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# Mount Carmel Message

*Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
1893-2019*

*Celebrating 126 years serving the Lord*

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*The Work of God through  
Mt. Carmel UMC is done by  
the efforts of 116+ persons  
and the Light of Christ  
through the Holy Spirit.  
Join this oneness in Christ.*



## From Your Pastor

Once again, Doris and I want to thank all of you for remembering us in so many special ways during Christmas. And a special thanks for the card from the church with a very gracious check included.

I love the Advent Season. Hanging of the Greens, Special Music, a time for food and fellowship, Lighting of the Advent Wreath , beautiful flowers every Sunday, Holy Communion and Candle lighting on Christmas Eve; what wonderful ways to get ready and celebrate the birth of Jesus our Messiah.

I want to say "thank you" to all of you who throughout this past year helped me out in so many ways, gave your support when I needed it, and made this a great year for our church. Our 125th Celebration was a wonderful blessing and all the work that went into it is greatly appreciated.

As we enter 2019 I invite you to join me in renewing our commitment to uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

I encourage you to be reaching out to people you know who do not have a church home or church family to support them and to invite them to come to church with you. "Each one, reach one" is our way to be faithful disciples.

I keep you all in my prayers daily. Please remember to keep me informed when you know something that will help me be a better pastor.

In His Service,  
Bro. Wayne

***Epiphany – “To show upon”  
the season from January 6th  
until Ash Wednesday***

Epiphany is a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship. Let us use this time wisely.



**Invite someone back to Church!!**

*In our Thoughts and Prayers...*

*“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”  
James 5:16*

St. Bernard’s Villa  
Patsy Cooper

Ridgecrest  
Metta Nesmith



Jean Endicott                      The family of Doug McCarty  
The family of Dr. Percy Stephens  
Our country & leaders                      Our Church

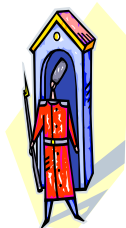
If you have someone you would like a Church prayer card sent to, call or text Ms. Pat Shirley (870-919-1121) to give her the info.  
The UMW makes prayer blankets to be given to someone sick, in the hospital or in need of comfort. Please see Pat Vanderbilt if someone you know needs one.

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## Thought for the Month

I said to the man at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may go forth into the unknown." And the man replied, "Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, safer than a known way." King George



"I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

## 52 Random Acts of Kindness in 2019

1. Send a card to someone you're thinking of.
2. Let someone go in front of you in line.
3. Give blood.
4. Leave flowers at the hospital...the nurses will know who needs them most.



## Happy Birthday to...

- 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Mote Ferrell
- 4<sup>th</sup> Logan Simpson
- 6<sup>th</sup> Carroll Feaser
- 7<sup>th</sup> Doris Clark
- 10<sup>th</sup> Bro. Wayne Clark
- 11<sup>th</sup> Kim Stevens
- 12<sup>th</sup> Kay Pickle

If you would like a complete list of birthdays with addresses, contact Pat Vanderbilt 761-3933.



As you count your Birthday Blessings this year, consider an offering to our "Birthday

Blessing Jar". We used our 2018 birthday money to buy turkeys and hams for Helping Neighbors. We will begin anew in January and use this to bless someone in need this coming year.

## Happy Anniversary to...

- 13<sup>th</sup> Sammy & Norma Bibb
- 27<sup>th</sup> Gary & Pat Vanderbilt

## Ingathering 2019

~January Mission Project~  
"Personal Care Items" for  
Helping Neighbors Food Bank

### Suggested items:

Shampoo      Deodorant  
Toothbrush      Toothpaste  
Toilet paper      Lotion  
Razors      Soap



*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt. 6:21*

UMW Unit Meeting  
Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:15

January 27<sup>th</sup> UMW Sunday

## Wanted:



Door Greeters &  
Snack Bringers

Make your New Year's Resolution "to be more involved in Church" happen this year by volunteering one Sunday. You'll get at least 50 smiles on Sunday and feel great all week! See the sign-up sheet in the foyer!

## Worship Opportunities at Mt. Carmel

Sunday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> "Communion"

9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM Bible Study  
Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM Bible Study  
Sunday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Board Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

5:30 PM Bible Study  
Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> (Remember Quarters for Heifer)

9:30 AM Worship  
10:45 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM Bible Study

## Christian New Year's Resolutions

How can I use the New Year to better serve my Lord?  
I'll read my Bible every day, and be more in accord.

I'll find new ways to serve others; I'll love my neighbor, too. I'll focus on "give" instead of "get"  
In everything I do.

I'll forgive the people I'm mad at; Angry feelings I'll discard; I'll try to love my enemies, Even though it's hard.  
In the New Year, I'll lift people up, Instead of putting them down. I'll fill my heart with love and joy,  
And never wear a frown.

I'll let go of my worries; I'll put it all in His hands; I'll repent and try to sin less, And obey all His commands.

These New Year's resolutions are difficult, at best, but there's something I can do each day that will put my soul at rest: I'll love my Lord with all my heart, with all my mind and soul, and if I do that essential thing, all the rest will be in control.

By Joanna Fuchs

**CONGRATULATIONS  
CHANDLER WILLIAMS  
ON BEING ACCEPTED INTO  
DENTAL SCHOOL WITH  
SCHOLARSHIP \$\$!  
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!!**



For additions to the Jan. Newsletter, contact Amy Simpson at 931-7821 or [slsimpson@suddenlink.net](mailto:slsimpson@suddenlink.net) by Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Jan. Bible Readings

- 6th Matthew 2:1-12
- 13th Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 20th John 2:1-11
- 27th Luke 4:14-21