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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**

Just 6 weeks from now will mark our one-year anniversary of being out of our sanctuary--can you believe it. Did you ever think it could happen? But here we are. And I must say this has been an experience that has changed much in our world and our daily lives. But this much I do know for sure--God has been watching over us--we have learned that worship takes place in many ways and lots of different places. I thank God every day for new technology that allows us to gather every Sunday for worship. I had no idea at first how all this would work out but many have stepped up and made things happen and we worship together scattered every Sunday. P.S. don't forget to invite someone to listen with you on Sunday. The beautiful music every Sunday blesses our service.

We enter the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lenten devotional guides will be delivered to you when you receive your communion elements for the 1st Sunday in February. No ashes on Ash Wednesday but symbolically we will remember that "from dust we came, and to dust we will return."

I hope you are getting the covid shots whenever it comes your time to get the shots. This will help us get back to worship sooner. More about that later from our planning group.

I know I don't need to, but I will anyway. Remember that our operating expenses go on every month even while our building is closed, so your financial support is deeply appreciated.

God Bless you all. I pray for you daily. Call me when I can help you in any way.

Bro. Wayne

In our Thoughts and Prayers...

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

Joann Stevens
Metta Nesmith
Ray Wood
Our country, leaders & world
Healthcare workers
Those who are sick



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

Begin your Easter Journey...Ash Wednesday February 17th

What is Ash Wednesday?

The first day of Lent. It marks the beginning of a period of reflection and penance. In the Bible, sprinkling oneself with ashes was traditionally a sign of one's sorrow for having committed sins. In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of preparation for the understanding of the death and resurrection of Christ. The particular symbolism of ashes for this day comes from a practice in the Roman Catholic churches in which the ashes from the palms used in the preceding year's Palm Sunday celebration are blessed. With these ashes, the priest on the first day of Lent marks a cross on the forehead of each worshiper. This practice has become a part of Ash Wednesday services in many United Methodist churches.

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Thought for the Month

"In creation, God shows us his hand; in salvation his heart.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

John 3:16

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 2021

~February Mission Project~
 Diapers and Wipes for the Helping Neighbors Food Pantry



You can leave them in the box by the back door or send \$\$ marked Feb. Mission Project.



Happy Birthday to...

- 2nd Roberta Coleman
- 7th Spencer Williams
- 14th Lucille Wimpy
- 20th Dennis Darrow
- 25th Derrick Elrod

February 12th "President Abraham Lincoln's Birthday"

Did you know...Abraham Lincoln was born Feb. 12, 1809. When Abraham Lincoln was 7 years old, his family was forced out of their home on a legal technicality, and he had to work to help support them. At age 9, his mother died. At 22, he lost his job as a store clerk. He wanted to go to law school, but his education wasn't good enough. At 23, he went into debt to become a partner in a small store. At 26, his business partner died, leaving him a huge debt that took years to repay. At 28, after courting a girl for four years, he asked her to marry him. She said no. At 37, on his third try he was elected to Congress, but two years later, he failed to be re-elected. At 41, his four-year-old son died. At 45, he ran for the Senate and lost. At 47, he failed as the vice-presidential candidate. At 49, he ran for the Senate again, and lost. At 51, he was elected president of the United States and considered the greatest leader our country ever had.

A story is told that some time in the early part of the war a clergyman said in Lincoln's presence that he "hoped the Lord was on our side". "I am not at all concerned about that," replied Mr. Lincoln. "For I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right, but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."

"Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? --- And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind." Luke 10:25, 27

(From President Lincoln's favorite daily devotional "The Believer's Daily Treasure".)

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 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.



February Bible Readings

- 7th Mark 1:29-39
- 14th Mark 9:2-9
- 21st Mark 1:9-15
- 28th Mark 8:31-38



Sunday, Feb. 7th "Communion Sunday"

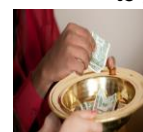
Sunday, Feb. 14th "Happy Valentines Day!"

Sunday, Feb. 21st

Sunday, Feb. 28th "quarters for Heifer"

Thank you for continuing to give your Offering!

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For additions to the March Newsletter, contact Amy Simpson at 761-7821 or alsimpson@suddenlink.net by February 21st.



As we begin Lent, people talk about what they are going to "give up" or "go without" for Lent. But what if we looked at a different way to practice the disciplines of Lent. Each day, take time for those that you love most.

Take the time to really look that person in the eyes and say "I love you" and mean it. Take the time to let those who live far away also hear those words -said in ways that are not "off-handed" or have no meaning behind them. Take the time that you might otherwise use for texting or emailing to pick up the phone and call that person. Allow Lent to be a time to "turn another way," to do something with an intention towards those you love.

For God SO LOVED THE WORLD
 THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY
 BEGOTTEN SON SO
 THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES
 IN HIM SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING
 Life