

July 2025

## Carlisle United Methodist Church

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### Psalm 19:1 (CEB)

*Heaven is declaring God's glory;  
the sky is proclaiming his handiwork.*

Where have you seen God today?

As many of you know we recently took a few days and visited Taiwan with our family. Our son-in-law, Kent is from Taiwan, and he wanted to show us around his homeland. It was beautiful. An island about the physical size of Illinois but with twice the population.

We saw cities that were super crowded with one lane streets, and yet, people still managed it without any of the road rage we hear about in the U.S. We saw incredible mountains, and we snorkeled a couple of times in the beautiful South China Sea. Everywhere we went, we could not help but see God's incredible creation. We witnessed such powerful beauty!

But even though we were in this exotic location, we also witnessed God's creation in very normal ways. We witnessed God's creation in the laughs of our grandchildren as they played with, and laughed with the Taiwanese children, even though they all spoke a different language. We witnessed God's creation in the markets where the fishermen sold their fish, and you could clearly see how much they loved their work. We witnessed God's beautiful creation in the mountain hot springs and the crowded street markets. Over and over again, we saw God at work during our trip.

I wonder if we saw more of God's work because God was more present in Taiwan than he is here in the U.S.? Or maybe we were away from our normal routine, and it helped us see it better? I'm pretty sure God is just as much at work here in the U.S. as in the rest of the world. God is not limited by a place or a time, or even a circumstance. God is everywhere we are, all the time. We just needed a break from our daily lives to see God's work more clearly.

I think the challenge for all of us is to be more intentional about looking for God during our normal day-to-day routine. Let's take a minute this week to look, pray, and appreciate God's creation. It might just change our lives!

Peace to All,

*Mike*



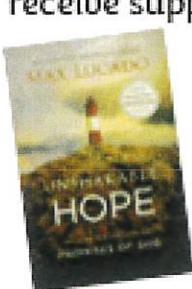
Special thanks to Payton Keeney, Gerald & Minnie Argo for heading up the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Pie & Ice Cream in the Park booth. If as you read this you haven't volunteered, call Payton at (515)250-8532 we know there is a space for you to get to know others and have fun representing our church as we serve the community.

If you are busy baking or preparing to bake, thank you, thank you, thank you! We'll see you at North Park July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th!

# Women of Grace

Carlsbad United Methodist Church

The Women of Grace meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00 in the Grace Room - because we all need Grace!



In July we will be joining  
Max Lucado's UNSHAKABLE HOPE DVD study.

For more information, contact Char Cooper 515-556-2789



*Please join us next Wednesday!*

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# A place to CELEBRATE!

Family Life Center - Classrooms - Basement Faith Room Char Cooper - FacilitiesUseManager@carlisleumc.org

## We have a great Place to Celebrate!

- Graduation Parties
- Community Meeting Place
- Birthday Parties
- Anniversary Parties
- Wedding Showers
- Baby Showers
- Family Reunion
- Women's Groups
- Celebration of Life
- Funeral Dinners
- And more!





# SWEET PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Sunday evening July 13<sup>th</sup> 6 pm

BRING A DESSERT FOR THE  
"DESSERT" POTLUCK AND JOIN US  
AS WE BRAINSTORM ABOUT OUR  
FUTURE

What's this all about?

We completed a CAT survey before Pastor Mike joined us. At that time the congregation indicated areas to work on for our growth and future. Now it's time to get a plan and put into action ideas to accomplish our goals.

Come for dessert, listen to Pastor Mike's plan for growth and share your ideas!

Not into making dessert? That's ok, come anyway!

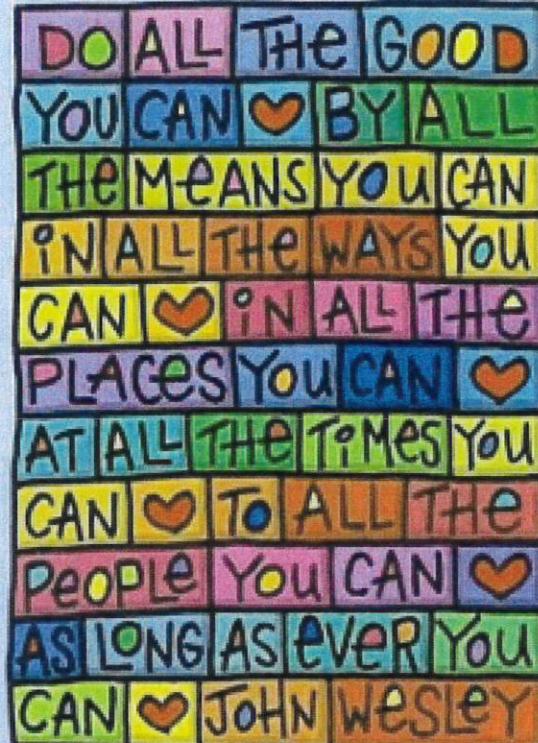
# MISSIONS

*Working Together to Share God's Love*

Our CUMC Missions Team coordinates ways for our entire congregation to spread God's love to our community and our world.

## Recent Missions:

We worked with our Confirmation Class to collect old t-shirts to make bags for Bidwell (a local food & clothing pantry). The class and Women of Grace cut and tied the shirts to make strong bags for those shopping at the pantry.



## What's next?

July – Operation Backpack (see the OB page)

Fall – In Gather Kits

Winter – coats & winter gear

Watch for more ways to share God's love!

**On going local food bank mission:**  
Liquid dish soap      Laundry soap

**Mat Weaving every Wednesday, 9-10 am in the Family Life Center.**  
All are welcome to help us turn plastic bags into sleeping mats & protection from the weather!





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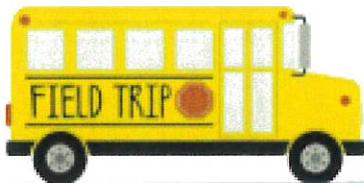
Leadership Team

*Sue Mooers & Karla Vaboril – Special Events Coordinators*

*Deb Smalley – Summer Events Coordinator* ▪ *Mary Canner – Communication Coordinator*

*De Streeter – Prayer Partner Coordinator* ▪ *Pastor Mike Fillmore* ▪ *Lori Candee – Director*

*July*



School is out for summer, but that doesn't mean Kids Hope USA is done! We love continuing to get together with our Kids all year, so we have lots of fun planned!



**CHUCK E. CHEESE'S.**

For all KHUSA Kids & Mentors  
Tuesday, July 22 ☺ afternoon  
meet at CUMC  
Watch for details!

**OPERATION  
Backpack**

Party for all KHUSA Kids &  
Mentors

Monday, August 4 ☺ 9:30–  
11:00Am

Family Life Center

For more information,  
contact  
KIDS HOPE USA  
Director, Lori Candee  
515-210-8221  
[lcandee@gmail.com](mailto:lcandee@gmail.com)

*There's a kid who  
would love to have a  
friend like you!  
Can you spare  
1 hour a week?*

# Finance Reports

## Finance Corner- Thank you so much!

Your generosity through May puts our actual giving close to budgeted giving. THANK YOU!

Please note that there have been a few unexpected expenses that were not reflected in the budget. Anything you can do to help with these unforeseen expenses is greatly appreciated.

\* Roof/room repair - estimated over \$7,000

\* Increased insurance costs- estimated \$8000 over budget (budget included a 20% increase!)

\* New HVAC system in parsonage - estimated \$8,000

The information below represents General Fund giving only, excluding other income.

YTD Actual Giving	YTD Budgeted Giving
\$95,957.71	\$96,250.00

\* ABC is paying the monthly mortgage payment of over \$12,000

\* Enrollment is up - we still have openings but they are filling up!

\* They are fully staffed for the summer.

\* ABC has resumed the building usage fee of \$7500 per quarter.

Church Center users - please note.

If you give using your credit card, the system will charge you the applicable credit card fees beginning in July.

You can modify the system so the payment comes from your bank account which has no fees(versus credit card).



Co-Presidents Nancy Jennings & De Streeter  
Secretary Mary Conner Treasurer Robin Merrifield

# United Women in Faith

Our Mission is to seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, Creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence, and impact local and global communities.

## Who we are:

ALL women and friends are invited to be part of CUMC UWF! Please join us!

## What we do:

We do Bible Study, work on mission projects, provide support to the church, have fun, and lift each other up.

## Want more info?

Contact one of our officers listed above.

**Meetings** are held throughout the year - our next meeting is AUGUST 26 at 6:30pm in the Grace Room (116)! Please join us!

## Coming soon:

July 15, 9:30 am - Smokey Row - please join us & bring a friend!

A field trip to Midwest Missions in Jefferson, Iowa to deliver all the kits we collected the past couple months. Watch for details!

## Monthly Hospitality

We love our treats and fellowship after church each Sunday.

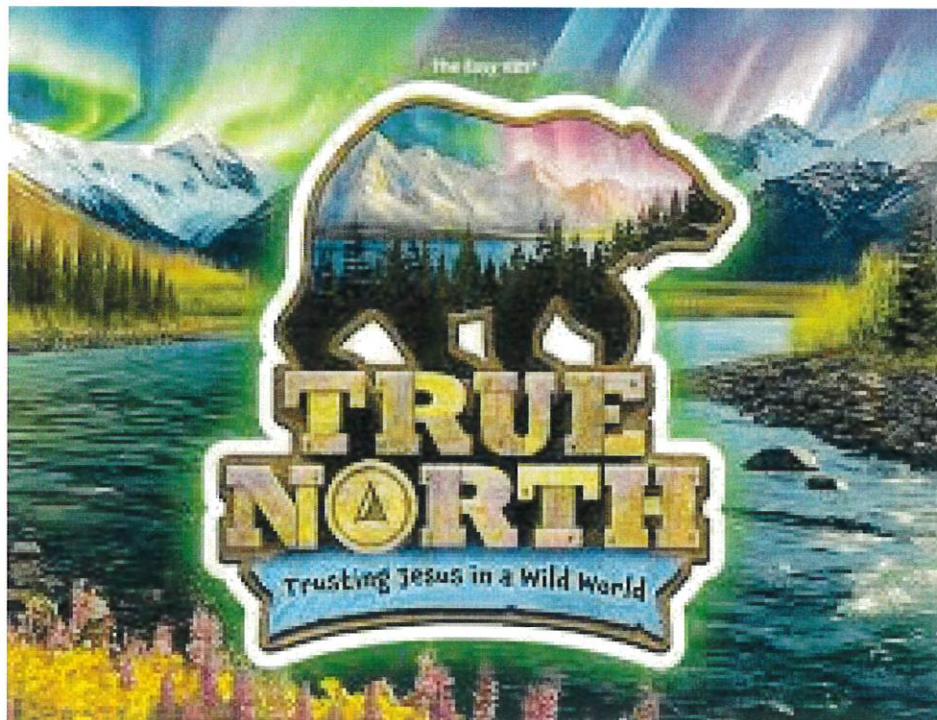
We have a Hospitality Team each month who provide and serve after worship. It's a great time to get to know fellow CUMC members!

If you would like to be a part of a monthly Hospitality Team, please contact the office or Nancy.



**Ruth Circle** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 9:30 am at Carlisle Smokey Row for fellowship and a short devotion. Everyone is welcome to join at any time. Want a ride? Call Nancy!





Was a great success! Thanks to Marne Sievers, our VBS Director, and all the volunteers, donors and attendees. About 35 children learned about their True North in God.



# Family Life Ministries

Family Life Ministries creates ways for the congregation and the community to live out their faith in fun ways! They host events to encourage building community

within our church and beyond. There are events for different age groups, families, and everyone throughout the year. Watch for our next event!



FALL  
FAMILY  
FUN  
FEST



POOL  
PARTY



# Wildcat ABC News

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## Summer Fun!

Wow what a kickoff to summer! We've had a blast so far going on field trips, doing fun activities, and making so many new friends. To name a few, we have taken a trip to the Zoo, watched the new Lilo and Stitch movie, and took on Adventureland! We've also had lots of fun learning how to make a balloon dog, doing classroom crafts, and even having the kids tie dyeing their own personal towels. We can't wait to see what else summer has in store!



## Calendars

Please be sure to check your ABC calendars frequently. This has all our swim days, field trips, and events listed with the times we departure/start and return/finish. This will help you know when your child needs to bring their swim suit and when to wear their ABC field trip shirts. If you need a new one, no problem just stop in the office for a for one!

## What's New?

We're excited to announce that our classroom that was damaged during the heavy rainfall in May is almost completed! Once all done we will be excited to move things back in and utilize it again! We greatly appreciate all the hard work the Trustees, church members, drywall workers, and anyone else who helped clean up the room, move things, and getting it back to working conditions.

## Summer Reminders

1. Every Monday we go to the Library. Please have your children bring their library books every Monday so they are able to get new ones.
2. Make sure to check your child's classroom and cubby frequently. This helps keep their cubbies from getting clustered and from getting lost.
3. At the end of the week please make sure to take home your child's swim towels and swimsuits.



## Wildcat ABC Contact Information

Director: Mandi Shaffer

Email: [wildcatabcdirector@carlisleiaumc.org](mailto:wildcatabcdirector@carlisleiaumc.org)

On-Site Supervisors: Crystal Kruse & Danicka Lathrop

Phone: 515-989-3972



## Ways to Give



Cash, Check or QR  
Code linked to Church  
Center



Give in the offering  
plates as you enter the  
seating area.



Automatic Withdrawal  
from bank - ACH forms  
available



Mail to Carlisle UMC 405  
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We are thrilled to introduce Ariel Wahlers as our new Administrative Assistant. Ariel began last week and is a great addition to the office. She will be in the office 9-Noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. She will also be checking mail and phones on Tuesday and Thursday. You may reach her through the Church phone and email addresses.

If you are a library patron, you may recognize her from her work at the Carlisle Public Library.



Welcome

# JULY VOLUNTEERS

WORSHIP LEADERS	July
7/6	Julia Betten
7/13	Deb Smalley
7/20	Darren Sievers
7/27	Marne Sievers
SCREENS	JULY
7/6	Josh Systma
7/13	Vincent Mezger
7/20	Tim Crowley
7/27	Ronda Frost

JULY HOSPITALITY
<b>Woody &amp; Peggy Fogle</b>
Paul & Sharon Sprague
Duane & Susan Johnson
Bill & Kelley
Candy Ludlow
Dorothy Lumsden
Steve & Donna Westberg
Kendall & Heather Fogle

## **Children's Message**

*Those Sharing a Special time during Worship with our children*

July 6: Haley and Stacy Goodhue

July 13: Katie Cope

July 20: Ronda Frost

July 27: Peggy Fogle

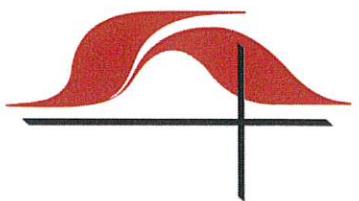
Aug 3: Kathryn Sinclair

Aug 10: Amy Beller

Aug 17: Marne Sievers

Aug 24: Kathryn Sinclair

Aug 31: TBD



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Return Service Requested

