



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

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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CHANGE THE WORLD

Great Day of Service

October 9th

Join us for a fun and community changing day of service! Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Hall or call the church office. We will contact you to let you know what to bring.

***How much difference can be made in a day?
That's up to you!***

Home Repair Mission: Worship at 8:30am and then join Ted Carlson for a day of home repairs at a neighbor's home.

Worship at 11:00am and then join us for a crock pot lunch. At lunch you will have the opportunity to receive a "Good Neighbor Bag" made by the UMW for those who are homeless and in need.

From 1:00pm-4:00pm we will offer the following projects:

Plant a welcome garden for our new neighbor back the lane.
Project leader: Pastor Jenny

Plant the cross and flame in tulips in front of Mt. Carmel church.
Project leader: Karen Fischer

Youth Group: October 8th our youth will participate in "The Big Day of Serving" in downtown Frederick. They will join other youth from our county to paint fences, plant trees, and help bring a city park back to life. Plus food and music at the kick-off rally. Contact Pastor Scott for more information.

If you have ideas for other projects let us know!

"One of the principal rules of religion is, to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since he is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve him in our neighbor; which he receives as if done to himself in person, standing visibly before us."

-John Wesley

FROM THE PASTORS



"There was a father who had two sons..."

Have you heard this story before? We often call it the story of the Prodigal son because we misunderstand the word prodigal to mean wayward. In reality the word prodigal means "recklessly generous, to give until you have nothing left." When Jesus tells the story, he is interested first in the father who gave everything to demonstrate his love to his sons. Likewise, Jesus is concerned for both of the boys: the one who returned home after time away from the father, and the one who stayed home but failed to appreciate the constant love of the father.

This October, we will share a Homecoming season in which we hope to experience and share the grace of our "Prodigal God." We will seek to become, through hospitality and genuine grace, a safe place for each other and the community. A house of grace, where those who have never experienced the love of God can be welcomed home, where those who have been in church all their lives, see the love and grace of God in a life changing way; and where those who once attended our church, but have been away for a while, come home for a warm welcome.

Our sermon series will be based on the familiar and beloved parable for the prodigal from Luke 15. We will seek to incorporate the intellectual theology found in Timothy Keller's book, The Prodigal God, along with the powerful and often forgotten Methodist theology of grace. Prepare to be invited, enlightened, and changed! The topic is fresh and powerful for skeptics and devout believers alike, so bring all of your friends and neighbors.

We are looking forward to sharing a beautiful Homecoming season with each of you,

Pastor Jenny, Pastor Jason, and Pastor Scott



Homecoming Sunday, October 16th

Quilts on the altar, cider in the pot, warm friendships all around! Join us for a beautiful Homecoming Sunday. We will share one joint service at 9:30a.m. followed by a covered dish meal. Fried chicken, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Also please consider who in our congregation has not been present for a while and invite them to join you for this special homecoming.

*There will be no Saturday service or 11am Service
this weekend, so we can all worship together.*



Do We Have Your Email??

If you do not get our weekly prayer emails or general announcements by email and would like to , please send an email to donna.clawson@hopemtcarmel.org

Harvest Pot Cook-off, Community Worship and Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29th

at New Market United Methodist Church

5:15-6:30pm Harvest Pot Cook-off ! Come and sample, and fill up on your top choices. Vote for your favorite by making a coin or cash donation in the jar next to your favorite crock-pot. **All of the proceeds will go to help our women's and children's ministries in Zimbabwe.** Indoor and outdoor seating will be available, weather permitting. If you are willing to cook up a hot pot of goodness, please sign up in the Gathering Hall by October 23rd.

6:30-7:30pm Community Worship! Come and worship with the princesses and monsters for the Saturday night service (this week only at New Market UMC). Who are we in Jesus? Dare we take off our masks to show our true selves? Bring all the kids in the neighborhood to worship in costume. All are welcome!

7:30-8:00pm Refreshments and games for the kids in the New Market School House while adults decorate their cars, trucks, buses, and tractors (what will you bring?)

8:00-8:30pm Trunk or Treat in the New Market parking lot. Kids go trick or treating from car to car, trading smiles for candy and goodies! A sign-up sheet for car decorating is in the Gathering Hall, but feel free just to show up as well!

New Members Class



Are you interested in becoming a member of Mt. Carmel or New Market UMC? If so, we invite you to join us for the fall new members class.

This three session class will provide you with the opportunity to make friends with other new people, get to know our pastors, and learn about the beliefs and ministries of our church and denomination.

We will begin with both churches together, and then split into church specific groups. Classes will be held at both Mt. Carmel and New Market. November 6 (at New Market), November 13 (at New Market), November 20 (at Mt. Carmel). All sessions will be from 3-4:30pm. Childcare can be provided. To sign up contact your church office.

Our Shuttle is a vital service to our growing congregation!

Anyone who would be able to help our Shuttle service by being a substitute driver on weekends our regular drivers are out of town or sick, please contact Marques Samuda at msamuda3@yahoo.com.

It's Tailgate Time!



October 23rd after the 11am service our youth group will host their annual Tailgate party! This is a major fundraiser for our group. Come and show the youth how much Mt. Carmel supports them and their leaders and have lunch!! Wear your favorite team jersey!



Every Wednesday the youth take over Mt. Carmel. Join us and bring a friend!!
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Parish Youth Ministries Update

Mud, mud and more mud!

Our youth that attended the Awakening Christian Music Festival over the September 23rd weekend, had a chance to see how sin like mud, tends to bog us down and suck us in. Despite the rain, the mud, stuck vans, mile walks from the parking lot, **we did not have one complaint from our youth!** We had a great time of fellowship and enjoying loud heart pumping music written to the Glory of God. The bands *Reily*, *Family Force 5* (the lead singer sang from a hamster ball that was rolled around by the crowd for the last song, COOL!) and of course *Toby Mac*, were fantastic! Thanks to the hospitality of Leesburg UMC we spent the night in their fellowship room so we were able to attend the second day of the festival!
A special thanks to Mindy Hanlon and Kurt Cooper for waking up early Sunday morning and cleaning the shuttle vans for Sunday service.

Youth Group Schedule:



October 8: *Big Day of Serving in Frederick City*
Join other youth from the county to improve Frederick City

October 15: *Movie night at Mt. Carmel!*
Join us at 6:30pm for movie and popcorn!! We will watch "To Save a Life"

October 23: *It's Tailgate Time* (fundraiser)
The congregation is invited for a tailgate party immediately following the 11:00 service at Mt Carmel.

October 29: *Trunk or Treat* at New Market
Join us October 26th for our regular Wednesday night youth group and help decorate the Mt. Carmel shuttle for Trunk or Treat!!

November 16: *Thanksgiving Party* at New Market Schoolhouse
Youth families are invited to share a meal and fellowship

November 18-20: *Alive Middle School Retreat in Ocean City*
Registration deadline is Oct 17th \$65



Basketball NIGHT

Wed 8:30-9:30
Sat 8:00-9:30pm
17 and up
Mt. Carmel
Great Room

Do you own a vacation home in Ocean City? If so we have an important ministry opportunity for you. Our middle school youth retreat is located in Ocean City this year. We will be attending Youth for Christ "Alive" Middle School Youth Conference on November 18th-20th. If you would be willing to open your home to accommodate the youth and their leaders for a two night stay to save on hotel costs, please contact Pastor Scott.



Confirmation is an opportunity for teens 6th-12th grade to learn about the Lord, explore their faith, and make personal decisions about their faith journey. The confirmation experience will begin in January. If you or your teen is interested please let your pastor know or contact your church office.

MT. Carmel Kids News!!

We are grateful to announce that our Sunday school is fully staffed!!

Thanks to our great team of teachers and helpers! We are however, in great need of Children's Church Leaders. Children's church leaders sign up to help once or twice a month. They lead our children in simple active lessons from 11:20-12:00pm. If you are willing to serve please contact Donna Clawson or Pastor Jenny.

Sunday Kids Schedule:

- **Nursery** (birth – 4years old) is provided during the 6:30pm Saturday Service and Sunday's during the 9:30 and 11am services.
- **Sunday school during the 9:30am service hour.**
 Preschool-Kindergarten Class will meet in the second classroom on the first floor.
 Grade 1-3 will meet in the first classroom on the first floor.
 Grade 4 & 5 will meet in the Great Room on the second floor.
 Middle School (Gr 6-8) will meet in the loft on the third floor.
 High School (Gr 9-12) will meet in the loft on the third floor.
- **Children's Church during the 11am service hour.** All kids, not in the nursery, will start in the worship service. After the Children's message, kids 4yrs-2nd grade will be dismissed to Children's church. Children 3rd grade and up will stay and worship with their families. This is an excellent opportunity for them to learn about worship.



Save the Date:
December 17th
8-10am

Come and share breakfast and fun with our special Santa and Mrs. Claus!!

HOPE Community Preschool HOPE Community Preschool is excited to announce that in our 2nd year of operation, we've nearly doubled our student population! We'd like to welcome our new staff members: Teachers- Mindy Pierce and Amanda Berry, Assistant Teachers - Alicia Solano, Diane Schnepfe, Maria Koehler, and Sara Rodriguez-Ryan.



Who will get the Mr. Potato Head Award this year???

Our annual competition between the adults and children/youth begins October 2nd and will run through October 30th. Collection jars will be in the Gathering Hall for all your pennies! All proceeds go to the St. Andrew Society Pennies for Potatoes project.



Congratulations to Ryan and Kristen Jenkins who had their first child on August 28, 2011!

Anya Eleanor was 9.6 lbs and 22 inches.

Congratulations to Grandparents Denny and Linda Jenkins and Aunt Marcie!!

We sincerely appreciate and thank all of you for your continued Support and stewardship of our church finances. Even though our economy is challenging, our congregation continues to be generous in helping meet our church and greater community objectives.



**FINANCE TEAM
REPORT**

Through August 31st of this year, our Operating Fund, also referred to as the General Fund, looks like:

Budgeted Income:	\$137,720	Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 144,478
Actual Giving:	\$130,522	Expenses Paid:	\$ 125,533

Even though we have not taken in as much money as we budgeted, we have done a really good job of spending less than we have received. Our spending is also much less than our budgeted expenses. Please note that at this point in the year, our budgeted expenses are actually more than our budgeted income because we design our budget that way based upon a number of factors. Typically our best income months are near the end of the calendar year. The big picture goal is to have our income equal or exceed our expense when we look at the year as a whole. Being in that position at this time of the year is really great.

At our Council Meeting on 22 September, we approved our 2012 Operating Budget. Our budget for next year is approximately \$243,000 which is an increase of about 17% over our 2011 budget. The biggest increases were in employee costs and church facility expenses. Our employee costs increased as we adjusted their wages to better reflect their great efforts and accomplishments for Mt Carmel. Church facility costs were increased as we better understand what it takes to heat, cool and maintain our new building, as well as what periodic maintenance that we are required to have performed by specialist companies.

Please continue your generous contributions to our Operating Fund and our Capital Campaign. In 2014, our Operating Fund Budget will assume the monthly mortgage payment responsibility from the Capital Campaign Fund. Therefore, in anticipation of that time, we hope to use our Second Capital Campaign funds to not only make the regular mortgage payments, but also help to pay down the overall loan amount.

Mt. Carmel continues to be a driving force in our community and beyond with bringing forth God's word. One of the things that help that effort is how well we manage what everyone contributes to our church. Not only do we appreciate your dollars but more importantly, we are very grateful for everyone's time and support.

Thank you again for your generosity and take care.

Bill Moseley, Finance Team Chair

Parking Update

The initial site plan comments have been addressed and final submittal is in for county review, we expect to have county approval within 2 to 3 months. The Storm Water Management conceptual design is in process as are the Improvement plans (details of piping design), all told the project should be ready for bid by late December or early January.

Once the total project is approved we have two years to apply for permits to begin construction, but the suggestion is to wait no longer than a year to accomplish the project. The plot plan will be done in the next few weeks, when this is done we can approach the neighbors next door for approval of boundary lines and negotiation of value of transferred property. Letters of credit will have to be secured before construction begins; it is too early to know the amount. Cost of the total project is still projected to be \$200,000.

Continue to pray for the success of this project and for the needed funding that will improve our site facility and ministry.

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Morgan Keller Wins Award for Mt. Carmel Construction Project

Everyone at Mt. Carmel knows that God has blessed us with a beautiful building to reach, equip and transform disciples for Christ, now the rest of the Tri-State area is catching on.

On Thursday, September 29th, Morgan Keller Construction received the First Place, Excellence in Construction Award for Institutional Projects under 5 million dollars. Pastor Scott will be representing Mt. Carmel at the 2011 Cumberland Valley Chapter ABC award banquet.

Congratulations are in order for the wonderful construction team that Morgan Keller provided for us. Morgan Keller would like to thank all those who worked tirelessly to see the project through to completion on time and on budget. Although we as Christians know that our reward is in heaven, a job done to the Glory of God, casts its light farther than any of us can hope to see.



Men's Small Groups

The men's small groups on Monday (at New Market, education building @ 6:30pm) and Saturday night (at Mt. Carmel after the service, 7:45pm) will continue at the same times with a new study

"Young" Young Adult

If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, single and looking for a community to grow in your faith, try out our young adult small group immediately following the Saturday Night Service. This is an informal approach, to scripturally

Courageous Movie

September 29 is the opening weekend for the movie "Courageous". The four week sermon and small group study we have been doing, was based on resources provided by the movie's creators.

We encourage everyone to plan a movie night and invite some friends!

Invite your small group, your neighborhood, ministry teams that you serve on, new and treasured friends that you worship with.

Let's join together as the "Body" to bring

		<p>COURAGEOUS</p>
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