



The Summit

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*A newsletter for the family and friends of
Mt. Carmel UMC*



Clap your hands, all you peoples, shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Psalm 47:1-2

Reopening Our Church



Your Mt. Carmel Church Council is excited to share that starting Sunday, July 4, Mt. Carmel will be resuming in-person 9:30am Sunday Worship Service in the Mt. Carmel Sanctuary! This will be in addition to the Sunday 11am indoor service currently being offered in the Mt. Carmel Great Room. Further good news is that recent data, improved vaccination rates, and the ending of all state restrictions reassure us that we may safely loosen many of our current COVID protocols in both services. Moving forward, masks and social distancing are no longer required and

congregational singing will be allowed. At the same time, we must continue to care for the more vulnerable among us. Children under the age of 12 are not yet eligible for the vaccine and some of our members have medical conditions that make receiving the vaccine inadvisable. In order to minimize risk, we highly encourage every unvaccinated person over the age of five to wear a mask and to social distance if possible.

Participants in our services will be asked to sign in to allow for contact tracing if that becomes necessary. We will also continue to offer pre-packaged Communion elements and to encourage diligent hygiene measures such as using hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving the building. Anyone who is unwell should remain at home and, if possible, join us in worship through Zoom at our 11am service.

Effective in July, we will be discontinuing both the 8:30 parking lot service and the weekly online recorded service in order to focus on our resumption of indoor services. Our 11am service will continue to be accessible through Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person.

In a nutshell, the worship schedule starting July 4 is:

9:30 -10:30am:

**In-Person Worship Service
in the Mt. Carmel Sanctuary**

11am-noon:

**In-person Worship Service
in the Mt. Carmel Great Room
with synchronous streaming via Zoom**



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New Worship Schedule Begins July 4!

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As most of you know, Church Council is the representative body, in cooperation with our Pastor and church staff, responsible for determining how and when to reopen our church. We met on June 17th and discussed this topic at length. We considered government guidelines, Baltimore-Washington Conference advisories, Frederick County vaccination and positivity rates and the advice of our own Home-Safe Team (which includes two medical professionals). In our discussion, we tried to strike a balance between our desire for fully normal operations and the need to protect from infection those who have been unable to be vaccinated.

The course we have outlined above is the best consensus we could produce for the present; the situation is highly fluid, however, and we will continue to monitor relevant data and to update procedures as conditions warrant.

We cannot say enough thanks for the flexibility and perseverance that this congregation has demonstrated over the past year. We hope that simpler times are ahead, but this experience has shown us that we can remain strong in ministry whatever the future holds. Praise God!

Adult Study Groups



Gospel of Mark Zoom Bible Study

Join Pastor Jay in a study on Zoom of the last few chapters of the Gospel of Mark, Wednesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at Noon

All Zoom links are in the Mt. Carmel Thursday Announcement Email, or you can get them by contacting Donna at donna.clawson@hopemtcarmel.org

Mark Your Calendars! The next study topic for these groups will be Forgiveness!!



Mark Your Calendars

Welcome, Home! Welcome, Home!

Join us on Sunday, August 22, as we welcome home Pastor Jenny, Jon, and the boys for a service of celebration and thanksgiving for their time with us at Mt. Carmel. We will also lift, in celebration and thanks, Pastor Jay, the start of a new season of ministry for Mt. Carmel and, prayerfully, the end of the pandemic. This celebration will be held at Pinecliff Park with a 10 am worship service (Pastor Jenny will be preaching) followed by a potluck lunch. More details will follow in the Thursday emails.



Pastor Jay enjoys a "porch visit" with Chester and Nellie Redmond, and Denny Jenkins.

Thanks, Linda Jenkins, for taking the picture!!

CARE TEAM CORNER

It was a beautiful evening on Thursday, June 9th, as the Care Ministry Team was able to meet outdoors at the church for a long awaited "reunion"! Joys and concerns were shared, and Care Packages assembled. The Care Packages include: handmade prayer squares, handmade note cards, bottles of hand sanitizer and lotion, tissues, a prayer card, a fan with scripture, and an American flag! Many thanks to those who donated these items and so much appreciation to those who volunteer to deliver these seventeen Care Packages!

The Card Ministry and Prayer Chain continues! Please reach out to the Pastors or any member of the Care Team if you or someone you know would like a card mailed to them or prayers offered.

Pictured in the photo: (clockwise)
Pastor Jay Blake, Lynn Harden, Terry Granger,
Trish Mason, Maureen Oakley, Barbara Lawson,
Ann Thompson, Carol Ann Rowe and Sharla Worley.
Diane Derr joined us via Zoom!



Hebrews 6:10, NIV: *"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."*

Please save the date!

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd from 11am to 4pm in the Great Room. The American Red Cross reports a critical need for blood and issued a severe shortage alert. If you are healthy and able, please consider donating this summer. Donations can be scheduled at www.redcrossblood.org. Thank you!

For further information about any of the above, contact Terry Granger on her cell 301-514-2379 or email RTJEB@hotmail.com.

Hope 4 Kids Mission

On behalf of Hope 4 Kids, I wanted to thank each and every one of you that has donated and/or volunteered for H4k over the past year. We served 5 schools and approximately 30 students throughout the school year. While the year provided us with many obstacles and challenges, we still found a way to give back to the students in our community. Thank you!!! If you are interested in volunteering for a position or packing in the fall, please email hope4kids.foodpacks@gmail.com or text 540-742-4024.



a weekend food program

Help Us Keep This Mission Going!

Hope 4 Kids is looking to fill a leadership position. This volunteer role would consist of ordering food from the food bank and creating menus for the program. Computer skills are a necessity, and an understanding of Excel is a plus. Our current volunteer, Mike Schaffer, will provide training. If interested, please email hope4kids.foodpacks@gmail.com

New Mission Opportunities



Greetings to all and God Bless. As things start to open up and we are able to gather more in person, we also have the opportunity to re-engage in support of our local community to help “spread the Gospel” by our good deeds and the sharing of our gifts/talents/blessings. Below I’ve included a list of ways we can start “loving our neighbors” through the local Religious Coalition and I’m standing by to help answer any questions you may have.

John Forino

Mt Carmel UMC Missions Lead

(801) 678-6185 cell, jforino1@gmail.com

* The items for 1) and 2) above can be purchased and delivered to the Religious Coalition downtown at the following address: Religious Coalition, 200 W All Saints Street, Frederick, MD 21701

1) Pack up a “Welcome Home Starter Kit”

(Place all items in the kitchen garbage can) *This could be a great idea for your older kids that might be preparing for college in a year or so. Might give them an idea of the kinds of things they will need:* Kitchen Garbage Can, Laundry detergent, Broom, Mop, Garbage Bags, Plunger, Dustpan, Dish Soap, Sponges, Paper Towels, Wash Cloths, Bath Towels, Cleaning Supplies, Shower Curtain/hooks, Toilet Paper.

2) Supply Consumables for Shelter Resource Center (All or Part of List)

These supplies are kept in the storeroom at the religious coalition for guests to use as they need. The adult and family shelters rely on donated goods to keep these kinds of thing in stock for their guests to use. Toilet paper, Paper towel rolls, Diapers (sizes 1,2,3,4,5), Bath soap (Bar or Gel is fine), Lysol spray, Soft Scrub, Diaper Genie Ring (refills), Pine-sol, Kitchen tall trash bags (13 gal) Large 30-gallon trash bags, Toilet bowl cleaning wand, Clorox liquid bleach & Laundry detergent, Clorox disinfecting wipes, Febreze Spray

3) Sponsor someone with a scholarship for the “Getting Ahead” Program: (\$500)

This scholarship will completely cover the cost to send a member of the adult shelter or emergency family shelter to attend the new program the Religious coalition is running. The program is intended to help teach/prepare homeless individuals or families how to transition back to a stable food/shelter environment and work toward sustainable housing and employment. If you would like to sponsor a scholarship all or in part, your donation needs to be a check made out to “The Religious Coalition” and in the memo line it needs to include “Getting Ahead Program” Scholarship covers all books, materials, gift cards for food and a few taxi rides as required for the 16-week program.

4) Help Move someone into their new home: Only as required, no set schedule

The Religious Coalition used to have a program where they needed volunteers when they had families moving out of the shelter and into housing, but they have since been able to purchase a small moving van. So, instead of requesting local folks to donate the use of their pickups, they are now looking for people who might be able-bodied to help with loading/unloading the van with things like couches and tables and associated items as folks move out of the shelter and into housing. If you want to volunteer to be on a list, please let me know and I’ll add you and then contact you ahead of time when I’m notified of a move that is taking place.

5) Help Hosting Emergency Family Shelter:

Additionally, we are looking into the possibility of hosting the EFS (Emergency Family Shelter) at the church as we have done in past years. If this becomes a possibility, I’ll be looking for some volunteers to help with set-up, tear-down, and other associated opportunities during the week of the families’ stay at our church. Tentative timeframe is a week or possibly two weeks during the months of September through mid-December.

There are a couple of other more personal ways families can donate their time/resources to support local families in need. If you would like more information on those or if you have questions about any of the programs listed above, please reach out to me via email or phone directly. Thank you very much for your time and your generous donations to support a wonderful cause right here in your local community. Again, if you have any questions, please reach out to me directly and I’ll get back to you as soon as possible.



HOPE Community Preschool had a wonderful faith-filled year full of learning, playing and making friendships. We look forward to opening for the 12th year on September 1, 2021. Three additional classes have been added to the schedule as well. Please email the Director, Kathy Petrill at kathy.petrill@hopemtcarmel.org with any questions. Office hours are limited over the summer so email is the most effective way to communicate with her. Have a wonderful, happy summer with your family! Kathy Petrill, Hope Community Preschool Director

Thank You!!

A special Thank-You to everyone who helped over this past year to keep our congregation connected online!

Thank-you to all who helped us worship online when we could not gather in our building. The Worship Team, led by Melanie Baugher and Randy Granger, all the musicians both Choir members, Praise Team, and especially our film maker extraordinaire, Tina Merryman.

Thank-you to Mike and Robin Schaeffer who kept us, and our kids connected through their music and kids' sermon videos.



Giving Instructions:

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 your offering directly to Mt. Carmel: *Self-addressed envelope attached*

Mt. Carmel UMC, 9411 Baltimore Road, Frederick, MD 21704

Write A Letter To A Summer Camper!



Thirty-eight Campers will head to Camp
Manidokan & Retreat Center
July 11-16, 2021

It has been tradition of the Mt. Carmel
Congregation to write a letter to each
camper whether we know them or not and
include \$2-\$3 for a snack from the
camp store.

Contact Donna (donna.clawson@hopemtcarmel.org) or Michele (michele.stine@hopemtcarmel.org)
and they will give you a campers' name from the list.

The letters should be mailed between July 8-10 to ensure delivery.

Help Us Get Ready For Vacation Bible School!



We are very excited to be taking our kids on a Rocky Railroad VBS
adventure this summer. Can you help us by donating any of the items
below. You can turn them in on Thursday morning from 8:30am – noon
at the church office or you can drop them off anytime in the plastic bins
on the church back porch by the playground.

You can make donations through July 25.

Craft Donations:

- markers
- different color tissue paper
- glue sticks
- sidewalk chalk
- lots of black duct tape
- packs of regular balloons
- black, red, white, blue, green and yellow pony beads
- stickers like crosses, trains etc.
- small sponges
- pipe cleaners

Snack Donations:

- box of granola bars
- string Cheese
- raisins
- pretzel sticks
- pretzel wheels
- little ritz crackers with cheese in middle
- cuties
- gold fish
- ice pops
- animal crackers
- spoons
- plates
- napkins
- bottle waters

Missions Donations:

- 16 oz water bottles
- peanut butter crackers
- adult and kids socks
- individually wrapped toothbrushes and
toothpaste
- individually soaps and wash clothes
- granola bars
- life savers candy
- gallon zip loc bags



Children's Ministry at Mt. Carmel

A ministry growing and nurturing little disciples

We Are Gearing Up to Ride the Railway

JULY 26-30, 2021.

VBS Registration information on Mt. Carmel Website



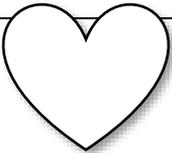
SAVE THE DATE:
Aug 22, 2021
Pinecliff Park
Celebration Service

Check Children's
Ministry tab on
www.hopemtcarmel.org
For Sunday School
videos and fun
activities to do at
home.

We are currently constructing a plan to get Sunday School safely back inside regular times starting August 29. I am actively seeking volunteers for 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday School. I would love to establish a rotation if we can get enough volunteers. Please reach out to me for further details and any questions.

Text or call (301) 418-0462 Email Michele.Stine@hopemtcarmel.org

Peace, Joy & Comfort to All.



38 Campers will head to Camp Manidokan & Retreat Center

July 11-16, 2021

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Youth Ministry at Mt. Carmel UMC: Summer 2021

July & August Youth Calendar

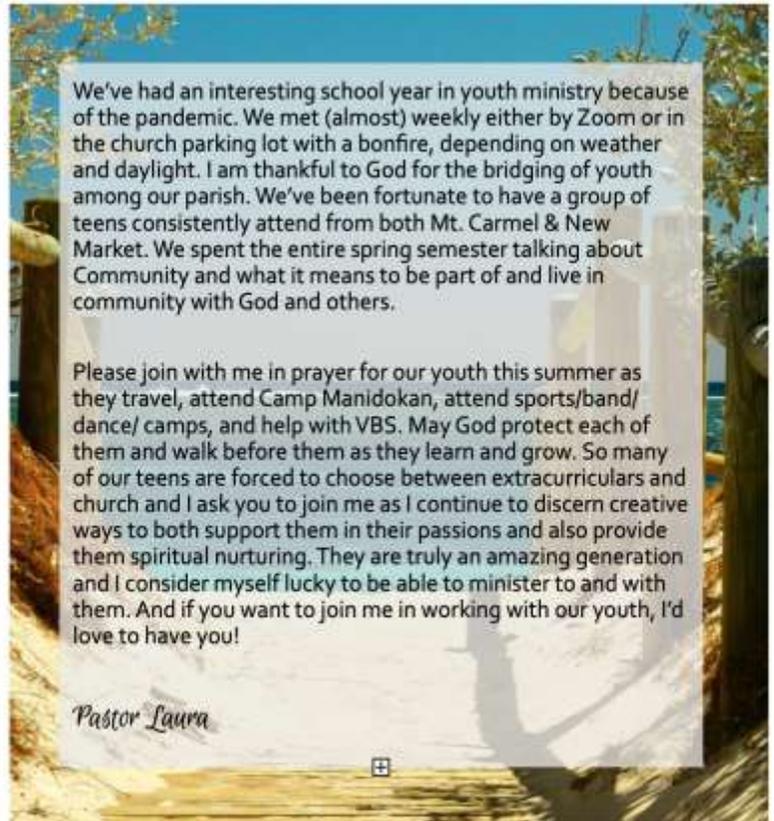
Sunday July 11-Friday July 16th:
Explorer Camp at Manidokan!

Monday July 26- Friday July 30th:
VBS at Mt. Carmel, need youth volunteers (you don't have to commit to the entire week to volunteer and you can get volunteer hours for school through this ministry).

Sunday, August 15th 7-8:30pm:
Attend Summer Concert series Baker Park (we may change this depending on outdoor movie schedule)

Sunday, August 22nd 10am-1pm:
Worship and Potluck at Pinecliff Park to celebrate Pastor Jenny and officially welcome Pastor Jay

Sunday, Aug 29th: Sunday School Kick-Off followed later in the week by our first Youth Group of the year!



Our end-of-school/start-of-summer bonfire!

How to Reach Pastor Laura:

laura.isaac@hopemtcarmel.org

(714) 337-3520

How to Reach Kate Hanson:

(New Market Volunteer Youth Leader)

kate@tkhanson.net

Phone: 240.344.9762