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Mount Carmel Message

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The Work of God through Mt. Carmel UMC is done by the efforts of 109+ persons and the Light of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Join this oneness in Christ.

*Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
1893-2023*

Celebrating 130 years serving the Lord

Pastor's Pen

Colossians 4:6— “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

In this passage from the book of Colossians, Paul tells us that our words need to be full of grace. We are called to speak gracious words to everyone, but sometimes we can find this to be extremely difficult. It can be very hard when family members or our friends deeply wound us with their words. Words of grace are not the first thing that comes to mind when someone's hurtful words stab us in the heart. When someone speaks hurtful words to us our first thought is to defend ourselves and to speak hurtful words back to them.

We have been called to be people of truth with grace-filled words. Instead of hurtful words we need to choose words that bring healing instead of rage. We are not only to speak gracious words, but Paul tells us that our words should be seasoned with salt. This means we are to use words full of grace and full of wisdom. We must remember that God doesn't offer us partial grace, he doesn't offer us a halfway kind of grace, instead God pours out his full grace on all of us. Because God offers us his full grace, we must choose the way of grace and speak words full of wisdom when we find ourselves in the midst of a bad situation. We can choose words that won't leave a bitter taste in our mouths. Words seasoned with the salt of wisdom and full of the grace of Christ Jesus. ~Bro. Billy

Ingathering 2023

“From the fullness of his grace, we have all received one blessing after another.” John 1:16

December Mission Project:

“Salvation Army Bags
for children & elderly”

Bring unwrapped presents Sun., Dec. 10th



**DOING
THE MOST
GOOD™**

An Advent Service of Lessons, Carols and Candlelight Sunday, December 24th at 9:30 am



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 Methodist Church" on Facebook

Rev. Billy Vanderbilt
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Thought for the Month...

Christmas is not a
 day...it is a
 state of mind.

"Be imitators of God as dearly
 loved children and live a life of
 love, just as Christ loves us."
 Ephesians 5: 1-2



Happy Birthday to...

- 3 Tommy Hendrix
- 8 Charlotte Smith
- 9 Phillip Wilkins
- 14 Melissa Brown
- 16 Sadie Wilkins
- 19 Sandy Wagner
- 21 Dollie Flemon
- 25 Edward Pruett
- 29 Winona Elrod
- 29 Stacey Herral

Happy Anniversary to...

- 19 Bob & Sue Birdsong
- 31 Derrick & Winona Elrod

In our Thoughts and Prayers...

*"Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as
 you pray, giving thanks to God." Col. 4:2*

Our military

Metta Nesmith

Myra Wright

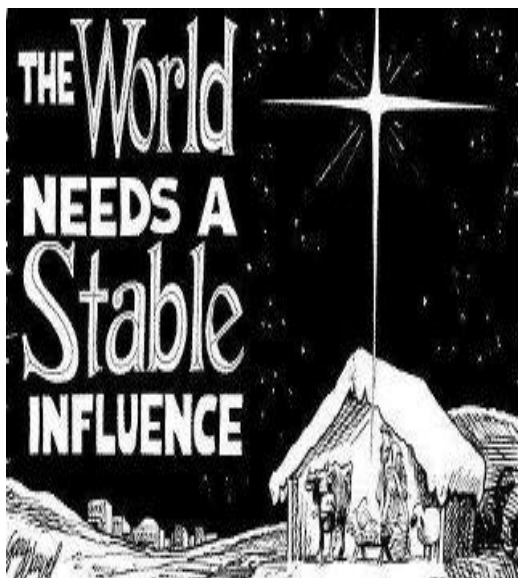
Charlotte Smith



Our Church & Community

Church members at home

If you would like a prayer card sent
 to someone, contact Ms. Pat.



Ingathering 2023

*"He who seeks good, finds
 good will." Proverbs 11:27*

Thanks to your generous support of our projects, we were able to
 bless many this past year. Mt. Carmel UMW appreciates YOU!

- *Filled 16 Christmas Angel Bags, 10 for Children and 6 for Elders
- *Provided personal care items, food and monthly offerings to
 Helping Neighbors for a total of \$4,875
- *Provided personal care items, paper towels, bath towels, wash
 cloths and a donation of \$670 to Methodist Family Health
- *Collected \$1,708.94 for Heifer to purchase an ark of animals
- *Gave Sheets and \$340 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- *Donated \$225 to Nothing But Nets and \$350 for blankets
- *Donated \$100 and Dog and Cat food to Humane Society
- *Donated food to the St. Paul Blessing Box
- *Donated food to Nettleton Backpack Program.
- *Sent two Care Packages to Dylan Mote in the Military
- *Donated blankets, socks, snack items to Salvation Army Shelter
- *Gave 100 hairbows to Easter Sew-In
- *Gave \$500 to Fisher Street Summer Lunch Program
- *Gave \$1,400 in Love Offerings
- *Gave \$500 to Kellers Chapel Cemetery
- *Gave \$500 to Global Missions and \$500 for tornado victims
- *Family Mission Night we made 8 blankets for Hope Circle, filled 20
 hygiene kits for Foster Program, gave 12 school kits to Methodist
 Family Health, made 9 memory boards for the Villa and signed
 cards for the Nursing Home
- *In addition, this year the UMW signed Valentine Cards for the
 Nursing Home; made 15 prayer blankets and made 20 memory
 boards for the Villa

The total for Ingathering this year is \$14,438.94.

**Looking forward to the many opportunities
 we will have to serve in 2024!**



Let Everyday be Christmas

*Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving,
 sharing, giving, are not to put away, like bells and
 lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
 The good you do for others is good you do yourself.*

Worship Opportunities at Mt. Carmel UMC

If you are unable to join us in person, you can worship with us live on
 our "Mount Carmel Methodist" Facebook page.

1st Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3rd "Communion Sunday"

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School

2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 10th

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School

3rd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 17th

9:00 am – Board Meeting

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School

4th Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24th "Quarters for Heifer"

9:30 am – Morning Worship

"Advent Service of Lessons, Carols & Candlelight"

10:30 am – Sunday School

Sunday, Dec. 31st

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School



Bible Readings

3rd Mark 13:24-37

10th Mark 1:1-8

17th John 1:6-8, 19-28

24th Luke 1:26-38

31st Luke 2:22-40

For additions to the January Newsletter, send info to
mtcarmelmethodist1893@gmail.com by Sunday, Dec. 17th