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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

Have you ever had doubts before embarking on a trip? Journeys can be perilous undertakings. They take us out of our comfort zones. Certainly they broaden our horizons but they can also increase our risks. Myself, I tend to be a worrier. I worry about what could happen when I'm on a journey. I worry about the car breaking down, I worry about having an accident, I worry about what might happen back home while I'm away. If I'm flying I worry about getting through the TSA lines in time to make the flight, I worry about just getting through the TSA line without anything going wrong (I'm not sure what could go wrong – but I'm a great believer in Murphy's Law). I worry about making connections, losing luggage, and getting lost. I actually did get lost at Logan Airport.

Usually I find that all these doubts and worries are groundless. When the journey is over I'm always glad I ignored that urge I had not to go. Having taken the journey I find myself refreshed, renewed, inspired, and in some ways subtly changed. It was always worth the trip – in spite of the worries I entertained while getting ready to embark.

We have been invited to take a journey as a congregation. It's a journey through which we hope to find inspiration, renewal, a broadening of our horizons and perspectives, and new directions to explore in our ministry. The journey I'm talking about is Strategic Planning. We are being invited during the next six months to take a journey of discovery led by prayer and the Holy Spirit. The purpose of the journey is to discover what's next for us as Jesus' disciples gathered as Mount Carmel United Methodist Church. We will be answering questions like: What are the needs of our community? What resources do we have to employ in ministry? What ministries do we need to be engaging in? What is God calling us to do in the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century?

Everyone who is a member or constituent of our congregation is invited to participate in the journey. Everyone has something to contribute. Please call the church office and let us know if you are interested in participating in the process.

I know that as we embark on this journey we may be entertaining worries and doubts about what we may encounter along the way. We will be challenged. We will be taken out of our comfort zones. Yet I think that the worries we entertain about these things will pale in comparison to the vision that God has for our church; a vision we will discover on the journey. I know that when all is said and done that we'll be glad we took the effort and embarked on the journey. We'll find that our congregation has been refreshed, renewed, inspired, challenged in new ways, and given new perspectives that only a venture like this can provide. We will find it was worth the trip.

I invite everyone who is a member, friend, or constituent of our congregation to enter into a time of prayer before we set out and as we engage in the process. With God's guidance and supported on your prayers we will discover the exciting future that awaits the people called Mount Carmel United Methodist Church.

Blessings and Peace - Mike

## **FAITH HOPE CIRCLE**

The Faith Hope Circle meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:45am. Members bring their bag lunches (drinks and desserts are provided) and enjoy fellowship and discussing ongoing projects. Some of the many plans involve preparing meals for those unable to get out due to illness or weather, organizing and preparing funeral luncheons, supporting various charities, disaster reliefs, and organizations, hosting Bingo for residents and patients at Glen Burnie Rehab, ETC. This lovely group is always looking for new members. Please contact the church office with any questions! 410-255-8887.

## **THE FORUM**

Our Spring session is **meeting Tuesdays at 10:00AM** to explore the beginning of our faith with a PBS series titled: Peter & Paul and the Christian Revolution. Our final Spring meeting will be on May 21, after which we will take a Summer vacation.

## **BAPTISM**

**Carson David Siddons** (son of Megan Siddons) was baptized at Mt. Carmel on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.



## **WELCOME**

We officially welcome **Dorothy Bradley**, transferring from Community UMC. Dorothy has lived in Pasadena for 60 years. She has 8 children, “lots” of grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

In March and April we talked about our annual Heifer Project. We learned how just one animal can make a difference to an entire village. We enjoyed hosting the children from our Child Development Center for our activities. Everyone enjoyed making and eating butter.

The end of regular Sunday School will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. We will end the year with Children and Youth Sunday. The kids in Sunday School will be showing off their special art skills on that day.

Summer Sunday School will start the very next week on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We have lesson plans for the summer and we will have a sign-up sheet in the hall during the month of May. If you would like to volunteer to take Sunday School for one hour during the summer, please see me to sign-up. Don't be afraid. The kids are nice.

Deb McMurtrey  
Sunday School

## OUTREACH NEWS

The members of the Outreach Committee were hopping around like crazy the week before Easter delivering presents to our home-bound members and friends. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project. It's always a good time to let people know we are thinking of them.

We are starting something new at Mt. Carmel... **A New Women's Ministry: Girls Night Out.** This will be a Pot Luck dinner with devotions, inspiration and music. The first event will be on **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** The theme for May is "You are Special ". Just bring a covered dish to share. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

It will be nice to come to the hall and not have to work in the kitchen. Outreach is supplying the paper products so nobody must stand at the sink all night. There is no sign-up sheet. Just come and bring a dish to share. Please put this date on your calendar. If you have any questions, please contact Fay Reed. 410-980-9884 [Faysreed21@gmail.com](mailto:Faysreed21@gmail.com)

Deb McMurtrey, Outreach Committee

**SARAH'S HOUSE WISH LIST - May:** Copy paper and ink pens

## NEWS FROM MT. CARMEL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Welcome to May! What a beautiful time of the year where everything is blooming and coming alive! Enrollment is looking great for the Fall, and we have already started enrolling for our summer camp programs. It's hard to believe that Summer is right around the corner!

We had our first Spring dance here at the center where the children enjoyed dancing, snacking, and a special visit from a very colorful unicorn. The theme was princesses and pirates everyone looked great, and even a couple of parents dressed up in their costumes. Everyone had a great time, and already asked about having it again next year. Thank you to everyone who helped in many different ways. We are so very thankful for our wonderful families and teachers for everything they do!

Our pre-school classes enjoyed a fun day of riding their bikes and scooters for our St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon. This was a fundraiser where all of the money goes directly to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Last year our school raised around \$4,000.00 and we are hoping to raise more this year. Currently we have raised around \$3,500.00 and we are still accepting donations for another week. Thank you to all for your donations towards the research of childhood diseases, please keep all of these sick children in your prayers.

April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a great time hunting for special colored eggs with special surprises in them. What a wonderful time of year. Pre-school was closed on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> for Spring break. Mt. Carmel child care closed at 2:00pm on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

We have a lot of special events this month which include our annual **Baltimore Zoo field trip on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and our last fundraiser will be held on Friday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>** which is our **Paint Night**, let us know if you would like to attend. **Graduation** ceremony will be held on Friday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>**.

Thank you all for the many fundraisers and events you have helped us with this school year, we are hoping to use all of the money to upgrade our playground. We also thank you all for your continued support and prayers for our school.

Dawn M. Rey, Director

## **NEW WOMAN'S MINISTRY**

Girls Night Out... A woman's ministry to nourish your body & your soul. Pot Luck Supper with devotions/Inspiration & music. Come enjoy some fun, food and fellowship on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month... starting **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm** in Fellowship Hall. May's theme is "You are Special." Open to ALL women. Bring a friend and a dish to share. See Fay Reed with questions.

## **March 2019 ATTENDANCE & GIVING**

**March Monthly Giving** – general budget: \$17,880 / restricted giving: \$3,897.

**March Attendance** – average weekly Sunday attendance was 72.

\*The reporting of attendance and giving figures is behind, due to information for the most recent month not being complete at the time of publication.

### **DID YOU KNOW??**

- Our **June Newsletter is our Graduation issue**, where we will announce all Graduating Seniors from High School and College. Please submit info (and pic if you want) to Betsy at [mtcarmeL21122@gmail.com](mailto:mtcarmeL21122@gmail.com) by May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Our NEW Membership Software is up and running. Please contact the church office to update your email address (from which you will receive an invitation to log on to Realm and be able to manage your account.)
- The deadline for the June newsletter is May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- There are still some openings on the Altar Flower Chart. Please sign up to honor or remember a special event or person. If you would like Fresh flowers, please indicate that on the chart and Betsy will order them for you. The cost is \$25 and your payment can be made on the Sunday you have selected by labeling an envelope and putting it in the offering plate. Silk flowers can be requested! Just put your donation in a marked envelope with your information - and place it in the offering. Please note that Silk arrangements belong to the church and should not be removed after the service.
- You can add your name to our Email List. Please email [mtcarmeL21122@gmail.com](mailto:mtcarmeL21122@gmail.com) to receive your Newsletter by email!

## OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY

This world famous event is already sold-out, but I have reserved 12 tickets available on a first-come basis. First performed in 1634 in response to the Black Plague, the play has been presented once a decade ever since. Our tour will take us through medieval towns in Germany, the breathtaking Swiss Alps, the Burgundy wine region of France and ultimately to Paris, the “City of Lights” The date is Sept.18-28, 2020. The price of \$4399 includes airfare, hotels, most meals, play tickets, professional guide and deluxe motorcoach. For a complete brochure please contact Bob Paulen at 302-226-2269 or [bobpaulen@yahoo.com](mailto:bobpaulen@yahoo.com).

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Ashley Kallenbach	01
Pat Mulkey	01
Christine Phillips	01
Rachel Shanefelter	04
Barbara Davis	05
Jeanne Jones	07

Ellyanna Hammen	12
Richard Freburger	14
Phillip Personett, Jr.	15
LeRoy Jones	16
Katelyn Rilee	16
Barbara Queen	18

Cynthia Holt	23
Debbie Groat	26
Pam Murdock	27
Nicole Shelton	27
David Helowicz	30
Alyssa Meister	30

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Richard and Cynthia Holt 05/01  
Kevin and Lori Houtz 05/02  
Ernest and Hannah Sawyer 05/03  
Bruce and Kathy Hudler 05/21  
Byron and Jennifer Huber 05/25  
Richard and Pamela Mertz 05/25

## MAY EVENTS

5/01 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
5/02 – 11:45 a.m. – Faith Hope Circle  
5/02 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
5/02 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
5/03 – Girl’s Night Out, pot luck – Fellowship Hall  
**5/05 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary: Native American Ministries Sunday – Gloria Paull and Warren Magruder presentation**  
5/06 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
5/06 – 6:30 p.m. Trustees  
5/07 – 10 a.m. - Forum

5/07 – 7 p.m. – Scout Troop 412 – Church Hall  
5/08 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
5/08 – 7 p.m. – Strategic Planning Workshop  
5/09 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
5/09 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
**5/12 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**  
5/13– 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
5/13 – 7 p.m. – Finance Committee – Trinity Center  
5/14 – 10 a.m. - Forum  
5/14 – 7 p.m. - Scout Troop 412 – Church Hall  
5/15 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary

5/16 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
 5/16 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
 5/17 – Paint Night  
 5/17 – 5/19 – Women’s Retreat  
**5/19 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**  
 5/20 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
 5/20 - 7 p.m. – Admin Council  
 5/21 – 10 a.m. – Last Forum till fall  
 5/21 - 7:00 p.m. – Scout Troup #412 – Church Hall  
 5/22 – 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group – Sanctuary

5/23 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
 5/23 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
**5/26 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**  
 5/27 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
 5/27 – 6 p.m. – Child Care Board  
 5/27 – 7 p.m. - Scout Troop 412 – Church Hall  
 5/29 – 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
 5/30 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
 5/30 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

*A complete calendar of events can be found at <http://mymcumc.org/events/>*

## **WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR**

### **Sunday:**

Worship                    10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School         10:00 a.m.  
 Nursery                    10:00 a.m.

### **Monday:**

Tiger Cub Scouts        6:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday:**

Forum                      10:00 a.m.  
 Boy Scouts                7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday:**

Prayer Group             9:30 a.m.

### **Thursday:**

Cub Scouts                6:30 p.m.  
 Choir Rehearsal        7:15 p.m.

## **LITURGISTS SCHEDULE**

Carol Mosmiller         5/05/19  
 Phyllis Basil             5/12/19  
 Warren Magruder        5/19/19  
 Nancy Trimper            5/26/19

## **Hello Mt. Carmel eGivers!**

Starting as soon as you’re ready, you too can be a Mt Carmel e-Giver! Let us know and we will be happy to help you get setup.

Financial Secretary, Dave Shelton