

August 4, 2021



# MIDWEEK MESSAGE

CARMEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## FROM THE PULPIT SIDE

Are you having a “good” day or a “bad” day? Sometimes the day’s events are beyond our control, but our reaction to them is fully ours! Here is an old Yiddish folktale that helps us maintain a positive outlook:

**An old man sat outside the walls of a city. When travelers approached, they would ask the old man, “What kind of people live in this city?” The old man would answer, “What kind of people lived where you came from?” If the traveler responded, “Only bad people lived where I came from”, then the old man would reply, “Then travel on...you will find only bad people here.” But if the traveler answered, “Good people lived in the place I came from”, then the old man would say, “Enter, for here, too, you will find only good people.”**

The obvious moral of this story is that we reflect back to others the values and focus of our own lives. If we wish to be around good people, then we should be good people. What others see in you is really your sermon! We should strive to reflect God’s love for us toward others, that they, too, may feel God’s love for them. Our Bible reveals a wonderful thought:

**“How sweet are your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! From your principles I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.” (Psalm 119:103-104)**

So, if you happen to catch me in a mood that is less than optimistic or helpful, it means that I have forgotten to reflect God’s loving, spiritual means to focus on the important things. Let’s make sure that everyone entering our city (our church) from any direction will be assured that only “good” people live here...because God has granted to us all the ability to share his love! Blessings to all, and...

*I’ll see you in church,  
Frank*

**Remember: “love God...Love Neighbor...Get the word out!”**

## Mark Your Calendar

**ATTENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS:** The next scheduled Council Meeting will be on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. Please plan to be there. Thank you!

## New Pastor News

**NEW PASTOR BEGINS SEPT. 20th** Communication with our new Pastor, Rev. Gale Stutz, indicates that she will officially begin her ministry with us on Mon., Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, with her first worship with us on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar right now to be present with us to welcome her warmly to C.C.C.

## Building Update

### Our Building Has a New Hat

Certainly not, you say! But, literally, the building has a new roof that gives it a brand new look...like wearing a new hat! This project was completed this past week ahead of time, and we are grateful to Dale Woodall and his crew for doing such a superb job. It was an expensive undertaking, but absolutely needed to be done. So, now that it is done, if there are those who would like to help with the expense, we welcome your contributions to offset the cost. If you wish to help out, please earmark your donation for the "roofing project". Our church will be very grateful for helping pay for its new hat! Thank you all.

### Volunteers Needed



The church is in need of people who are willing to serve in the role as Greeter. As the name implies the volunteer would greet people as they arrive on Sunday mornings. Greeters will arrive around 9:50 and open the doors.



Dianne, the church admin, is in the process of creating a weekly schedule so if you are interested in serving please call (317) 846-5033 or email the church office [carmelchristian@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carmelchristian@sbcglobal.net).

### Peace Garden Update

Last week Mike Ainley harvested 41 green peppers (11 lbs.), 31 cucumbers (24 lbs.), and 93 tomatoes (41 lbs.). For the year we have harvested 179 cucumbers, 195 tomatoes and 130 peppers weighing over 293 pounds from the Peace Garden. It looks like we are going to have a great harvest this year. We are on pace to harvest more vegetables than last year. At this time last year, we had only harvested 248 pounds of vegetables compared to the 293 pounds harvested this year. Thanks to everyone that has been watering and weeding the garden. Keep up the good work. Also, please remember if you are unable to water on your designated day please switch with someone else.

### Outreach Report

Thanks to those who contributed another \$120 for another "shopping spree" for the Outreach Team. It's amazing what \$50 can buy at Aldi. Another super buy got 26 four-packs of bath tissue for just over \$52! Anyone who would like to NOT go shopping can just make note on your check and Myrna will shop for you. (This month and next everything goes to Good Samaritan Network.)

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame!



On Sun., Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to travel to the 'ole ballfield and take in a game with the Indianapolis Indians vs. the Louisville Bats. Game time is 1:35 pm. We have 27 tickets available at \$14.00 each. If you wish to go, sign up on the reservation sheet in the narthex. Deadline for sign-up is August 15<sup>th</sup>. Let's go enjoy a great American pastime!

## Sunday Sneak Peek

Sermon Title: "Do We Have To Listen To This?"

Who is giving the sermon this coming Sunday? Well, theologically, we ALL are! Ezekiel speaks a message of the responsibility of a prophet and the responsibility of those who hear the words of prophecy. Preaching is an inter-active event, involving both speaker and listener. What is our role in preparing for the sermon. The Apostle Paul's advice to his protégé, Timothy, concerns preaching. Where do we fit in to that advice? Let's explore the idea together.

## Scriptures for Sunday, August 8

### Ezekiel 33:30-31a

"But, as for you, son of man, your fellow citizens, who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, 'Come now, and hear what the message is which comes forth from the Lord.' And they come to you as people come, and sit before you as my people, and hear your words..."

### II Timothy 4:1-2

Preach the Word

**4** I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready <sup>[a]</sup> in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and <sup>[b]</sup> exhort, with <sup>[c]</sup> great patience and instruction.

## Note of Gratitude

Our church received the following note from Rev. Dr. Mary Rudy:

*Dear Carmel Christian Church,*

*It was a homecoming celebration of life for A.B. (Abraham) and me. We thank you for hospitality that set the stage for a holy and meaningful send-off for a man we all loved. Rev. Frank Hibbard was so helpful in the creation and implementation of sacred sights and sounds of comfort. We love you!*

*Mary & A.B.*

## Celebrating a Milestone



Congratulations to Martha Ellis , who celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday. Her family truly made her “Queen for a Day” with a party at Wellbrooke of Westfield. Best wishes, Martha!

## Prayer Concerns

*Please remember these folks and their families in your prayers. Mailing addresses are listed if you would like to send a note or card.*

**Beatie Cummings**, 334 S. Cherry St., Apt. 107, Westfield, IN 46074

**Enos Taylor**, Allisonville Meadows at 103rd and Allisonville

**Mary Rudy**, on the passing of A.B. Rudy, 1630 Marborough Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46260

**Judy Gest**, 720 East Auman Drive, Carmel, IN 46032

**Marilyn Huckleberry**, 12130 Old Meridian St. Rm. 220, Carmel, IN 46032, phone number (317) 564-3809

**Elnora Osler**, 751 Hawthorne Dr. Carmel, IN 46033

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**Martha Ellis**



## Keep in Touch

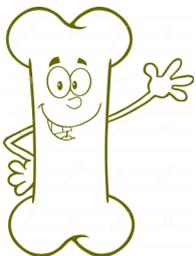
*A phone call, card or visit can mean so much!*

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**FUNNY  
BONE**

A woman took her little girl with her while delivering meals to shut-ins. At one home, the daughter was staring at a set of dentures soaking in a cup. The little girl whispered to her mother, “The tooth fairy will never believe this!”