



March 2026
Carlisle United Methodist Church



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Matthew 21:1-11

When they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task. 2 He said to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter, you will find a donkey tied up and a colt with it. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that their master needs them.” He sent them off right away. 4 Now this happened to fulfill what the prophet said, 5 Say to Daughter Zion, “Look, your king is coming to you, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt the donkey’s offspring.” 6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had ordered them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and laid their clothes on them. Then he sat on them.

8 Now a large crowd spread their clothes on the road. Others cut palm branches off the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds in front of him and behind him shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” 10 And when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up. “Who is this?” they asked. 11 The crowds answered, “It’s the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

If Jesus rode into our lives today, as he entered Jerusalem so many years ago, would we recognize him? In the hustle and bustle of daily routines, it can be easy to overlook the humble ways he might appear—perhaps through acts of kindness, moments of peace, or calls to serve others. Just as the crowds laid down their coats and waved palm branches, recognizing the significance of his presence, we too are called to open our hearts and see Christ in unexpected places and people. Let us be attentive, welcoming, and ready to honor him, not only in the extraordinary but also in the ordinary moments of our lives.

Peace to All,

Mike

FINANCE CORNER

This information reflects General Account through January 31, 2026.

YTD Actual Giving	YTD Budgeted Giving
\$23,927	\$26,399

Thank you for your support in January. As we had no major expenses, we finished January in a positive position, despite giving being a little lower than projected.

We hope you will continue your generosity through 2026 as we are budgeting for another strong year. We appreciate our congregation and the many ways you give – through time, prayers and funds.

January Key Finance Meeting Takeaways

- General Account balance was up slightly.
- We have applied for a credit card from Charity Charge. We should have a response soon. We will adopt procedures and have training for those getting a card.
- Security Grant- We await repayment for the doors from Homeland Security. Once that initial amount is received, we will move forward with the Security and Video Systems.



Our church is our second home -

we all want it to have the care and upkeep it should.

As we have had several unexpected expenses this year, we thought we would ask for your help.

The Home Sweet Home Campaign will be for specific needs or items.

The first item we would like help with is the HVAC for the basement.

This is the 3rd HVAC (for different areas) we have purchased in 18 months!

Our goal is \$10,600. We have received \$1853 putting us at 17% of goal. Thank you for your support!

GOAL: \$10,600




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MARCH VOLUNTEERS



WORSHIP LEADERS	March
3/1	Matt Cope
3/8	Youth
3/15	Julia Batten
3/22	Darren Sievers
3/29	Karla Voboril

SCREENS	March
3/1	Deb Smalley
3/8	Ronda Frost
3/15	Tim Crowley
3/22	Clint Smalley
3/29	Vincent Mezger

MARCH HOSPITALITY
Darren & Marne Sievers
Steve & Eileen Miller
Dan & Ronda Frost
Marsha Mezger
Candy Ludlow
Carol Caffee

Thank you so much for helping! It means a great deal to those that come down after church and take time to visit with one another.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to visit with Nancy Jennings or De Streeter as the Women in Faith are in charge of this list.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Continued:



March Greeters	
3/1	Sara Angus
3/8	Youth
3/15	Karen Crowley
3/22	Robin Merrifield
3/29	Deb Smalley

Communion Helpers 3/1	
Sara Angus	
Stella Angus	
Heather Fogle	
Payton Fogle	

Children's Message

Those Sharing a Special time during Worship with our children

Mar. 1 - Katie Cope

Mar. 8 - Youth

Mar. 15 - Ronda Frost

Mar. 22 - Darren Sievers

Mar. 29 - Stacy & Haley Goodhue

Apr. 5 - Marne Sievers

Apr. 12 - Peggy Fogle

Apr. 19 - Sue Mooers

Apr. 26 - Karla Voboril

Thank you to all volunteers!

Wildcat ABC News

March 2026

A Caring Ministry of the Carlisle United Methodist Church

Spring Break!

We're excited to kick off this year's spring break with a **Game On** theme! Kids will step into the world of gaming with **different characters**, such as Mario and his gang, Minecraft Creepers and Steve, and no one can forget Pac-Man followed by Blinky, Pinky, Inky, and Clyde! That's not all, though; fun board games such as Monopoly, Uno, checkers, cards, etc., as well as Legos, will be joining the fun! The week will be filled with lots of fun games/activities, crafts, meals, and so much more! With spring break about to power up, we're leveling up the fun!



Important Days to Remember

March 11th & 12th- School Conferences dismissed at 1:30

March 13th- NO SCHOOL

March 16th-20th- Spring Break

Reminders

- Please have your child bring appropriate winter gear for those chill days.
- Make sure to frequently check your child's cubby and hook. Any unclaimed items (bags, coats, hats, water bottles, etc.) left at the end of the week will be put in our lost and found.
- Our Lost and Found is located in the tote under the coat rack in the entryway.



We're Hiring!

Are you at least 16 or older? Do you like working with kids? Do we have the place for you! Come join our Wildcat ABC team! We have assistant and lead teacher positions available. Come on in to grab an application from one of our office administrators!



Wildcat ABC Contact Information

Director: Mandi Shaffer

Email: wildcatabcdirector@carlisleiaumc.org

On-Site Supervisors: Danicka Lathrop & Crystal Kruse

Phone: 515-989-3972

Have you been to the FAITH ROOM kitchen area lately?

Where is the Faith Room? Look in the basement!!



The Trustees received a grant for the countertops and ceiling. When they asked for help cleaning and painting 3 women stepped up to help! Little did they know all that needed done BEFORE the painting.



The kitchen was built in the 1940's with Howard Goodhue's father being instrumental in this endeavor.

This is a work in progress; however, it has become a nice place for people to rent for those smaller special occasions for 60 or less people. Members can rent this at no charge (donations welcome to cover costs of heating, cooling, electricity, etc.).

Community members can also rent it for \$25.00 per hour.

Contact Char Cooper for rental information.

Women of Grace

Carlisle United Methodist Church

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

If you are looking for women with whom you can share your Faith, share laughter, receive support and learn from great pastors like Max Lucado, Andy Stanley and Rick Warren via DVD studies, join us on Wednesdays!



The Women of Grace began their new DVD study with Andy Stanley's "WHY EASTER MATTERS".

Join us in the Grace room Wednesday mornings at 10:00.

Support, laughter, great Biblical studies and grace for each other will be found here. Remember, we all need Grace!

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



United Women in Faith

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

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 will be on

March 17th at 6:30 PM

[Please join us in the Grace Room! \(116\)](#)

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.



Make sure to keep your eyes open for what's coming soon!

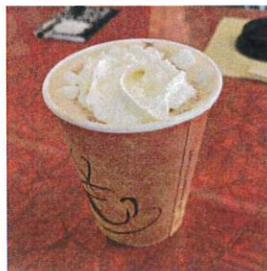
Ruth Circle:

Come have a warm drink with some conversation to warm your heart.

Join us March 18th at Smokey Row.

This is a time to gather and get to know one another, share stories and laugh!

Everyone is welcome—please join us!



MISSIONS

Working Together to Share God's Love

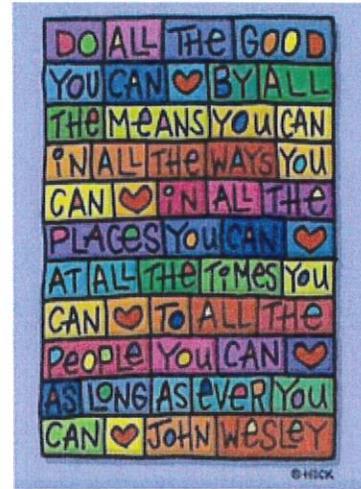
Our CUMC Missions Team coordinates ways for our entire congregation to spread God's love to our community and our world.

Recent Missions:

"Christmas in July" CCA met to start the plans for our Community Christmas and Thanksgiving for families in the P.E.A.C.H area that might need some support during the holidays. More info to come later.

God was on the Move During Indiana Flooding and St. Louis Tornadoes.

Midwest Mission sent two truckloads of essential supplies after the Missouri UMC Conference reached out for help. The first shipment included 144 Cleaning Kits and 144 Hygiene kits. The second delivered 216 Cleaning Kits, 216 Hygiene Kits, and 200 Menstrual Hygiene Kits.



**"And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8**

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for showing God's love through your gift of personal dignity supplies! These simple things are often taken for granted but make a world of difference to those in need.
In His Service,
Midwest Mission Family*



Let's continue to share God's love.

What's Next?
 Fall - In Gather Kits
 Winter - Coats & Winter Gear
 Watch more ways to share God's Love!

On Going Local Food Pantry Mission
 Cereal, snacks for lunches, peanut butter and jelly.
 There is also a need for shampoo and conditioner.

Mat weaving is every Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to help us turn plastic bags into sleeping mats & protection from the weather!



We finished another one! Every mat will be sent to help someone in need. Let's continue to spread God's kindness and compassion.



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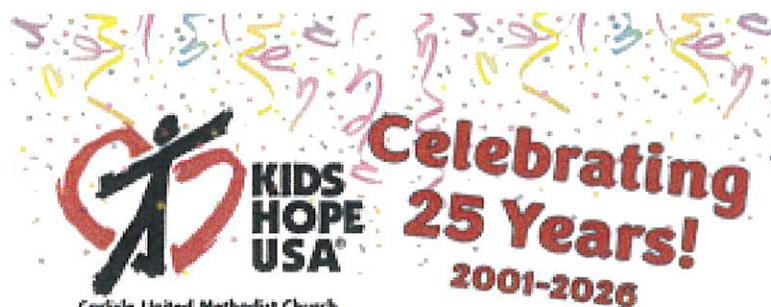
Leadership Team

Sue Mooers & Karla Vaboril – Special Events Coordinators

Deb Smalley – Summer Events Coordinator ♥ Mary Conner – Communication Coordinator

De Streater – Prayer Partner Coordinator ♥ Pastor Mike Fillmore ♥ Lori Candee - Director

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Carlisle Community School

We are celebrating our 1st 25 years throughout the 25-26 school year!

National Mentoring Month Continued

Carlisle Community School gifted all our Kids (and a parent) and Mentors with tickets to the February 13th Varsity Basketball Games. Kids Hope USA worked with the CHS Booster Club to provide concession stand tickets for snacks. Everyone had a great time and especially loved watching Ms.Macy and Ms.Addie play! It's always fun to have extra time together just having fun!



For more information, contact KIDS HOPE USA Director, Lori Candee

515-210-8221 kidshopeusadirector@carlisleiaumc.org

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

KHUSA PARTY - Thursday, February 26th - after school until 5!

FFF

Faith + Friends ♥ Fun

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

Faith, Friends & Fun creates ways for the congregation and the community to live out their faith in fun ways! They host events to encourage building community

Christmas Extravaganza!



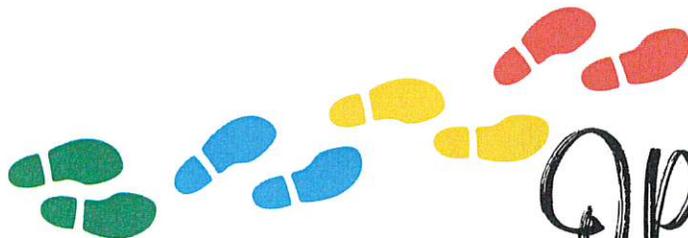
Carlisle Care Days



Fall Family Fun Fest



Kick off Block Party!



Open Walk Time

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM - 11AM

Rules and Regulations:



- The Family Life Center will be open for walkers when kids are in school.

→ NO school means NO walking.

The Family Life Center is connected to Carlisle United Methodist Church. Please enter through the Family Life Center Doors.

- You must complete & sign a form.
- You must sign in and out each time you come.
- You must stay in the designated walking area.
- Please bring clean shoes to wear.



See you there!

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This is the place to be on

WEDNESDAY

Everyone is welcome! Bring friends!

Morning:

6:00 - 7:00 AM--Sunrise Bible Study

9:00 - 10:00 AM--Mat Weaving

10:00 - 11:00 AM--Women of Grace

Bible Study

Evening:

5:45 - 6:00 PM--Children's Choir up to
6th Grade

6:00 - 6:15 PM--Light Meal for EVERYONE

6:15 - 7:00 PM--ROCK for Preschool - 6th grade

7:00 - 8:00 PM--Youth Group for 7th - 8th & HS

Contact the church office for more info.



Seniors: If you are interested in applying for a Methodist Church Scholarship please see Marilyn Goodhue for an application. Applications are due April 1st

Welcome to Sunday Worship!

As you enter the main sanctuary door, feel free to grab a cup of coffee from our new Coffee Bar!

Thanks to Bruce & Elaine Kerr for allowing us to use their antique organ and to Tim Crowley for making adjustments to make it beautifully useful!

We hope you will enjoy a cup of coffee as you worship with us. As weather gets colder, you may find makings for tea and hot chocolate, too!



Thank you all for continuing to donate to our Food Pantry! Let's continue to share God's Love and Kindness. ♡



Special thank you to Howard Goodhue for building shelf supports to help create more room for more donations!

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
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Why use Church Center?

Directory - if folks opt in to the directory, you will have our church directory in your pocket! Photos, address & phone numbers at your finger tips.

Giving - Set up your giving to come from wherever you choose. You can make one time gifts or recurring donations. You can even choose the fund (for example ASP, Operation Backpack, Building Addition, etc.). You can even see your giving history.

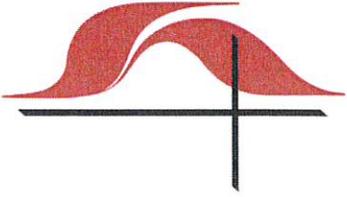
Calendar - Ever wonder if something is happening at church? You will be able to see the Church calendar at your fingertips.

Groups - Belong to a committee or small group? Groups is an easy way to communicate. Committee chairs will love it!



church center

Invite your friends and neighbors to **New Member Class** on ~~Tuesday, March 17th~~ at 7:00 PM. Postponed - please keep an eye out for upcoming date.



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Return Service Requested

