

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
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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 115+ persons and the Light of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Join this oneness in Christ.*



## From Your Pastor

Well, I wish I had answers for all the questions about opening our church for worship again. It seems as if we have many different thoughts about that right now. Some suggest that since some churches are open for worship we should be also. But as I have explained before we can't just open the doors and go back to what we were normally doing. There are many guidelines we have to follow. To begin with I am the only paid staff person in our church. And I am appointed as part-time pastor. Opening the church right now would mean we would need several committees setting up to plan how and when. We would have to train workers on bringing people in and out of the church. Fourteen people could worship with masks on in our sanctuary, no singing--it goes on and on with other guidelines. So, until things make a drastic change, we are going to continue to have a recorded worship time on our church website each Sunday and I remind you how important it is to send your tithes and offerings each week.

We are the church without a building right now--but we must still continue our work as servants and disciples during this crisis time. Keep praying for things to change--keep praying for each other and all the ones on our prayer list. Keep me in touch with things happening in your life.

I am setting August 16th for the Blessing of The Back Packs--so have your packs ready that day. And then be praying for all our students going back to school and all the teachers and workers who make school happen.

God Bless you all, Bro. Wayne

### "Back to School Sunday" August 16<sup>th</sup>

Join us in praying for and celebrating with the students and teachers beginning a new school year with many new ways of being together safely.



### THANK YOU!!

to our "Communion Delivery Committee" for July...

Jessica, Rick,  
Jason, Kelly, Caden, Claire,  
Anne, Dalton, Juanita,  
Joann S., Pat V.

We appreciate your time in helping our congregation come together in celebrating communion while we are scattered. August Communion coming soon!



**Our Annual Picnic is scheduled for next May 2021! Mark your calendar and keep it in your prayers. It will be a celebration of perseverance and endurance!**



**"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12"**

## Visit our website

and SHARE with others  
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for our weekly worship, to listen to past sermons, and to see our newsletter online

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Thought for the Month  
*Just when the caterpillar thought its world was over...It became a butterfly.*

*"Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."*  
 Psalm 31:24



Happy Birthday to...

- 2 Sammy Bibb
- 3 Sarita McCarty
- 7 Gaye Parker
- 8 Anne McHaffey
- 9 Russ Harral
- 16 Pattie McDaniel
- 16 Sue Birdsong
- 21 Jessica McDaniel
- 22 Joe Pierce
- 23 John Stevens



Happy Anniversary to...

- 5 Stuart & Amy Simpson
- 16 Kenny & Penny
- 18 Allen & Danna Williams
- 29 Dennis & Evonne Darrow



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

Join UMW in working on our project to support Methodist Family Health!

During this time of confusion in the world, MFH is asking people to reach out to kids in teens in their care by sending a letter of hope.

You can write a letter to "Dear Friend" (children are ages 6-18) and mail it to Prayer Pals, 3505 Clearwell Rd. Conway, AR 72034 OR

You can submit a letter online to a specific child at the following link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwb1uYZ5UQCXmJ05Cp1wnrxxsnJKfeCZ0HGwcvLetGQ819A/viewform>

Sample Letter:

Dear Friend,  
 I wanted you to know you are thought about and loved. I hope today is a good day for you because I know you deserve it! I'm praying for peace and love to surround you this week. *Wishing you well, Amy*

You can write to as many Prayer Pals as you like. We hope you join us in supporting the kids of Methodist Family Health!

## Ingathering 2020 Aug. Mission Project

With money we have at this time, we will be providing personal care items to the HUB (Helping Underserved Belong) Program and the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry.



Keep saving your quarters at home for Heifer Project.

### Top 5 Advantages of Belonging to a Small Church

5. The bathrooms are easy to find.
4. The kids have extra family to spoil them.
3. Your prayer requests are known by everyone.
2. If you miss church without reporting in, there is a church-wide alert to find you.
1. A close friendship with your Pastor.



(pictured: Jeremy Frakes, Elks 498 Trustee, Susan Mattix, Elks Grant Writer, Liz Ivener HN Food Pantry, Dennis Darrow & Bro. Wayne Clark)

Bro. Wayne and Dennis Darrow recently presented \$2500 from the Elks to the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry. The money was from a gratitude grant to the Elks from the Elks National Foundation Program and was originally for the Fisher Street Summer Lunch Program that was cancelled. The Food Pantry was very excited to receive it.

## Worship Opportunities at Mt. Carmel UMC

We may not be meeting in our Church building, but we are still the Church in our homes and in the world around us.

Worship with us online at [www.mtcarmelmethodist.com](http://www.mtcarmelmethodist.com) or on Facebook Mount Carmel United Methodist Church. Please like and share our website and our Facebook page, so that others can enjoy Bro. Wayne's sermon.

Sunday, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> "Communion offering for Helping Neighbors Food Pantry"

Sunday, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> "Back to School Sunday"

Sunday, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> "Quarters for Heifer"

Sunday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>



Thank you for continuing to give your Offering! Just mail your check to Carla Flemon 5210 Butternut Jonesboro, 72404 or drop it off at First Community Bank on Southwest Dr.

## In our Thoughts and Prayers...

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Colossians 4:2



Josiah, Jenna, Sid, Dalton, JoAnn, Chase, Ray, Joe, Jean, Metta, Pat, Travis, Shirley

Our country, leaders & world Healthcare workers

Those working to provide care

Those sick

Our Church

If you have someone you would like a Church prayer card sent to, call or text Ms. Pat Shirley (870-919-1121).

## The Lord to Bless You

I asked the Lord to bless you As I prayed for you today.

To guide you and protect you as you go along your way...

His love is always with you,

His promises are true,

And when we give Him all

our cares,

You know He'll see us

through.

So, when the road you're

traveling on

seems difficult at best,

Just remember I'm here

praying and

God will do the rest.

~author unknown~



### August Bible Readings

2nd Matt. 14:13-21

9th Matt. 14:22-23

16<sup>th</sup> Matt. 15:21-28

23<sup>rd</sup> Matt. 16:13-20

30<sup>th</sup> Matt. 16:21-28



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