

# The Blessing

February 2026

To Make Disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the  
Transformation of the  
World

Community,  
Compassion,  
Christ!

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Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 8AM - 1 PM  
Wednesday: 3:30 - 6:30 PM  
Thursday: 8 AM - 1 PM  
Friday: 8 AM - 3 PM

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## From the Pastor's Desk

February 18<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Yes, Lent is almost here.

A season of repentance, moderation, and self-denial. Often marked by prayer time and fasting, it is a season with the specific purpose of deepening our relationship with God.

Many of us celebrate Lent by giving something we love up, our humble way of sacrifice. But what if instead of giving up something tangible – say chocolate, we give up something else, like an activity.

What if we sacrificed an activity that is really only a distraction from our walk with God? If we are serious about deepening our relationship with God, it should be easy to find things in our lives that are barriers to building that relationship.

My hunch, once we give up that activity and find how it sets us free to worship God more fully, we won't even miss that activity.

Be blessed and be a blessing.

Pastor Kal

# February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Finance 6:30	4 NCBCA 8 AM	5	6 Food Pantry 10-12	7
8	9 Food Pantry Board 6:30	10 Ad Council 6:30	11	12	13 Food Pantry 10-12	14
15	16	17 Trustees 6:30	18	19	20 Food Pantry 10-12	21
22	23	24	25 Sorority 6:30	26	27 Food Pantry 10-12	28 Souper Supper 5-7

# Worship Schedule

February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22	
Be blessed and be a blessing	Shout out, do not hold back!	Transformed in Christ	Should we stop for directions?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exodus 24:12-18</li> <li>• 2 Peter 1:16-21</li> <li>• Matthew 17:1-9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 2:15-17</li> <li>• Romans 5:12-19</li> <li>• Matthew 4:1-11</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micah 6:1-8</li> <li>• 1 Corinthians 1:18-31</li> <li>• Matthew 5:1-12</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isiah 58:1-12</li> <li>• 1 Corinthians 2:1-16</li> <li>• Matthew 5:13-20</li> </ul>	•
Communion				



## February Birthdays

- 3 Steve Taplin
- 14 Barry Barnett
- 19 Ann Morrison
- 28 Jay Gilpin

## February Anniversaries



## Tangled Threads

*Sewing, Crocheting  
& Knitting*

**New Carlisle United Methodist Church  
300 E Compton St.  
New Carlisle, IN**

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
9 a.m.—2 p.m. Eastern  
Come & go as desired**



Experienced crafters and beginners welcome. Bring your own project to work on, or help us with our charity projects—quilts, totes, fidget blankets, pillow cases, afghans & many more.

Bring a lunch or a snack if desired.

Looking for donations of fabric & yarn, as well as organizations who are in need of handmade items.

For information call 574-654-7442



**CARDIO DRUMMING**  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00AM  
CTV COMMUNITY ROOM  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Hamilton Grove  
A Greencroft Communities Affiliate

**Strength Training**  
EVERY THURSDAY  
AT 10:00 AM  
CHICAGO TRAIL VILLAGE

Hamilton Grove  
GREENCROFT COMMUNITIES

**Chair Yoga**  
Every Wednesday 10 AM  
Chicago Trail Village  
31891 Chicago Trail

Hamilton Grove  
A Greencroft Communities Affiliate

Want to get out and invest some time into improving you health? Come to the library for Cardio Karate.



Cardio Karate is a moderate exercise class using martial arts movements including isometric and strength resisting techniques focusing on balance, flexibility, and muscle strength. Taught by a 5th degree black-belt Instructor from Michiana's oldest martial arts school using kyokushin karate movements for health and body maintenance. Ages 18+.

- Feb. 4
- Feb. 11
- Feb. 18
- Feb. 25

# Important Changes Please Read

## Why We Are Adjusting Our Service Territory

Over the past few years, our food pantry has grown in ways we never could have imagined. We currently provide support across 47 zip codes and 34 townships—while most food pantries serve one zip code or one to two townships. This growth reflects real and meaningful need in our wider community. At the same time, it has placed increasing strain on our volunteers, food supply, and delivery capacity. To continue offering care that is dependable, respectful, and dignified, we must thoughtfully align our services with what we can sustainably provide.

## How This Change Helps Us Care for People More Fully

### More Consistent, Dependable Support

We are refocusing our efforts on seven primary zip codes where the greatest concentration of need and accessibility exists:

46552 • 46371 • 46365 • 46554 • 46619 • 46625 • 49113

This allows us to:

- Maintain reliable food availability
- Reduce wait times
- Provide a smoother, more supportive experience

### Expanded Delivery Support

Within these zip codes, we will offer bi-weekly food delivery for individuals who are unable to drive—helping ensure transportation challenges do not prevent anyone from receiving nourishment.

### Caring Responsibly for the Future

By narrowing our service area, we are protecting the long-term health of the pantry—supporting our volunteers, reducing delivery strain, and ensuring we can continue serving our neighbors with care for years to come.

### For Neighbors Outside These Zip Codes

If you live outside the primary service area, please know this decision was made with great care and heavy hearts.

We understand how difficult change can be.

To support you during this transition, we have included a list of trusted food pantries in your area, so you can continue receiving assistance close to home.

### Our Mission Remains the Same

Our mission has always been about people—meeting real needs with compassion, dignity, and faithfulness. This adjustment allows us to do that work more thoughtfully and sustainably.

Thank you for your understanding, your trust, and for being part of our community.



Feb. 4 ~ NCUMC @ 8 AM



Feb. 13 ~ Fish Fry 5-7

Feb. 21 ~ Polish Dinner and Music 4:30-10

Feb. 27 ~ Fish Fry 5-7

Mar. 6 ~ Cabin Fever 5-10



Feb. 16 ~ 6-7

**OLIVE  
TOWNSHIP  
TRUSTEE**

Feb. 18 ~ 10-11 AM

Mar. 18 ~ 10-11 AM

Apr. 14 ~ 10-11 AM

May 20 ~ 10-11 AM

Located at Olive  
Township  
Trustee's Office:

**NEW  
CARLISLE  
FIRE  
TERRITORY  
BOARD  
MEETING**

Feb. 10 ~ 5:30-6:30

Mar. 10 ~ 5:30-6:30

Apr. 15 ~ 5:30-6:30

May 12 ~ 5:30-6:30

110 S. Arch  
Street

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# Hours

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<b>MONDAY</b>	CLOSED
<b>TUESDAY</b>	8 AM - 1 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8 AM - 1 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	8 AM - 3 PM

This month, we began our expanded delivery service for those who struggle to make it to get food from stores and pantries including shut ins. We also conducted a survey to find out what kinds of food our patrons like/dislike in order to adjust our gifts to something more likely to be completely used in order to reduce waste. We are always open to volunteers. If you wish to help, please contact Tommy Miles or the church office.



## NEW CARLISLE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

**We are here to help**

Open Every Friday from 10 AM - 12 PM EST

Located at New Carlisle United Methodist Church

300 E Compton Street, New Carlisle, IN 46552

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Methodist Church**

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