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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ST. MARK'S

United Methodist Church

September



Celebrating Our Past

INSPIRING OUR FUTURE

Connections Fair

September 8, 9:15 AM—11:00 AM

As we celebrate the last 40 years of ministry and connections here at St. Mark's we look forward to the future God has ahead of us. At the Connections Fair, you will have the opportunity to make new connections and be a part our future! **Make a difference in the lives of our congregation and community.**

Check out all the opportunities to connect offered here at St. Mark's and see where God might be calling you to serve. Meet new people and build community. Contact mkoenig@stmarkscarmel.org for more information.

A light breakfast will be served. You are encouraged to wear a St. Mark's t-shirt, either new or vintage!



October 6, 2019

Join us Sunday, October 6 to begin our celebration of 40 years .

We will have a combined worship service with a light lunch served after the service. (In order to help us plan, please RSVP by September 29 if you will be joining us for lunch.)

9:30 | Fellowship

10:30 | Combined Worship Service

Lunch following worship.

Many events have been planned throughout the month:

- New pictorial directory pictures will be taken.
- St Mark's Presents will be presenting "The Best of St Mark's Concert" which will showcase our music programs on Sunday, October 20 at 2:00 PM.
- MIA Day will be on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27 (Soups On).
- New Building renovations begin.
- Fall Festival will be held on October 19.

The Pastor's Place

Dr. Brian White, Lead Pastor

bwhite@stmarkscarmel.org

Dear Co-workers in Christ,

As we begin to move into the fall it is a time of welcoming people back to the programs of the church but also a time to evaluate, affirm, and reinvent. We reflect on what we have done and continue the work that is bearing fruit. We also evaluate what is not effective and may discontinue activities that are no longer bearing fruit. Jesus described this as a type of pruning in John 15. We continually want to do what is connecting us with God through Jesus Christ and not do things that are no longer feeding our souls as individuals and in the life of the church.



This fall we will be having a special time as we remember the 40th anniversary of the chartering of St. Mark's as a congregation on October 6. Remembering, however, is not useful unless it propels us into the future God has for us. Theologian, Jürgen Moltmann, reminds us that "Memory creates continuity. There is no identity which is not also continuity, stretched over a period of time and held fast through memory." We invest in acts of remembering and celebrating because they remind us of who we are. He continues, though, saying, "The work of memory on life's past is bound up with the work of hope on its future. The meaning which we see in our future determines the significance we ascribe to the past. Remembered experiences and decisions become significant in the present in so far as they open up for us angles of approach to the potentialities of the future." (Moltman, *The Church in the Power of the Spirit*, 281)

We will be sharing many memories about the history of our congregation in the next few months. These memories come alive when they propel us into a new future. In other words, memories are important because they connect us to our past but they should also spur our imaginations about the future. Memories of our past should lead to dreams for our future.

We will be celebrating the rich heritage that we have already created as a congregation. We will celebrate the many people who have been welcomed into a life of following Jesus. We will celebrate the many children, youth, and adults who have grown in their faith through our education ministries. We will celebrate the myriad of service experiences and missions trips which St. Mark's members have participated in through the years. We will celebrate all of these things.

We also will be reminded of God's call for our future. We will be beginning some significant building renovations in the weeks ahead. We will be welcoming new staff members. We will welcome new member into our fellowship and new babies into the world. We are informed by our past and we are inspired by God to move into the future.

Thank you for all that you have done to make St. Mark's what it is today. Let's continue to be guided by God's Spirit and we become what God calls us to be in the next phase of our congregation's life!

In Christ's service,

Brian

Hello St. Mark's Family,

It's been a season of ups and downs and changes around St. Mark's with the new school year starting, Kody Emrich joining the staff as our Emerging Worship Director, and me getting a new last name. We've had people continue in their battle with cancer and recoveries from surgeries. We've lost people that we've loved and welcomed new people into our midst. Life keeps flowing and we keep trying to find ways to make the best of it.



We want life to be good, as close to perfect as possible. After planning and having a wedding, I was reminded all over again that perfection can be very subjective. If anyone asks, my wedding day was perfect. Granted, there was still an issue with the headpiece I'd planned to wear, the bustle on my dress came undone at the reception a few times, I knocked over the vase that had my bouquet in it at the reception, and someone checked into the room that Kyle and I had reserved for ourselves. There were bumps and moments of chaos and rushing. Little things that could be called imperfect, but for me they were all just part of the process of having a perfect day. Because for every mishap there was a hug from a friend I hadn't seen in ages, a smile from a beloved family member, and the realization that I was marrying my best friend. In short, it was perfect because of the results, no matter what happened along the journey.

Life is a little bit longer and more complicated than a single wedding, though. The problems that we face are bigger than dress malfunctions and room mishaps. And in the moments of pain, sorrow, and disappointment there is no reason to call it perfect, let alone a good thing. But there's Someone good waiting for us as we continue our journeys, Someone who understands the pain we've experienced and is walking with us through it all.

In Christ,

Pastor Julia Gonzales

Mission Focus



“Education that changes lives.”

- **Operation Classroom has partnered with the United Methodist Churches of Liberia and Sierra Leone to improve Secondary Education.**
- **Provided thousands of scholarships allowing students to get an education.**
- **Shipped nearly 100 containers of school and medical supplies to Liberia and Sierra Leone.**
- **Mission teams have been sponsored that have provided the opportunity for many hundreds of Hoosiers to have “hands-on” experience.**

This month we are raising funds for Taiama Enterprise Academy (TEA). This comprehensive 5 year program designed to equip young men and women with the knowledge base, skills, that will allow them to provide for their families, and communities. The campus is set to open October 7, 2019.

How Can You Help?

You can make a financial donation using the mission offering envelope on Sunday morning or give online at stmarkscarmel.org/give.

Serving Opportunities

Stephanie Cohen, Mission Coordinator

Blood Drive

Sunday, September 15

8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Every two seconds, someone needs blood every day. You can help save a life by donating blood. Healthy individuals 16 and older can lend an arm. Contact Mindy Davis, Melinda.kay.moore@davis@gmail.com



Soups On!

Sunday, September 22 | 9:15 AM

Help Serve lunch at Roberts Park to 200-250 homeless people. How can you be involved?

- Provide food for the lunch.
- Volunteer to help serve lunch (23-25 volunteers are needed).

October 27 will be our last serving opportunity for 2019.

Brightwood Community Center

Brightwood afterschool tutoring will begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Interested in tutoring or helping prepare/serve a meal for the afterschool program? Contact Diane Newton at joediane244@att.net for more info.

Guatemala Mission Trip

June 6- June 14

Interested in serving in the highlands of Central Guatemala?

Sign up now to join St. Mark's members for next year's mission trip: June 6-14, 2020. We will be hosted by Mission Guatemala to help improve the quality of life for their underserved Guatemalan people through various community projects. The team will also be provided a day of touring to experience the Mayan culture and get to know the people whom we are serving. Trip cost will be approximately \$1600, team size limited to 15. Please contact Stephanie Cohen for more information, at 317-846-4912 scohen@stmarkscarmel.org.



Interfaith Build

Saturday, October 5

Friday, October 11



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

Sign up at

stmarksumc.indyhabitat.volunteerhub

All volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. If you have questions, contact Joe or Diane Newton at joediane244@att.net or 317-288-4523.

Leadership Opportunities

POTATO DROP (2020)

Volunteer needed to help lead our Potato Drop in 2020. Opportunity to learn more about duties in this year's Potato Drop on Mission In Action Day October 26, 2019.

BRIGHTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Volunteers needed NOW to help lead our serving meals to Brightwood Community Center, in their after school program.

MISSION IN ACTION DAY PROJECTS

Interested in leading one of our MIA projects on Saturday, October 26?

For all these opportunities, please contact Stephanie Cohen, scohen@stmarkscarmel.org for more information.

Team World Vision

Saturday, November 9



Do you believe everyone should have access to clean water? What if in order to have clean water you had to:

- Walk 30 minutes or more one way to get drinking water.
- Carry 40 lbs of water in a dirty container for 30 minutes every 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.

Join St. Mark's as we partner with Team World Vision to walk, jog or run a half or full marathon in the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon.

For more information sign up on St Marks website or contact Becky Bultemeier, bjbultemeier@yahoo.com.

TRAINING UPDATE

Our St. Mark's World Vision Team is off to a great start! We have a group run every Saturday at 7:00 AM starting at The Gazebo in Carmel and train on the Monon Trail. We would love for you to join us, it isn't too late! Go Team!

Donation Opportunities

Shoe Drive

Shoes are needed for our annual shoe drive for Changing Footprints.



Shoes will be donated to individuals, organizations in the United States and overseas. You can help by:

- Donating new or gently used shoes
- Volunteer to pack and sort shoes on October 26 for MIA Day.

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.



- Donate in September & October **clean** coats which will be given away in November.
- All sizes are welcome but greatest need is Boy Sizes 8-12 and Adult sizes.

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:

- **Peace with Justice Sunday:** \$280
- **Outreach Indiana:** 11 bags of clothes, food and hygiene supplies
- **E. 10th UM Children & Youth Center:** \$6,144, 7 bags of crafting supplies
- **Good Samaritan Network:** \$3,921, 15 bags of toys and clothes for Christmas in July
- **IHN:** 2 blanket/sheet sets, 2 diaper packages, 1 bottle laundry soap, 3 bags of large toiletries for Welcome Bags
- **Brightwood Community Center:** 1 summer lunch meal served
- **Fletcher Place:** 41 containers of Oatmeal, 9 bags of food
- **Indiana Blood Center:** 11 units of blood
- **Third Phase:** 6 bags of food, clothes and toiletries
- **The O'Connor House:** 30 care kits from Mission Camp

Mustard Seed

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move mountains." The vision of The Mustard Seed of Central Indiana's non-profit organization is to provide basic household furniture to allow families and individuals to achieve restored dignity and self-esteem, enabling them to move forward and take control of their futures. St. Mark's collects items each week and transports them to their Fisher's warehouse. Donated household items may be placed in the blue bin in Wesley Hall. Please visit stmarkscarmel.org for a current list of items in greatest need.



Music

Dr. Eric DeForest, Director
edeforest@stmarkscarmel.org

Music Opportunitites this Fall

CHOIR PRACTICE BEGIN SEPTEMBER 4

Join the Chancel Choir and make a joyful noise with us! We accept any singer from high school age to 100! Rehearsals start **Wednesday, 9/4 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.**

BELL REHEARSALS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 4

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30 PM.

JOIN THE ORCHESTRA

St. Mark's Orchestra plays about 10 times each year. Rehearsals are once the Wednesday before the service we are performing. Contact Ed Rowell, 317-727-2163 or jackieanded@gmail.com for more information.

St. Mark's Presents

Sunday, October 20, 2:00 PM

Please join us on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM as we kick off the *St. Mark's*



Presents Concert Series with the best of St. Mark's 40th Anniversary Concert. This concert will feature the St. Mark's Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Praise Band, Children's Choir, members of the St. Mark's Orchestra as well as some of your favorite soloists. It will be a glorious afternoon of music to celebrate St. Mark's Anniversary. There will be a reception following the concert. The concert is free and open to the public. Please come and celebrate with us!

Summer AV Intern

Thank you to our Summer AV Intern Patrick Reeves. Good luck this year at Indiana University.

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 UM 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. During the 11:00 service, this class will begin preparing on 9/16 for the Christmas Musical. The children will be singing on October 20 at the 9:40 AM and 11:00 AM services.

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!



Club 56 Back to School Social

Sunday, September 22 | 2:30 PM- 4:30 PM

All youth who are in 5th and 6th grade the back to school social at the church. This is an event you can bring friends. Food, fellowship and fun provided! Sign-up on-line.

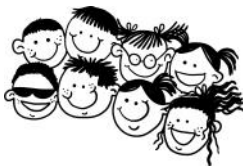
Sunday Volunteers Needed

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 assistants to help during 9:40 AM & 11:00 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 or Jackie at rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org to get involved. We will have our first volunteer training event at noon on 9/15. Even if you cannot volunteer in a classroom, please pray for the volunteers God is nudging to serve.

Kidz Night Out

Friday, September 13
6:00 PM-9:00 PM



Children ages 4-10 years old are invited to join the fun on the 2nd Friday of each month. Parents will drop off their children. Children will enjoy activities, games, a movie, and a (nut free) snack throughout the evening as they are supervised by Cornerstone Youth. Cost is \$15 per child (\$30 per family). This event serves as a fundraiser for youth mission trips and retreats. Contact Ramie Cooney for more information, rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org

Signup at stmarkscarmel.org/signups

Kidz Music Lunch & Learn

Sunday, September 15 | 12:00 PM-12:45 PM

Instrument Petting Zoo and demonstration of instruments by the Orchestra by St. Mark's members. All families attending will get to try a different instrument. Paige Music will loan us their Petting Zoo. Instruments. A delicious lunch will be provided for all participants.

Kidz Kick Off Parent Meeting

Sunday, September 15 | 10:30 AM-11:00 AM

All are welcome! Please join us in praying over the upcoming year, learning about our exciting Kidz Church programs and upcoming events, and discovering St. Mark's plan for spiritual development from birth through confirmation (and beyond). (Children will be watched in their Kidz Church classrooms during the meeting.) If you only come to one meeting a year, this is the one you should not miss!

Attention 3rd Graders

Sunday, October 6

The UMW of our church will gift *New Revised Standard Version Bibles* to current 3rd graders on **Sunday 10/6** as we celebrate our wonderful church's 40th anniversary. Parents, please register your child(ren) by emailing a recent picture in a jpeg format to rcooney@stmarkscarmel.org. We would like to include all our children, even if your family is unable to attend in person.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

Wednesday, September 11 | 9:00 AM

Join other mothers who desire friendship, community, support and growth for several



Wednesdays each month, play dates, and nights out. Childcare offered. Meetings start 9/11/2019. Contact Alexis at mopsatst.marks@gmail.com to register or learn more.

Summer Interns

A huge thank you to our children's ministry summer interns. Caleb Cohen & Maya Raymond did an excellent job planning summer fun and learning more about working in a church setting.



Weekly Gatherings

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Cornerstone AM—Grades 7-12
9:40 AM

SUNDAY EVENINGS

Cornerstone Fellowship - Grades 7-12
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Middle School and High School meet separately. The two groups join together at 6:00 for Dinner. Youth may stay until 7:00 PM for games in Wesley Hall.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

6:00 PM– 7:00 PM

Dig Deep– Grades 9-12

High School students who wish to spend time digging deeper into scripture and relationship are invited to spend the school year working through Intersections, as we strive to understand our calling as citizens of Heaven living on Earth and act upon that call in our everyday lives.

THURSDAY EVENINGS

DKB Starbucks

Join DKB at Starbucks at 131st & Hazel Dell Parkway. Have a cup of coffee, conversation or just catch up. Parents always welcome.

Third Street

Watch for more information. Kody Emrich, our new worship leader at The Current will be leading this group. There will be regular rehearsals in the future.

Fall Retreat 2019

EPWORTH FOREST CONFERENCE CENTER

Friday, 9/27-Sunday, 9/29

Wonderful time to grow together in faith and friendship. Come with a heart to learn, Bible, deodorant and other person items.

This year we will be at a new location. Epworth Forest in North Webster, IN. Students in Grades 7-12 may attend. Cost \$75 per youth.

Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/youth. Contact Don Broad, dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org for more information.

Work Camp 2020

Imperial, PA

Sunday, 6/21—Saturday, 6/27

Any youth in grades 8-12 is eligible to attend. Students must be 14 years of age or older by the time of departure. We will be staying in a local high school. Cost \$500 per youth. 20 spots are available. Signup at Stmarkscarmel.org/signup. If you have any questions, please contact Don Broad, dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org.

Week of Hope

Nashville, TN

Sunday, July 26– Friday, July 31

Any youth in grades 6-8 (2019-2020 school year) are eligible to attend. Youth must be 12 years of age or older by time of departure. Cost \$300 per youth. We have 15 spots reserved.

Signup at stmarkscarmel.org/signups. Contact Don Broad for more information..

Adult Education

FALL STUDIES

Wednesday

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

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

James by N.T. Wright, 9/4-11/6

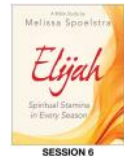
Every generation in the church worries about people who enjoy what they hear in church but don't make a difference. James also dealt with this problem. Translating belief into action--making sure faith is the real thing--is near the heart of his message. This study on James passionate letter will help you live out your faith and make a difference. Facilitated by Pastor Brian White.



WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season by Melissa Spoelstra, 9/4-10/16

Elijah's life was a string of mountain-top high and bottom-of-the-pit low events, and yet he did extraordinary things for God. In *Elijah*, you'll learn the spiritual stamina secrets that helped this great prophet hold on and persevere in faith. He doubted and struggled just as we do, but he chose to believe God through it all. This study will help you grow in faith and develop spiritual stamina to thrive in every season. Facilitated by Lydia Fourman.



Thursday

AM STUDY GROUP, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Believing Jesus by Lisa Harper, 9/5-10/24

Author Lisa Harper retraces the steps of the apostles in the book of Acts. The disciples didn't have much of a road map after Jesus ascended to heaven, but God's grace and spirit filled in the gaps as they moved forward. It required their willingness to risk everything to establish a new community that would change the future world. Judy Woempner facilitates.



Friday

FRIDAY STUDY, 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

The Broken Way: A Daring Path into the Abundant Life by Ann Voskamp, 8/23-10/4

Nothing in your life is more important than figuring out how to live in the face of unspoken pain. The author, Ann Voskamp sits at the edge of all her own unspoken brokenness and asks: What do you really want to live abundantly before it's too late? What do you do if you really want to know abundant wholeness? This is the one begging question that's behind every single aspect of our lives. Facilitated by Stephanie Cohen.



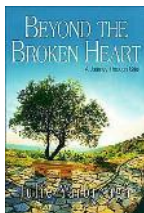
Information and signups for all studies is available online at stmarkscarmel.org.

Special Interest Groups

BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART

Thursday, 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM, 9/5-10/24

How does the heart understand grief when it is broken by the death of a loved one? To survive and live forward, those who grieve must find answers. *Beyond the Broken Heart* is an 8-week support and ministry program for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Author Julie Yarbrough



chronicles her personal experience combined with a deep love of Scripture and years of leading grief support groups to create an authentic and deeply personal exploration of the grief journey. Mary Ann Moman facilitates.

MARKS OF OUR FAITH AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

Tuesday, 7:00 PM-8:15 PM
9/24-10/29



This introduction to being a Christ follower centers on the Gospel of Mark as we walk through the life of Jesus and how Jesus invites and forms disciples. This study is a great beginning place for people trying to find their way into the faith as well as those who want to deepen their Christian walk.

ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

Wednesday, 6:30 PM -7:30 PM | 9/4 & 9/18
Sunday, 9:20 AM—10:45 AM | Once a month

This group addresses the needs and support when caring for parents. If you need support to care and share and learn about caring for your parent or parents, please join! Sunday group meets once a month. New participants are always welcome. Please call the church office for more details.

Sunday Morning 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. 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. Lydia and Terry Fourman facilitate.

Open Groups



UMW Kickoff “Happy Birthday, UMW!” Celebrating 150 years in Mission!

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 AM—11:00 AM | Carry-In Brunch

7:00 PM— 9:00 PM | Carry-In Salad Supper

(Newcomers will be our guests)

Come and see a reenactment of the first meeting in Boston, “*That Handful of Women*”

There will be a preview of Interest Groups. Childcare is available by registering your child on Sign Up Genius by September 7.

UMW SUNDAY

Sunday, September 29

Join us to celebrate 150 years. Look for more details in weekly emails.

ARTS & CRAFTS MARKETPLACE

Saturday, 11/16 | 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Note date change this year. The Marketplace will be in November. Crafters please begin now to prepare your homemade Crafts for the Marketplace UMW Craft booth. For information on renting a booth, contact Ada Hoffmaster at 317-706-0639 or ahoffmaster@indy.rr.com.

UMW Interest Groups

Morning Groups

BOOKWORMS

A book discussion group that reads both fiction and non fiction. The books may or may not be related to Christianity, October 8 we'll discuss *The Astronaut Wives Club* by Lily Koppel. Facilitator: Gail Lee

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In *Practicing Resurrection*, author Janet Wolf explores what it means to live a life of radical discipleship today using the Gospel of Mark as the foundation. The stories of the women in Mark are a particular focus in this study. Wolf's book (\$10) is available from Mary Ann Moman, Facilitator.

MAKE IT ANDTAKE IT

This group is a little crafty, a little creative, a little messy, and a lot of fun! No special craft skills needed. Materials are supplied for a small amount.. October's craft will be necklaces. Facilitators: Kathy Dycus and Marilyn Roberts

Evening Groups

BOOKMARKERS

The evening Bookmarkers read anything and everything, and enjoy lively discussion, fellowship and support. Facilitator: Debbie Skinner

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

Applying biblical study to our everyday lives, using a series of videos and study guides to help us apply the teachings of Jesus to our life challenges. Facilitator: Holly Moore



Second Saturday Breakfast Meetings

Saturday, September 14 | 7:30 AM

Saturday, October 12 | 7:30 AM

The UMM Breakfasts are held the 2nd Saturday of every month. Kevin Slaughter will be our speaker in September. He will be speaking about climbing the base camp of Mount Everest. Brian White will be our October speaker. He will be discussing his recent trip.

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 on at 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

9/12 & 9/26 | 6:00 AM

Einstein Bakery (116th Street, Carmel)

A community of career and family focused men seeking to develop relationships while we unplug from the daily stress that life can bring. Meet every other Thursday. For more information contact marksmen@stmarkscarmel.org

September Open Group Schedule

Monday

COFFEE 'N CAMERAS

9/9 & 9/23 | 9:00 AM

This self-help camera group meets for conversation about photographic art & technique. Bring your camera & your questions. Contact Bob Wiens, wiens@iquest.net for more information

CAREER CURVE

10:00 am (after 9/2)

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. For more information contact Jim & Chuck, coordinators at careercurve@stmarkscarmel.org

Tuesday

PRAWL SHAWL MINISTRY

September 11 | 11:00 AM—12:00 PM

Join us bi-monthly as we prayerfully knit and crochet prayer shawls that will be used to provide comfort and solace to people in need. Supplies are available. Men are welcome too! Contact Judy Bonnet for more information at jbonnet@stmarkscarmel.org.

PAGE TURNER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, 9/17 | 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Join us 3rd Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy good books, discussions, and a shared evening with new/old friends. Contact Marcia Flora with any questions! September book is **Educated** by Tara Westover.

Wednesday

ROMEOS (RETIRED OLD MEN EATING OUT)

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All men invited for a weekly Wednesday lunch.

MOBS (METHODIST ON BIKES)

9/11 & 9/25 | 6:30 PM

Fall is a beautiful time to join the MOB. All adults are invited to join us for a leisurely ride. (Saturdays are for experienced riders) 2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Spring-Fall)

Thursday

JULIETS

The Cheesecake Factory | 9/19, 11:30 AM

Juliets (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Out Together) every 3rd Thursday. Meet at a different restaurant every month.

CRAFT & HOBBY GROUP

Thursday 9/12 | 6:00 –9:00 PM

Friday, 9/13 | 9 AM– 1 PM

Meet monthly for time of fun and fellowship as we each enjoy our craft or hobby. Registration deadline to attend is 9/ 9. Contact Kathy Bartel, krbartel@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

BRIDGE

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Bridge Group meets weekly. For more information contact the church office.

Saturday

MOBS (METHODISTS ON BIKES)

9/7 & 9/21 | 7:30 AM

Designed for more experienced adult bikers with a minimum pace of 13 miles per hour, these 15-20 mile rides begin at various locations. Start time is 7:30 AM so we can beat the Saturday traffic.

Special Events



October 19 | 4:00 PM

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival . Food, games and fellowship. Invite your neighbors and friends and plan on attending!

SAVE THE DATE

UMW Arts & Craft Sale

Saturday, November 16 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Homemade crafts will be available. Note the later date this year.



Get to Know St. Mark's

Sunday, September 22 | 12:30 PM

What: Get to know new people, the pastors, and life at St. Mark's.

Why: Discover opportunities for connection at St. Marks and build community.

When: September 22, 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

Lunch included. Child care upon request. We hope you can join us!



RSVP: Register @stmarkscarmel.org/know or 317.846.4912 by September 18.

SAVE THE DATE

VBS 2020

Monday, July 6— Friday, July 10

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Look for details in the Spring.

Committee News

Social Justice

ENDING GUN VIOLENCE

Approximately 36,000 people in the U.S. die each year from gun violence, including children. (Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013 – 2017)

The United Methodist Church recognizes gun violence as a social crisis and one that we can no longer stay silent about. In 2016, the General Conference passed a resolution, “Our Call to End Gun Violence.” It states:

“As followers of Jesus, called to live into the reality of God’s dream of shalom as described by Micah (Micah 4:1-4), we must address the epidemic of gun violence so, “that he may teach us his ways that we may walk in God’s path.” (United Methodist Book of Resolutions, 3428)

The St. Mark’s Social Justice Team urges you to join us in “Ending Gun Violence,” our fall focus. Watch for film screenings, book discussions, special classes and other opportunities to advocate for the creation of a more peaceable kingdom. Look for information on the website and in the Bulletin.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.” — Matthew 5:9

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR PROGRAM SUPPORT

The Administrative Assistant for Program Support provides administrative services to the pastors, and collaborates closely with the Fellowship Committee in supporting and implementing program. Provides administrative support and in-person oversight for hospitality functions, fellowship events, and funeral dinners.

Finance

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

St Mark’s has a \$28,000 budget deficit through the end of July. We normally experience a bit of a giving slump during the summer and are hopeful that we can recover now that fall is right around the corner.

On the expense side, we are currently \$14,000 under budget for the year. This demonstrates everyone’s commitment to operate our Church as efficiently as possible and within our planned budgets.

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 next few 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.

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 Saint Mark’s, so we can continue our good work.

God bless you and thank you.

Lee Hargitt, Finance Committee Chair

Library News

It's back to school time for our young St. Marker's and a good time to check out the many books available in our church library for every reading level. Bibles for toddlers through teens and a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction books are shelved in the Children's Corner and on the Teen Reading shelves

Have you tried our electronic catalog?

Available anytime...anywhere, the catalog can be accessed from your phone, computer or other device. Search the collection by title, author, or subject at stmarkscarmel.org, and click on Grow>Library>Electronic Catalog. Instructions and video tutorials are available on the News and Message screen.

New Arrivals

A Layman's Guide to Who Wrote the Books of the Bible – Jack Trickler presents a study of the people who wrote the books of the Bible and of the historical, political and social settings in which they wrote.

Two Weeks – Karen Kingsbury's latest novel about love, faith and what it really means to be a family.

Mosaic – Amy Grant, one of America's most popular musical artists, and the best selling Christian musical artist of all time, shares the story of her life so far.

Acts: Immersion Bible Studies – Craig Keener takes us on a refreshing plunge into the Bible, bringing Scripture to life.

The Hope Jar – Popular Christian novelist Wanda Brunstetter weaves an intriguing tale of a homeless girl who befriends an unlikely family.

Life after Suicide: The survivor's grief experience – Author Terrence Barrett provides an in depth discussion of how survivors of suicide loss cope and adjust to the traumatic death of a loved one.

The Wish – Beverly Lewis brings us another story of life in Amish country.

The 365 Day Bible Trivia Challenge – Five questions a day to test your scripture smarts.

The Big Picture Story Bible – Takes young readers through the stories of the Bible with colorful illustrations to help them learn of God's love for them. (Children's shelves)

Community News

Directory Updates

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Akerhielm
538 Hunters Drive Unit A
Carmel IN 46032-2847

George & Karen Davis
355 Dartmouth Street, #814
Carmel, IN 46032

Eric DeForest
3088 Dowden Drive
Franklin, IN 46131-9852

Nancy Eikenberry
16719 Hawk Creek Circle
Westfield, IN 46074

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Snow
8172 River Bay Dr East
Indianapolis IN 46240-2997

Sympathies

To Jeff Zartman at the death of his mother,
Carol Zartman.

To Bruce Munk's family at the death of Nancy
Johnson his mother-in-law.

To Azu Akunor at the death of his mother.

To Wayne Uhl at the death of his father, Rev.
Dr. Harold Uhl.

To Sue Roper at the death of her sister, Joyce
Winner.

To the family of Doris Cavanaugh.

To the family of Steve Wilson at the death of his
wife, Sharon.

To the family of Jennifer Witherbee at the
death of her mother-in-law, Elaine Witherbee.

To the family of Barry Simich at the death of his
father, Bosco Simich.

To Leslie French at the death of her mother.

New Babies

Lucina (Lucy) Marie Rundle was born on July 1.
She is the daughter of James & Erin Rundle;
grandparents Mike & Jenny Rundle; great
grandmother Nyla Johnson.

John (Jack) Robert Bollier was born on 7/3.
Parents are Geoff & Laura Bollier.
Grandparents are Gary & Pam Bollier.

Tris Eliza Lee was born on July 11. She is the
daughter of Michael Lee & Kacie Diener and
granddaughter of Gail Lee.

Charlie Lynne Digby was born 8/6. She is the
daughter of Sarah & Drew Digby and
granddaughter of Karen & Peter Reist.

Griffin Ross Fowler was born on 8/6. He is the
grandson of Lisa & Bob Fowler.

Danielle Katy Reno was born on 8/7. She is the
daughter of Andrea and John Reno and sister
to Mabel.

In Our Congregation

Dear St. Mark's Family,

Thank you for all your kind words and cards at the loss of my mom, Ruth Ann Grayson. We are truly blessed to be a part of such of loving and caring church community.

Kathy Bartel and family

Dear St Mark's Family,

Thanks for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, offerings of food and rides when I had my surgery. I feel blessed to be a member of such a very loving and caring people. This is truly a wonderful, wonderful church to be a part of. I'm very blessed.

Love& Prayers,

Mary Ann Davis

Pardon Our Dust

NOTE FROM THE TRUSTEES

A contractor has been selected to begin renovation work in the church. This is the culmination of the design work that was presented in forums several months ago.



The project selected to begin is renovation of the Narthex and Welcome area. The design boards that were previously developed will be on display in the Narthex so you can see the proposed design.

In addition to the work in the Narthex we will be adding a restroom in the basement and new security doors for the preschool. All the construction work should be completed before Thanksgiving.

Please "pardon our dust" as this work progresses. We hope to keep any inconvenience to a minimum.

Address change

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

If you are a high school graduate leaving for college, please contact the office with your address.

Looking for a Way to Connect?

Check out the St. Mark's website for updated information on meetings, gatherings, special events. You can signup by going to Signups, find your event and register.

(stmarkscarmel.org/signups)

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

Building Security

To keep our building secure, the only door unlocked during the week is Door #2 (by the Office) Preschool resumes September 4th so please do not enter the preschool part of the building without a staff member escorting you. Thanks for your patience and understanding.



Directory Pictures!

October 1-5 and 8-12



Please verify your contact information for the directory at the Connection Tables. Update online at stmarkscarmel.org/info. Questions? Contact Missi Koenig at mkoenig@stmarkscarmel.org

Sign up at
stmarkscarmel.org/events



Complimentary Print!

Each person and family photographed will receive a complimentary 8X10 print and everyone at St. Mark's will receive a photo directory. Pictures this year will have the stone background picture to the left here.



Saturday, October 26 | 8:30 AM– 12:00 PM

Mark your calendar (***SATURDAY this year**) for our annual day of loving and serving our neighbors, actively living out our motto; *“Where Mission is a Way of Life”*. A variety of outreach projects will be offered, both on and offsite. We will begin with fellowship at 8:30AM before beginning our volunteer service. Please join us in being the hands and feet of Jesus.

HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate Time

OFFSITE

Assisted Living Visit
Brightwood Community Clean Up
Changing Footprints
East 10th UM Children & Youth Center
Fletcher Place Community Center
Gleaning Garden
Good Samaritan Network

Habitat for Humanity Build
Hamilton County Kids Coats
Open Doors Food & Clothing Pantry
Servants At Work (SAWS)
Soup’s On at Robert’s Park (Sunday)
The Mustard Seed
Third Phase Food Pantry

ONSITE

Christmas Gift Bags for Robert’s Park
Potato Drop
UMCOR School Kits

Outdoor Church Clean Up
Gift Boxes for Red Bird Mission
Prayer Warriors

Donate Items

travel size toothpaste
toothbrush
clorox wipes

socks
granola bars
shoes

travel size hand sanitizer
wash cloth
2” clear packing tape

Please bring these items to St. Mark’s by October 20