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Mount Carmel Message

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 *Celebrating 132 years serving the Lord*
From Your Pastor

When I realize it is time to begin the New Year my mind goes to Louise Fletcher Tarkington’s poem ---

“The Land of Beginning Again”
I wish that there were some wonderful place
in the land of beginning again
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
and all of our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
and never put on again.
I wish we could come on it all unaware,
like the hunter who finds a lost trail;
And I wish that the one whom our blindness had done
the greatest injustice of all
Could be there at the gates
like an old friend that waits
for the friend he’s gladdest to hail.
We would find all the things we intended to do
But forgot, and remembered to late,
Little praises unspoken, little promises broken,
And all the thousand and one
Little duties neglected that might have perfected
The day for one less fortunate.
It wouldn’t be possible not to be kind
In the Land of Beginning Again,
And the ones we misjudged
Their moments of victory here
Would find in the grasp of our loving hand-clasp
More than penitent lips could explain...
So, I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches,
And all our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
And never put on again.”

Thank you note:

Polly and I began attending Mt. Carmel approximately 8 years ago, mainly because Wayne Clark was your pastor. Wayne and I had entered the ministry about the same time and had been friends for several years. Also, Doris and I went to high school together. Polly is a member here (as a United Methodist Minister, my membership is with the United Methodist Conference). But basically, I consider myself a member. Through this, Polly and I have grown to love the friends we have here at Mt. Carmel. Now, as your pastor, I also appreciate all the love and support you have given us. We want to say ‘Thank you’ also for the gift from the Church and for all the cards we received from our friends at Mt. Carmel. Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. We love you all,
Jim and Polly

Ingathering 2025

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

January Mission Project:
“Personal Care Items” for
Helping Neighbors Food Bank

Suggested items:

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| Shampoo | Deodorant |
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste |
| Toilet paper | Lotion |
| Razors | Soap |



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Thought for the Month...

I said to the man at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may go forth into the unknown." And the man replied, "Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, safer than a known way."
King George



"I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

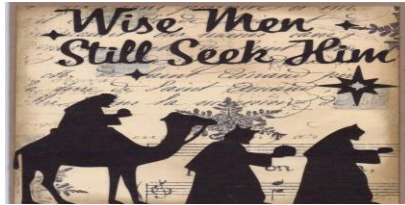
Make your New Year's Resolution to pray Matthew 5:14-16 for our Church every day to see where God will take us in 2025...
Dear Lord, Make Mt. Carmel a light for the world.
A Church built on a hill that cannot be hidden.
Let our light shine before others, that they may see our good deeds and glorify You, our Father in Heaven. Amen

Epiphany – "To show upon" the season from January 6th until Ash Wednesday

Epiphany celebrates the visit of The Magi to see baby Jesus. In this season, we focus on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship.

Let us use this time wisely.

Invite someone back to Church!!



In our Thoughts and Prayers...

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Our Church & Community

Our Military

Ben & Jo Ridenour

Kay Pickle

Ina Cooper

Metta Nesmith

Church members at home

If you have someone you want a prayer card sent to, contact Ms. Pat.



Happy Birthday to...

- 1st Susan Mote Ferrell
- 3rd Joann Saarnio
- 4th Logan Simpson
- 7th Doris Clark
- 11th Kim Stevens
- 12th Kay Pickle
- 25th Lisa Trevathan

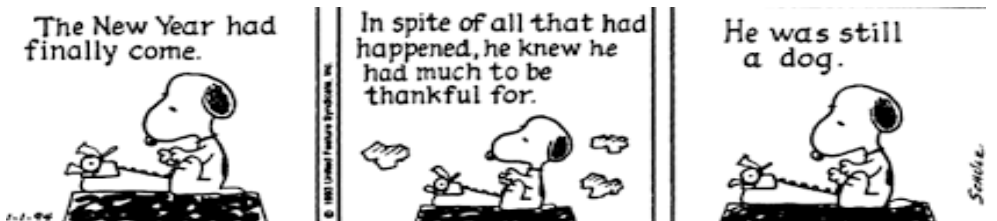
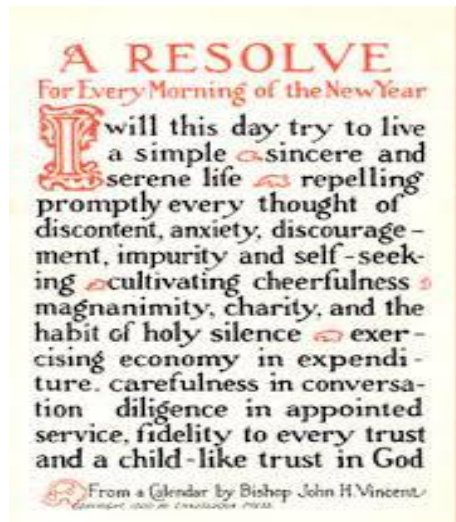
If you would like a complete list of birthdays with addresses, contact Pat Vanderbilt.



As you count your Birthday Blessings this year, consider an offering to our "Birthday Blessing Jar".

We will begin

a new in January and use this to support the Enduring Words Bible Ministry.



We at Mt. Carmel have much to be thankful for.

We have been a Church for 132 years!

Let's look back each month in 2025 and remember . . .

Mt Carmel was informally organized at Pleasant Hill in 1892 and eleven people joined Mt. Carmel in 1893. They met at Keller's Chapel until the first Mt. Carmel Church building on our present site was built in 1912.

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.

Sunday, Jan. 5th "Communion Sunday"

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School

Sunday, Jan. 12th

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School

Sunday, Jan. 19th Board Meeting

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School

Sunday, Jan. 26th

9:30 am – Morning Worship

10:30 am – Sunday School

You can continue to mail your offering if you like...

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For additions to the February Newsletter, send info to
mtcarmelmethodist1893@gmail.com
by Sunday Jan. 19th



Bible Readings

5th Matthew 2:1-12

12th Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

19th John 2:1-11

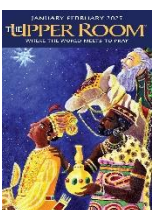
26th Luke 4:14-21



to Jo Ridenour for faithfully sending Birthday greetings from our Church this past year. We appreciate your time, Jo!

Happy Anniversary to...

- 13th Sammy & Norma Bibb
- 27th Gary & Pat Vanderbilt



Pick up your new Upper Room for Jan./Feb. in the Church foyer! Start a habit of reading a meaningful devotion every day in 2025! We always have extra copies, so you can take one to a friend!