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Mount Carmel Message

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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.*

 **From Your Pastor**

It is hard to believe but here it is: This time last year (2020) we were all excited about the season of Lent, the imposition of ashes, gathering all kinds of supplies for the Methodist Health System that supports our ministry to children who need special care, asking for volunteers to help read in our Holy Week services...and the list goes on because at that time our activities and ministry to others looked pretty normal to us. And then came the COVID virus, and we closed our Church building in the middle of March for what we thought at that time would probably be a few weeks, a month or two at the most, until we could get rid of the virus. Wrong!! It did not happen that way, and here we are a year later still not sure when we can gather again in our sanctuary for worship.

But we are still the Church, and we have been during this past year. So, for now we must continue our witness as the Church scattered. Keep listening to our Sunday Service on Facebook or our website, keep taking communion on the first Sunday of each month, read the Upper Room and Lenten Study Guide, call each other, call others outside our Church family, send cards, take special gifts to someone not expecting anything from you. And suddenly, we realize we really do meet the definition of the Church scattered. Praise God--God is good all the time.

Remember I pray for each of you daily, and keep being God's witness in his world.

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
Healthcare workers
Those who are sick
Our country, leaders & world



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

Plan to join us for our 1st ever
Easter Sunday Sunrise
Drive-In Worship
April 4th at 7 am



Bro. Wayne will be live on the
radio for you to listen in your car

Ingathering 2021

For January, you gave 311
personal care items for Helping
Neighbors Food Pantry!!

Our March Mission Project
will be a Lenten Offering to

UMCOR

(see back for more info)

Set aside money each day of Lent
and bring your Offering to our
Easter Sunday Sunrise Parking lot
Celebration April 4th @ 7am

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Thought for the Month
 At the outset of any journey, seek divine wisdom.

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps."
 Proverbs 16:9



"GET UP & GIVE" for Methodist Family Health

We haven't forgot, we are just postponing our annual collection for Methodist Family Health until we can meet in person again.

UNTIL THEN.....

Top Ten List: THINGS YOU CAN TRY FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

10. Do something every day that makes someone's life easier
9. Start a prayer rhythm. Say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your e-mail.
8. Pay for the person in line behind you in the drive-thru
7. Forgive someone
6. Drop off food/personal care items in St. Paul Blessing Box
5. Invite someone to listen to our online worship service
4. Cultivate a life of gratitude by writing someone a thank you letter
3. Text or call someone each day to remind them you are thinking of them
2. Pray for others in your family, our church and community daily
1. Read your Bible, and you Lenten and Upper Room Devotional every day

Blessing Box at St. Paul UMC



Stop by and add items when you can to help those in the neighborhood

Thoughts on Lent in a Pandemic....

Lent and lockdown are related historically and etymologically. The word "quarantine" was coined originally for the 40-day period a ship was kept in isolation at port. The policy arose during the Black Death of the late 14th century, when bubonic plague killed off around half of the population in Europe. Ships stayed in dock until the locals could ascertain that there were no cases of the disease on board.

"Forty days" in Italian is "quaranta giorni," which yielded quarantine in English. Well, Lent, like quarantine, is also a 40-day period, and in some languages the roots still show. The season is called "Quaresima" in Italian, "Cuaresma" in Spanish, "Carême" in French. For people who speak the Romance languages, Lent and quarantine are obviously close cousins. Each resembles the other. And their purposes are similar. Both Lent and quarantine are designed to test us and improve our health — quarantine, our physical health; and Lent, our spiritual health.

Excerpt from: How to Make the Most of Your Second Pandemic Lent By Mike Aquilina

"Daily Prayer"

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

~St. Francis of Assisi~



11 th	Tatum Stevens
23 rd	Wanda Pierce
23 rd	Gary Vanderbilt
23 rd	Jim West
26 th	Russell Harral
28 th	Dean Roach
31 st	Amy Simpson
<i>Happy Anniversary to...</i>	
8 th	Jim & Polly West
22 nd	Gerald & Barbara Brown
27 th	Ben & Jo Ridenour

UMCOR

DO YOU KNOW UMCOR? UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be the focal point of our Lent offering for Easter. When watching disaster unfold around the globe, many of us feel the call to help but are at a loss as to what we can actually do to help. UMCOR Sunday is the day for congregations around the globe to help. UMCOR offers aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer: • When flooding, storms and wildfires disrupted lives across the US in 2020, we were there • When COVID-19 broke out around the world, we responded. • When Syrian and other refugees were displaced, we responded. And when the next crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond. Our generosity as a church covers the operating budget of UMCOR. This allows them to funnel 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts. Let's come together during Lent and support UMCOR. If you want to learn more about UMCOR visit: www.umcgiving.org/UMCOR

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.

3rd Sunday in Lent, March 7th
 "Communion Sunday"

4th Sunday in Lent, March 14th

5th Sunday in Lent, March 21st

Palm Sunday, March 28th
 "Quarters for Heifer"



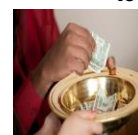
February Bible Readings

7th John 2: 13-22
 14th John 3:14-21
 21st John 12:20-33
 28th Psalms 118:1-2



Thank you for continuing to give your Offering!
 Please mail your check to

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For additions to the April Newsletter, contact Amy Simpson at 761-7821 or slsimpson@suddeniink.net by March 21st.