

THE SUMMIT

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

Dear Mt. Carmel Family and Friends,

The season of Lent allows us to draw closer to Christ as we journey to the Cross and the Resurrection. Our sermon series this year Creed, by Adam Hamilton, is designed to help us to grow in our faith as each week we reflect on what we believe based on the words of the Apostles' Creed. If you have missed any of the messages, you can watch the traditional and contemporary worship services each week on YouTube on our church website under the Worship tab.

Some of us have old traditions of "Giving up things for Lent." For many years for me that has included fasting to remember how Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days. This is a real challenge and I appreciate your prayer support. For years I just fasted one day a week on Fridays, but this year I will fast 5 days a week from Monday-Friday.

Some of us might also have a tradition of "Taking up things for Lent." This might be the time to add reading the Lenten devotional or a portion of the Bible. You might also take up a new ministry. The church could use your help. Please prayerfully consider if God might use you or someone you know to help grow the church in any of these ways.

Have a blessed March,
Pastor Jeff



Be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night March 9th

March

Scriptures and Sermons

March 3 Lent 3
(Communion)
Acts 2.1-4;14-18
"CREED: The Holy Spirit"

March 10 Lent 4
UMCOR Sunday
Ephesians 1.15-23
"CREED: The Church"

March 17 Lent 5
Matthew 26.26-30
"CREED:
The Forgiveness of Sins"

March 24
Palm Sunday
John 11.17-27
"CREED:
The Resurrection of the
Body"

March 31
Easter
Matthew 28.1-10
"CREED: I Believe"

Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday | March 24

Services at 8:15am, 9:30am, and 11am

On Sunday, March 24, we will remember Jesus entering Jerusalem as the people shouted and waved palm branches. Everyone present that Sunday will receive a palm branch and will be invited to wave it. We will also note things that happened that week as we prepare for the Last Supper, Crucifixion, and the long wait for Easter Morning.



Maundy Thursday | March 28

6-8pm Service at Mt Carmel

On Thursday, March 28 from 6-8pm the youth will be performing a rendition of the Last Supper for our joint church Maundy Thursday service. They will also be providing a meal for everyone to share during the play. A free will offering will be taken to support the youth mission trip to Puerto Rico.



Good Friday | March 29

7pm Service at New Market UMC

On Friday, March 29 at 7pm we will gather at the New Market UMC for a solemn worship service as we remember the trial, Crucifixion, and death of Jesus.



Easter Sunrise | March 31

6:15am Service at Fairview Chapel

On Sunday, March 31, people are invited to gather at Fairview Chapel for the Sunrise Service at 6:15am



Easter Sunday | March 31

8:15am, 9:30am, and 11am Services at Mt Carmel

Join us to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.



Easter Flowers | Deadline to Order: March 10

Lilies, Tulips, and Hydrangea can be ordered in memory/honor of a loved one to decorate our altars on Easter Sunday. Purple order forms are located in each of the Gathering Halls and in the back of the sanctuary and Great Room. You can also email Donna in the church office to place an order, donna.clawson@hopemtcarmel.org

Youth Group Meeting | March 10

Join Pastor Jeff after church on Sunday, March 10, for a pizza party and discussion with youth, parents and any people who would like to help us restart our youth ministry here at Mt. Carmel. We will need at least two adults which could include a parent to help lead this ministry. Background checks will be required for everyone's safety.

We are asking everyone to lift this ministry in prayer.



Puerto Rico Mission Trip

This summer, July 21-26th, 2024, Pastor Scott and Pastor Jeff are leading a mission trip to Puerto Rico, which will be designed for rising 9th graders and older. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,000 per participant. There will be a few opportunities to give to this vital ministry. The Ash Wednesday joint service offering raised \$2560 for the mission trip. Our Maundy Thursday's offerings will also be designated to offset the mission costs. There will also be a fundraiser sponsored by the young adults nearer to the trip dates. If you would like to give to this mission or support one of our youths as a sponsor, please write "Puerto Rico mission trip" or "Puerto Rico mission trip sponsor" in the memo line of your offering. It is our goal to reduce the mission trip cost from \$300 to \$500 for each participant.

The following are those individuals who are planning to participate in this mission trip:

Adult Leads: Pastor Scott Clawson, Pastor Jeff Childs, Andrea Day, Michelle Stine

College: Isaac Hanson

Seniors: Niki Stine, Madison Glover

Juniors: Asa Deickman, Gabe Carter, Ethan Benjaminson, Lily Hanson, Laurel Sutherin

Freshman: Kendra Deickman, Kasey Barboza

Rising 9th: Kiera Benjaminson, Atticus Shuey



A picture of our 2018 Puerto Rico Mission Team



Mt Carmel Spring Clean Up Day | March 16 | 9am

The Trustees have set Saturday, March 16 as the spring workday. Work will be done inside and out weather permitting. A rain date for the outdoor work will be the following Saturday. People may sign up to work on items at different times as their schedules allow.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please email Pastor Jeff at revchilds@outlook.com if you feel called to help with any of these jobs.

- Bus drivers
- Offering counters
- Bell ringers and choir singers at 9:30
- Communion stewards at 9:30 and 11
- Tech help at 9:30 and 11

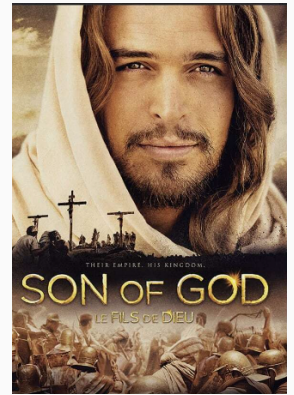
**HOPE 4 KIDS
FOOD PACKING
March 12 at 6PM
New Market UMC
Schoolhouse**



a weekend food program

Movie Night At Mt. Carmel | March 23 | 7pm

On Saturday, March 23, at 7pm, the Great Room will be transformed into a theater for a special showing of the 2013 film "SON OF GOD." The larger-than-life story of The New Testament gets a larger-than life treatment in this movie. Told with the scope and scale of an action epic, the film features powerful performances, exotic Biblical locations, and dazzling visual effects. Come join us and experience the life of Jesus as the film spans from his humble birth through his teachings, Crucifixion and ultimate Resurrection. We will take time after the movie to share with one another the insights we each will take away from this experience as we enter Holy Week.



Auction | April 6 | 7pm

The trustees have set Saturday, April 6 as a day for an auction with Kenny Stine as auctioneer. All monies collected will go to paying off the mortgage. With the preschool on spring break the preceding week **we are inviting people to bring in items for the auction starting on Monday, April 1.** More information will be in the bulletins and the April newsletter.



New Grid Drawing

Packets for Mt Carmel's new grid drawing are available now in the first floor Gathering Hall. Details are on each packet. Drawings must be returned by March 24.



United Methodist Men

On Saturday, January 26, a dozen men gathered at the church for breakfast and talked about restarting a men’s group. Paul DeLameter was elected as president, Dave Carlson as treasurer, and Paul Eichelberger as secretary, with Larry Anderson and George Weisgerber as advisors, given their experiences in groups at previous churches. Several ideas and ministry possibilities were discussed, and adopting a two-mile stretch of highway for a semi-annual clean-up was affirmed. We received word from the county highway department that we have been approved by the highway department for the 2-mile stretch on MD 144 (Old National Pike) just down the road from the church towards New Market. The highway spring cleanup following our April 20 Men’s Breakfast meeting.

Our meeting this month will be on Saturday, March 16. Paul DeLameter will provide breakfast, and then we will join the Trustees for the Spring workday at Mt Carmel after breakfast.



United Women In Faith

On Sunday, February 25, seventeen women of the church gathered to reorganize. Pastor Jeff led the group in selecting officers through volunteers: Rene Ciampaglia, President; Alison Humphrey, Vice-President; Beth Weisgerber, Treasurer and Jodi Phillips, Secretary (see picture to right.) There was discussion about forming smaller circles of women to meet in the evenings or during the day and to develop the Monday Bible study that Sharla leads as one of those. The next full meeting was planned for Sunday, April 7, right after church again, with a luncheon. Pastor Jeff will contact the Frederick District UWF president to come and talk with us at that meeting.



On Sunday, February 11, we shared a giant check for \$100,000 signifying a check to pay down our mortgage. This donation combined a donation from the preschool and your generosity to the Capital Campaign.

Thanks to your support we anticipate paying a similar amount later in the year and each year into the future with a goal of paying off the debt in 10 years!

Mission News

UMCOR Sunday

Our next scheduled special offering of the United Methodist Church is UMCOR Sunday, March 10, to support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.



March 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:

Soups, Tea bags, Hand/Feet warmers.



Potato Drop

On Saturday, March 30 from 8-10:30am the district UMM are coordinating a distribution site at the Trinity UMC in Frederick to receive a truckload of potatoes from the gleaning work of the Society of St. Andrew to be repackaged into smaller shopping bags to be shared with area churches and food pantries who help feed people who are hungry in our area. Anyone interested in helping, please talk with Pastor Jeff.



Souper Bowl Sunday

You may or may not have enjoyed the game that day or some of the commercials or halftime show, but we celebrate that thanks to the support of members and friends of Mt Carmel UMC we collected \$120 and 117 pounds of soup (and other items) to give to the foodbank to help them feed our neighbors.

Thank you!

Pancake Supper

Thank you to everyone who attended our February 13 Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner. The free will offering totaled \$555.00. 388.50 (70%) will go to our Hope 4 Kids Mission, and 166.50 (30%) will go toward the church mortgage.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Summer Camp At Manidokan July 28-August 2

The deadline to submit for summer camp scholarships is fast approaching, so it is important if you are considering a summer camp please email Michele (michele.stine@hopemtcarmel.org) and let her know your child's name and what camp they would like to go to ASAP.



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



Easter Egg Hunt

March 24

(During 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday School)

All children of Mt Carmel and the community are invited to join us on Palm Sunday for a fun Easter lesson and Egg Hunt.

We need your donations to fill the eggs. Please consider donating small toys and non-peanut candy. No "jaw breaker" type candy please. Hershey kisses, packs of gummies, smarties, sweet tarts, small bags of m&ms/skittles are a few suggestions. Everything food-related must be packaged. Small monetary donations can be made and Children's Ministry staff can do the shopping.

Vacation Bible School - June 17-21

Sign Up Coming Soon!!

The VBS team is preparing to get ready to have a Food Truck Party this June.

If you would like to be part of the team contact, Michele Stine.



Let your
Light
Shine

February Happenings!



Hello everyone!

I just wanted to say thank you so much to all the people that came to Beauty and The Beast Jr. at my school! Thank you to anyone who sent a note, and for your continuous support through these long months of rehearsals!!! Sorry we didn't get pictures with everyone that came but thank you for giving me my own personal cheering section at EVERY performance!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Love,
Lyla Cooper



Ash Wednesday Chapel with HOPE Community Preschool



Men's Breakfast



9:30am Sunday Worship

Worship with Us Each Sunday



FRAN Sunday

The Outreach team, in trying to help us find ways to grow the church and reach our neighbors, have put up highway signs to guide people to the church. They have also picked up an idea from the UMC Evangelism Agency to have a special Sunday throughout the year that would encourage people to invite and bring people to church. It is called FRAN Sunday. This will also be in honor of our beloved Fran Klinedinst as we remember her warm ways of loving and welcoming people.

Our first FRAN Sunday will be March 17. People are invited to invite a Friend, Relative, Acquaintance, or Neighbor that day. Pray about who all the FRANS you might invite.

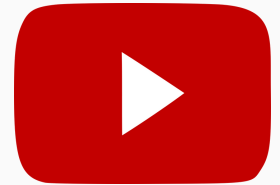
Sunday Services

8:15am, 9:30am, and 11am



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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