

THE SUMMIT

December 2011
January 2012

For the members, family and friends of Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church

“The Journey: Bringing Christmas Home”

Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church reaches, transforms and equips people for lifelong discipleship through faithful service, missions, Biblical teaching and worship.

Mt. Carmel Mission Statement, Updated January 2005

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The people and places of the Nativity scene may seem worlds away from our neighborhood. We know little of peaceful stables and swaddling clothes. Our life is more of a hard journey to the finish of each day than a silent night. The event of Christmas, the birth of the Christ child, is not as far away as it may seem. In the gospel of John it is written, “the word became flesh and lived among us.” Eugene Peterson translates it this way, “God moved

into the neighborhood.” That’s the whole meaning of Christmas, Christ, God’s chosen one, came to meet us in our neck of the woods. The story is centuries old but the question the same, “Are you ready to welcome the Lord into your home and neighborhood?” This Christmas join us for a beautiful and inspiring journey that will reach from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from our home town to the God who has come to save us!

We are blessed to share the journey as a part of your church family. May God bless you this Christmas and for years to come,

Pastor Jenny, Pastor Scott & Pastor Jason



Christmas Eve Services at Mt. Carmel UMC

- 5:00pm** Family Contemporary Candlelight Services
- 7:00pm** Family Contemporary Candlelight Services
- 9:00pm** Traditional Candlelight Service
- 11:00pm** Tradition Candlelight Communion Service

Our pastor team will also be leading **Christmas Eve Services at New Market UMC at 6:00pm or 8:00pm at New Market** if these times fit your schedule. Feel free to join us!

Christmas Day Community Service at 10:00am **At New Market UMC**

There will be no service at Mt. Carmel on Christmas Day

Between the packages and the feast join us to worship the Christ Child. This service of lessons and carols will be shared by New Market and Mt. Carmel at New Market UMC. ***Make a note of the special time!***



CHECK OUT OUR



WEB SITE!

www.hopemtcarmel.org

Youth Group ~ December 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------|--|----------|--------|--|
| Your Youth Group Leaders: Corey Schoo, corey.schoo@gmail.com Nicole Harden, nmharden@gmail.com Pastor Scott, pastorscott62@gmail.com. | | |  Bring a Friend!! | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  6:30-8:30pm | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 NO YOUTH GROUP | 29 | 30 | 31 "Soul Surfer" New Year's Eve Lock-in |



Basketball
NIGHT

Wed 8:30-9:30
17 and up
Mt. Carmel
Great Room

**Our growing youth group could really
use your support!**

General Helper: So that all the ministry stations can be available to our youth (basement pool table and youth loft) **an adult is needed to be an extra pairs of hands and eyes, nothing to prepare!!**

Soul Surfer New Year's Eve Lock In

Come and join us for an evening of worship and New Year's Eve fun. We encourage the entire family to join us for a portion of the celebration or stay the whole night! You will need sleeping bags, air mattresses (if you want a soft bed), bring a snack and drinks to share, appropriate sleeping attire, and pillow.

December 31, 2011

6:30 to 7:30 Saturday night worship service
 7:30 to 8:30 Games in the great room
 8:30 to 10:30 Soul Surfer Movie
 10:30 to 11:30 Soul Surfer discussion
 11:30 to Midnight Times Square Ball Drop party
 Midnight to 2:00am board games and free activity
 2:00 am to 7:00 Sleepy time
 7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast
 9:30 pick up time



Parents and siblings are welcome to stay a portion of the evening or join us for the entire lock-in

We encourage everyone to find an advent study or another small group to keep Christ at the center of your Christmas.

Sunday Studies:

9:30am (in the Conference Room) "The Prodigal God"

11am (in the Great Room) "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday"

Experience the joy of living and giving like Jesus

Young Adult Group

Young Adults (18-35) of Mt. Carmel and New Market UMC will be reading is "Dirty Word" by Jim Walker. **Tuesday, December 6th and 20th 7pm** in the Loft. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jason at Jnshank084@yahoo.com

Disciple 1 class

Wednesdays 7:00pm in the Education Building at New Market UMC. The class continues to be open to new participants through the first week of December. Join us this week for the scripture adventure of a life time. Daily readings are required for maximum growth.

Women's Saturday Small Group (after Saturday night worship)
"Just Enough Light" This class will take a December break and resume on January 7th

Monday night men's group (that meets at New Market) will be continuing with Tony Dungee's "Quite Strength" through the 28th of November. They will take a Christmas break and resume on January 9th at 6:30 with "Purpose Driven Life".



New Men's Group

We are currently seeking men who are interested in becoming "rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness" Col. 2/7.

We now have 5 men who have completed series one of the 2/7 Navigator sessions and they are ready to disciple other men, who have a desire to grow deeper in their faith. This is an eleven-week commitment, with about one hour of prep time and hour and a half session times. We can meet you in your homes or at church, whatever is needed to accommodate your busy schedules.

Contact Pastor Scott, pastorscott62@gmail.com if you are interested.



Advent is a time for preparing your heart to receive the gift of Christ.

Come Celebrate Christmas at Mt. Carmel

*We are planning to share a beautiful journey toward Christmas and the Christ child this year!
Mark your calendars now to keep Jesus the center of your holiday season.*

Breakfast with Santa Saturday December 17th 8-10am

Children of all ages are welcome to share a holiday breakfast, sit on Santa's lap, and gather round for Mrs. Clause telling of the Christmas story.

\$5 per person

\$20 family

All proceeds will go to missions.

Bring your camera!



Holiday Open House Party Dec. 10, 1 to 4 p.m.

We'll drink cider, eat some cookies, and enjoy great Christmas music! Join us for some of these fun activities: **Christmas crafting table**, you get to make something special for your home!

World Vision table, sponsor a life-changing gift for a family in need - a goat, cow, sewing machine, or fishing supplies!

Enter a free drawing to win a door prize!

Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Tomboy Tools and more! Shop with one of the vendors and they will donate 10% of their sales back to the UMW!

All funds raised go into Mt. Carmel's UMW account, to support missions and offer scholarships for women's retreats.

Interested in having a vendor table or volunteering at this event? Contact Mindy Hanlon @ 301-639-1960, or email mndyhanlon@aol.com.



New Years Eve Community Service at 6:30pm

Our youth ministry team will lead a worship **service at Mt. Carmel UMC** to help us end 2011 and begin 2012 with our eternal God! All are welcome.

"A Christmas Mouse" December 18th at 3pm

Bring your family and friends and some cookies to share after the show



The Pageant will also be shared with our church family on December 18th during the 11am service.

Children 4yrs-7th grade are invited to participate. Choir and Speaking parts are available.

Practice Schedule:

Sundays: 10:35am -10:55am: Full cast and choir in the conference room.

10:55am-11:20am: Speaking parts and solos

Saturday dress rehearsals: Dec 3rd & Dec 10th from 10am-12:00pm

Younger children will be dismissed early!

The following adult helpers are needed: Song chirography, costumes, set, music, sound tech. Please contact Alex Brown at kakbrown@aol.com

Coming This January... "In the Footsteps of the Savior"

Taste the sweet wine, feel the slippery mud, envision the savior teaching and healing you. We invite you to join us this New Year for an original sermon series written by our pastor team combining Pastor Jenny's first hand experiences in the Holy land with biblical scholarship and real life application.



Relevant and Life Changing messages will include:

- "Teal Jordan Water and River Rats: The True Meaning of Baptism"
- "The Sea of Galilee: Calming the Storm"
- "On this Rock: Listening for Our Call"
- "Wine and Water: Inviting Jesus to Transform"
- "Mud: Healing Through Trust"
- "The Sermon on the Mt: Really Being Blessed"
- "Sit Down for This: The Rabi's Teaching"



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for the spring retreat, which will be held at Camp Manadokin March 9-11. The cost will be \$130.

Join a small group in



Disciple 1 continues on Wednesday 7pm Held at New Market UMC

Monday night Men's Group begins again on January 9th at 6:30pm with "Purpose Driven Life"

Saturday Women's Group begins again on January 7th with "Just Enough Light"

More small groups are being planned now, watch your bulletin and the church website!!

Hit the road on a Mission Trip! January 15-22, 2012

Join the team for a great experience helping residents in North Carolina recover from this year's tornadoes.

There will be a
planning meeting on
December 19th at 7pm.

Contact Mindy Hanlon for more info
301-639-1960.



January Youth Group Dates



**January
3, 10, 17, 24, 31
6:30-8:30pm**

January 20-21
Dare2Share Senior High Leader retreat
\$70

March 23-25
Impact Senior High retreat
\$115