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



# **Mount Carmel Message**

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church 1893-2021

Celebrating 127 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.



I want to thank the Mt. Carmel UMC Membership for your welcome as your new pastor. Your cards, phone calls and texts made me all the more excited about entering into a ministry covenant with a congregation that has such a rich history.

I would also like to thank the Rev. N. Wayne Clark for his mentorship for the last 40 years. I had the privilege of serving as Wayne's Associate at Central UMC in Rogers in the mid 80's, where I came to know Doris, Stacy, Curt, and Corey. Later Wayne became my D.S. in the 90's and he officiated at Carol and my wedding in 1993. I consider it an honor to follow him in ministry at Mt. Carmel.

January 2, 2022 will be my first Sunday as your pastor. My scripture for that first Sunday will be from Joshua 1:1-9. Where Joshua assumes leadership from his mentor Moses. My sermon title will be "Before us, Beside us and Behind Us." At the conclusion of the service, we will follow a New Year's Methodist tradition by reciting in unison the beautiful Wesleyan Covenant Prayer.

Bro. Bob

I am so excited about beginning our new relationship.

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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 Wilkins
- 14 Melissa Brown
- 19 Sandy Wagner
- 21 Dollie Flemon
- 25 Edward Pruett
- Winona Elrod
- 29 Stacey Harral

# 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.5<sup>th</sup>.

In our Thoughts 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

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**



"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 two of

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 faithful work and the generous hearts of our congregation over the last 30 years, we have given over \$272,000 to mission projects for our yearly Ingathering. We are so grateful for your leadership ladies!





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 <a href="https://www.mtcarmethodist.com">www.mtcarmethodist.com</a>

1st Advent Sunday, Nov. 28th "Hanging of the Greens"

2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> "Communion Sunday"

3rd Advent Sunday, Dec. 12th

4th Advent Sunday, Dec. 19th "Advent Service of Lessons & Carols"

Friday, December 24th 6:00 pm "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service"

Sunday, Dec. 26th "Quarters for Heifer"

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.



### **Bible Readings**

5<sup>th</sup> Luke 3:1-6

12<sup>th</sup> Luke 3:7-18

19th Luke 1:39-45

26th Luke 2:41-52

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