

Announcements for September 20, 2023

THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM THIS SUNDAY.

Harvest Festival Soups are now available for pre order!!! Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Potato Cheese Soup, Chili and Apple Dumplings are all available! **(and they are all DELICIOUS!!)** Orders need to be in by October 6th! The order form is attached to this Encouraging Word. If you have any questions please contact the office. **The Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, October 14th 9-2!! We can't wait to see everyone there!!**

Last Chance to join our next Zoom Bible Study. Originally slated to begin on Tuesday, September 19 will now begin Tuesday, September 26th, at 7:00 p.m. The Study is authored by Adam Hamilton and is entitled Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple. This will be a six week study examining the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. You can purchase the book from Amazon or Cokesbury. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jen in the office 410-255-8887 or mtcarmel21122@gmail.com

Faith Hope Circle will be meeting in the church hall on Thursday, October 5th at 12:30 pm. All women of the church and community are cordially invited. Please bring a bag lunch and drink. We look forward to seeing you!

The Child Development Center is having a Joe Corbi Fundraiser. Shop for delicious pizza's, calzones, hot pretzels, cakes, pies, cookies and more!! Visit <https://joecorbi.com/> click on shop at the top of the page, click on the START SHOPPING under the heading of "I'm Shopping To Support A Group", our participant code is **636623** and Start Shopping. We will also have a catalog and form in the church hall. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SAVE THE DATE ALERT!! MCUMC and MCCDC will be presenting a Nativity Play Dinner Theater on Wednesday, December 20!!! Keep an eye out for additional information in the future.

It is time for the Outreach Annual Autumn Food Drive to benefit the Pasadena Food Pantry (formerly the Soup Kitchen). We are starting a little early this year due to the very empty shelves at the Pantry. The Food Bank is doing a good job of supplying frozen meat and some staples but not enough to fill one bag. The Pantry must purchase or depend on donations for the rest.

There have been approximately 100 families served each month since June at this location. One of the new families explained that they started coming to the pantry because during the Covid Pandemic their family received \$250 per month in food stamps. Federal funding has been cut and they are now receiving \$25 per month to feed their family. It doesn't matter how you feel about food stamps, you can't feed a family on \$25.

We will be asking for certain items each month through November so you can help stock the shelves. For the remainder of **September we are asking for pasta products and canned soups.** You can bring your donations to church and place them in the box in the narthex. Please keep in mind that the Seventh Day Adventist do not eat nor distribute pork products when choosing soups. The Outreach Committee thanks you for your help with this local mission

CHOIR: Attention all singers! We would like to get the choir going again if we have enough singers. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 28th. (We are waiting until then because our son is getting married the week before!) If you or someone you know loves to sing, please contact me. If you have any questions, please also let me know. Joe and I look forward to making music with you! Shannon Shanefelter, 410-925-3122 scshanefelter@gmail.com

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.