

# JUBILEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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ST. MARK'S  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Summer 2026!

There are so many ways to connect over the summer. Check out all the events on our new website at [stmarkscarmel.org/events](http://stmarkscarmel.org/events)

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# Upcoming Events

Take a look ahead at St. Mark's upcoming events. Please visit [stmarkscarmel.org/events](http://stmarkscarmel.org/events) for all event details.



## Fellowship Events & Summer Camps

- Indians Game, Symphony on the Prairie, 6 Plus More
- Youth Mission Camp, Junior & Senior High Camps, VBS

## COMING SOON



- Annual Conference at St. Luke's - 4-6
- Hoosier Brass Band - 7
- Youth Mission Camp 8-11
- Walking As a Spiritual Practice Returns - 9 & 11 & 30
- New Member Class - 10
- Mission Guatemala Mission Trip - 13-20
- Indianapolis Indians Game - 14
- Junior High School Camp Adventure - 14-19
- Puppet Camp - 15-19
- Drama Camp - 15-19
- Blood Drive - 21
- Senior High Camp Wildfires - 21-26



- Walking As a Spiritual Practice - 2 & 21 & 23
- Habitat for Humanity Women Build - 8
- Soup's On Roberts Park - 12
- VBS Rainforest Falls - 13-17
- Community Social Night under the tent - 15
- Youth Volunteer Appreciation Silent Disco - 15
- Symphony on the Prairie - 18
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## St. Mark's Has a New Digital Home!

We are excited to share that St. Mark's has officially transitioned to **Subsplash** as our new church technology ecosystem. That means our website, mobile app, livestream, media, and several other digital tools are now working together in one more connected, user-friendly place.

Our new website went live in mid-May, and now we are ready to invite everyone to take the next step: **download the new St. Mark's mobile app!**

The app will become one of the easiest ways to stay connected with worship, sermons, events, giving, updates, and more. Whether you are at church every Sunday, worshipping online, traveling, serving in a ministry, or trying to remember what time something starts, the app is designed to help keep St. Mark's right at your fingertips.

## What You Can Find Online

Our livestreams are now running through Subsplash and can be accessed in two easy ways:

You can watch Sunday worship live on our website at:  
[stmarkscarmel.org/livestream](http://stmarkscarmel.org/livestream)

You can also access the livestream directly through the St. Mark's app once you have it downloaded.

Each week's sermon will be available on our website at:  
[stmarkscarmel.org/media](http://stmarkscarmel.org/media)

Full worship services will continue to remain available on the St. Mark's YouTube channel, so you will still be able to find complete services there if you want to revisit an entire morning of worship.



## Why Download the App?

The app gives us one central place to connect. Over time, we will continue building it out with helpful tools and information, but even now it is a great way to access worship, sermons, giving, and church updates quickly.

It also helps us communicate better as a church family. When people use the app and register with the email address the church has on file, it helps make sure our records are accurate and that you can access the tools connected to your St. Mark's profile.

And that gives us a great opportunity to say that now is a wonderful time to make sure we have your most current contact information. If you have changed your email address, phone number, mailing address, or household information, please check in with us after worship or contact the church office. Accurate information helps us care for one another, communicate clearly, and stay connected.

## Stay Connected with Your Groups

One of the great features of our new Subsplash system is a built-in communication tool for church groups.

As we continue building out the system, many of our study groups, life groups, ministry teams, and other church groups will be able to use this tool to stay more connected throughout the week. Group members can share information, prayer requests, updates, upcoming events, reminders, and news in one easy place.

This will be especially helpful for groups that already communicate through several different channels or rely on long email chains. The goal is to make it easier to know what is happening, care for one another, and stay connected to the life of your group.

When you download the app and register with the email address the church has on file for you, it will also help us connect you with the groups and ministries you are already part of at St. Mark's.



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## How to Download the St. Mark's App

Here are the simple steps:

### 1. Open the App Store or Google Play Store

On an iPhone or iPad, open the App Store.

On an Android phone or tablet, open the Google Play Store.

### 2. Search for "St. Mark's Carmel"

Look for the St. Mark's app connected to St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Carmel, Indiana (you'll see our logo as the icon for our app).

### 3. Download the app

Tap **Get** or **Install**.

### 4. Open the app

Once it has downloaded, open the app and take a look around.

### 5. Register or sign in using the email address the church has on file for you.

This is important! Using the correct email helps connect you with your St. Mark's information and makes the app more useful for you.

### 6. Update your contact information if needed

If you are not sure which email address we have on file, or if your information has changed, please stop by the welcome area after worship or contact the church office during the week. We would be happy to help.

Visit <https://subsplash.com/stmarksunitedmethodistch/app> to find links to download the app.

## A New Tool for Connection

This transition is about more than a new website or a new app. It is about making connection easier. It is about helping people find worship, take next steps, stay informed, and participate more fully in the life of St. Mark's.

We know that learning a new

tool can take a little time, and we are here to help. If you have questions about downloading the app, signing in, finding the livestream, or accessing sermons, please ask. We would love to walk with you through it.

We are grateful for this new way to stay connected as a church family, and we are excited for all the ways it will help us continue to welcome, grow, and serve together.

# Pastor's Place

Dear St. Mark's Family,

In Isaiah 43, God says, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

I love that verse because it reminds us that God is always at work among God's people, opening up new possibilities, inviting us to pay attention, and helping us grow into the next faithful step.

This season at St. Mark's has included some very practical "new things." A new website. A new app. A new livestream platform. A new giving platform. New ways for groups to communicate. New ways for people to find worship, sermons, events, and opportunities to connect.

And as anyone who has ever learned a new piece of technology knows, "new" can be exciting and also a little humbling. There are buttons to find, passwords to remember, links to test, and moments when the best spiritual practice may be taking a deep breath and trying again.

But all of this work has a larger purpose. We want to communicate more clearly. We want to make it easier for people to connect with worship and with one another. We want guests, members, online worshipers, ministry teams, and small groups to have better tools for finding their place in the life of St. Mark's.

I am so grateful for the staff members who have worked hard behind the scenes to make this transition possible. A special word of thanks goes to Becky Mills, who has helped guide and organize so much of this process with care, patience, and persistence. I also want to say a huge thank you to Patricia Uthoff, who has been instrumental in the change to our giving platform as part of this larger transition. Their work, along with the work of many others, is helping us build systems that will serve the church well.

The tools may be digital, but the purpose is deeply relational. Better communication helps us care for one another. A stronger online presence helps people find us. Easier access to worship and sermons helps us stay connected even when life is full, schedules shift, or people are away.

So, thank you for your patience, your curiosity, and your willingness to learn something new with us. God is doing new things at St. Mark's, and I am grateful that we get to step into them together!

*Grace and peace,  
Pastor Karla*



**Rev. Karla Elliott  
Executive Pastor**

# OUTREACH

END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

## June Mission Focus

Outreach Indiana is an organization that provides social services and a safe haven for youth and young adults (ages 14-24) who are experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis. Outreach staff and volunteers build relationships to help them achieve long-term stability, assist with individual needs such as transportation, social skills, medical appointments, and job interviews.

Program Centers allow youth to take showers, do laundry, use computers, eat, and spend time with staff and friends. They provide lunch bags, clothing, and hygiene items. Youth are empowered to experience life transformation. Learn more at [stmarkscarmel.org/outreach](http://stmarkscarmel.org/outreach).

Financial donations for Outreach Indiana can be made online at [stmarkscarmel.org/give](http://stmarkscarmel.org/give) or by using the mission offering envelope in the blue attendance pads.



## June In-Kind Donations

Outreach Indiana is an organization that provides social services and a safe haven for youth and young adults (ages 14-24) who are experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis. Outreach staff and volunteers build relationships to help them achieve long-term stability and assist with individual needs such as transportation, social skills, medical appointments, and job interviews.

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During the month of June, we are collecting personal items of greatest need for Outreach Indiana. Requested items are listed below and may be dropped off in our donation bins, inside Door #2, Monday-Friday, between 9-4. Thank you for supporting this essential mission!

- Men's boxer briefs (NEW ONLY) - all sizes
- Women's underwear (NEW ONLY) - all sizes
- Socks (NEW ONLY) - all sizes
- Backpacks/daypacks
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion - full-size
- Laundry detergent pacs (Tide pods or similar)





## St. Mark's Team to Serve at Mission Guatemala

Eight individuals will be representing St. Mark's UMC and serving at Mission Guatemala from June 13 - 20. This is the first team to travel to Mission Guatemala from St. Mark's since 2019, and they couldn't be more excited!

As our mission team goes out, may they carry the love of Christ with humility, courage, and compassion to everyone they meet. We pray God blesses their work, strengthens their faith, and uses them to bring hope and encouragement wherever they serve.

St. Mark's family, please continue to support them in prayer as they go to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Keep up with the team during the week on the team blog at [stmarkscarmel.org/missions](http://stmarkscarmel.org/missions).

## Used (and New) School Supply Collection

St. Mark's is hosting a School Supply Drive, in partnership with Midwest Mission.

Schools in Honduras are in desperate need of school supplies, while every year in the U.S, hundreds of school supplies that are still in good condition are thrown away. Through the end of June, collection boxes will be available in the Gathering Area and Children's Wing for you to drop off the school supplies that you don't want to keep. This might be pens, pencils, and erasers, notebooks with lots of empty pages, folders, and even book bags! **Any supplies that could still be useful are accepted, except for 3-ring binders or broken items.** Remember - if you wouldn't give it to a loved one, don't donate it.



Thanks for helping another student and keeping old school supplies out of landfills!

## Soup's On at Roberts Park



### Sunday, July 12

Can you help us provide a hot meal for homeless in Indy? Each Sunday, volunteers help prepare and serve lunch for Roberts Park UMC's Soup's On ministry. Meals are cooked and served onsite. This Soup's On ministry provides a wonderful opportunity for us to carry out Jesus' command to "feed the hungry." Sign up to help provide food and/or join volunteers that morning, at [stmarkscarmel.org/missions](http://stmarkscarmel.org/missions). Volunteers can sign up to help cook and serve food or to help with clean-up (& arrive later that morning).

# Brightwood Community Center Food Pantry

Volunteer at  
Brightwood Food  
Pantry!

Your time can make a  
BIG difference in  
someone's life.



We need volunteers like you to help:

- Sort and stock food items
- Pack food boxes for families
- Assist during pantry hours
- Clean up and organize

📍 Location:

4062 E. 34th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218

🕒 Date & Times:

2nd week of each month

2nd Tuesdays: 12:30 - 2:30 PM (receiving food  
and shelving)

2nd Wednesdays: 1:30 - 4:00 PM (help patrons  
shop/restock shelves)

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

📞 Contact: Diane Newton

✉ Email: [joediane244@att.net](mailto:joediane244@att.net)

No experience necessary — just a desire to help.  
Every hour you give helps someone in need. Be  
the reason someone eats today. Volunteer with  
us.

## Travel-Size Hygiene Products Needed

Help us make a difference by donating new, unused travel-size hygiene items to support individuals and families in need. These small essentials—like toothpaste, soap, shampoo, and deodorant—can restore dignity, comfort, and confidence to someone facing difficult circumstances. Your simple donation can go a long way in helping our community stay clean, healthy, and hopeful. Donations can be placed in the bin inside door #2 labeled “travel-size hygiene products”.

## Bags of Hope Fleece Blankets



Every child deserves to feel safe, warm, and cared for — especially children in foster care who are facing uncertain times. You are invited to make **no-sew fleece blankets** to donate to Bags of Hope, an orphan care project providing duffel bags with goodies to children in the foster care system in Indiana. These simple, handmade blankets provide more than warmth. They offer comfort, security, and a reminder that someone cares. **No sewing skills needed!** Just fleece, scissors, and a little time. There are many ways to help:

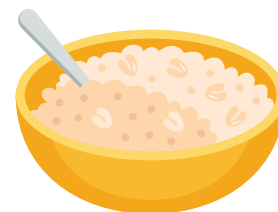
- Make a no-sew fleece blanket at home – provide your own fleece or pick up a kit at St. Mark's
- Host a blanket-making party with friends, coworkers or small group
- Donate fleece fabric or money for supplies (Recommended length of fabric is 1 ½ yards)

Let's come together to show foster children they are seen, valued, and loved. For more information, contact Amy Adams.

## Oatmeal Collected All Year

### For Fletcher Place Food Pantry

St. Mark's is the “oatmeal” church for the Fletcher Place food pantry. Oatmeal donations (instant packets or cups) are collected throughout the year and may be left in the middle bin inside Door #2.



# Support the Habitat for Humanity Women Build 2026



**Team: Joe Newton Legacy Crew**

The Women Build is a unique Habitat event where women volunteers solely raise all needed funds and then spend an exciting day building a new home for a family in our community. If you would like to donate to the build, please visit [stmarkscarmel.org/give](http://stmarkscarmel.org/give) and select Habitat Women Build from the pull-down menu.

## Share the Bounty!



Got extra zucchini? Overwhelmed by tomatoes? Don't let your hard work go to waste! Bring your extra veggies, herbs, fruit, seedlings, or seeds to our Garden Sharing Table. It's a free and simple way to feed our neighbors and share the love. Please bring fresh, clean produce. Take only what you need!


Don't worry about waste. Anything that isn't taken from the table by Tuesday of each week will be delivered to the CUMC Food Pantry.

## Save a Life: Donate Blood!



St. Mark's Blood Drive


Every 2 seconds, someone needs blood. You have the power to save up to 3 lives with just one donation.

 Date: Sunday, June 21

 Time: 8:30am-12:30pm

 Location: Wesley Hall

Walk-ins welcome or schedule an appointment at: [www.stmarkscarmel.org/missions](http://www.stmarkscarmel.org/missions)

 Quick • Safe • Life-Changing

 Free snacks & drinks for donors!

Be a hero in under an hour. Give blood. Give life.

## Community Food Relief

Recent cuts in government funding have placed added strain on local food relief programs, leaving many families struggling to access



the essentials they depend on. With demand for food assistance rising, community support has never been more important. You can make a difference by donating food or funds to the CUMC Food Pantry, our partner organization in combatting food insecurity right here in Hamilton County. Every contribution, big or small, helps us continue providing food and essentials to those who need them most. Together, we can nourish and support our community through challenging times.

## Kidz Church Sunday Programming



The check-in station and Kidz Church classes are located in the Children's Wing. Check-in for each hour begins 10 minutes prior to the start of class or service time. For 9 and 11 AM worship hours, children will proceed to the sanctuary with their families after check-in and be released to Kidz Church after the Kidz Chat. For the 10 AM education hour, children will proceed directly to class after check-in. A list of available classes and times can be found in the bulletin each Sunday or online at [stmarkscarmel.org/kids](http://stmarkscarmel.org/kids).

**Throughout the summer months, kids ages 4+ will spend the 10 AM education hour in one large group, rather than grade-specific classes. Adults and older students who are willing to assist as volunteers during the summer months are needed. Please see a Children's Ministry Director to volunteer some time in Kidz Church this summer!**

## June Kidz Monthly Mission



Each month, Children's Ministries invites kids to get involved in giving to the church's In-Kind Donations. **During the month of June, we are collecting personal items to support Outreach Indiana**, an organization that provides social services and a safe haven for youth and young adults (ages 14-24) who are experiencing homelessness in Indianapolis. Please consider shopping for the requested items with your children and then bringing them to the donation bins at the Kidz Church check-in station. For more information about Outreach Indiana and a detailed list of needs, visit [stmarkscarmel.org/in-kind](http://stmarkscarmel.org/in-kind) or see page 6. Thank you for passing along the spirit of generosity to your children!

### Kids Sing in Worship

**Sunday, June 21**

#### **The Current**

All children are invited to sing in the 11 AM worship service on Father's Day! Rehearsals for this special song take place on Sunday mornings at 11 AM in Kidz Music & Praise.



### Acolytes for Worship

Is your child or grandchild wanting to take on a meaningful role in our Sunday services? We are giving children, 3rd grade +, the opportunity to serve as acolytes. Acolytes light the Sanctuary altar candles before the beginning of either worship service. Email Lori Roberts at [loridasroberts@gmail.com](mailto:loridasroberts@gmail.com) to learn more. Your child will have the important responsibility of carrying the light of Christ into the sanctuary!

# Sacred Music Camps

**June 15-19**

**Register at [stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps](http://stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps)**

## **Puppet Camp: *Praise and Creation!***

- 9:30-11:30 AM (Age 4- Grade 3)
- Children will make a variety of puppets to tell the stories of Jesus, play fun games, and enjoy a snack each day. Campers will present a special puppet show for families, friends, and church members on Friday at 11:00 AM.



## **Sacred Drama Camp: *O Chicken of Little Faith***

- 12:00-2:30 PM (Grades 1-5)
- A children's musical about Faith, a girl on her grandma's farm who dreams her chickens have escaped. In this dream-scape, she guides them across the "Pit of Fear" and "Mountain of Expectations," learning to trust God to overcome anxiety. Showtime is Friday at 2:00 PM!



## **Camp Details**

- Friends are welcome to attend both camps!
- Students entering 6th Grade+ are invited to volunteer (see Apprentice details below)
- Adult volunteers needed! (see description below)
- Cost per camp: \$20 - with scholarships available
- A list of snack donations for camp can be found on the bulletin board in the church Gathering Area OR at [stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps](http://stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps).
- Questions? Contact Joyce Click at [jclicke@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:jclicke@stmarkscarmel.org).

## **Music Camp Student Apprentice Opportunities**

Students who are entering *at least 6th Grade* may volunteer to help during both Puppet and Drama camps.

**Responsibilities:** Assist with games, songs, drama, and refreshments and serve as a role model for younger campers.

**Benefits:** Develop leadership skills, receive a letter that certifies volunteer hours, and have fun while serving!

**Register to be a Student Apprentice at [stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps](http://stmarkscarmel.org/musiccamps).**

## **Adult Music Camp Volunteers**

Come assist camp leaders with games, songs, drama, and crafts as children experience learning about God's love through the arts. Contact Joyce Click at [jclicke@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:jclicke@stmarkscarmel.org) to sign-up!

# Vacation Bible Camp (VBS)

## Rainforest Falls - Exploring the True Nature of God July 13-17 | 9 AM - 12:15 PM

**Campers: Age 4 - Grade 5**

**Volunteers: Entering Grade 6 - adults of all ages!**

**Registration for campers and volunteers at [stmarkscarmel.org/vbs](http://stmarkscarmel.org/vbs)!**



VBS is a summer camp program designed to introduce children to the love and grace of Jesus.

It contains all the fun activity stations you'd expect to find at a summer camp (art, music, games, stories, snacks, and friendship building!) but each area is infused with the message of God's love! This summer at St. Mark's VBS, kids will step into a fictional Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures! Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. It is sure to be a week full of energy and fun so don't wait to get your children signed up!

### Volunteer to be a VBS Crew Leader!

In July, St. Mark's will welcome roughly 200 campers to experience God's love during VBS! It is week full of excitement and energy and takes 120+ volunteers to make it safe and fun! Our most pressing need is for volunteer Crew Leaders. Please review the description below and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in this way.

#### What does a VBS Crew Leader do?

Crew Leaders are paired in teams and shepherd a small group of campers to different activity stations each day, traveling the church with at least 2 other crews and their leader teams. A good crew leader is a friend and helper...they ask questions, take kids seriously, and encourage them throughout camp. Crew Leaders do not have to lead the activity stations; they provide support by helping children remain attentive and respectful, participating in the activities, and assisting kids when needed.

#### Who can be a VBS Crew Leader?

Anyone entering 6th grade through adults of all ages who enjoy being with kids!

#### When will I need to be there?

Crew leaders arrive at 8:30 AM and leave by 12:30 PM each day. There is also a short **Leader Training Session on Monday, July 8, 6-7:30 PM** to help get you prepared for all the fun!

#### How do I sign up?

*Is God nudging you to serve?* If you feel that gentle tug on your heart to be a part of the volunteer crew leader team that makes VBS a reality, please sign up today by visiting [stmarkscarmel.org/vbs](http://stmarkscarmel.org/vbs). Thank you!

### Important VBS Dates & Activities:

- **VBS Leader Training Night:** July 8, 6:00-7:30 PM
- **Music Team Rehearsal Schedule:** Sundays from 12:15-1:30 PM on May 31, June 7, June 14, June 28, & July 12
- **Community Social Night:** Wednesday, July 15, 6-7PM

Join us outside under the tent for refreshments; entertainment from the musical group, Circuit Thursday; and fellowship with all your VBS, church, and community friends! See page 20 for more information about this FUN night!

- **Youth Volunteer Appreciation Silent Disco:** Directly after Community Night, July 15, 7-9PM.

All student age counselors are invited to stay for dinner and a Silent Disco & Glow Party!

- **VBS Campers Sing in Worship:** All campers and volunteers are invited to sing a medley of camp songs in worship on Sunday, July 19 at 9 and 11 AM.
- **Now Accepting Donations!** Please check the bulletin board in the Gathering Area for camp needs. There are bins under the board to drop off your donations. Thank you!

# Student Ministries

Scott Melvin & Jenny Miller  
Youth Directors  
[youth@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:youth@stmarkscarmel.org)

## Final Call for Summer Camps!

If you haven't signed up for our summer camps yet but wish to attend, please reach out to the youth department and follow the provided link to register. <https://stmarkscarmel.org/youth>

- June 8th - Mission Week
- June 14th-19th Middle School Camp
- June 21st-26th High School Wildfires Camp

## Summer Youth Group Bonfires



We are continuing with our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Youth gatherings starting on June 14 at 5:30-7 PM. Instead of our usual large gatherings at the church, we'll be meeting for a relaxed evening around the fire pit at different homes. These evenings will be a great chance to build deeper friendships, enjoy meaningful conversations, and connect in a more personal setting—all while roasting marshmallows, playing yard games and soaking up those summer vibes.

- **June 14-** Mills' House- 1037 Belvedere Pl, Westfield
- **June 28-** Rowell's House- 1938 Spruce Dr., Carmel
- **July 12-** Fourman's House- 13144 Tudor Dr., Carmel
- **July 26-** Warner's House- 10412 Mayapple Ct., Noblesville

## Youth Group Kayak Trip on the White River



**Saturday July 25th- 12:00 pm**

Get ready for an unforgettable day of fun, fellowship, and adventure! Our church youth group is heading out on a kayaking trip down the beautiful White River, and all middle and high school students are invited to join us. Check out the youth page to sign up, sign the required waiver and more information. Find out more at [stmarkscarmel.org/youth](https://stmarkscarmel.org/youth).

## VBS Volunteers

If you are an incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader or older, we invite you to volunteer at VBS! If you enjoyed participating as a camper, this is a great way to still participate in all the fun and help create that energy for the younger campers! All youth volunteers will be invited to the Youth Volunteer Appreciation Silent Disco on the Wednesday evening of VBS. Check out [stmarkscarmel.org/vbs](https://stmarkscarmel.org/vbs) for more information and to register as a volunteer.



## Education Hour



### Beyond the Screen

We will be switching gears for Education Hour during the summer for a more relaxed morning. Join us in going Beyond the Screen and watching movies together followed by great discussion. We will meet in Room M to dig into how God fits into popular movies. **All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to attend!**

## Looking Ahead: Streamlining Our Community Connection

Have you ever gotten tired of remembering so many different logins and website pages to sign up for different groups and St. Mark's opportunities, or you had to contact the church office to get the latest contact information for a new person in your Bible study? We've heard that feedback and are excited in the coming months to be moving our small group signups, communication, and group updates to be part of the new St. Mark's app and refreshed website. (See pages 3-4 for more details from Pastor Karla about this overall technological transition on Subsplash.)

As we move into our summer season—a time of rest for some of our Bible studies and a time of special seasonal events like Walking as a Spiritual Practice—I will be working with each study & small group's leaders and regular attendees to help you transition your group coordination and communication to the new technological platform. By the time we have our August 16 Connection Fair, everyone who has a group can be equipped to help people sign up for group(s) in the new way.

I've just started trying out the new technology and already am excited to see how it will help us make in-group communication more seamless, keep group member lists up-to-date, make attendance check-ins easy, and have groups easily accessible with a couple of taps and swipes.

I look forward to sharing more details and providing support as we transition to this more unified way of staying connected as we welcome, grow, and serve together. Thanks in advance for your patience, flexibility, and care for our group life as we make these transitions!

Many thanks,  
Jennifer Cloud-Buckner, Adult Discipleship & Connections Coordinator

## This Summer: Simplicity, Nature, & Connection

It's a summer of simplicity! Mark your calendars for some upcoming mindful walks with our popular Walking as a Spiritual Practice group, which will return for its 6th season, as well as our abbreviated "fast track" new member classes.

### Walking as a Spiritual Practice



All summer we'll be exploring themes of simplicity and decluttering those things in our lives that get in the way of our connection with God, including lessons from Joshua Becker's new book *Uncluttered Faith*. Becker describes minimalism as "the intentional promotion of the things we most value and the removal of everything that distracts us from it." What can you simplify this summer to find this kind of minimalism in your life, attention, and physical spaces?

Join us in nature to consider these ideas as you reconnect with your spirit, with God, and with others on these dates:

- Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, June 11, 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, June 30, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, July 2, 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, July 23, 9:00 AM
- Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, August 20, 9:00 AM

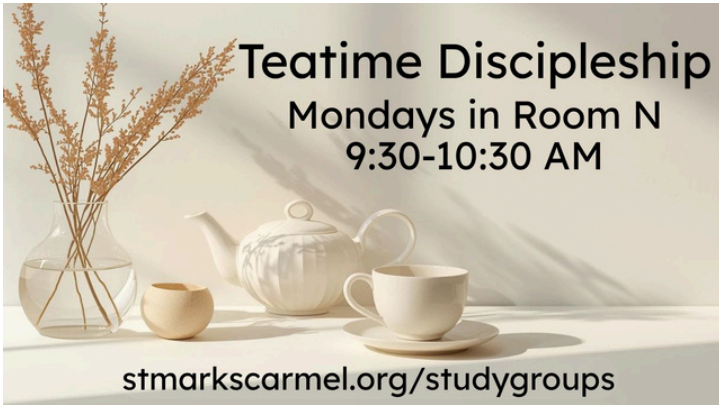


All locations are TBD and will be announced the week of each walk, pending street closures and construction near our usual parks. If you want to participate and have not been in touch with Jennifer Cloud-Buckner ([grow@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:grow@stmarkscarmel.org)), please email her or sign up on the Connection Tables. We will also test using the new church app for walk updates and reminders, so watch your email for instructions from Jennifer!

### New Member Classes: Fast Track Version

Are you interested in exploring membership at St. Mark's? Register today at [stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps](http://stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps) for the special June 10 abbreviated options for our new member class. See more on page 22 and contact Jennifer Cloud-Buckner, Adult Discipleship Coordinator, at [grow@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:grow@stmarkscarmel.org) with questions.

# Teatime Discipleship



**Mondays, 9:30-10:30 AM in The Living Room (Room N)**

**No Meetings June 15, July 13, September 7**

Whether you're usually in a study that's taking a summer break, or you're trying a group for the first time, you're welcome to jump into Teatime Discipleship on Mondays! There is zero pre-reading required because we read and reflect on the scripture and topic during the session. For an easy way to meet people and grow in your faith, just bring a Bible to Room N, where you'll find a

carafe of hot water, an assortment of teas, and a chance to relax and share with others. Sign up at the Connection Tables or [stmarkscarmel.org/groups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/groups) for notifications from leader Jen Cawthorne about any upcoming schedule changes or cancellations (e.g., holidays or VBS).

## Save the Date for Connection Fair

See details on page 21 for the Churchwide Fall Kickoff and Connection Fair on Sunday, August 16! Fall study groups and small group signups will be available at this popular event.

## Foundations and Friendships Class

The Foundations & Friendships class will be reading Bob Goff's *Undistracted* for 5/31, 6/7-6/28. Books are available in the Gathering Area for \$13.



## GriefShare



We have a new GriefShare team! See page 22 for details on how you can help.

# Open Groups

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



## United Women in Faith

As our season comes to a close for United Women in Faith, we want to thank everyone who participated, volunteered and supported our programs and outreach.

Even though our season is ending, there are still exciting events ahead. Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Trinkets and Treasures sale coming up in August, a wonderful opportunity to shop and support our mission projects. In November, we will host our Arts and Crafts Fair, featuring handmade items, gifts, baked goods and more.

We hope everyone will join us for these special events and help make them another great success.

Have a great summer!

Visit [stmarkscarmel.org/uwf](https://stmarkscarmel.org/uwf) for more information.



## UNITED METHODIST MEN



UMM provides a supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek God's will daily. All are welcome to break bread and share in the fellowship as we strive to do our Lord's work.

### **June 13, 2026 Meeting at 7:30 AM Wesley Hall & Cornerstone Commons**

For our June Breakfast Meeting, our Scouting theme continues; our own St Mark's Scout Troop 120 will be making a presentation. Established in 1978, Troop 120 has earned the National Quality Unit Award every year since then. Considered a medium-sized troop, it generally has a size of 30-35 participants. There have been over 120 Scouts who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout from this troop. In addition to a monthly outing, the troop takes two summer camp outings each year; a traditional summer camp and then a high adventure camp. The troop meets on Tuesday evenings at the church. Plan on attending, bring a friend and support our Scouts. It will be a great program.

### **UMM Mission:**

That every male who is United Methodist has a credible opportunity to meet, know and serve Jesus Christ, so he can become an effective disciple for his family, his church, his community and his relationship to the world

Find out more at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/umm>.

# Fellowship Groups

Learn more at:  
[stmarkscarmel.org/groups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/groups)

Find out more about groups and how to join at [stmarkscarmel.org/groups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/groups).  
See page 3 for more information about our new Subsplash platform

## MARKSMEN

### Select Thursdays at Starbucks at 116th and Keystone

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. Email [marksmen@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:marksmen@stmarkscarmel.org) for more info.

## PICKLEBALL

### Thursdays | 7-9 PM

Looking for a fun weekday evening activity this winter? Join us in Wesley Hall on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM for some fun and fellowship as we play pickleball! Participants of all skill levels are invited and should be 16 years or older. Contact Janet Brown ([jgrandeyb@gmail.com](mailto:jgrandeyb@gmail.com)) or Doug Brown ([dthbrown@gmail.com](mailto:dthbrown@gmail.com)) for more information.



## MOB

### Methodists on Bikes

All adults are invited to join this recreational bike riding group. The MOB will ride on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month (10-12 miles at a slower pace). Most rides will start from the church parking lot at 6:30 PM. As we get closer to the end of the season, the rides will start earlier to accommodate the loss of daylight. You will receive start time change notices prior to the start of these later date rides.

## PAGE TURNERS

### Book Club

### Third Tuesdays at 7 PM June 16



Join us on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss our current book selection. Join us on June 16 to discuss *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. Meets in Room G/H.

## JULIETS

### Just Us Ladies Interested In Eating Together | June 18 | Wolfie's at Geist, 11699 Fall Creek Rd., Indianapolis

Please make your reservations by the Monday before to Linda Schenk, [juliets@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:juliets@stmarkscarmel.org) or 812-454-0661. Carpooling from St. Mark's can be arranged!

## CRAFT GROUP

### Mix of Wednesdays & Thursdays Wednesday, June 3 | 6:30-8:30 PM

RSVP to Kathy Bartel at 317-294-4908 or [krbartel@gmail.com](mailto:krbartel@gmail.com) by June 2 at 5 PM. Contact Kathy for more information about the Craft & Hobby group.

## SONG CIRCLE

### Song Circle | 2nd Monday & 4th Fridays | June 8 & 26 | 7-8:30 PM

Everyone is invited to SONG CIRCLE, an informal sing-along. We will sing pop tunes like "Take Me Home Country Roads" and "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow". We have songbooks in case you don't know the words - but you probably do! No singing talent or sign-up required - just show up and bring a friend. We will meet in Cornerstone Commons.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

### Select Fridays

Join us as we prayerfully knit and crochet prayer shawls that will be used to provide comfort and solace to people in need. Supplies are available. Men are welcome too! Contact Judy Bonnet, [bonnetjm@icloud.com](mailto:bonnetjm@icloud.com) for more information.



## ROMEOS

### Retired Old Men Eating Out Wednesdays | 11:00 AM

### Le Peep | 86th & Keystone

All men are invited to meet weekly at LePeep's. Contact Don Mehl for more information at [djmehl2004@aol.com](mailto:djmehl2004@aol.com).

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

Join us every Tuesday for Open Gym for basketball for ages 16 and above. For more info contact Mark Moore, [mvm2920@aol.com](mailto:mvm2920@aol.com).

# Committee News

## Funeral Meal Ministry

Has your family had a loved one die  
And sought a place to grieve?  
A place to meet in fellowship  
Before they had to leave?

To talk about the memories  
Your loved one left behind.  
While eating food together  
Made by people who were kind.  
St. Mark's provides this kind of place.  
This kind of people too.  
Where meals are served to families  
Is our ministry for you.

It takes lots of donations.  
And many helpers too.  
Do you think that this ministry  
Is something you could do?

Contact:

Nancy Heller: [naheller0775@gmail.com](mailto:naheller0775@gmail.com)

Jenny Rundle: [rundlejmaj@gmail.com](mailto:rundlejmaj@gmail.com)

Jackie Mock: [jbmock@icloud.com](mailto:jbmock@icloud.com)

## Acolytes for Worship

We have begun having a few of our children 3rd grade and up serve as acolytes, lighting the Sanctuary candles before the beginning of either worship service. Is your child or grandchild wanting to become more involved in our Sunday services and take on this meaningful role? Email Lori Roberts at [lroidarvasroberts@gmail.com](mailto:lroidarvasroberts@gmail.com) to learn more and to indicate your child's interest so she can coordinate with your schedule and the ushers. Your child will have the important responsibility of carrying the light of Christ into the sanctuary and lighting our altar candles before the beginning of either worship service.

**Are you on a Ministry Team, or Lead a Small Group or Fellowship Group? This Information is for you!**

Download your toolkit for getting things done.

### **Committee Member Toolkit**

Check out this document for an overview of How To:

- Schedule a room at St. Mark's
- Request A/V support for an event
- Request publicity in any church publication or communication method
- Use the connection tables, kitchen, or office equipment
- Request office supplies, announcements, event childcare
- ...and more!

Do you have a question not covered in this document or need more details? Contact the church office at 317-846-4912.

# Community Outreach & Upcoming Events

## Indianapolis Indians Game with St. Mark's

**June 14**

Come out to the old ballgame with your St. Mark's friends! Join us Sunday, June 14 at Victory Field to watch the Indianapolis Indians battle the Columbus Clippers. We will be sitting as a group on the lawn. Check out the [stmarkscarmel.org/events](https://stmarkscarmel.org/events) for details on where to meet.



## Churchwide Community Social with Circuit Thursday Band



**Wednesday, July 15 | 6-7 PM**

It's an evening of celebration for all ages! Church members, VBS families, and Community friends are ALL invited to gather outside under the tent for refreshments and entertainment from Carmel's Hometown Rock Cover Band, Circuit Thursday! This high-voltage ensemble delivers awesome covers spanning five decades of rock's greatest hits, from 70s classics to today's modern anthems. It's where classic rock meets modern energy! There will be dancing, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, popcorn, and sweet treats from Tropical Sno at this family-friendly event for all ages. Learn more at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/events>.



## St. Mark's on the Prairie

**July 18**

St. Mark's are invited to purchase tickets for the July 18 performance of Symphony on the Prairie - Summer Breeze: Yacht Rock Classics. Come join other St. Mark's members for an evening of fellowship and great music under the stars at Conner Prairie in Fishers. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs to enjoy a wonderful evening. Gates open at 6 pm. Concert begins at 8 pm.



## Church Office Summer Hours



For the summer, the office will be open on Monday-Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM and closed on Fridays.

## 6 Plus More

**Start signing up soon!**

Build friendships and meet new people! 6 Plus More is a program at St. Mark's where groups of six or more gather at least three times between July and October. Each group organizes its own gatherings, giving you the flexibility to plan events that fit your interests and schedule. Events can range from a dinner or breakfast to cards, board games, theater outings, escape rooms, concerts, or dining out at a local restaurant. Whether you prefer something simple or more adventurous, the goal is to enjoy time together and build lasting connections. Families, couples, and singles are all invited to join the fun! Please share your preferences in the sign-up form at [stmarkscarmel.org/events](https://stmarkscarmel.org/events) by June 15 so we can make the best group matches.

## Churchwide Fall Kickoff



**Sunday, August 16**

### **10:00 am One all-church worship service (Sanctuary)**

An annual favorite! We will gather our entire church family in blended worship to launch a new academic year, recognize education class leaders, and launch fall programming. Parents, please check in children for Kidz Church as usual, then proceed to the Sanctuary. Kidz Church leaders will take children to the lower level partway through worship. Parents, pick up children before heading to the Connection Fair.

### **11:15 am Connection Fair with fellowship and food (Wesley Hall / Gym)**

After worship ends, visit the Connection Fair to see friends, meet new people, and enjoy refreshments while exploring the many ways you can connect to the St. Mark's mission to Welcome, Grow, and Serve. Perhaps it's time to try something different! Tables will be set up in Wesley Hall for all ages to learn more.

Would you like to have part of a table at the Connection Fair for your ministry or small group? Email Jennifer Cloud-Buckner at [grow@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:grow@stmarkscarmel.org).

## Trinkets & Treasures Indoor Garage Sale



### **August 7-8**

UWF Trinkets and Treasures Indoor Garage Sale will be held on Friday, August 7 (8 am to 4 pm) and Saturday, August 8 (8 am to noon). Donations can be dropped off starting Sunday, August 2, from noon to 4 pm. Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, August 5 at 4 pm. No clothes, Christmas trees, or large exercise equipment, please. Any questions, contact Peggy Hoy at 317-850-3132.

## Help Honor First Responders

Bakers Needed: Each month a St. Mark's volunteer delivers baked goods to the police officers at their headquarters and to firefighters at Station #44. The volunteer can choose the month that works best for them and can deliver them any time during that month. If you are interested, please contact Jan Walsh at [jow3441@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jow3441@sbcglobal.net) or at 317-908-9935.



# Congregational Care & Connections

## Register for a New Member Class Today



**One session available:  
Wednesday, June 10  
(6:00-8:45 PM)**

Are you interested in exploring membership at St. Mark's?

Register today at [stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps](http://stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps) for the upcoming June 10 session or indicate your interest in a future session if that date doesn't work for you. Join this class to meet the pastors and others investigating membership; learn more about what it looks like to welcome, grow, and serve at St. Mark's; and see our broader part in the history and mission of the United Methodist Church. Find out how St. Mark's can help you continue a lifelong discipleship journey. Questions? Contact Jennifer Cloud-Buckner, Adult Discipleship Coordinator, at [grow@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:grow@stmarkscarmel.org).

## GriefShare Ministry Support Roles Available

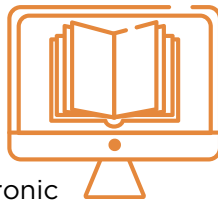


If you have found some healing from grief in your life and have a heart for supporting others through

similar challenges, consider supporting our new GriefShare ministry team. We are especially in need of folks willing to provide hospitality, prayer, and care for meeting attendees, as well as additional apprentices and facilitators to round out the team. Training will be offered this summer with hopes of beginning our first GriefShare session in fall 2026. If you're interested, please contact Program Director Becky Bultemeier ([bjbultemeier@yahoo.com](mailto:bjbultemeier@yahoo.com)). If you're available, the next organizing meeting for the team is on DAY, June XX, TIME, in the Living Room (Room N) to plan our summer training and next steps.

## St. Mark's Library

Have You Tried Our Electronic Catalog? Available anytime... anywhere, the catalog can be accessed from your phone, computer or other device. Search the Electronic Catalog by title, author, or subject. Instructions and video tutorials are available on the News and Message screen.



### Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM, Friday 9 AM - 12 PM,  
Sunday 8 AM - 12 PM

[Electronic Catalog Link](#)

## Connect with Communications

Do you read this newsletter by picking up a copy at the church but don't receive it in your email? Perhaps you also miss out on the weekly announcements that are sent out on Thursdays! If you feel out of the loop on what's going on at St. Mark's, make sure to update your communications information. Go to the [stmarkscarmel.org](http://stmarkscarmel.org) website. From the "WELCOME" menu at the top of the page, select "About" > "Contact" and fill in the form for any relevant information.

## Sympathies

Our sympathies are with the friends and family and Lynn Akerhielm, who passed away on May 8; Please keep these loved ones in your prayers.

## Circle of Caring

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

Carole Anderson, John and Carole Browning, Trish Boger, Doris Carlow, Donna Clary, Phyllis Delp, Doris Hemmerlein, Carol Hollinger, Mary Ellen Juratic, Dorothy Mecca, Melvin & Marlene Myers, Jane Roberts, Jerry & Brenda Weikel

If you would like to be added to the Circle of Caring or know of someone, please contact the church office.

## Need a Nametag?

Add your name to the clipboard list on the counter in the Welcome Center or let us know by filling out the form at [stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps](http://stmarkscarmel.org/nextsteps). When new nametags arrive, we'll put them in the Welcome Center. Nametags are ordered every 1-3 months in batches.

# Because You Give



- **Bags of Hope:** 3 bags of new stuffed animals; 1 fleece no-sew blanket
- **Brightwood Community Center:** 61 boxes of food given out at food pantry, serving 236 individuals
- **Changing Footprints:** \$350.00
- CUMC Food Pantry: 10 bags of non-perishable food; \$1275.00
- **Family Promise of Greater Indy:** \$7659.44; 36 personal hygiene items; 3 comforter sets; 50 washcloths; 4 toaster; 1 TV; 2 Roku remotes; 1 microwave; 7 laundry detergents/dryer packs; 1 Kroger gift card
- **Good Samaritan Network:** \$1000.00
- **Hamilton Co. Kids Coats:** \$500.00
- **Native American Ministries Sunday:** \$204.75
- **Outreach Indiana:** 144 pair underwear; 5 containers of laundry detergent pods
- **Second Helpings:** \$500.00
- **Soup's On at Roberts Park:** \$500.00; 118 hot meals served, 125 sack lunches distributed
- **Travel-size toiletries:** 2 bags
- **UM Children's Home (Lebanon):** \$1850.00

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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## About St. Mark's

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### Sunday Service Times:

9 AM - Traditional Worship  
10 AM - Education & Small Groups  
Hour  
11 AM - The Current

[stmarkscarmel.org](https://stmarkscarmel.org)

## Jubilee Publication Note

The Jubilee newsletter is published monthly, and all articles are due by the 15th of the previous month. To submit information for the Jubilee, complete the form at

[stmarkscarmel.org/publicity](https://stmarkscarmel.org/publicity). If you have questions regarding the form, please contact [techsupport@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:techsupport@stmarkscarmel.org).

## Submit Celebrations

If you have celebrations from your St. Mark's activities to put in the newsletter, submit them to [stmarkscarmel.org/publicity](https://stmarkscarmel.org/publicity).