

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
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Mount Carmel Message

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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, I never thought it could happen, but it has. We have been out of our Church building for 15 weeks as of June 28, 2020. The Annual Conference of Arkansas United Methodism was held on line by Zoom for the first time in history. I never thought either of these would ever happen, but they have.

Annual Conference was held in two sessions. One to deal with the regular business of the conference and then also a clergy session to approve all who are under appointment by the Bishop. The business session lasted 4 and 1/2 hours (normally it takes 3 1/2 days for the business.) The 700+ lay and clergy delegates plus visitors met from home instead of gathering. No celebration for the retiring--no memorial service for those who died during this past year--no gathering of all those who are retired to eat together and see each other. It was all very different.

Our Church Relaunch Team met again this week and after reviewing all the guidelines for reopening for worship and looking at all the health issues involved at this time, we decided to not re-open our Church for worship at least during the month of July. We will look at all the issues again before making any decision to re-open for worship. I will be glad to share all we talked about with anyone interested in knowing more. You can call me on my cell at 870-761-1712, I will be glad to hear from you.

So, for now stay home--practice good health guidelines and pray daily for our Church and all those who are on our prayer list.

Oh, by the way--I was appointed to return as your part-time pastor for the 7th year. I am glad.

Bro. Wayne

In our Thoughts and Prayers...

"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Live one day at a time." ~Matt.6:34

Josiah, Jenna, Sid, Joann, Chase, Ray, Joe, Gary, Jean, Metta, Pat, Travis, Shirley, Paul, Richard
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).

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his Own inheritance." Psalm 33:12

Visit our website

and SHARE with others

www.mtcarmelmethodist.com

for our weekly worship
and to see our newsletter
online with live links.



Congratulations

to

Bro. Wayne

on being reappointed to
Mt. Carmel UMC
for year 7!!

We are so thankful to have
him and Mrs. Doris leading
our Church family.

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 Methodist Church" on
 Facebook

Rev. N. Wayne Clark
 934-1474

Thought for the Month

"Freedom in Christ is the ultimate freedom to be celebrated not only on special days, but every day of the year."-Billy Graham

"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."
 2 Cor. 3:17



5th Stacy Weeks
 9th Stuart Simpson
 27th Rick McDaniel



Happy Anniversary to...

21st Phillip & Rachel Wilkins



Mask Making Continues!



Mrs. Wanda Pierce has made over 200 masks and some surgical hats that have been given to different ones. Also, Mrs. Dollie, on behalf of UMW and EHC, recently turned in 55 masks to be given to AR Children's Hospital. Thanks so much ladies for your ministry to help others! If anyone needs masks or would like to help make masks, you can contact Wanda or Dollie for more information.



Ingathering 2020

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Philemon 6

July 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 our Heifer Project.

This Is My Song

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms. Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations, myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness
 UM Hymnal, No. 437

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-this-is-my-song>

Please continue to save your soda tabs for Josiah!



**UNITED
 METHODISTS
 STAND AGAINST
 RACISM**

UMC.org/EndRacism

In a statement released by Council of Bishops President Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, the bishops are urging every United Methodist to reclaim their baptismal vows to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. "We ask every United Methodist to name the egregious sin of racism and white supremacy and join together to take a stand against the oppression and injustice that is killing persons of color," the statement said.

The bishops said they are joining with other church leaders and boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church to add strength to the message that "we will no longer remain silent nor complicit but must act now!"

As part of the that pledge, for at least the next 30 days, all United Methodists everywhere are asked to join in prayer at 8:46 a.m. and p.m. for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, the time the officer held his knee on George Floyd's neck. "Pray for all persons of color who suffer at the hands of injustice and oppression. Pray for our church as we take a stand against racism."

<https://arumc.org/2020/06/united-methodists-set-to-unveil-dismantling-racism-initiative/>
 Visit the website below to watch a video "Deconstructing White Privilege" by Dr. Robin DiAngelo who is the author of "What Does it Mean to Be White? Developing White Racial Literacy". It is produced by the General Commission on Religion and Race of the UMC.
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/deconstructing-white-privilege-gcorr>

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.

Sunday, July 5th "Communion offering for Helping Neighbors Food Pantry"

Sunday, July 12th

Sunday, July 19th

Sunday, July 26th "Quarters for Heifer"



July Bible Readings

5th Matt 11:16-30

12th Matt 13:1-23

19th Matt 13:24-43

26th 13:31-52



You can continue 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.

For additions to the July Newsletter, contact Amy Simpson at 931-7821 or slsimpson@suddenlink.net by July 19th