

THE SUMMIT

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

Dear Mt. Carmel Family and Friends,

I am truly feeling blessed! I usually have that feeling, but this month following my stroke and seizure I have really felt it, as well as your prayers and love. It had been 60 years since I was last in the hospital after breaking both bones in my arm falling out of a tree as a boy. The first couple days were quite fuzzy, and I had serious doubts about being able to function as your pastor any longer. But with a little time and a lot of tender loving care, things have returned to close to normal. I still have a little trouble with finding the right word or name. It may be a while before I can drive again, but I give thanks for all I can do especially when I remember parishioners who had strokes and could not walk or talk very well after that.

Coming into Holy Week is not the best time to be recovering, but I have been blessed by the way people have stepped up and offered their help and support with home-cooked meals and car rides as needed. With your and God's help I know we will get through this.

Have a blessed Spring,
Pastor Jeff

General Conference

The postponed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist General Conference will be held from April 23 to May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC. The conference is held every four years and is the top policy-making body of the United Methodist Church. We will pray for the delegates who will be going from this conference and conferences around the world. As information comes from the conference we will find ways to share it and have time to gather and talk about it.

April

Scriptures and Sermons

April 7

Pulpit swap with
Pastor Scott Clawson

April 14

Luke 24: 36b-48
"Open Minds"

April 21

Todd Humphrey
will preach

April 28

Randy Loy
will preach





Easter Offering

(For two ministries in our area)

Migrants being bussed to D.C. from Texas. The Hispanic/Latino Ministries of the Baltimore-Washington Conference has launched a campaign to raise \$45,000 to assist migrants being bussed to Washington, D.C. Despite the Conference having already raised \$50,000, needs continue to be significant for the ministry. Over 1,000 families have settled in the D.C. region since April of 2022. The Baltimore-Washington Conference continues to welcome the new neighbors with radical hospitality and solidarity. The Washington migrant family shelters stopped accepting new families in April 2023, which means women and children are being put out in the streets with many living in the cars of families in the shelters. We are called to welcome and assist the sojourner. The Baltimore-Washington Conference, Capitol Hill UMC, and Beacon of Light at Emory UMC in D.C. have been working with the Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid (MSMA), to support migrants arriving in D.C.

The Rescue Mission of Frederick, MD In 1964, the Frederick Rescue Mission opened with a desire to make an impact on our community in need. What began with a thrift store and 10-bed shelter for homeless men has expanded to touch the lives of tens of thousands of people in our community over the years. In 1984, the Mission moved to the heart of downtown Frederick and transformed the building that once served as the Frederick County jail into a place where people can be free to experience hope and healing. Over the next decade, the Bread of Life Community Kitchen opened in keeping with Christ’s ministry of feeding the hungry. Still today, we offer breakfast and lunch – 7 days a week – to the hungry and the homeless. In addition to daily breakfast and dinner, we provide no-cost groceries for our community to take home and share with their families, allowing us to serve greater numbers of people in need. We recognized that many of those who came to our table also struggled with addiction. The Changed Life Recovery Program was created to address the core issues of addiction by helping to heal the body and mind.



Work Day

Thank you to all who helped the Trustees with the inside and outside work to help make the church property look good for Easter.



Auction Rescheduled

The church auction that was scheduled for April 6 has been rescheduled for the summer!

Watch the church announcements for the new date and donation times.



Easter Flowers



Thank you to everyone who provided the bountiful garden display of flowers for Easter Sunday.

In memory of Albert and Folgore Ciampaglia, Mike's parents, and Meredith Furr, Rene's niece, given by Mike and Rene Ciampaglia

In memory of Henry A. Groff Jr., given by the Groff family

In memory of my parents, Harold and Louise Childs, and in honor of my family given by Pastor Jeff

In honor of my dad, Chester Redmond, given by Linda Jenkins

In memory of my beloved wife, Nellie Redmond, given by Chester Redmond

In memory of Donald Frame, given by the Humphrey Family

In honor of my daughter, Lori, given by Judy Bell

In loving memory of Fran and Tim Klinedinst, given by Jocelyn Cooper

In memory of Jose Bautista, Sr, Austin Wood, and Edmund Bautista, given by Barry and Ellen Wood

In memory of Robert Carsey, Fran and Tim Klinedinst, given by The Cooper Family

In memory of loved ones, given by Bruce and Chris Beveridge

In memory of Betty, my mom, given by Jeanie Carter.

In loving memory of Daniel Palko, given by the Worley family

In memory of Perry and Mill Lawson & Carlene and Chester Moore, given by Kenny Moore and Barbara Lawson

Finance Team Update

As many heard, Mt. Carmel was able to make the first \$100,000 principal reduction payment towards our mortgage in February. That leaves a balance of \$1.55 Million which, while still a daunting number, is not beyond our goal of paying off the mortgage in the next ten years. We are hopeful that with the capital campaign pledges we received, Mt. Carmel will be able to make a second \$100,000 principal reduction payment before the end of the year. A quick update on our financial situation (thru February) is summarized below:

Total Income	\$58,987
Total Expenses	\$53,103
Net Income	\$ 5,884

Additionally, Mt. Carmel has established a new way to give your capital campaign or other donations. If you wish to gift appreciated stock, Mt. Carmel has established a brokerage account with our bank, ACNB, where the stock can be sent and they will sell it and deposit the funds into Mt. Carmel's account. This can be a tax advantaged way to make your donations. Please contact myself at brucebeveridge04@gmail.com for more details.

Thanks to all of you for your prayerful giving and support.

Bruce Beveridge, Finance Team Chair



United Methodist Men

Saturday, April 20 at 8am

Breakfast will be provided, followed by a short meeting. Then, a few of us will go and clean the 2-mile stretch of MD 144 (Old National Pike) just down the road from the church towards New Market.

Look for the new signs at both ends of the route.

United Women in Faith

Sunday, April 7 at 12:15pm

All women who attend Mt Carmel and friends are invited to the next meeting of the United Women in Faith on Sunday, April 7th at 12:15 in the Great Room. Lunch will be provided. For those attending from the Spring Ridge Apartments, transportation will be provided.

Join us as we discuss our goals for the coming year, learn more about our group purpose/mission, and help us get organized.

F.R.A.N. Sunday

Our first FRAN Sunday was March 17. People were invited to invite a Friend, Relative, Acquaintance, or Neighbor that day. Thank you to all that did. We were blessed to have our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Eliezer Valentin-Castañón with us and several preschool families who came to have children baptized. Pray about who are the FRANs you might invite any Sunday but especially when we do it again on Sunday, June 23.



Congratulations to Sarah Weeks! Sarah who teaches at Oakdale Middle School and attends Mt Carmel has made it to the Quarterfinals of the Frederick County Public School Teacher of the Year!
We are cheering for you Sarah!!

Care Team Corner

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FILLED WITH GRATITUDE

The Care Ministry Team received a generous donation which enables us to host upcoming, exciting, community events!

On Saturday, April 27 we will sponsor a pancake breakfast for our friends at the Spring Ridge Senior Apartments. We are looking forward to serving a delicious breakfast and sharing fellowship with the seniors in our community.

At the end of April, we will be mailing a **“Final Exams Survival Kit” Care Package** to 22 college students preparing for their spring testing and our identified active military personnel. The money that was donated will supplement the Care Team budget for postage and items not collected from the congregation. A collection bin will be in the first-floor Gathering Hall April 14-21 to drop off your donations.

We are seeking donations for the following items: Band-aids, Kit Kat bars, Pen, Pencils, Erasers, Paper Clips, Tea Bags, Mints, Snickers, Starbursts, Paper clips, Peanuts, Smiley Face stickers, and Chocolate kisses. We will also include a prayer and note from Pastor Jeff.

Please place your donation in the bin no later than Sunday, April 21, at 12 noon. THANK YOU!!!

Health and Wellness Seminar! **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, May 18, from 1-3 pm in the Great Room. We are planning for speakers to discuss topics such as Heart Health, Stroke Awareness, Hospice Programs, and YMCA (Urbana) preventive health benefits, among other presenters. There will be a blood pressure screening area, a table for printed handouts, as well as healthy snacks.

As the Care Team and all of Mt. Carmel strive to reach out and help others by being a greater presence in our community, please feel free to offer suggestions for consideration of future outreach.

Join us for lunch!

Our next Lunch Bunch gatherings are:

April 22 (Monday)

11:30 am

Oscar's Alehouse

906 North East Street, Frederick

May 21 (Tuesday)

11:30 am

Airways Inn of Frederick

310 Aviation Way, Frederick



Where would you like to eat lunch?

Please let any member of the Care Team know of your idea.



Care Team Corner Continued

Care Packages were delivered and visits made to our Care Recipients.

The packages for March included – small wooden cross, Lord’s Prayer cards, Easter Chocolate Crosses, Hand Grippers/pinchers to grab things easily, sandwich crackers, Lenten Devotionals, cards made by our Sunday School children, and Thinking of You cards all packed in Easter gift bags.

We LOVE to mail cards! Please let us know who would like to receive a “from the heart” Get Well, Thinking of You, or perhaps a Sympathy card. We mail between 15-20 cards a month and would be delighted to mail more!

Don’t forget about Mt. Carmel’s prayer chain. Let us know who could use a timely prayer!

We have Emergency meals in the church freezer! A huge thank you to those of you who donated them.

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 April 11 at 6:30 pm.

Please contact Terry Granger at 301-514-2379 or at RTJEB@hotmail.com for more information about any of the above events.



CARE Team assembling Care Packages



A happenstance meeting at our March’s Lunch Bunch gathering....two WWII veterans.....

UMC Special Sunday Offering

Our next scheduled special Sunday offering of the United Methodist Church is Native American Sunday on April 14. An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities. The offering allows us to partner with their existing ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans.

On UMCOR Sunday, March 10, we collected \$470 to support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.



April Mission Needs

We continue each month collecting items to help our neighbors. Donations can be dropped in the bin under the coat rack across from the Conference Room.

Spring Ridge Elementary School March Needs:

Laundry Soap, Hair Conditioner (not shampoo), Toothbrushes.

Linton Homeless Shelter March Needs:

Individual Microwave Meals

(Cup O'Noodles, Mac and Cheese, etc.)

Individual Snack Items (Goldfish, Chips, Crackers, Cookies, they do not currently need Granola Bars)

**HOPE 4 KIDS
FOOD PACKING
April 9 at 6PM
New Market UMC
Schoolhouse**

The logo for HOPE 4 Kids is a heart shape with a red outline. Inside the heart, the word "HOPE" is written in large, blue, stylized letters, and "4 Kids" is written in smaller, red, stylized letters below it. The background of the heart is white.

NEW MISSION PROJECT FROM OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Our middle school Sunday school will be making bags to hand out to people without housing. Below is a list of items they will be including. They will be very appreciative of all donations. A collection box is in the first-floor Gathering Hall.

The collection will run through April 28.

Items Needed: Bottled water, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, wash cloths, shampoo, travel size toiletries, hand sanitizer, non-melting individually wrapped (sweet and/or healthy)snacks, small candies, Gallon Ziplock Bags.

A P R I L

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School - June 17-21

*Be on the lookout for
VBS sign up coming soon!*

We are in need of adult and teen volunteers and we will be asking for various donations in April. If you are feeling creative and want to help, we will be decorating with over size food items made out of cardboard (Ice cream, pizza, hamburgers, tacos, etc.)



Summer Camps

Camp Manidokan 3rd grade and up July 28-August 2

We have 6 children signed up to go and would love even more! Please let Michele know ASAP and she will apply for a general scholarship for each child.



West River Sailing Camp

6th grade & up June 16-21

We have one church youth member going so far. Let Michele Stine know if you would like to join him. There will not be a Mt Carmel adult representative there but we are very familiar with the staff and it will be amazing!!



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

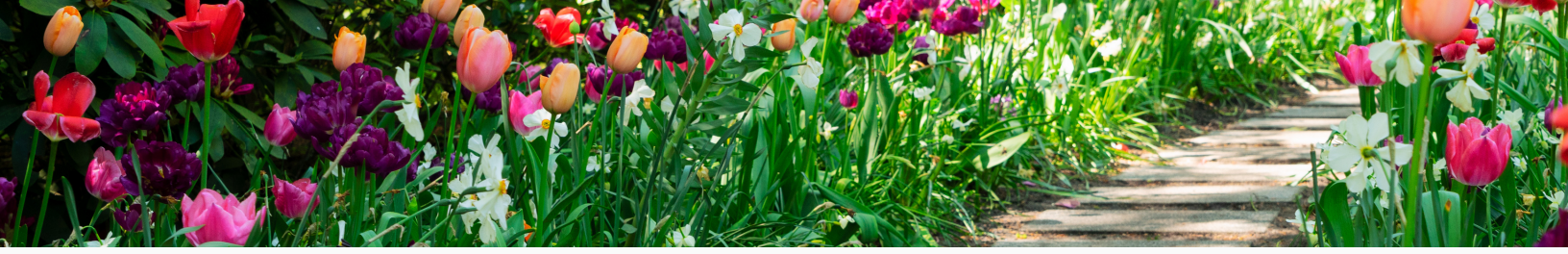


Have you seen the children's Prayer Bulletin Board?

Leave a joy or concern on the board and the children will put a sticker on the tag every time they pray for it.

Palm Sunday





Mt. Carmel UMC Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, July 15th at Holly Hills Country Club

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

Visit our website for more information and to complete the golfer registration or sponsorship form <https://www.hopemtcarmel.org/golf-tournament> or click the links below.

Contact Rene Ciampaglia at r.ciampaglia1212@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer

MT. CARMEL GOLF TOURNAMENT
HOLLY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY JULY 15, 2024

Brochure

Registration Form

Sponsorship Form

Payment Portal



Baptism Sunday

After having a family from the preschool ask if I would baptize their children a couple of 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 that they would on Sunday, March 17. I was pleased that the Rev. Dr. Eliezer Valentin-Castañón was able to join us for the baptisms of Lyla May and Cruz Daniel Carroll, Sidney Michael Dolin, Gianni Brian and Joseph James Pugliese, Luke Thomas and Jack Joseph Strauss

We will have eight more families and twenty more children wishing to have baptisms on the Sunday at the end of this preschool year, May 19.

Pastor Jeff



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!

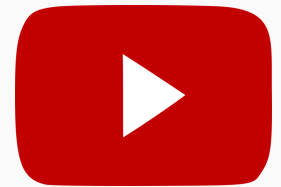
9:30am: Join us in the sanctuary for a traditional service with our choir or bell choir. Adult, children, and youth Sunday school and nursery

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) 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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