Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church 4000 Southwest Drive Jonesboro, AR 72404



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The Work of God through Mt. Carmel UMC is done by the efforts of 115+ persons and the Light of Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Join this oneness in Christ.

From Your Pastor

It is from a saddened heart that I make this announcement: Because of some fast occurring health problems, I have asked to take immediate retirement and will no longer be able to serve as your pastor. My kidneys have stopped working and I am taking kidney dialysis --3 times a week. This has affected my total health and right now I am not doing well with my heart. This was a difficult decision, but it had to be made because of health conditions.

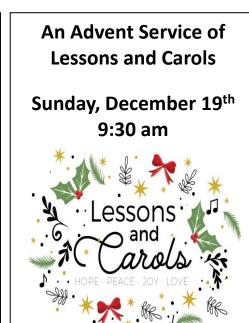
It has been a privilege to serve as your pastor. You have all blessed my life and all I can do now is pray for God to bless you and the Mt. Carmel Church. Doris and I thank you for taking us in as friends.

God Bless, Bro. Wayne

Note: The PPR Committee will be meeting with the District Superintendent. If you have any input, you can contact a PPR committee member (Pat Vanderbilt, Stuart Simpson, Tommy Hendrix, Earline Hendrix and Danna Williams). District Superintendent, Rev. John Fleming will join us on Sunday, November 28th. First United Methodist Church Associate Pastor, Matt Knight will be with us on Sunday, December 5th and Bro. Rex Darling will be with us for the remaining Sundays in December.

Make plans to join us

"Hanging of the Greens" Sunday, November 28th 9:30 am





December 24th 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church www.mtcarmelmethodist.com "Mount Carmel United Methodist Church" on Facebook

> Rev. N. Wayne Clark 761-1712

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 Wilkins14 Melissa Brown
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- 21 Dollie Flemon 25 Edward Pruett
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Happy Anniversary to...

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

Salvation Army Angel Bags

If you bought for a Salvation Army Angel Bag, please return gifts unwrapped to Church by Sunday, Dec.5th.

In our Though's and Prayers... "Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God." Col. 4:2

Bro. Wayne & Mrs. Doris

Dean Roach Metta Nesmith Ellis McDaniel Lee & Ginny Rush Shirley Mills Myra Wright Healthcare workers Those who are sick



Our country, leaders & those struggling in our world

If you have someone you would like a Church prayer card sent to, call or text Ms. Pat (919-1121).

Ingathering 2021

"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 9 Christmas Angel Bags for Salvation Army *Provided personal care items, diapers, wipes, food, monthly offerings and \$1,000 for Thanksgiving hams and turkeys to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry for a total of \$4,506.

*Quarter donations of \$370 for Heifer International.

- *Gave Methodist Family Health \$200 for Bibles.
- *Donated socks, blankets, warm clothing and snacks to the HUB.

*Donated food to St. Paul Church Blessing Box.

- *Gave \$860 to UMCOR for Disaster Relief.
- *Gave \$275 for Blankets.
- *Gave \$320 for Nothing But Nets.

our UMW ladies, Kay Pickle and Pat Vanderbilt to

be honored and Grace Parish to be remembered

for leading us in 30 years of mission giving from

1991-2021. Thanks to their creative ideas and

last 30 years, we have given over \$272,000 to

mission projects for our yearly Ingathering. We

are so thankful for your leadership ladies!

the generous hearts of our congregation over the

- *Donated food items to Salvation Army Shelter.
- *Donated \$200 to Valley View Ruritan for Food Baskets.

*Donated food and money to The Humane Society.

*The total for Ingathering this year is \$12,231.

Looking forward to the many opportunities we will have to serve in 2022!



"Whatever you do, work at it with all you heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."Col. 3:23-24

We were excited for 2 of



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.

by Norman W. Brooks

Worship Opportunities at Mt. Carmel UMC

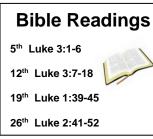
We are still keeping our distance to stay safe, so you can choose to sit upstairs or downstairs (we now have a tv to see the sanctuary) for worship. If you are unable to join us in person, you can worship with us live on our "Mount Carmel Methodist" Facebook page, or listen to an audio recording on our website www.mtcarmethodist.com

 1st Advent Sunday, Nov. 28th "Hanging of the Greens"
 2nd Advent Sunday, Dec. 5th "Communion Sunday"
 3rd Advent Sunday, Dec. 12th
 4th Advent Sunday, Dec. 19th "Quarters for Heifer" "Advent Service of Lessons & Carols"
 Friday, December 24th "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service"
 Sunday, Dec. 26th
 We have offering plates by the door

upstairs or downstairs to drop your offering in, or you can continue to mail it to... Carla Flemon

5210 Butternut Jonesboro 72404.





For additions to the Jan. Newsletter, contact Amy Simpson at 761-7821 or mtcarmelmethodist1893@gmail.com by Dec. 26th.

