

**Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church**  
4000 Southwest Drive  
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# Mount Carmel Message

*Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church*  
**1893-2020**

*Celebrating 126 years serving the Lord*

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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 it's hard to believe that here we are at the beginning of the Advent Season and we are all still scattered. I love the Advent Season because it really gets us ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior. But even as we are scattered, we are still one at heart. I am still looking forward to our Advent Readings every Sunday morning during Advent and I am so glad we all have the advent candles and readings so we can all take part.

The first Sunday in December we will all celebrate Holy Communion together and then again on Christmas Eve we will have communion and the lighting. So this is a time when we must all put our memories into action and picture the times when we were together in our Sanctuary for this Holy Season.

I know things are all difficult for us during the Covid situation. I pray daily for each of you to make it through another day and stay healthy. And I also pray for those who keep our lives moving and keep us fed. I pray for Drs and nurses and all those who work in our hospitals. My prayers always end with asking God to make His presence a reality in every person.

Please keep me and Amy informed about your prayer concerns so they can be shared with those who are praying daily.

From my family to yours, we wish for you a blessed and Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Christ and as we begin a new year.

Bro. Wayne

### In our Thoughts and Prayers...

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2

Joann Stevens  
Metta Nesmith  
Ray Wood  
Jean Endicott



Barbara Brown  
Our country, leaders & world  
Healthcare workers  
Those who are 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).

## Mt. Carmel UMC

invites you to join us in a  
"Mail the Parents-to-be Shower"  
to honor Phillip & Rachel and  
their sweet baby girl  
due in December

You can mail a card/ gift card / money  
to Phillip & Rachel Wilkins  
5210 Butternut, Jonesboro, AR 72404



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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
- 9 Rudy Reyna
- 14 Melissa Brown
- 19 Sandy Wagner
- 21 Dollie Flemon
- 25 Edward Pruet
- 29 Winona Elrod
- 29 Stacey Herral



Happy Anniversary to...

- 19 Bob & Sue Birdsong
- 31 Derrick & Winona

### Salvation Army Angel Bags

If you bought for a Salvation  
 Army Angel Bag, please  
 contact Pat Vanderbilt  
 761-3933 by Monday,  
 Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> to arrange pick up.

### Blessing Box at St. Paul UMC



Stop by and add  
 items when you can  
 to help those in the  
 neighborhood  
 who might be  
 hungry...Any easy  
 food items or  
 personal care  
 items are needed.

## Ingathering 2020 *"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 24 Christmas Angel Bags for Salvation Army
  - \*Made Christmas gifts for Home Hospice patients
  - \*Provided personal care items, food and monthly offerings  
 to Helping Neighbors Food Pantry for a total of \$2,285.
  - \*Bought 150 hairbows for Easter Sew-In.
  - \*Quarter donations of \$350 for Heifer International
  - \*During Lent we collected assorted items for Methodist  
 Family Health.
  - \*Donated socks, blankets and snacks to Salvation Army  
 Homeless Shelter.
  - \*Donated food and money to St Paul Church Blessing Box.
  - \*Donated food to Pre-K North School.
  - \*Donated personal care items to HUB.
  - \*Gave \$1,205 to UMCOR for Disaster Relief.
  - \*Gave \$275 for blankets.
- The total for Ingathering this year is \$10,515.

Looking forward to the many opportunities we will  
 have to serve in 2021!

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



December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Christmas Eve  
 Communion Candlelight  
 Service  
 will be posted at 6pm on  
 our website and on facebook

## 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, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
 "Communion Sunday"
- "Communion offering for Helping Neighbors"
- Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service
- Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> "Quarters for Heifer"



### December Bible Readings

- 6<sup>th</sup> Mark 1:1-8
- 13<sup>th</sup> John 1:6-8
- 20<sup>th</sup> Luke 1:26-38
- 27<sup>th</sup> Luke 2:22-40



Thank you for continuing  
 to give your Offering!  
 Mrs. Carla's last day at  
 the bank will be Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>,  
 so please mail your check



to Carla Flemon  
 5210 Butternut  
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 past sermons, and to see our  
 newsletter online

For additions to the January Newsletter, contact Amy Simpson  
 at 761-7821 or [sisimpson@suddenlink.net](mailto:sisimpson@suddenlink.net) by December 20<sup>th</sup>