



The Summit

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



FROM PASTOR JAY

It is so very good to see all of you back in worship in our Holy House!
Thank you all for coming, giving, singing, playing, worshipping, serving, volunteering as ushers and greeters. Thank you for giving abundantly and generously! What an awesome, loving congregation!!!
During this past year and half, we have faced much transition. There are those among our Mount Carmel family that have battled, covid, cancer, surgeries, stroke, accident, fire, theft, loss and grieving, and caring for those we love.



Many of us are still in the struggle. May the compassionate love, strength, comfort, care, wisdom, and peace of Jesus Christ be with us all.

Pastor Jay



Zoom Bible Study Groups Beginning Soon!!



Book of Acts Study

Wednesday at 7 beginning September 15.

Read it and get ready to go on a wild ride with the Holy Spirit, the Disciples, Peter, Paul and company as they build The Faith from a movement called "The Way"... to full blown Christianity!

Grace and Judgement

Thursday at noon beginning September 16.

Is there a paradox, or a tension between Grace and Judgment? What "is" the unpardonable sin? Once you're "saved" can you lose your salvation? Heaven and Hell?? Scriptures will be in the Thursday email soon.

Zoom links will be included in the Wednesday Prayer and Thursday Announcement emails. If you do not get these emails, contact Donna at donna.clawson@hopemtcarmel.org

CARE TEAM CORNER

In the evening of the hottest day of the year, August 12th, the Care Ministry Team got together in the air-conditioned Conference Room. We shared our joys and concerns, discussed September Care Packages, other agenda items, and updated various lists. It was sheer delight to be socially distanced, side by side.

Sign-ups are NOW open for the American Red Cross Blood Drive, that will be held Saturday, October 2nd from 9 am - 2 pm in the Great Room. That is only a few weeks away! The blood supply is critically low. If you are healthy and able, please visit RedCross.org to schedule your donation. If you need assistance with the website or scheduling your preferred time, please contact Terry (info below).

Visit our table in the Gathering Hall to pick up information about Advance Directives! Advance Care Planning is making decisions about the type of care you would like if you were ever unable to speak for yourself. Now is the time to have conversations and complete documents that identify your wishes, values, and beliefs. This caring act will relieve your loved ones and healthcare providers of the stress and heartache of guessing what you would want.

Would you like to know more about the Hospice program? Hospice provides care that allows people to live their final months to the fullest. They focus and prioritize enhancing the quality of life and comfort for those with a life-limiting illness. Ann Thompson 301-514-8441 is available to answer your questions, or Hospice of Frederick County can be reached at 240-566-3030.

If there are any topics that you would like to see discussed at the Care Team Corner, please let us know!

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

Hope 4 Kids Mission



a weekend food program

Hope 4 Kids is eager to continue serving our local students through our mission this school year. Details regarding future packings will be released soon. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about H4K, please email hope4kids.foodpacks@gmail.com

Can You Help With Our Hope 4 Kids Food Packing Mission?

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

Pinecliff Park Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving!

Thank you to everyone that helped pull together the celebration at Pinecliff Park. Thank you to everyone that attended, thank you everyone that brought a covered dish, thank you for the lovely flowers on the altar, thank you to everyone that helped on that day. Thank you, musicians, choir, and praise band, for hauling out all the equipment, getting it all set up, and ministering to us in music on this wonderful occasion!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who was baptized; Kenny (LK) Stine, Anna Klinedinst, Rose Schoo, and Megan Chang! May you continue to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Congratulations to everyone that renewed their baptismal vows.



Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28: 19



Update From The Finance Team



Some Good News and Some Not-so-Good News

As we resume in-person worship (aren't we all glad that we have gotten to this point) I wanted to share an update on the financial position of Mt. Carmel. First, the good news. Our building fund is in the best position that it has been for the past two years. We currently have a balance in that fund of over \$63,000. This is after we have spent nearly \$75,000 for wall repairs over the past two years. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Building Fund.

Unfortunately, our giving to the church operating fund is down substantially from last year. At this point in time in 2020, our contributions totaled \$195,030. In 2021, we are at \$161,529 - a decrease of \$33,501. We are only able to operate at these levels due to the second PPP loan that the church received of \$62,500

But all is not bleak. As we have come back to in-person worship, we have seen a nearly \$800 per week increase in giving. I am praying that this trend continues for the rest of the year. I am concerned about our 2022 budget and what expenses we may need to reduce in order to have a balanced budget in the coming year. It will be based largely on the giving trends that we see over the next few months. Please continue to generously support Mt. Carmel so we can continue the important ministries that assist our community.

Bruce Beveridge, Finance Team Chair



Another picture from our Pinecliff Service to enjoy!

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.

Mail your offering directly to Mt. Carmel: *Self-addressed envelope attached*
Mt. Carmel UMC, 9411 Baltimore Road, Frederick, MD 21704

Children's Ministry at Mt. Carmel

A ministry growing and nurturing little disciples



Rocky Railway VBS

Many thanks to the volunteers that made VBS happen this summer. There are many behind the scenes volunteers that are not pictured here.

Special thank you to our returning VBS director Jess Clinesmith.

SAVE THE DATE:

Aug 29, 2021

In person Sunday School

Check Children's Ministry tab on www.hopemtcarmel.org

For Sunday School videos and fun activities to do at home.

We are ready to welcome you back to children's Sunday School.

9:30 Sunday School will start the season with 2 classes. PreK/K in the nursery. 1st-5th will be in the big classroom and can break down into small groups by age.

11:00 will begin in service and be escorted down after the children's message.

Zoom will be available upon request for the 9:30 session. Thank you to the many volunteers that will be supporting our Sunday School program. We have a great team that will rotate weeks. If you would like to help reach out to me.

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

Ms. Michele Stine



Mt. Carmel Cares

Children Ministry Mission 2021-2022

During VBS we collected items to create care bags to be distributed into the community by the congregation. During the months of September & October the children will be assembling these bags during some of their Sunday School time. We will have the children come into service at some point to talk about their mission. We would like to make enough so that each member can keep a couple in their car to hand out as they see someone in need.



Some of the items needed at this time are:

- Wash Clothes
- Socks
- Gallon Zip-Lock Bags
- Deodorant
- Full Size Soap Bars
- Crunchy Granola Bars

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A Ministry Preparing Extreme Disciples



Youth Ministry at Mt. Carmel & New Market UMC: Fall 2021

Fall 2021 Save-the-Dates

Note: Youth Group will be every Sunday evening from 5-6:30pm except Sabbath Sundays (9/5, 10/17, 10/31, 11/28, 12/26)

Sun. Aug 29th: Sunday school and Youth Group Kick-off! Special Time: 6-8:30 pm

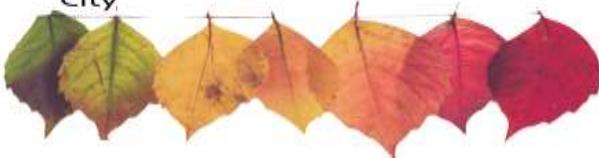
Sun. Sept 15th: NM Homecoming Lunch

Fri. Oct 15-16th: Fall Retreat at Manidokan

Sat. Oct 23rd Trunk-or-Treat at NM

Sat. Dec. 4th Live Nativity & Tree Lighting at NM

ROCK/WAVE: Jan 7-9, 2022 in Ocean City



GOOD CHANGES ARE COMING!

Starting at our Fall kick-off, our parish-wide youth group will be gathering on SUNDAY evenings from 5-6:30PM at Mt. Carmel instead of Wednesdays (with a snack provided). The hope with the day and timing is to allow our youth to be home in time for dinner and to prepare for school the next day.

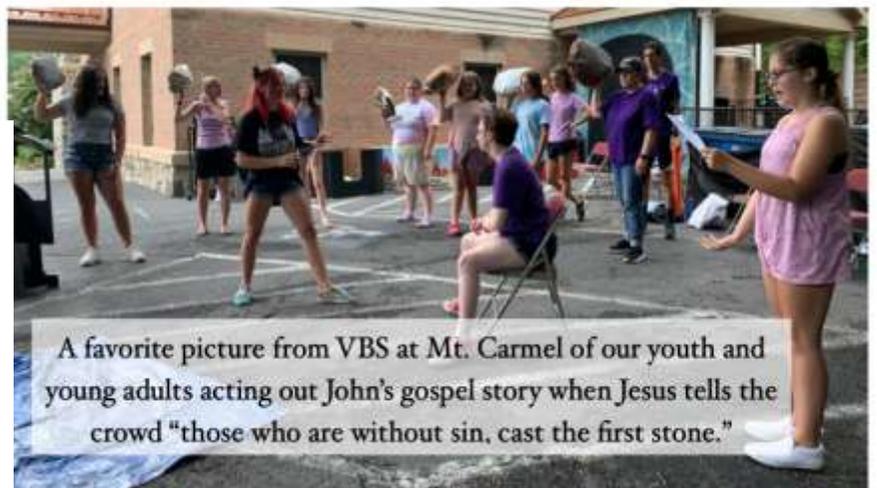
Once a month, we will take a Sabbath from youth group to allow for rest and more time at home on Sunday. We are looking forward to an overnight retreat at Manidokan this October and working with our missions coordinator on filling and distributing bags to teenagers in need.

We covet your prayers as we navigate this 4th wave of COVID and discern the best way for us to stay in community while keeping everyone safe.

-Pastor Laura



Great Room Altar (by Jodi) from our Back-to-School Blessing on 8/15



A favorite picture from VBS at Mt. Carmel of our youth and young adults acting out John's gospel story when Jesus tells the crowd "those who are without sin, cast the first stone."

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