

Announcements and Encouraging Word for April 26, 2023

Faith, Hope Circle will be meeting next Thursday, May 4th at 12:30 in the Church Hall. All women of the church and community are welcome and encouraged to join us! Please bring a bag lunch and a drink to enjoy during our gathering.

Saturday, May 6th the Child Development Center will be having a Spring Vendor Event from 9-3. There will be lots of vendor tables, food, games, crafts, face painting and more!! I have attached the flyer for you to share. You won't want to miss it! If you are interested in baking for the Bake Sale, please contact Jen in the office.

****IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SUNDAY MAY 7TH SERVICE** – There will be **NO ZOOM** for this service. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office. (Zoom is still available for THIS SUNDAY, April 30th. That link was sent on Monday)

Is someone in your house graduating high school or college? If so, please let us know so that we can celebrate them. Please contact the office to let Jen know who it is and their future plans.

Are you following the church on social media? If not, you should! Our Facebook account is <https://www.facebook.com/mtcarmelumconnection/> And our Instagram account is <https://www.instagram.com/mcumc21122/>

If you have prayer requests, even if you plan to share them at Sunday worship, you may forward them ahead of time to Jen at the church office and she will compile a list to be used on Sunday morning. The church email is mtcarmel21122@gmail.com and our phone number is 410-255-8887.

Prayer Cards are also available in the Narthex on Sunday morning. If you have a prayer or concern, we encourage you to fill out a card and it will be collected and read that morning.

We want to remind you that we are still using Zoom for our Sunday Services. Zoom allows you to join us from wherever you may be!! (Join us in your pj's with a morning cup of coffee) As most of you who Zoom our worship services know, I greet Zoom attendees as they sign on, take Zoom attendance, and assign names to phone numbers as phone callers sign on. I open the Zoom meeting at 9 a.m. to give people time to sign on. I encourage you to sign on early to avoid the crush of people signing on at the last minute. The earlier you sign on the easier it is for me to attend to the greeting responsibilities. It also gives us a chance to chat and share prayer requests. **If you should have any problems logging in, please alert Jennifer in the office.**

The Announcements and Bulletin for Sunday's service are included as attachments to this encouraging word. Please feel free to print them out and either bring them with you to the service or to use them as your guide as you Zoom the service.

An Update from our former Pastor Bob Paulen

As you may remember, Bob was chosen to represent the USA in the World Masters Athletic Championship in March in Poland. I reached out for an update and he was quick to respond! I'm thrilled to share!

"We just got home over the weekend and are now getting back on US time. After the track meet we visited friends in Germany, Czech Republic and explored a bit of France and Italy.

At the World Masters Indoor Championship there were 2,834 competitors from 87 countries. We competed in 5-year age groups. I was in the 85-89 group. I placed 2nd in the hurdles, 4th in the pentathlon (hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put and 1,000 meters) and 5th in the triple jump. I was happy with my results although one always wants to do better. 🤔

Thanks to everyone for their interest and support. I shall continue to compete in state and national meets and hope to participate in future world events.

Blessings, Bob"

Congratulations Bob!! And please keep us up to date on all your wonderful adventures!