



# MISSION IN ACTION DAY



ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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**Sunday, October 14**

We are actively living our motto, *Where Mission is a Way of Life!* We'll begin with fellowship at 8:30 a.m. then share in a brief worship at 9:00 before we go out to serve God's people & world through one of the outreach projects offered as part of MIA Day. (Please note, we will not have regular worship services that day.) Sign up at [stmarks Carmel.org/missions](http://stmarks Carmel.org/missions) or on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please remember to wear your St. Mark's T-shirt. Don't have one? Shirts are available for \$5 at the connection tables.

**Offsite:**

- Assisted Living Visit
- Camp Belzer
- Cemetery Clean Up
- East 10th Children & Youth Center
- Fletcher Place Community Center
- Habitat for Humanity (Saturday)
- Hamilton County Humane Society
- Hamilton County Kids Coats
- Homeowner Assistance in Noblesville
- Open Doors food & clothing pantry
- Park Clean Up
- Roberts Park United Methodist Church
- Ronald McDonald House
- Team World Vision
- The Mustard Seed
- The O'Connor House



**At St. Mark's:**

- Potato Drop (Saturday)
- Shoe packing for Changing Footprints
- Gift bags for clients of Roberts Park "Soup's On"
- Gift bags for Red Bird
- UMCOR school kits
- Society of St. Andrew Produce Bags



# News From the Pastors

Dear Co-Workers in Christ,

One of my favorite times of the year is when the church choir begins singing again. I like it because the choir adds energy to our worship services – so I like it as a worship leader and as a pastor. However, I have to admit that my joy in the choir returning to its role in worship is more personal. I like to sing and I like to be a part of a group of singers.

When we sing hymns it is as if we are a part of a great sacred chorus. Anne Lamott, one of my favorite writers, captures this joy in words beyond my ability to express. She writes:

The hymns are bigger than any mistakes; you fumble around with the hymnal and sing the wrong words - you're on the wrong verse but the hymn expands to make room for all these voices, even yours. We speak as a body; we have set the intent together, so rather than individual shrill cries or the drones of one crazy person, it's a braid, stronger than each strand, something modest and plain, yet beautiful beyond words. (Anne Lamott, "Some Assembly Required")

In another place she writes, "Singing is breath that is larger than yourself, so it joins you with space, with community, with other realms and our deepest inside places. You are joining your strand to everyone else's, weaving something with the whole, and this extends the community outward into a force bigger than itself." (Anne Lamott, "Hallelujah Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy")

Is it any wonder that so many of the expressions of faith in the Bible have to do with singing? For instance:

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. (Psalm 96:2, NRSV)

Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 5:18b-20, NRSV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. (Colossians 3:16, NRSV)

Every once in a while someone will tell me that they can't sing and it seems the Psalmist has an answer for that as well: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." (Psalm 100:1-2, NRSV)

So, join the song. Be a part of the worship. Join the choir or the praise band. Sing enthusiastically during worship. In all of these ways we glorify God and we unify our spirits.

In Christ's service,

*Brian*



# News From the Pastors

Hello St. Mark's family,

While writing this letter, my mind is still on the series recently done in *The Current* on "Imperfect People." Pastor Mary Ann Moman and I focused on four key figures in the Bible who have some degree of notoriety: Sarah, David, Mary, and Peter. Focusing on a few key figures in the Bible and their imperfections was meant to be a way to make it easier for us to face our own mess ups and mistakes. While some of these people are upheld as goals of perfection to strive to achieve, all of them are still humans with challenges and sins to tackle. The struggle to do as Jesus said and, "Be perfect, therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48, NIV) is real.



The desire to be perfect is a double-edged sword. On the one hand, seeking to attain perfection as God is perfect is part of what we are called to do as United Methodists. God has offered us grace: prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying. In sanctifying grace, God is continually acting in our lives, pushing us to move ever forward in maturity as we seek to draw closer to the One who made us. This is good. Seeking perfection because we are afraid of making mistakes and "being less" than others around us...yeah that's not so good.

But imposter syndrome, the fear of not living up to standards set by some nebulous "other," the worry that we'll be found wanting can be a driving force in our lives. It drives us to doubt the gifts that God has given us, the grace that God has extended to us, the love that God has for us, and also the love that we have for one another and the mercy that is present in that love. When I find my mind getting stuck in the loop of wondering what I have to do to be "enough," there's a song by DC Talk that tends to overtake my thoughts after a while that helps me gain some perspective. From their album *Jesus Freak* comes the song "What If I Stumble?" The song is reflective, all of these questions coming from a place of leadership and with the feeling that others are watching with trust. As the title suggests, the artists ask the terrifying question of "What if I stumble?"

Well...what happens when you stumble? Not if, but when? There are all of these worst case scenarios that may or may not happen, but there is also acceptance and love that can come from our friends, our Christian family, and our blood family. But perhaps most of all, there is the lyric at the end of "What If I Stumble" that provides an answer to the question of what happens when we are imperfect. In the midst of our imperfections, doubts and fears, God is whispering our name and promising that, "My love for you will never change."

Take care of yourselves,

Julia

## OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS

# Society of St. Andrew

More than 40 million Americans struggle daily with hunger, and more than 16 million of these people are children! Yet in this country, we will throw away about 263 million pounds of food a day... every single day, and much of this food is perfectly edible! The Society of St. Andrew focuses on preventing food waste and feeding the hungry through a variety of projects including the Potato & Produce Project, Harvest of Hope and the Gleaning Network.

The Society of St. Andrew was formed in 1979 by two families called to life and ministry together in Christ. It has grown into an ecumenical, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to leading others into lives of Christian community and service. They salvage fresh, nutritious produce from American farms – produce that otherwise would be left to rot – and deliver it to agencies across the nation that serve the poor.



This month we are accepting the challenge and collecting a bushel for the Society of St. Andrew to help alleviate the solvable problem of hunger in America. The bushel we are adopting is actually a mesh bag, filled with 36 plastic fruits and vegetables, each marked with a specific dollar value. This dollar value represents a HUGE quantity of that fruit or vegetable, the Society of St. Andrew can share with hungry people right here in the United States, when you give.

While each person does a small part by “adopting” just one fruit or vegetable for the amount of money marked on that item, the bushel you’ve adopted for \$806 will share about \$14,375 worth of food! Our goal is 1 bushel. Our hope is 4 bushels which would share \$57,500 worth of food!

For more information about the Society of St. Andrew visit [endhunger.org](http://endhunger.org).

Because you give, St. Mark’s gives!

## Potato Drop

**Saturday, October 13 6:30 AM-10:30 AM**

Our annual Potato Drop, a partnership with The Society of St. Andrew, will be a project of Mission in Action Day this year. Mark your calendar and plan to help as we give away over 40,000 pounds of potatoes! Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/missions](http://stmarkscarmel.org/missions)

## Hamilton County Kids Coats

Hamilton County Kids Coats is a collaborative effort between many churches and community partners whose goal is to make sure all Hamilton County children stay warm this winter. This month and next we are collecting coats and winter-wear that will be given away in November. We need **clean** coats in good condition and in **all sizes** – from infant to adult XXL, as kids come in all sizes! If your child has outgrown his coat or if you are ready to pass your coat on to someone else, please wash it and donate it to HCKC. Coats may be dropped off at St. Mark's September 9-October 28



## Because You Give, St. Mark's Gives!

Thank you for your support of the missions of St. Mark's! Since our last reporting, we have given to the following ministries.

Fletcher Place Community Center: 10 bags of clothing

Hamilton Co. Kids Coats: 1 bag of coats, 11 pr. gloves, 7 hats, 5 scarves, 16 coats

Merciful H.E.L.P. Center: 10 bags of food

Red Bird Mission: \$729.17

Team World Vision: \$939.38

UMCOR WASH Program: \$4,113.77

## Fall Clothing Drive

**Sunday 10/7- Sunday 10/21**

We will be collecting gently used clothing in all sizes for children and adults to benefit IHN/Family Promise. Please bring your clothes in white kitchen trash bags on Sundays, October 7, 14, and 21 to the St. Mark's trailer parked in the back of the church parking lot. These items will be donated to Goodwill and the Family Promise guests will receive vouchers to shop. Please do not include shoes or household items. Questions? Contact Ali Lemberg at [alemberg@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:alemberg@stmarkscarmel.org)

## Habitat for Humanity

**10/5, 10/13, 10/20, 11/10**

St. Mark's is partnering with others from the Indianapolis faith community to work alongside the Dycus, Jimison and Turentine families to build their homes. The families have been working hard to complete their requirements, including 300 hours of "sweat equity."



St. Mark's build days are scheduled for Friday, **October 5**, and Saturday, **October 13**, Saturday, **October 20**, and Saturday, **November 10**.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness, and to making adequate affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action.

***Sign up now at [stmarkscarmel.org/habitat](http://stmarkscarmel.org/habitat). If you have questions, contact Joe or Diane Newton at [joediane244@att.net](mailto:joediane244@att.net) or 317-288-4523.***



## Changing Footprints

9/16-10/7

Our annual shoe drive begins on Sunday, September 16, and will culminate with the packing of shoes on Mission in Action Day on October 14. Shoes will be donated to Changing Footprints, a local nonprofit organization that accepts shoes of all kinds and distributes them to individuals, organizations and agencies wherever there is a need, whether in Indiana, the United States or overseas.

Changing

Footprints was founded in 2005 and operates two warehouses right



here in the Indianapolis area. For more information visit [changingfootprints.com](http://changingfootprints.com). Please bring your donations of new or gently-worn shoes to St. Mark's by October 7.

## Brightwood Dinners

Tuesday, 10/2 & 10/30, 4:30 PM

Dinners at Brightwood will continue this month, and they are being coordinated by Don and Kirsten Turchan. We will be serving on Tuesday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 30th at 4:30 PM. For these meals to be successful they need 2-3 volunteers to serve the meals with them. If you are willing to serve, please contact Kirsten at [pedsderm@yahoo.com](mailto:pedsderm@yahoo.com) or 317-698-7352.

## Blood Drive

Sunday, October 28

7:00 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, October 28, 8:00-Noon. Healthy individuals, age 16 and older can lend an arm to help. Look for signups in October. Contact Greta Carroll at 317-705-0362 or [gcarroll1@indy.rr.com](mailto:gcarroll1@indy.rr.com) for more information.

## 2019 Guatemala Mission Trip

July 20-July 28, 2019

Sign up now to serve on next year's mission team to Guatemala July 20-28, 2019. We will be hosted by Mission Guatemala in the highlands of Central Guatemala. Cost of the trip will be approximately \$1,500. Team size will be limited to 15. Please contact Joe and Diane Newton at [joediane244@att.net](mailto:joediane244@att.net) or 317-288-4523 with questions.

## Habitat Mentor

### Information Session

10/18 & 10/25 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER INDY

3135 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis

Want to make a difference in a family's life by walking alongside them as they become a homeowner for the first time? Become a Homeowner Mentor! If you are interested in learning more about the mentor program, please attend the info session at the Habitat office. They will review the time commitment involved, examples of support you could provide to a homeowner and answer any questions you have about the mentor program. Sign up at [indyhabitat.volunteerhub.com](http://indyhabitat.volunteerhub.com) to attend.

## Team World Vision

**Saturday, November 3**



Do you believe everyone should have access to clean water?

Can you imagine walking over 30 minutes or more one way to get water to drink?

Can you imagine carrying 40 lbs of water in a dirty fuel container over 30 minutes with your kids in tow every single day?

Over 1 million people do this each and every day. They do this to survive. It breaks my heart, and I bet it breaks your heart too.

### **TRAINING UPDATE**

Join us at a Trivia Night fundraiser 10/15 at Urban Vines from 7 PM—9 PM. Look for details for Dine to Donate at Old Spaghetti Factory to support our Team World Vision Team. They are in the home stretch of training and still working hard to bring money to those without access to clean water. Go Team!

## Interfaith Hospitality Network

**November 4-10**

Interfaith Hospitality Network is a ministry of Family Promise that provides emergency food & shelter, offers individual skill development & rehabilitation, advocates for economic stability, and strives to end homelessness for the families it serves. IHN partners with congregations in the Indianapolis area including St. Mark's.

St. Mark's will host IHN guests the week of November 4th and guests will be with us each night that week. The role of volunteers is fundamental to the IHN program and many are needed each time we host, offering dignified and compassionate assistance to families who are struggling with homelessness. 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 and deliver it to St. Mark's.

**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, November 4, and/or help remove beds and clean up on Sunday, November 11.

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

**Donate** - new pillows, new or gently-used twin blankets, children's underwear, diapers & pull-ups, toothbrushes.

This is a wonderful mission opportunity for the entire family. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/ihn](http://stmarkscarmel.org/ihn) or at a Connection Table on Sunday mornings. Contact Jeff Keyt ([shellcreek5@gmail.com](mailto:shellcreek5@gmail.com) or 239-201-8207) or Ali Lemberg ([aleMBERG@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:aleMBERG@stmarkscarmel.org) or 317-846-4912) if you have questions.

# adult music

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## Join the Choir

Join us this Fall. Choir practices Wednesday, 7:30 PM-9:30 PM. Contact Dr. Eric DeForest for more information at [edeforest@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:edeforest@stmarkscarmel.org). First rehearsal is September 5.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/07      Bells Play (9:40 AM & 11 AM)  
10/17      St Marks Presents  
              Nemanja Ostojic, guitar and  
              Haruka Ostojic, piano. (2:00 PM)

## Join the Orchestra

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.*

## Bell Rehearsal

Bell Rehearsals practice Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

## 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 Justin Vance at [jvance@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:jvance@stmarkscarmel.org) or 317-846-4912 .



# kids ministry

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## 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 snack 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 UM principles.

#### Kidz Music & Praise

Make a joyful noise to the Lord during this fun-filled hour each week. After a worship time with Kidz Learn & Grow classes, children participate in this high energy class that incorporates music, drama, art & puppets. During the 11:00 service, this class will begin preparing the Christmas Musical on 9/16.

## 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! Feel free to invite friends, grandchildren, and neighbors!



**Sunday programming** each week in the basement.

## Volunteer Recruitment

Come join the fun and impact a child's life! Please prayerfully consider how you can be involved in this critical local mission—our own St. Mark's children. We need an adult to help with elementary students at 11 am. Training and materials are always provided, and you will have partners to help so you can just come and enjoy time with children. Contact Ramie at [rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org) to get involved.

## Attention 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders

Be sure to bring your Bible to church each Sunday so you can be learning from your own text. We use the NRSV translation for Kidz Church and Club 56 classes. Parents, if you would like help selecting a Bible for your child, the Children's Ministry team would be happy to show you some of the great editions we use at St. Mark's!

## Kidz Worship Performs

**Sunday, October 21 9:40 AM & 11:00 AM**

All Children in Kidz Learn and Grow and Kidz Music and Praise classes will sing the Fruits of the Spirit for the congregation during the 9:40 AM & 11:00 AM classes.

## Club 56 Evening at St. Mark's

**Friday, October 19 6:00 PM-9:00 PM**

Club 56ers will play games and watch a movie at this monthly event.



## Christmas Musical

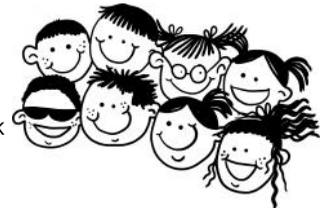
**Sunday, December 16 2 PM**

Practices begin Sundays at 11:00 AM for the Christmas Musical. We will be performing a Red Letter Christmas which brings the story of Christ's birth alive with every color of the season.

## Kids Night Out & Parents Night Off

**Friday, 10/12, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM**

Kids have fun while building community and developing relationships with the youth of our church. On October 12, children ages 4-10 years-old are invited to play from 6-9 PM at St. Mark's. Parents drop off their children who will enjoy activities, games, a movie, and a (nut-free) snack throughout the evening as they are supervised by Cornerstone Youth. Parents are asked to sign-up at [stmarkscarmel.org](http://stmarkscarmel.org) and contribute \$15 per child (or \$30 per family) for youth mission trips and retreats. Contact Ramie at [rcooney@stmarksumc.org](mailto:rcooney@stmarksumc.org) or (317) 846-4912 for more information.





## Cornerstone Fellowship

**SUNDAYS, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

All grades gather from 5:00-5:45 PM for worship. Senior High & Middle School will meet from 5:45-6:30 PM.

Emphasis for this year is "Listening"

## Cornerstone Open Gym

**Thursdays, 6:30 PM-8:30 PM**

Students currently in grades 7-12 are welcome!

The purpose of these gatherings is simply to spend time together in an environment where students feel confident to invite their friends.

Activities will vary each week, including basketball, gaga ball, volleyball, Nuke'Em, 9-Square, and Dodgeball.

## Third Street Rehearsal

**Wednesday, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

Third Street is Cornerstone's Praise Band and is always seeking singers and instrumentalists to join us! ALL are welcome!

## Fall Retreat

**Friday, 10/5- Sunday 10/7**

### DIABETES YOUTH FOUNDATION CAMP

Any student in **grades 7 through 12** are welcome!

Retreat weekends are designed to be a time of faith and friendship with an emphasis on seeking personal relationships with Jesus!

**The cost is \$75/student. DEADLINE to sign up is September 30, 2018!**

*Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/retreat](http://stmarkscarmel.org/retreat)*

## Student Leadership Academy

**Friday 11/16- Sunday 11/18**

### UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Students in grades 11 and 12 are eligible to attend, but must be selected by Cornerstone Leadership. This weekend retreat is designed to emphasize God's call in a student leader's life both now and in his or her future vocation.

*The cost is covered by Cornerstone Student Ministries. Students wanting to attend must communicate that desire to DKB by October 21, 2018!*

# adult education

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Have you noticed that we have four fun and meaningful ways we can GROW in our Christian Adult Education opportunities?

+Sunday Morning Study Groups-classes that meet at 9:40 and 11:00 am before/after worship

+Weekday Study Groups-classes that meet on a regular basis throughout the year

+Grow Groups-5-12 people who gather as a small group on a regular basis throughout the year

+Themed Study Groups-classes that form around a specific chapter of life for a 4-8 week support

Please check out the specific groups below, and know you are always invited to participate and ask questions on your spiritual journey.

With love in Christ,

Lydia Fourman

## Sunday Small Groups

9:40 AM

### VENTURE

This group meets in room B to share and listen to "The Great Courses" a varied series on religious and theological studies presented by reputable professors via DVD. On alternate weeks, they watch and discuss Rick Steve's Travelogue Series sponsored by WFYI. They gather early, 9:15 - 10:30 am, to share joys and concerns, before their studies begin. All are welcome. Jean Douglass facilitates.

### OPEN DOORS/OPEN IDEAS

Share and discuss various Christian and life themes through authors, studies, and movies. This group shares leadership.

### CUTTING EDGE

Uses the Common Lectionary for Bible discussions & lessons. A 3 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 *Discernment* by Henri Nouwen. Doug Brown and John Flora facilitate, with classmates sharing leadership too. All are welcome.

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 *Beyond the Next Mountain* and *the Race: the Story of Jesse Owens*. Lydia and Terry Fourman facilitate. All are welcome.

## Study Groups

### WEDNESDAY

#### 6:30-7:15 AM EARLY AM BIBLE STUDY

##### Galatians: 10 Studies for Individuals and Groups

by N.T. Wright (9/12-12/12) The Apostle Paul's project, he often says, is building--not building with bricks and mortar but rather with people. He lays the foundation with the shockingly good news of one true God who raised Jesus from the dead, in order to build a new family with no divisions, all of whom can call God Father. In a world of widespread ethnic rivalry and trenchant divisiveness, Paul's strong corrective message in Galatians demands to be heard and reheard. In these studies by Tom Wright, we hear once again what remains shockingly good news. Pastor Brian White will facilitate.

#### 9:30-10:30 am Pastor's Bible Study

##### Galatians: 10 Studies for Individuals and Groups

by N.T. Wright (9/12-12/12)

#### 9:30-11:30 AM BIBLE STUDY

*Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton (9/12-10/24) The world's most-loved, most-read, book is also one of the most confusing. Rev. Hamilton discusses his ideas using this book and DVD sessions. He invites readers to a discussion that permits readers to think again and faithfully about the Bible. Lydia Fourman facilitates.

### THURSDAY

#### 9:30- 11:00 AM

Moses by Adam Hamilton (9/6-10/11) It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the

wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. The class will be studying No Other God by Kelly Minter (10/25-12/20) Judy Woempner facilitates.

#### 6:30-7:15 PM

I Can Learn the Bible by Holly Hawkins Shivers Are you looking for ways to introduce your elementary aged kids to the concept of a Bible study group. Join us for a four week Family Bible Study. This group is best suited for children ages K-5th grade. Leslie Babione will facilitate. Book cost is \$15-one book per family.

### FRIDAY

#### 9:30- 11:30 AM

Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy by Kelly Minter (October/November) Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love and divine legacy comes alive in this 6-week study. Book cost is \$13. Jackie Rowell facilitates.

*To sign up for Adult Bible Studies register for [stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups).*

*Childcare is available with registration 72 hours in advance online at [stmarkscarmel.org](http://stmarkscarmel.org)*

## Small Groups/Grow Groups

### ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

Specifically address the needs and support wanted when caring for parents.

Wednesday evenings (twice a month) Becky Mills facilitates.

Sunday mornings once a month. Susan Jacques facilitates

**Grow Groups** meet throughout the week/month at various times. Today there are 8 Grow Groups meeting throughout St. Mark's. More groups are always encouraged to form. If you wish to participate or facilitate a group, please contact me, Lydia Fourman, at [LFourman@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:LFourman@stmarkscarmel.org) or my cell: 317-850-2345. I am in the church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays if you prefer to meet in person.

# gatherings

## Second Saturday Breakfast Meetings

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

**Saturday, 10/13**



Paul Dvorak  
Secret Service

**Saturday, 11/10**

Mental Health Discussion  
(Part 1 of 3 Sessions)

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 Dean Solesky, email [umm@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:umm@stmarkscarmel.org) or call a UMM Board Member. You can also see what's going at: [stmarkscarmel.org](http://stmarkscarmel.org). Come and join us!*

## PRAYER HUDDLE

Join us at the back of the sanctuary before the traditional services at 8:15 AM 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

**Thursday, 10/11 & 10/25 6:00 AM**

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

## ROMEO's Lunch Group

**Wednesday, 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 Meetings

**Tuesday, 10/9, 9 AM & 7 PM**

All women of St. Mark's are invited to United Methodist Women's gathering Tuesday for coffee, conversation, devotion time & special interest groups. We look forward to seeing you!

Find out what great things are in store for the 2018-2019 year. Questions Contact [umw@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:umw@stmarkscarmel.org).

Childcare provided. To register for childcare, please click on the signup genius link from St. Mark's website and go to Serving our Children. Registration must be made 48 hours in advance.

## Morning Groups

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

The group will be studying **Embracing Wholeness: An Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living** by Jessica Stonecypher. This study will explore our relationship with creation, others and ourselves. We will engage in conversations with Biblical texts, current realities and possible ways to respond. Mary Ann Moman facilitates.

### BOOKWORMS

UMW morning book discussion group. The book selected for October is **Hot Dogs on the Road-An American Girl's Reflection on Growing up in a Black and White World** by Lena Epps Brooke. While the books are seldom of a religious nature we will ask the question, "Do you see God's grace or redemption at work in the book?" Facilitator Gail Lee

## MAKE IT AND TAKE IT

We are going to paint at the October gathering. We had so much fun last year in January with our Snowman painting that we've decided to repeat the experience! Join us to make a "Fall" picture this time! No particular artistic expertise or creative ability required. Come and join this lively group! Kathy Dycus and Marilyn Roberts facilitate.

## SAMS (SCHOOL AGE MOMS)

This fall as the school year kicks off, we will have a new group for Moms. SAMs (School Age Moms) will meet two Tuesdays a month. There will be a discussion group for the UMW morning and evening gatherings, and then we will meet the last Tuesday of the month. We will be using "**Where Mom's Connect**" as our guide. Facilitator: Ali Lemberg.

## Evening Groups

### BOOKMARKERS

Join us at BookMarkers, the evening book group discussion. We read anything and everything, and enjoy a lively discussion, fellowship and support. Please come, even if you haven't had a chance to read the book. We add an extra meeting in May and in the summer. The book for October is: **Whistling Past the Graveyard** by Susan Crandall. Contact Deb Skinner, [dskins25@hotmail.com](mailto:dskins25@hotmail.com) or call 317-574-1997 with any questions.

### SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Applying Biblical study to our everyday lives. This group uses a series of videos and study guides to help us apply the teachings of Jesus to our life challenges. We will be using the DVD **Israel's Mission** by Ray Vander Laan which explores welcoming strangers and prodigals the Lord longs to embrace. Facilitator: Beth McGill.

## SAMS (SCHOOL AGE MOMS)

See Morning Group for description

## Arts and Crafts Marketplace

**Saturday, November 3, 9 AM-4 PM**

Please begin now to prepare your crafts for the Market Place. Popular items in the past have included matching knit scarves and hats, aprons, ornaments, American Girl doll clothes and jewelry.

## UMW Reading Program

**Monday, October 29 7 PM**

Every year the United Methodist Women'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. Our group selects a book from each of the categories and meets five times a year for fellowship and book discussion

There is one reading category and discussion left for 2018 :

October 29- Spiritual Growth

Example titles in the Spiritual Growth category found in our St. Mark's library are: [Praying for Strangers](#) by River Jordan and [The Well Women](#) by Ladine Housholder

A brochure is available in the church library on the UMW shelf that you can pick up or visit the website [unitedmethodistwomen.org/](http://unitedmethodistwomen.org/) reading program.

***Do not hesitate to contact Susan Salter at [sbf5salter@att.net](mailto:sbf5salter@att.net) if you have any questions.***

## October UMW Mission

During the month of October, the UMW will be collecting personal care items for the women of Hope Center. You can place the items in the red tote during our October meetings or bring them on Sunday mornings.

The following is a list of items needed:

Shampoo	Conditioner	Deodorant
Soap	Body Wash	Hand Lotion
Body Lotion	Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Washcloths		

Thank you for your support of all of the missions supported by St Mark's and the UMW.

## Brightwood Dinner

**Thursday, November 15**

UMW will serving a Brightwood meal in November but we will be providing a meal for the Brightwood after-school tutoring kids on Thursday, November 15. Sign-ups will come out on Sign-up Genius about a week before the date. For questions, please contact Kathi Hall, [khall7401@sbcglobal.net](mailto:khall7401@sbcglobal.net) or (317) 816-0518.

## JULIETS

**Thursday, October 11**

**Thursday, November 8**

Ladies, join the JULIETS (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together) for lunch! We meet the **2nd 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! Check the website to find out which restaurant we will be visiting.

***Please sign up by 10/7 at the Connections Table behind the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact Kat Howe, [chattykat52@att.net](mailto:chattykat52@att.net) or 317.431.6295.***



## Coffee 'n Cameras

Monday, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5 & 11/19  
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.



Coffee 'n Cameras

**Contact Bob Wiens, 317-402-5617 or [wiens@iquest.net](mailto:wiens@iquest.net), with questions.**

## The Page Turners Book Group

**Tuesday, October 16, 7 PM**  
*By Invitation Only* by Dorothea Benton Frank

**Tuesday, November 20, 7 PM**  
*Uncommon Type: Some Stories* by Tom Hanks

If you enjoy good books, interesting discussions, and a shared evening with new/old friends. Start reading now. Join us for our next gathering where we will be deciding on the next 12 books to read. To sign up to lead a book discussion or to be added to the email list for this group to go [stmarkscarmel.org](http://stmarkscarmel.org). Contact Marcia Flora, 317-670-9976 or [mflora1950@yahoo.com](mailto:mflora1950@yahoo.com), with questions.

## Craft & Hobby Group

**Thursday, 10/4 & 11/15 6:00 PM– 9:00 PM**  
**Friday, 10/5 & 11/16 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, October 1 and November 12. Child care is available for children 5 & under. Childcare must be requested at least 72 hours in advance by registering.

**Contact Kathy Bartel, 317-294-4908 or [krbartel@gmail.com](mailto:krbartel@gmail.com), if you have any questions.**  
**Register to attend Craft Days at [stmarkscarmel.org/crafts/](http://stmarkscarmel.org/crafts/)**

## Career Curve

**Mondays @ 10:00 AM**

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](mailto:careercurve@stmarkscarmel.org), if you would like more information.

# special events

## New Member Class

**Sunday, October 21, 2:00 PM- 4:00 PM**

Interested in learning more about membership at St. Mark's? Please join us October 21 where you can get to know the pastors, meet others investigating membership, and learn more about St. Mark's.

*Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps](http://stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps) or contact Missi*

*Koenig at*

*[mkoenig@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:mkoenig@stmarkscarmel.org).*

*Childcare available with 72 hour advance signup..*

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OUR NEIGHBORS,  
LOCALLY AND  
GLOBALLY.

## Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 20**

Don't miss St. Mark's Fall Festival. This year's festival will take place on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 and

will have activities designed for kids of all ages. Hot Dogs and Nachos will be provided free as well as s'mores over the bonfire. This year will see a return of the Creepy Crawly Petting Zoo, Halloween carnival games and bingo played for prizes. Let your kids dress up. Help celebrate the fall season at St. Mark's.



## St. Mark's Presents

**Sunday, October 7 2:00 PM**

Nemanja Ostojic, guitar

Haruka Ostojic, piano

Presenting a recital of varied guitar and piano music . The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the performance.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

3/24 Clare Longendyke, piano

5/19 Indy Winds Flute Choir

7/7 Glory & Wonder: An Afternoon of Worship

*St. Mark's* PRESENTS

## Mental Illness Book Discussions

**Saturday, November 10 7:30 AM**

Looking at Recovery through the Rear View Mirror: A Bipolar's Story by Norman Newman and John P Sheehan

**Saturday, February 2 9:30 AM- 11:00 AM**

First, We Make the Beast Beautiful-A Journey Through Anxiety by Sarah Wilson

**Saturday, March 16 9:30 AM-11:00 AM**

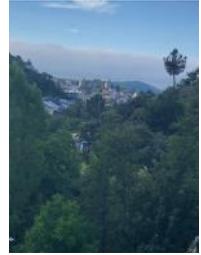
The Noonday Demon- An Atlas Of Depression by Andrew Solomon

You are invited to a series of three book discussions related to mental illness to be held at St. Mark's . Each book provides a perspective from individuals who live with bipolar disorder, anxiety or depression. Please feel free to share this information with others. The first discussion will take place on November 10 at 7:30 AM and will highlight Looking at Recovery Through the Rear View Mirror: A Bipolar's Story.

## Camino Walk Presentation

**Wednesday, 10/3, 11:30**

Pastor Mary Ann Moman will be giving a presentation on her experience walking The Camino on Wednesday, **October 3** @ 11:30 a.m. In Room B/C. Bring a sack lunch. For more information contact **Pastor Mary Ann** at [mmoman@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:mmoman@stmarkscarmel.org).



special events

## Pecan Sales

**Sunday, November 4**

Remember those delicious cooking pecans and chocolate covered pecans the UMW sold last Fall? Well, we will be selling them again starting Sunday, November 4. We will share more information as we get it.



Many thanks to everyone who attended this year's Connections Fair. I am grateful for those who helped setup, people who worked the tables, leaders who recruited volunteers and the hostesses who greeted people as they arrived.



Thank you to Trish Boger and Peg Bertelli who organized the breakfast.

I pray that many of you learned about the spiritual gifts that God has given you and that you found new ways to share those gifts at St. Mark's.

God Bless,  
Missi Koenig

## Journeys of Paul Cruise

**Sunday, May 19- Thursday, May 30**

### AN INVITATION TO TRAVEL WITH PASTOR WHITE

Pastor White will be leading a group through Educational Opportunities Tours experiencing the "Journeys of Paul." This tour includes stops in Italy and Greece and will depart on **May 19, 2019** and return on May 30. For more information pick up a brochure outside the church office in the plastic holders, or available online at [stmarkscarmel.org](http://stmarkscarmel.org).



# committees

## 2019 Stewardship Campaign

### OPPORTUNITY KEEPS KNOCKING AT ST. MARK'S

Think of all that we do at St. Mark's: from our worship and study, to our various missions, to the fellowship that we share.



For each of these, someone at St. Mark's thought of it and followed up on that thinking. Be it IHN or Mission Guatemala or Holy Walk to Bethlehem or Dinners for Eight or the St. Mark's Orchestra. Someone saw an opportunity and seized that opportunity - and we all benefit.

What new opportunities await us? Which of us will have an idea that can further God's kingdom here at St. Mark's? How can we best support those opportunities that keep coming our way?

Whatever we decide to pursue, it will take resources. We need to be prepared if we are to seize the opportunities that God keeps putting before us. The 2019 Stewardship Campaign that begins on October 21 will highlight the opportunities that knock on our church door all the time and it will challenge us to prepare the resources so that we can take advantage of those opportunities and let them flower.

Opportunity keeps knocking at St. Mark's. Help us to continue to answer the call.

## Social Justice Committee

### Saving Mother's Lives

You might think that women in a country as wealthy as the United States wouldn't die during childbirth. But you would be wrong.

The U.S. has the highest rate of maternal mortality of all developed nations. Twenty-two women die for every 100,000 live births in the United States. Indiana's rate is almost twice that - 41 - one of the worst rates in the country.

The increased maternal death rate is directly correlated with lack of access to prenatal care. Mothers who lack health care are more frequently women of color, the working poor and women living in some of our state's poorest counties.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells the disciples that he came so that they could live life to fullest. "God desires that every mother, every child and every family not only survive but thrive." (*United Methodist Book of Resolutions. Maternal Health: The Church's Role*). Join our Ministry as we explore ways in which we can educate and advocate to Save Mothers' Lives.

## Trustee Committee

As the congregation may or may not know the Trustee committee has been working diligently to keep the building and grounds in good working order. Over the last few years, major structural elements such as the roof, the EIFS ( outside plaster coating on building) and the parking lot have been replaced. Parts of the building are now 39 years old and starting to show their age. The Trustee committee is looking at 3 major projects over the next few years. The time frame depends on pledge amounts to the building fund. As a committee, we feel it is prudent not to go into debt to accomplish these updates. The three areas for update (in no particular order) are the Welcome area, the Sanctuary and the Wesley Hall/kitchen area. There are preliminary drawings to show improvements being considered. These are being displayed in the Parlor for the next few months. Additional forums will be announced to discuss these projects. The congregation is encouraged to review the drawings, attend a forum and give their opinions to one of the Trustee members.

## Ways to Serve

One of the ways our St. Mark's family cares for one another is by serving a meal after a funeral. There are multiple ways that you can help - donate food, help with room set up, help serve the meal to the family and help clean up afterward. While we will continue to send out emails requesting help we are also going to add the sign-ups to Sign Up Genius under the "Serving St. Mark's" group. Please feel free to check what serving opportunities are available at anytime by going to [stmarkscarmel.org](http://stmarkscarmel.org) and looking for the Sign Up Genius link.



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Featured this month:

Be sure to have a look at the display of Christian fiction on our checkout counter.

A wide variety of authors and genres from romance to mystery, as well as new titles and long-loved classics, is available for your reading enjoyment. Adult fiction is located to the left of the library door and arranged alphabetically by author, while children's and young adult fiction will be found in the Kid's Corner and on the Teen Reading shelves.

## New Arrivals

Where We Belong – Popular Christian novelist Lynn Austin follows two incomparable sisters on adventures spanning decades and crossing the globe as they chase rumors of an important Biblical manuscript.

I've Been Thinking – Reflections, prayers and meditations for a meaningful life by bestselling author Maria Shriver.

Taking My Life Back – Rebekah Gregory's story of faith, determination and surviving the Boston Marathon bombing.

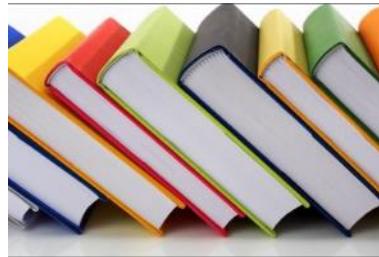
The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi – Kathie Lee Gifford takes us along on her journey into the heart of scriptural faith and the land where it all began.

String of Pearls – Book three in the Mulligan Sisters series by popular Christian fiction author Melody Carson is set in World War II and follows the four sisters who grow stronger and more capable as the war rages on.

I've Loved You Since Forever - Today co-host Hoda Kolb celebrates the joy of welcoming a new baby with lyrical text and stunning illustrations.

Long Way Gone – New York Times bestselling author Charles Martin's radical retelling of the prodigal son story and the tender relationship between a broken man and the father who never stopped calling him home.

Barefoot: A story of surrendering to God – by Sharon Garlough Brown. The spiritual journey of four women takes unexpected turns in this third book of the "Sensible Shoes" series.



# community news

## Directory Updates

Dorothy Zunich  
Morningside Ministries at Menger Springs  
1000 Grand Blvd RM 1108  
Boerne, TX 78006-9304

Mike & Marty McCarty  
304 Woodland Lane  
Carmel, IN 46032

Dani Schweiger  
2727 E. 86th Street, Apt 515  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

## Sympathies

To Steve Murray and Solesky families at the death of Sherry Murray, wife, mother, and grandmother.

To Mary and Elle Hayes at the death of Griffin, son and brother.

To Jim Blessing at the death of his wife, Sue Ann.

To Carol Hollingsworth at the death of her sister, Becky.

## New Babies

Conor James Hall was born on September 3. Parents Matt and Amanda Hall, grandparents Kathi and Jim Hall.

Paige Elizabeth Ourand was born on September 17. Parents are Jennifer & Trey, sister Claire and grandparents John and Melinda Deedrick.

## Prayer Requests

This ministry provides prayer support on behalf of those in need. Requests for prayers can be sent to [prayers@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:prayers@stmarkscarmel.org)

If you would like to become a member of the prayer chain and provide prayer support for those in need, please send an email to [staff@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:staff@stmarkscarmel.org).

## In Our Congregation

To St Marks,

Our family wants to thank the pastors, staff, and all of our friends and support at St. Mark's for your prayers, calls, offers of help, and cards during this difficult time for Charlie, my granddaughter Morgan, and myself during the past several months. Morgan is now back to school, and Charlie and I are doing better.

Blessings to all of you,  
Fran Hageboeck and family

To My Friends at St Mark's,

After twenty years it was necessary for me to ask the church for help remembering a loved one. I want to give a shout out for our wonderful office staff...they usually have three or four days notice to prepare for a large group of mourners to comfort and feed. They do this as smoothly as though they had been planning for weeks. They are great at hugs, so treat yourself to one!!  
Nyla Johnson

Dear St. Mark's Family,

We would like to Thank everyone that sent cards and visited Sherry/Mom during her illness. She really appreciated knowing that so many cared and were praying for her. We were happy we chose to work with Bussell Family Funerals and to have her Visitation and Funeral at St. Mark's. Many commented that our church was full of very welcoming and caring people. Also, we would like to Thank all who were involved with the Funeral Service and the wonderful lunch. Your support and kindness during this difficult time was a great comfort to our family.

Steve Murray & Solesky Family

## 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	Barbara Frazer
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
Leonard Sheats	Barbara Holcomb
Judy & Tom Hebenstreit	Kay Major



## Friday, November 30 & Saturday, December 1

### SIGNUPS ARE LIVE

Join in the fun! Lots of opportunities to sign up. We will start building Bethlehem on Saturday, November 17. Have you ever wanted to be a Roman Guard, Wisemen, Prophet, Guide? Lots of roles for all ages and other fun ways to get involved. Friday, 11/30 and Saturday 12/1 you have the opportunity to sign up to help serve cookies and hot chocolate, greet our guests in the Sanctuary, or be a Character. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Sign ups are live.

*Contact Lynn or Rob Akerhielm at [holywalk@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:holywalk@stmarkscarmel.org) for more information.*



# Arts and Crafts Marketplace

Saturday November 3 | 9:00AM - 4:00PM

featuring unique, handmade items  
perfect for holiday gifting and decorating!



Painted Rocks



Handmade Jewelry



Quilted Purses



Doll Clothes



Knit & Crochet Items



Cloth Pumpkins



Super Hero + Princess Capes



Totes

Enjoy home-baked items and a light lunch at our Candy Cane Café.



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