns and listen to “The Great Courses” a varied series on religious and theological studies and Rick Steve's Travelogue Series Jean Douglass facilitates.

OPEN DOORS/OPEN IDEAS

Share and discuss various Christian and life themes through authors, studies and movies. Becky and Jack McElhannon facilitate.

CUTTING EDGE

Uses the Common Lectionary for Bible discussions & lessons. A three year program that cycles through Old and New Testament verses of the Bible. Steve Click facilitates.

FOUNDATIONS & FRIENDSHIPS

Share and discuss Christian themes through various authors. They are currently reading and discussing **Prodigal God** by Timothy Keller. Doug Brown and John Flora facilitate, with classmates sharing leadership too.

11:00 AM

JOURNEY

Share and discuss the Bible scriptures from the Old and New Testament and Psalms based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Jonathan Barclay facilitates.

REEL SPIRITUALITY

View and discuss Christian themes and life values through movies. Together they watch 30-40 minutes of a movie, then discuss it, continuing the movie to completion for 3 to 4 weeks. Upcoming movies include **13th: a documentary on the 13th amendment, U Give and The Darkest Hour.** Lydia and Terry Fourman facilitate.

Study Groups

SUNDAY

6:00 –7:00 PM | 4/28-6/2

The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James H. Cone. Theologian, professor, and the founder of Black Liberation Theology, James H. Cone, explores the symbols of the cross and the lynching tree. These emotionally charged symbols and their interconnection in the history and souls of the African American community dominated their daily life. The terror and hope governed life under the violent racism present in the United States. This book is a landmark in the intense conversation about race and religion in America. Special book cost for discussion participants is \$10. Pastor Brian White facilitates

TUESDAY

7:00 - 8:30 PM | 6/4-8/6

Wherever you are, let Jesus be your all.

Mothers, along with their daughters who are in grades 6-12 currently, are invited for this 8-week study and conversation. As you dig in to Sophie's words and wit, you'll better understand the wholeness and freedom that come from a life filled with Jesus. Each of the 100 devotions is followed by journaling prompts that will get you writing, keep you thinking, and help you grab *all* the goodness He has waiting for you. Missi Koenig facilitates. Book cost is \$12

WEDNESDAY

Early AM Study

6:30–7:15 am | 3/6-5/15

Ephesians by N.T. Wright

In Ephesians, Paul expressed his joy and amazement at the larger story of God's plan to save us in Jesus the Messiah. Pastor Brian White will facilitate.

Pastor's Bible Study

9:30-10:30 AM | 3/6-5/15

Ephesians by N T Wright

See above for description. Pastor Brian White facilitates.

AM Bible Study

9:30-11:30 AM | 4/24-5/29

Reclaiming the New That Jesus Unleashed for the World by Andy Stanley. Once upon a time there existed a version of our faith worth living and dying for, something the world found irresistible. Rather than working harder to make Christianity more interesting, we need to recover what once made faith in Jesus irresistible. Stanley shows how Jesus' arrival signaled that the Old Testament was fulfilled and its laws reduced to a single verb—LOVE—to be applied to God, neighbor, and enemy.

THURSDAY

AM Bible Study

9:30–11:00 AM | 4/18-5/23

Miracles of Jesus by Jessica LaGrone The stories about Jesus raising the dead and calming the storm are incredibly astounding. It's natural to focus on the divine power, but these stories have something else in common: the human desperation that prompted the miracles. In this study, LaGrone leads us on a exploration of the miracles of Jesus.

FRIDAY

AM Bible Study

9:30– 11:30 AM | 4/26-5/24

Love Does by Bob Goff. A five session study group where you will discover paradigm shifts, musings and stories from one of the world's most delightfully engaging and winsome people. What fuels his impact? Love. But it's not the kind of love that stops at thoughts and feelings. Bob's love takes action, just like Jesus did. Stephanie Cohen facilitates.

To sign up for Adult Bible Studies register at stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.

Childcare is available with registration 72 hours in advance online at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

gatherings

Second Saturday Breakfast Meetings

We meet the second Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM- 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.



5/11 Greg McCauley- NASA
6/8 Carol Applegate, Elder Law Attorney

United Methodist Men provides a creative supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily his will.

For more information about UMM, please check out the UMM Bulletin Board in the Narthex near the coffee area, contact Matt Hook, email umm@stmarkscarmel.org or call a UMM Board Member. You can also see what's going at: stmarkscarmel.org. Come and join us!

SAWS (SERVANTS AT WORK)

Look for volunteer opportunities for building a ramp for people who cannot afford it through SAWS (Servants at Work). We will need time and treasure.

Prayer Huddle

Join us at the back of the sanctuary before the traditional services at 8:15 and 11:00 AM for a brief prayer in support of our worship leaders.

MARKSMEN

The MarksMen is a community of career and family focused men seeking to develop authentic and intentional relationships while we unplug from the daily stress and craziness that life can bring. We aim to grow closer to Christ through Service and Outreach, Enrichment and Education, Friendship and Fellowship.

PRAYER & SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays | 6:00 AM

May 9, May 23, June 6 & June 20

We meet at 6:00 AM every other Thursday morning at Einstein Bagels (116th Street) for our prayer and support meetings.

Check out our Facebook page, [Marksmen of St. Mark's Carmel UMC](#) to get the latest news.

ROMEO's Lunch Group

Wednesdays | 11:00 AM

LE PEEP RESTAURANT

12213 N. Meridian Street

All men are invited to join the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out) for a weekly Wednesday lunch. They meet at 11:00 AM. For more information or questions contact Don Mehl, 317-844-0789.



Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30 PM

The May meeting will be the Mother Daughter Friend Banquet. All women of the church are invited. Please consider bringing a toiletry item for a donation to Hope Center. Volunteer opportunities are available on signup genius. Contact Steff Mabe 317-374-2529 for additional information. Tickets are available at the Connection Tables and in the church office. There will be no morning meeting.

Monthly meetings will resume in September.

BOOKMARKERS

Join us at BookMarkers, an evening book group discussion. Come join us for a lively book discussion fellowship and support. Please come, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book. We will meet the May 21 to discuss Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig. June's discussion will be The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly. June's date will be announced at a later date. For more information, contact Deb Skinner, dskins25@hotmail.com or call 317-574-1997 with any questions.

TRINKETS & TREASURES

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds go to mission projects. Please keep gathering your donations, as you spring clean. Workers will need to sort, organize and price in advance of the rummage sale. As a volunteer, if an item is calling your name, you get a chance to purchase that item on the day you volunteer, just so it's to the start of the sale on Friday. We also need volunteers to work the sale on Friday and Saturday. Donations may be delivered to the church on 5/20-5/23.

2019 UMW Retreat

Saturday, June 1 | 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

TETER LODGE

Want to get your hands dirty? Join with other women of St. Mark's in our faith journeys as we help at the farm, enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature and plant "seeds of hope" in our souls. Mark your calendar and set aside time for You!

Signup at stmarkscarmel.org/signups

UMW Reading Program

Monday, August 26 | 7:00 PM

Every year the UMW's National Office recommends a diverse range of books with the intention of broadening exposure to a variety of concepts. This program organizes books into five categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Spiritual Growth.

Our UMW Reading Program group selects a book from each of the categories and they meet several times a year for book discussion and fellowship. The St. Mark's library has the UMW books on a cart on the right side of the library. Dates for the 2019 August 26, October 28.

Check out the National UMW Reading program website at

unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram

Do not hesitate to contact Susan Salter at Sbf5salter@att.net or 317-848-1194 if you have any questions.

The Page Turners Book Group

Tuesday, May 21 & June 18 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

May-At The Dark End of the Street by Danielle L. McGuire

June- Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig

If you enjoy good books, interesting discussions, and a shared evening with new/ old friends, start reading now. For additional information contact Marcia Flora, 317-670-9976 or mflora1950@yahoo.com with questions.

Career Curve

Mondays | 10:00 AM (through 5/31)

Tuesdays | 10:00 AM (6/4 through 9/3)

A support and resource group for those who have suffered a job loss, are unemployed or under-employed and seeking a change. The mission of Career Curve is to provide individual job search strategies, and informal counsel associated with the challenges of a job search.

Contact Jim & Chuck, coordinators at careercurve@stmarkscarmel.org if you would like more information.

Coffee 'n Cameras

Mondays | 5/6, 5/20, 6/3

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Do you enjoy photography? This self-help camera group meets for conversation about photographic art and technique. Bring your camera & your questions or your latest work to share with the group.



Contact Bob Wiens, 317-402-5617 or wiens@iquest.net with questions

Craft & Hobby Group

Thursday, May 9 & June 6 | 6:00- 9:00 PM

Friday May 10 & June 7 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship as we each enjoy our craft or hobby. Registration deadline to attend is Monday, May 6 and June 2. Child care is available for children 5 & under on Friday. Childcare must be requested at least 72 hours in advance by registering.

Contact Kathy Bartel, 317-294-4908 or krbartel@gmail.com, if you have any questions. Register to attend Craft Days at stmarkscarmel.org/signups

MOBS (Methodists on Bikes)

Wednesday, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12, 6/26

Saturdays, 5/14, 5/18, 6/1, 6/15

All adults are invited to join this recreational bike riding group.

Our season begins Saturday May 4 & Wednesday, May 8.



Wednesday rides begin at St. Mark's at 6:30 PM from St. Mark's Parking lot and cruise area neighborhoods at a leisurely pace for approximately 1 hour.

Saturdays are for riders comfortable heading out on county roads for 15-20 mile rides moving at a pace of 13-16 miles per hour.

Members of the MOB take turns planning & leading the routes. Rides are cancelled if no one signs up to lead 3 days prior to the ride date.

To receive more information about each ride, contact Nancy Canning at nancan01@gmail.com

JULIETS

Thursday, May 16 | 11:30 AM
Abuello's Mexican Restaurant
 14480 Lowes Way

Thursday, June 20th
Wolfies on Geist
 11699 Fall Creek Road



Ladies, join the JULIETS (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together) for lunch! we meet the **3rd Thursday** of every month. The group meets at a restaurant for lunch, laughs, and fellowship together. All women are invited, young or retired, stay-at-home or working - whatever stage of life you're in! Please sign up by May 12 & June 16 at the Connections Table behind the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Kat Howe, chattykat52@att.net or 317.431.6295.

New Member Class

Sunday, June 2 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Interested in learning more about membership at St. Mark's? Please join us June 2 where you can get to know the pastors, meet others investigating membership, and learn more about St. Mark's.

Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org or contact Missi Koenig, mkoenig@stmarkscarmel.org. Childcare available with 72 hour advance signup.

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.

Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 2

We will be recognizing our graduates at the 9:40 AM and 11:00 AM Services on June 2nd. Please email a photo and the following information to jrundle@stmarkscarmel.org no later than 5/24:

- Name of student graduating
- If high school, name of school
- If college, school and degree receiving

Please call the office at 317-846-4912 with any questions.



Happy Birthday Brian!

Sunday, May 12

Pastor Brian will celebrate his 60th Birthday this year and it just happens to fall on a Sunday! Please join us on May 12 in the Narthex to recognize this



special day. Brian would also be honored by contributions to the scholarship in his name at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Donations can be made via the website or in the church office to: Brian White, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Scholarship Fund.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, May 21, 11:00 AM

This ministry uses the care and love of knitting and crocheting and combines it with a prayerful outreach to those in need of comfort and solace. We are always looking for new members and are happy to teach anyone interested in learning and provide supplies if needed. Men are also welcome.



Requests to give or receive a prayer shawl can be made at stmarkscarmel.org.

For more information, contact Judy Bonnet jbonnet@stmarkscarmel.org.

Julia Pritchett and Hannah Wehmeyer Commissioning

Thursday, June 13 | 7:00 PM

LET'S CELEBRATE WITH PASTOR JULIA AND HANNAH!

Julia Pritchett and Hannah Wehmeyer will be commissioned as provisional elders in the United Methodist Church during "A Celebration of Ministry: Commissioning and Ordination Service." on June 13 at 7 PM This special service is part of the Indiana Annual Conference meeting at the Indiana Convention Center and the public is invited. Commissioning is a major step toward ordination.



special events

Dinner Euchre Tournament

Friday, May 3, |6:30 PM-9:00 PM

Join us in the Narthex for a fun evening of fellowship and cards. Compete for prizes and bragging rights! No need to bring a partner, players will rotate tables throughout the night. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Appetizers begin at 6:30. Matches will start at 7:00 PM. Reservations are appreciated by May 1st; please look for sign-ups on the Connection Table behind the sanctuary or contact Andrew Mortonson (Andrew.mortonson@gmail.com). Childcare available with 72 hour advance request.



Social Justice Events

THE HATE U GIVE

The St. Mark's Social Justice team asks you to "Resist Racism" by attending a special film screening with our youth. *The Hate U Give* is a critically acclaimed film that tackles serious issues of racism and police violence through the experiences of a 16-year old who witnesses the police shooting of her childhood friend. Please join us on Sunday, May 5 from 5-7 p.m.in Cornerstone Commons. Free popcorn and soda will be provided.

God is calling each of us to resist racism, understanding that we cannot hope to transform the world until we change our way of being in it.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." — Galatians 3:28

Visit the Social Justice Connection Table to learn more about how you can put your faith into action.

WAKING UP WHITE

Join the Social Justice team for a new readers' discussion of social justice titles. The first book will be *Waking Up White: Finding Myself in the Story of Race.* Author Debby Irving shares her "sometimes cringe-worthy" struggle to understand racism and how her well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated her ill-conceived ideas about race. Discussion will be held Sunday, June 9 at 9:40 a.m. in the conference room at church. Visit the Social Justice Connection Table to purchase a book and to sign up.

Roar Vacation Bible Camp

June 17- June 21

VBS—the most fun you'll have this summer! We will host Vacation Bible School from 9a-12p on June 17-21. Come learn bold Bible truths and develop a ferocious faith where Life is Wild and God is Good.



- VBS WEEK AT A GLANCE:
- Monday 6/17 VBS BEGINS!
- Tuesday 6/18 Crazy Sock Day!
- Wednesday 6/19 Crew Safari Day!
- Thursday 6/20 Ice Cream Social o the law beginning at 6:30 PM
- Friday 6/21 & Sunday 6/23 Spirit Day! Wear St. Mark's shirts to show spirit!

Please invite family members, neighbors and friends. Registration for participants and volunteers or to sponsor a camper at www.stmarkscarmel.org/vbs/. We need lots of help from our St. Mark's family to make VBS a success. Please pray for our upcoming VBS, select items to donate from the narthex, and consider joining the team.

Sacred Puppet & Drama Camp

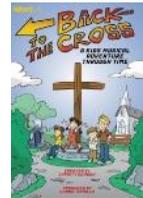
July 15-Friday July 19

Sacred Puppet Camp—9:45 AM—11:30 AM

Sacred Drama Camp- 12:00 PM- 2:30 PM

Sacred Puppet Camp will present: "Stories about Jesus" and Drama Camp will present: "Back to the Cross - A Kids Adventure Through Time!"

Both camps will offer a bonus performance at noon on Sunday, July 21 in Cornerstone Commons. For more information and to register, visit [www.stmarkscarmel.org / musiccamps](http://www.stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps).



Orchestra Concert

Sunday, May 5 | 12:00 PM

Cinco de Mayo con SMO - - - Join St. Mark's Orchestra for the annual pops lunch concert on Sunday, May 5. Lunch is provided. Be sure to enter the drawing to conduct the orchestra!"



committees

Mission Committee

Staff Change

We are saddened to announce that Ali Lemberg will be leaving the Mission Coordinator position on the St. Mark's staff due to family needs. We want to say thank you to Ali for the leadership she has provided as a missions staff person the past nine months and for the leadership she will continue to provide as a volunteer at St. Mark's in the future.

There were several strong candidates when this position was filled last Fall and the committee has decided to return to that pool of candidate. The SPRC is pleased to announce that Stephanie Cohen has accepted the position. Stephanie has a proven track record as a missions volunteer at St. Mark's and we are confident she will provide strong leadership. We are excited that this will allow us to provide a seamless transition in the missions staffing as we move into the future.

Staff Parish

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

MUSIC MINISTRIES LEADER

St Marks is holding auditions for an open part time (15-20 hours) paid position on our contemporary music team. The Music Ministries Leader is responsible for planning, coordinating and carrying out the music program for The Current, our Sunday morning contemporary worship service, and for the Sunday evening high school youth band. We are looking for proficiency in lead vocals for a contemporary worship experience; strong proficiency on guitar or keyboards; and experience in leading a music worship component for a mid-sized congregation. If you or someone you know might be a great fit, please submit your resume to:
jobs@stmarkscarmel.org

AV COORDINATOR

Do you have a passion for production technology? St Marks has an open part time, paid position responsible for coordination of sound, projection, lighting, recording/live streaming and video production in support of all three services on Sunday morning with special emphasis on The Current. This position also coordinates and continuously develops a team of volunteer members of the congregation passionate about this part of the worship experience. Proven experience with these technologies a must. ProPresenter preferred. Interested individuals please submit your resume to: jobs@stmarkscarmel.org

Finance Committee

First and foremost, thank you for your gifts of time and money.

We ended the first quarter of 2019 with a budget deficit of \$7,000, which was a significant improvement over the first two months of the year. Your additional gifts have brought us from a deficit of \$31,000 at the end of January, down to an \$18,000 deficit at the end of February and finally to a March quarter-ending \$7,000 deficit. It is difficult to put in words how meaningful that is to all of us. We are grateful for your giving.

With a 2019 operating budget that has a \$76,000 deficit, we have a monthly hurdle of roughly \$6,400 to overcome this year.

On the expense side, as I mentioned earlier in the year, we instituted an across-the-board wage freeze. We have also made operational cost-cutting suggestions to other committees.

As a reminder, we have an operating budget, which the Finance Committee is responsible for. The Church also has funds that are donated towards specific projects and purchases. You will see in the coming months, plans come to fruition that the Trustees have approved to improve our facilities. We are not allowed to access those funds for operating expenses.

At this point, whether you have pledged or not, we would ask that you prayerfully consider giving a little more to the operating funds.

Every time we have asked you for financial and other assistance you have responded beautifully, and we appreciate that.

Please consider giving more to St Mark's, so we can continue our good work.

God bless you and thank you.

Lee Hargitt

Finance Committee Chairman

The Congregational Care

PRAYER SQUARES

The Prayer Squares are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. If you or someone you know could use this tangible symbol of support and prayer you are invited to take one as a gift or to share with someone else.

SPRC

FEEDBACK WELCOME

We welcome your input!

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee is responsible for connecting the pastors and staff with the congregation. We would like to extend an invitation to all members of the congregation to share your thoughts regarding your experience at St Marks. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the following members of the SPRC at your convenience: Jason Beutler, Melissa Chevalier, Rodene Gosselin, Joshua Harpe, Amy Jones, Neil Perdue, Roger Reeves, Matt Roberts, Tom Roberts, and Holly Moore or sprc@stmarkscarmel.org SPRC promises to share your ideas!!

Trustees

The trustees had looked at several building improvement projects over the last few months and have decided to move forward with one of the projects this year. Work has now begun on the construction drawings for renovations to the narthex area. These are based on the images that were shared previously through forums and that were on display in the parlor. Input received has been incorporated into these drawings.

Hopefully if all goes well construction may be able to start by the end of the summer.

We will keep you apprised of the progress.

LIBRARY NEWS

Focus on the Family

A wide variety of resources for parents and grandparents is on display in the library this month, including the following titles:

Grandma Was Right After All: Practical parenting wisdom
The 10 Greatest Gifts I Give My Children
The Christian Parenting Handbook
Fifty-two Things Kids Need from a Dad
Parenting in the Pew: Guiding children into the joy of worship
Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World
Better Together...Because you're not meant to mom alone

An extensive bibliography of other parenting resources will also be found on the library checkout counter or the online catalog using the search term "parenting".

New Arrivals

Discernment - A collection gathering Henri Nouwen's wisdom about the practice of spiritual discernment.

On Their Own - Martha Shirk takes a look at ten real life children and the impact on their lives of being on their own as they age out of the foster care system.

Daring to Hope - The true story of Katie Davis Majors, who moved to Uganda, founded an organization caring for vulnerable children, and eventually took thirteen girls into her own family to raise.

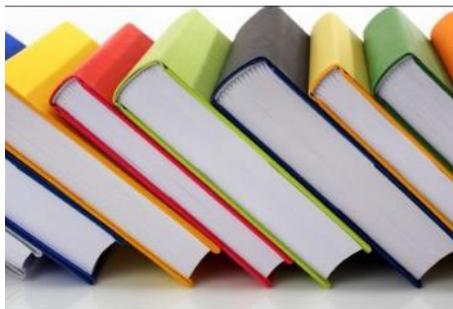
I Lived on Parker Avenue (DVD) - A documentary of an Indiana unwed mother's agony in choosing what was best for her child, the joy of a family starting a family, and a young man's search for where his life began.

Tidewater Inn - A story of intrigue and mystery set in the Outer Banks by Colleen Coble.

Daily Guideposts 2018 (Large print edition) - Numerous contributors reflect on the theme of unending love.

Enough: Discovering joy through simplicity & generosity - by Adam Hamilton.

More Than Meets the Eye - Award winning author Karen Witemeyer weaves a tale of a family threatened, but determined to find justice.



community news

Directory Updates

Melanie & Scott Crouch
15737 Maybell Lane
Westfield, IN 46074

Jean Smith
334 S. Cherry Street, Apt 122
Westfield, IN 46074

Tom Heaton
3486 Sheffield Park Court
Westfield, IN 46074

Sympathies

To Donna Burgher and Carol Waite at the death of their mother Kay Majors.

To Jennifer Howell at the death of her father, Bruce Bowers.

To Steve Wilson at the death of his father, Tom Wilson.

In Our Congregation

To My St. Mark's Family,

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the outpouring of support from so many as I cared for my husband, Hal, during his extended illness and passing. The cards and plant meant so much to me and to my family that demonstrates the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Charlie Goldman

To St. Mark's,

Thank you for the thoughtful gift, a beautiful friendship coffee mug. I wish I had been home when someone stopped by my house.

Blessings,
Janet Baird

Circle of Care

The Circle of Care list includes St. Mark's member 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.

Please remember:

Annette Dunlap	Clara Breisch
Lois Hardin	Mary Hart
Betty Lachman	Ola Morrow
Jerry & Phyllis Delp	Bea Gilson
Mary Pielemeier	Charles Reid
Judy & Tom Hebenstreit	Don Ranck
Jean Smith	Vallie Williams

St. Mark's T-Shirts

St Mark's T-Shirts are available in the church office for \$5.00

Address change

Have you moved, changed your phone number or email? Please contact the church office so we can update our records.

Mother Daughter Friend Banquet

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 PM

“Purse Full of Blessings”

All women of the church - all ages - are invited. Bring your Mom, your aunt, your sister, your friend, and your favorite purse, but don't miss out on this fun evening of fellowship and party favors. Sit back and enjoy being served dinner by the United Methodist Men. Catering by Sahm's. The annual Mother, Daughter, Friend Banquet is our largest gathering of the year. Adults are \$12, Children 6 and older \$10. Children under 6 are free. Tickets are on sale at the Connection Tables and in the church office.



St. Mark's Presents

Sunday, May 19 | 3:00 PM

INDY WINDS IN CONCERT

The Indy Winds Flute Choir is pleased to present a concert that will take you on a journey through time!

Featuring music of the Renaissance through today, you'll hear classics like the first movement of Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*, Tchaikovsky's Waltz from his *Fifth Symphony*, and *Danse Bacchanale* from Saint-Saëns' *Samson and Delila* - with a twist! Join us for an afternoon of fun and plenty of musical surprises! Indy Winds Flute Choir is based in Indianapolis and is comprised of local flutists of all ages. We seek to have fun while playing beautiful music and spreading joy and our love of the flute to the community. Laura Dubish, director, Mary Sue McAlister Assistant Director, Alistair Howlett and Carl Butler, rehearsal.



Trinkets & Treasures

Friday, May 24 | 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Saturday, May 25 | 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Shop a wide array of furniture, artwork, games, toys, baby items, household products, knick knacks & more.



Collect & Connect

Saturday, May 25 |

Remember if you have not worn something in 2 years or it no longer fits, bag your gently used clothing for Goodwill. For each bag we collect, we are given a voucher for IHN to help families get back on their feet. Contact UMW@stmarkscarmel.org for more information.





Sunday, June 16 | 10:30 AM

Join us for the once-a-year event when our whole church gathers under the tent for a celebration, food, and our shared mission in Christ.

Everyone is welcome for the picnic that follows. Please signup starting May 15 to let us know if you are joining us at the picnic.

Please note the traditional 8:15 AM worship service will be held as scheduled.

Child care available for children 3 and younger. No Sunday School classes.

What's Happening in the United Methodist Church? (Part II)

Tuesday, May 7 | 7:00 PM

In February of 2019 The United Methodist Church had a special called General Conference to deal specifically with matters of human sexuality. All the decisions made at that conference were referred to the Judicial Council (the UMC counterpart to the Supreme Court) to decide on their constitutionality. The Judicial Council met in late April so there is now definitive word on the decisions of this conference. In order for our members to be better informed about the issues and the process of the UMC, we would like to offer a chance for education and discussion. Topics to be covered are:

- What decisions were made at the General Conference (GC2019)?
- When and how will these decisions be implemented?
- Are these issues like to be addressed again at the General Conference in 2020?
- How are delegates to General Conference elected for the upcoming GC2020?
- Is the denomination likely to split?
- How are these decisions likely to affect St. Mark's UMC?

This will be a time to share information and have a chance for Q&A.