

# THE SUMMIT

A newsletter for the families and friends of Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

## Dear Mt. Carmel Family and Friends,

Last month the General Conference of the United Methodist Church met and made some significant decisions. The one that received the most attention was the removal of the language in the Book of Discipline (rule book of the denomination) that had restricted LGBTQ+ persons from being ordained and denied clergy from performing same-sex weddings. There were several changes and updates in the Social Principles of the church including things like Climate Change that had not been in there before. Another major change was a move away from a long history of colonialism that separated the church in the U.S. from others around the world who were placed in central (or regional) conferences. The adopted proposal which will subsequently require the approval of 2/3rds of the annual conferences around the world will make the church in the U.S. its own regional conference on a similar level as the other regional conferences around the world.

This summer I want to gather people together to talk about these changes and maybe a class for those who would like to study and discuss the Social Principles and how we might implement some of them in our ministry here at Mt. Carmel. Feel free to call me or email me if you have specific questions or concerns as we move forward.

The Church Council and I are in the process of rewriting a document first written by Pastor Jenny and the council after the 2019 General Conference. **On Sunday, June 2nd at 12:15pm** people are invited to stay for a time of sharing questions and comments about where we are as a congregation in regard to these changes, and where we go from here. A second opportunity for those who may be gone for the weekend will be on **Thursday, June 6th at 7:30pm**. Please prayerfully read this document and come join us as we discuss it.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Jeff

## June

### Scriptures and Sermons

#### June 2

Grads & Communion Sunday  
1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13  
"The Lord Sees into the Heart"

#### June 9

Last day of Children's Sunday school  
1 Samuel 17:32-49  
"Facing Giants"

#### June 16

Father's Day at Pinecliff Park  
"Buckle Up"  
Ephesians 6:10-17

#### June 23

Sunday after VBS  
Mark 4:35-41  
"Instilling Faith"

#### June 30

Service of Healing  
Mark 5:21-43  
"The Healing Touch"

# Further Along On Our Way Forward

Following the changes made at the General Conference meeting a month ago the Church council has been rewording a document Pastor Jenny and the council had written after the 2019 conference.

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## **Further Along on Our Way Forward: A Statement of Clarity and Encouragement from the Leadership of Mt. Carmel UMC to our Congregation and Community.**

Given the outcomes of the postponed 2020 Session of General Conference of the United Methodist Church held April 23-May 3, 2024, we feel called to offer these assurances to all who worship, grow, and serve as a part of our Mt. Carmel community.

Mt. Carmel has come a long way since the stone chapel was built in 1854 with two front doors so that men would come in and sit on one side and women would come in and sit on the other side. Back then only men could be licensed or ordained as pastors.

Mt. Carmel continues to be a house of prayer and service for all God's people. All persons are of sacred worth and value and will be welcomed, loved, and respected in our community. All persons are welcome to be immersed in God's grace at baptism, to be fed through Holy Communion, to celebrate in worship, to grow through discipleship and to serve. No person will be excluded from any ministry or mission because of race, gender, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or citizenship status.

Mt. Carmel is intentionally and unapologetically a place where persons are encouraged to continually seek God's direction and to refine convictions regarding personal holiness and social justice. We reject notions that lump persons into camps or that politicize spiritual and ethical matters; rather, we challenge our worshipers to engage in rigorous ethical discernment that is grounded in scripture and informed by tradition, experience, and reason. We recognize that we are not yet perfected in knowledge and, thus, we can come to different conclusions. Uniformity is not our goal; rather, it is our desire that each of us, in our convictions, can become Christ-like in our love of others.

We acknowledge that General Conference removed our denomination's restrictions regarding same gender marriage and the ordination of LGBTQIA persons. We recognize that our denomination will continue to wrestle with how best to minister to and with LGBTQIA persons in the next several years. We will continue to pray for our church. We hope the denomination and individual congregations, pastors and lay members will acknowledge the larger conversations regarding diversity in Biblical interpretation and contextual ministry realities as we move forward.

Finally, we encourage all who worship and serve on our hill to remember who we are! We do not define ourselves as a single segment of the church, rather, we are Christians seeking higher ground where God's will can emerge! We are a diverse people hoping to witness to the power of the gospel as we move hand in hand from the altar where we are nourished into the community we are called to love and serve!

We are honored, as always to share this holy journey with each of you.

(This draft is shared with the congregation for input prior to the Church Council meeting)



# Team REPORTS

## United Methodist Men

The men have two events set for June. On **Saturday, June 8**, the men are inviting the whole congregation to join them in a workday at Camp Manidokan. We will gather at the church at 8:30am to carpool. Lunch will be provided and we will need people to sign up for the camp to know how much food to prepare. Please bring gloves, rakes, pruning shears, and other tools you might use for general clean up and brush clearing. Plans are being made for some indoor and outdoor work to help prepare cabins and the trails and outdoor spaces for the upcoming camping season.

On **Saturday, June 29** the men will gather for breakfast and fellowship at 8:30am and those who can stay will help after breakfast with a summer workday at the church to help the Trustees with a few small work projects. If you have any questions about the UMM, contact Paul DeLameter at [pdelameter@hotmail.com](mailto:pdelameter@hotmail.com).

## United Women In Faith | June 9 | Noon

All women of the congregation are invited to join other women for fellowship, food and a mission on June 9 at Noon (following the 11am service) in the Great Room.

There will be a Taco Bar Lunch, and we help with preparations for Vacation Bible School.

If you have any questions about the UWF, contact Rene at [r.ciampaglia1212@gmail.com](mailto:r.ciampaglia1212@gmail.com)

## Mission Team

*Thank you to all that donated items to Spring Ridge Elementary over this last year. The families were very appreciative. Overall, between October and May, we collected over 400 items that included deodorant, shampoo, laundry soap, bar soap, pump hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, trash bags, paper towels and toilet paper! Together we all made a big difference in the lives of these families!*

**We continue each month collecting items to help our neighbors at the Linton Shelter Mission. All donations can be placed in the bin under the coat rack across from the First-floor Conference Room.**

*Items Needed:* Washcloths, Individual Microwave Meals, Individual Snack Items, Bottled Water, Large Bottles of Hand Soap.

## Puerto Rico Mission Trip

Thank you,  
Thank you,  
Thank you!

With your donations, we were able to exceed our fundraising goal for the Puerto Rico mission Trip (\$17,463.49)

# Finance Team Report

## Tax-Advantaged Methods to Contribute to Mt. Carmel

Most of our congregation uses several current methods to contribute to Mt. Carmel—Vanco, check, or cash. I want to make you aware of several other methods that might provide tax advantages depending on your personal situation.

1. Direct gifting of stock – Mt. Carmel has recently established a brokerage account with our bank that allows for the gifting of appreciated stock to the church. This has the advantage of avoiding the payment of capital gains taxes while still allowing for a possible deduction on your income taxes.
2. Donating through a Donor Advised Fund – this method requires that you establish a Donor Advised Fund through a brokerage such as Vanguard, Fidelity or another. Once established, you fund the Donor Advised Fund which can be done through a variety of means. Once funded, you can make grants to Mt. Carmel – either one time or on a recurring basis. This has the advantage of enabling a sizable charitable contribution deduction on your income taxes in the year that the Donor Advised Fund is funded while allowing you to take the standard deduction in subsequent years. It also allows you to avoid capital gains taxes if you use appreciated stock to fund the Donor Advised Fund.
3. Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) – For those who are 70.5 years or older, you may make a QCD to Mt. Carmel from your IRA (not your 401K or 403b). A QCD can satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) requirement from your IRA. The benefit of a QCD is that it is not counted as income thus lowering your adjustable gross income on your taxes. By lowering your adjustable gross income you may also keep your Medicare premiums in a lower bracket.
4. Naming Mt. Carmel in your will – while not a topic most of us like to think about, on your passing you may make one final contribution to Mt. Carmel by designating part of your estate to go to Mt. Carmel. This has the possible benefit of lowering any inheritance taxes that your heirs may face.
5. Designate Mt. Carmel as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy – if you have life insurance, you may designate Mt. Carmel as a beneficiary on that policy.

As with any decision that involves taxes or estate planning, please consult your tax advisor or lawyer before proceeding. If you have further questions, feel free to contact me ([brucebeveridge04@gmail.com](mailto:brucebeveridge04@gmail.com)) or Pastor Jeff.

Bruce Beveridge, Finance Team Lead

# July

## Scriptures and Sermons

July 7

Communion Sunday

Mark 6:1-13

“The Power of Negative Thinking”

July 14

Blessing those going to Puerto Rico

“A Spiritual Blessing”

Ephesians 1:3-14

369 Blessed Assurance

378 Amazing Grace

July 21

Sharla Worley preaching

July 28

Ephesians 3:14-21

“Rooted and Grounded in Love”

98 To God Be the Glory

191 Jesus Loves Me

## Baltimore Washington Annual Conference

From May 29-31, Pastor Jeff, George Kirk as our lay member, and Paul Eichelberger as the conference treasurer will be in Baltimore for the annual conference. In June George will be able to give us a report on what happens there and the impact it will have on our church.



# Upcoming EVENTS

## Worship At Pinecliff Park | June 16

Come celebrate Fathers, Fellowship and Freedom on June 16 at Pinecliff Park  
Time: 10 am, one service only here (none at the church)

After worship, come fellowship with a lunch.

Fried Chicken and drinks will be provided!

**Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

Here is a suggestion for what to bring:

Last names A-G: salad of any kind

Last names H-N: fruit, chips, veggie/cheese trays

Last names O-Z: dessert

You are more than welcome to bring whatever works best for you also!



## Join Us For Lunch Bunch!

Fun fact: It's been over a year since our very first Lunch Bunch gathering! That's right; it was Wednesday, March 15th, 2023, at J&P Pizza in the Spring Ridge Shopping Center. As you can see in the photo, the May Lunch Bunch consisted of six hungry folks! Many of the regular attendees were out of town, not feeling well or were confused about the date to meet. Join us for lunch in June! We hope to see you soon at any of the locations listed below:

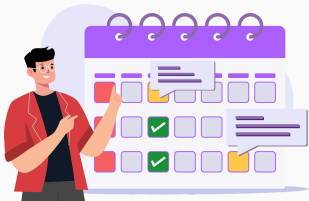
June 22nd (Saturday) – Morgan's American Grill 12:00 noon  
11717 Old National Pike, New Market, MD 21774

July 22nd (Monday) – Longhorn Steakhouse 11:30 a.m.  
5744 Buckeystown Pike, Frederick, MD 21704

August 22nd (Thursday) – Olive Garden 11:30 a.m.  
5609 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD 21703

## Summer/Fall Planning Meeting | June 29

On Saturday, June 29 from 10am to Noon gather in the conference room or on Zoom for our next church-wide planning meeting as we move into summer and prepare for the rest of 2024.



## Auction ! August 24

We have set Saturday, August 24 as a day for an Auction with Kenny Stine as auctioneer. All monies collected will go to paying off the mortgage. The goal is to raise \$5000. We are inviting people to bring in items for the auction starting after worship on Sunday, August 11. Furniture and artwork have been popular items in the past as well as services like offering to make a dessert a month or offering a boat ride or week/weekend at a cabin if you have such an item.





Hope Community Preschool has just finished ANOTHER successful school year! Thank you to all of the families that trust us to provide a safe and happy learning environment for your little ones. Next year, we will celebrate the 15th year for our wonderful preschool program. Look for information next fall to help us celebrate.

We hope you have a happy and healthy summer spent with family and friends.



# You Can Help

## Opportunities To Serve

- Offer rides to those who cannot drive
- Be a greeter at the main door on Sunday morning
- Manidokan Camp cleanup day June 8
- Church workday June 29
- Church Council Secretary
- Provide Sunday morning refreshments
- Make coffee on Sunday mornings
- Please let Pastor Jeff know if you can help with any of these (or other ministries you might offer)**

## Youth Coordinator

The LET is developing a job description and asking the council, youth and parents of youth for feedback to prepare to advertise for a part-time person to help reactivate our youth ministry including regular youth group meetings and outings and confirmation class. Our hope is to hire someone in mid-August to be ready to get things up and running in September with the start of Sunday school.

## New Mt Carmel Handout Cards

The Outreach team developed a new card for us to hand out to people that is bigger than a business card and smaller than a brochure. Perhaps in the words of Goldilocks it is “just right!” Pick up a few at church this week and share them as you invite people to come and join you at church.


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Sunday Services:  
 8:15am Communion service in the chapel  
 9:30am Traditional service with the choir or bell choir in the chapel  
 11:00am Contemporary service with the praise team in the Great Room upstairs.

Online availability:  
 The 9:30am and 11am services can also be viewed live online via Facebook Live or on YouTube by Sunday afternoon.

**All are welcome. Come join us!**



You are welcome to join any of our ongoing ministries. We would be glad to have you here with us.

**Bible/Study groups:**  
 Adult, Children, and Youth Sunday School  
 Women's Small Group-Mondays  
 Pastor's Bible Studies in person or on Zoom

**Care Ministry** supports congregation and hosts a monthly luncheon outing ~~for seniors~~.

**Stephen Ministry** a one-to-one care ministry offering Christian care to people experiencing tough times.

Missions supports local schools and the homeless community with collections and special offerings.

**United Methodist Men** does work projects, cleans along the highway, does mission work

**United Women in Faith** supports missions locally, regionally and globally

Music Ministries include a chancel choir, bell choir, and praise team.

Children and Youth Ministry: VBS-June, Summer Camp and Mission Trip-July

Together we reach, transform and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

# CARE TEAM CORNER

It's been such a delight and a pleasure hosting and sponsoring our recent community events! Your Care Ministry Team enjoys getting out and about representing Mt. Carmel!!

It was a rainy, cool Saturday morning, May 4th, when Barbara Lawson, Carol Ann Rowe, Diane Sweeney, Lynn Harden, Terry Granger, and Trish Mason served 42 Spring Ridge Senior Apartment residents a delicious pancake breakfast! We all worked together like a finely tuned machine - pancakes were flipped, sausage links cooked, fruit sliced, juices poured, coffee brewed and most importantly much jovial fellowship all around. Much gratitude was shown; this event was greatly appreciated by all who participated! We will sponsor and be hosting another pancake breakfast again, on June 1st. We are looking forward to again serving a piping hot and hearty breakfast and sharing fellowship with the seniors in our community!

On May 13th, a pleasant, sunny day, Barbara Lawson and Terry Granger delivered family-style meals from Bob Evans for 12 adults and 11 children to the residents of the Faith House. The Faith House is part of the Frederick Rescue Mission and provides a loving, Christ-centered place for homeless women and children. They promote self-sufficiency with a goal toward independence. It was an invigorating day in May!

The "Health and Wellness Seminar" on Saturday, May 18th from 1-3 pm took place in the Great Room. Professional speakers discussed topics such as Heart Health, Stroke Awareness, and Hospice Programs. A personal testimony by our own Pastor Jeff Childs was engaging while recounting his experience with having a stroke. An RN from Frederick Health Hospital performed blood pressure screenings, there was a table for printed educational materials, as well as healthy snacks. So much appreciation to the Care Team who participated in this event - Ann Thompson, Barbara Lawson, Carol Ann Rowe, Diane Sweeney, Lynn Harden, Maureen Oakley, and Terry Granger. Also, thanks to Donna Clawson, Kenny Moore, Jon Harden, Randy Granger for their integral parts in assisting to make this event so smoothly! Thanks to Randy Carter for driving the bus to pick up folks from the Spring Ridge Senior Apartments and also to Carol Ann for making piping hot coffee on that drizzly afternoon!

Please let us know who could benefit from a "Get Well", "Thinking of You", or a "Sympathy" card. Don't forget about Mt. Carmel's prayer chain. Let us know who could use a timely prayer! Would you like to join the fun of participating with the Mt. Carmel Care Ministry Team!? Our meeting dates are the second Thursday of the month. **Our next meeting is June 13h at 6:00 pm.**

Please contact Terry Granger at 301-514-2379 or at [RTJEB@hotmail.com](mailto:RTJEB@hotmail.com) for more information about any of the above events or topics.



The Care Team hosting breakfast at Spring Ridge Senior Apartments



Savannah Rhoderick, RN speaks about stroke awareness and heart health at our seminar.



# Study of the Letter of James

Begins June 11-12

Read one chapter a week and come discuss them with Pastor Jeff and the class.

**Tuesday at 11am**

Spring Ridge Senior Apartments

**Wednesday at 7pm**

on Zoom



# Remember To Go To Church While You Are On Vacation!

If you are gone on vacation this summer, go to church on Sunday mornings and bring back a bulletin or other literature the church offers visitors. We are looking for the best practices that churches are doing to invite and welcome people to their churches that we might do here as we grow. And also remember you can watch either the 9:30am or 11am service from Mt. Carmel on Facebook Live or YouTube.


## Preschool Baptisms

After having a family from the preschool ask if I would baptize their children a couple months ago, I received an email from another mom who had talked with the first mom, and she asked the same thing for her children. A light bulb went on and so I asked Kathy Petrill, the preschool director to email all of the parents to see if there were others. Four families with seven children responded they would on Sunday, March 17.

I was pleased that the Rev. Dr. Eliezer Castanon, our District Superintendent, was able to join us for the baptisms that morning. Then last month we had fifteen more children baptized on the Sunday at the end of this preschool year, May 19, with four at 9:30am and eleven at 11am. And we are not finished as there are two more families with five children to be baptized at the combined 10am service at Pinecliff Park on Sun. June 16. If anyone would like to be baptized at the park, please contact Pastor Jeff.







# Children's Ministry

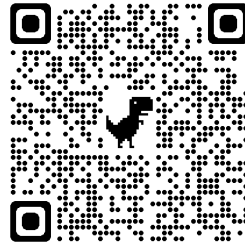
**Register Now!**

## Vacation Bible School

**June 17-21**

**9-11:30am**

Scan the QR code  
to register



**June 2**

No 11:00 am  
Children's Church  
(We are celebrating  
graduates in service)

**June 9**

Last official Day of  
Sunday School

**June 16**

Pinecliff Park Service

**June 17-21**

VBS - Food Truck  
Party

**June 23**

VBS celebration at  
11 am service, we  
will hold an informal  
SS at 9:30

**June 30 - TBD**

**July - No Sunday  
School**

**July 21-26** Prayers  
for youth traveling  
to Puerto Rico for  
mission work.

**July 28 - Aug 2**

Camp Manidokan  
Summer Camp

## Summer Camps

We have 7 children/youth going  
to summer camp this year.  
Be on the lookout for  
information to write letters  
and inspire our young campers.



## Sunday School Wrap up:

The official last day of Sunday School will be June 9th.  
We have 2 students finishing their children's Sunday school  
journey. They will move up to Middle School Sunday school  
in the fall. Congratulations Jocelyn and Kenny for being faithful  
servants, setting an awesome example to our younger ones  
and consistent attendance in Sunday School.  
Great things ahead!

**CONTACT US**

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for any of  
our upcoming Children's Ministry programs,  
contact Michele Stine. [Michele.Stine@  
hopemtcarmel.org](mailto:Michele.Stine@hopemtcarmel.org)



# Mt. Carmel UMC Annual Golf Tournament Monday, July 15th at Holly Hills Country Club

## NOW IS THE TIME!

Sign up to golf! Sign up to sponsor!

Volunteers needed to sign up sponsors, help plan the event,  
volunteer to help at the event.

Contact Rene Ciampaglia 5711-480-1617

## How can you help?

Sign up to **play golf**. If you don't have a foursome (3 other friends to play with) we will pair you up.

**Sponsor** a hole (you or your company pays \$300). You get a sign with your family or business name at the tee box on the golf course.

Ask for **donations** or you donate an item/gift card for our silent auction (restaurants, stores, salons, etc).

Sign up to help **now**. We need volunteers to ask businesses for donations. We will give you a list and you can call or go there over the next few weeks.

Plan to help on the **day of the tournament** in shifts from 8 AM - 2 PM



Brochure



Registration Form



Sponsorship Form



Payment Portal



# May at Mt Carmel



Best church ever! Tell everyone who put this together this will be a great pick me up 😊



iMessage

Our Active Military  
Receiving a Care Package



Lisa Hogan, RN Checking Blood Pressures



Healthy Snack Offerings



# Worship with Us Each Sunday

## Sunday Services:

**8:15am** Join us in the sanctuary for a small, intimate service and begin your Sunday with Communion, prayer, scripture, and a message weekly!

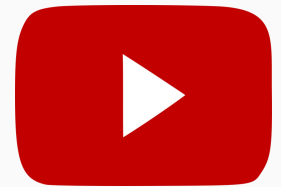
**9:30am:** Join us in the sanctuary for a traditional service with our choir or bell choir. Adult, children, and youth Sunday school and nursery

**11am:** Join us in the second-floor Great Room for a contemporary service with our Praise Team. Adult Sunday school, Children's Church and nursery



### Facebook Live and YouTube

You can view the 9:30am and 11am services on our Mt Carmel Facebook and YouTube pages each Sunday.



### Giving Instructions:

#### Sunday:

Place your offering in the collection plate.

#### Your Bank:

You can schedule monthly gifts straight from your bank; this is a secure, no-fee option.

#### Vanco:

This provides another secure online option. Follow the link on the church website ([www.hopemtcarmel.org](http://www.hopemtcarmel.org)) to donate through the secure Vanco site.

#### GivePlus+ App:

Download the free GivePlus+ mobile app and search Mt Carmel UMC. Log in or donate as a guest.

#### Mail:

Mail your offering directly to Mt. Carmel:  
Mt.Carmel UMC, 9411 Baltimore Road, Frederick, MD 21704



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