



## CONNECT

January & February 2026

Newsletter of

Mount Carmel Global Methodist Church



**Mount Carmel  
Methodist Church**

***Our Vision Statement: "Mt. Carmel seeks to be a place of new beginnings, unified in the character and love of Jesus Christ."***

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Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mary Miller

Administrative Secretary: Joanne Spetz

Lay Leader: Lynn Harmon

Administrative Board Chair: Michael Spetz

### NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will continue to be mailed and emailed. *The newsletter deadline is the 20th of Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct. & Dec.* You can email your article at [office@mountcarmelmethodist.org](mailto:office@mountcarmelmethodist.org)

### NEW PHONE SYSTEM

We now have gone cellular!  
Church: 336-788-4183  
Pastor Mary Miller: 336-788-1013  
You can now easily leave messages or even leave a text message.

### UPDATE: WORSHIP SERVICES

8:45 am = Adult Sunday School  
9:30 am = Kid's Church  
10:00 am = Worship Service  
11:30 am = Youth Bible Study  
11:30 am = Young Adults Fellowship

We will continue to do our live messages from Pastor Mary via Facebook Sundays at 10am. Follow us on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/mountcarmelmethodistchurch](https://www.facebook.com/mountcarmelmethodistchurch)  
Mount Carmel Methodist Church.  
Web-site: <https://mountcarmelmethodist.org>  
**LOOK!**

Our email address:  
[office@mountcarmelmethodist.org](mailto:office@mountcarmelmethodist.org)



### From The Pastor's Desk:

#### **"This Will Be A SIGN To You..."**

If you drive past Mt. Carmel, you will notice that we have had a new LED sign installed in the front yard. The new sign was an anonymous gift given to the glory of God by a family in our church.

On behalf of the entire congregation, I want to

express our heartfelt gratitude to the donors for this most generous gift. I also want to thank our Trustees for working on this for many months to sort out the city zoning and electrical permits that enabled the sign to be installed this past week. I am personally overjoyed that this new sign is automatic and runs words across the screen day and night. Messages can be changed remotely from a mobile or computer application. (As of right now, it is not 100% complete ~ power directly to the sign is yet to be done.)

As I passed by the lighted sign the other night, it made me think about the significance of signs. The term 'sign' comes from Latin 'signum' meaning "an identifying mark, token, symbol, proof, signal, omen, sign in the heavens, etc." ([www.jesus-everyday.com/concordance-sign-signs](http://www.jesus-everyday.com/concordance-sign-signs)). The main purpose of signs is to convey a message or communicate information to direct a person in making decisions. There are at least 185 instances where the word "sign" is mentioned in the Bible. Throughout the Bible, particularly in the New Testament, signs are often depicted as manifestations of God's presence and power. **In Genesis 1:14, God gave us our first sign: "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years."** We see this sign repeated again in John 1:9 – "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." The light was a sign pointing to Jesus. In fact, the eternal light was and IS Jesus.

The Nativity story that we just celebrated at Christmas is full of signs pointing to Jesus. Joseph was given a sign in a dream of the coming Messiah by giving him the name "**Jesus.**" (**Matthew 1:21**). This sign is confirmed by Mary when an angel of the Lord reveals also to her that she is with child by the Holy Spirit "**and he is to be called 'Jesus.'**" (**Luke 1:31**). The shepherds were given a sign of Emmanuel – God with us - **in a "babe wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."** (**Luke 2:12**) The magi were led by a sign – "**a star rising (in the east) – to "come to worship him."** (**Matthew 2:2**) In Jesus' adult ministry, John the Baptist recognized Jesus coming down to the Jordan river as the "**lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**" (**John 1:29**). In fact, there are seven signs in the Gospel of John from the wedding at Cana (**John 4**) to raising Lazarus (**John 11**) that proves Jesus' authority and divinity as the Son of Man and the Son of God.

In the last days of His ministry, Jesus pointed to himself as the sign of God's unconditional love. At the Last Supper, Jesus offers up the Passover bread and wine as sacrificial signs: "**This is my body given for you...this is my blood poured out for you....**" (**Luke 22:19-20**). All this is to

January Birthdays		February Birthdays		Prayer Concerns	
2	Kathy Stallard Kayleigh Beeding Lauren Garris	1	Elizabeth White	<b>ASSISTED LIVING</b>	Lynn Harmon
4	Bill Beeding	2	Elaine Blevins	<b>Hilda Hege</b> ( <i>Heritage Woods, 3812 Forestgate Dr., Winston-Salem 27103</i> )	Cindy Jones
8	Bob Howe	3	Mike Brown		Linda McDaniel
9	Parker Newberry	6	Justin Stiller	<b>Bob &amp; Elizabeth Kuyper</b> ( <i>Heritage Woods, 3812 Forestgate Dr., Winston-Salem 27103</i> )	Kenny Misenheimer
12	Savannah Harmon	7	Richard Walburn		Mitch & Marcell Proctor
15	Kristyn Barker	8	Wanda Gordon		Rev. Jim Stalnaker
	Charles Frye	9	Edith Muriungi		Larry Vanhoy
	David Mitchell Frye	11	Anna Marie Frye		Jim Wheeler
16	SuAnne Ray		Betty Carroll	<b>HOMEBOUND</b>	Stephen Starling
17	April Moffett		Bill Garrison	June Carroll	Bill Purcell
19	Pete Shutt		Randi Frye	Joe & Jill Chucci	<b>DEATHS</b>
21	Eli Fulcher	12	John Chucci	Danny & Vickie Cranford	David Long (12/3/2025)
24	Elaine O'Shields	15	Kenny White	Wanda Gordon	Lenora Brelsford (12/11/2025)
26	Garrett Davis		Leslie Olmsted	Larry Essex	
27	Debbie Bergmann	16	Curtis Jeffrey Thomas	Don Linebach	<b>OTHER</b>
28	Richard Spach	19	Carolyn Setzer	Richard Long	• Mt Carmel—witness, ministries, finances, joy!
29	Richard Smith		Nishelle Henson	Tammy Moore	• Students & Teachers
30	Wanda Sink		Wanda Baity	L.A. & Jean Topping	• School safety (violence)
		21	Brenda Walburn	Lou Ann Whitlow	• Ukraine & Russia (war)
			Judy Newberry	Bill & Vivian Purcell	• Israel & Gaza (war)
			Mary Miller		• Persecuted World Church
		23	Steven Ray Goforth	<b>CHILDREN</b>	• Forsyth Cty Prison Ministry
		27	Michael Spetz	Baby Ophelia Timmons	• Homeless esp. children
				Baby Noah Tripp	• Peace in our country
				Baby Christopher Wingate	
				<b>SURGERY/RECOVERY</b>	
				Joanne Spetz (eye)	
				<b>ILLNESS/INJURY</b>	
				Bobbie Darnell	
				Rev. Lee & Evelyn Ellis	
				Jason Gentry	
				Josh Harris	



### Communion Visitations



June Carroll

### ☩ HAPPY NEW YEAR ☩ ~ From Lee & Evelyn Ellis

As we embark upon 2026, I'm sure we are all aware that there will be challenges we each will encounter, and there are new dreams that we each will seek to fulfill.

There are more than 5000 promises in God's word, and I'm inspired to point us to one of those promises that will carry us into 2026 with anticipation, and will carry us through 2026 with the assurance of many of God's blessings. Isaiah 40:13 "but THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

We pray that 2026 will be a very memorable year for you and everyone in the Mt. Carmel family.

### WEATHER RELATED CHURCH CLOSINGS

**In case of bad weather:**  
During the week if the schools are closed so is the church.

On Sunday mornings if the Trustees decide to close the church there will be calling post go out to announce it and we will also put it on WXII and

### Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study

10:30am-12:00pm in the Church Parlor

November-December Book Study:

"Faith & Fire: Elijah" by Priscilla Shirer

\$16.99 on [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com)



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<https://mountcarmel.methodist.org/giving>

## TRANSFERRED TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



**Lenora Brelsford**  
**October 20, 1933—December 11, 2025**

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Lenora Brelsford, who peacefully departed this life on December 11, 2025, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Lenora was born on October 20, 1933, in Cook County, to Nicholas Peter Ahrens and Lenora Alice Ahrens. Lenora lived a full life, marked by love, kindness, and a warm spirit.

Lenora was a devoted wife to her beloved Roy Robert Brelsford, who preceded her in passing, also her daughter, Elaine Marie Harwood.

She is survived by her son, Robert Alan Brelsford wife Latisha of Midway; daughters, Lenora Ann Lawler and husband Douglas of Abingdon, Va., Susan Louise Little and husband Tony of Indian trail, NC, Carol Lynn Garris and husband Jeff of Winston-Salem, 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, who will forever carry her memory in their heart.

A celebration of life will be held, Saturday, January 3, 2026, at 2:00 pm at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends after the service.

Memorials may be made to Davidson County Cancer Services.



**David Long**  
**October 17, 1954—December 3, 2025**

David Dalton Long, 71, passed away on December 3, sitting at his kitchen table after a courageous battle with Muscular Dystrophy for many years. David never

complained despite his affliction, always greeting everyone with a smile and kind word. After caring for his mother with memory loss and health problems, he remained independent and self-sufficient.

David was born October 17, 1954, to Homer Lee Long and Edna (Woody) Atkins Long. He is survived by two loving sons, Shane Long and David Long Jr. (Susan); two grandsons, Ethan and Noah; and many loved cousins from the Atkins and Long family. David loved going to the shooting range with cousin, Guy Ted Miller, and enjoyed working on guns. He was a tradesman with talents in fabrication and welding. David knew the Lord and, in his last years, transformed from restless to peaceful, and from bitter to forgiving. His favorite scriptures were found in the book of Revelation.

Memorials can be made in his honor to the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission.

A gathering of family and friends was held at Mount Carmel Global Methodist Church fellowship hall December 21, from to share memories.

## LAY LEADERSHIP 2026 MINISTRY TEAMS *(Continued from page 5)*

### **Children/Youth Ministry Team: Ann Farthing (Chair)**

Josh Lineberry (Youth Min Leader), Brenda Walburn (Scouting/Lay Leader), Richard Walburn (SS Superintendent), Leslie Olmsted (Youth SS), Monica Stewart (Staff/Children's SS), Jane Beeding (Public Relations), Candice White (Messy Church), Ashley Starling (Parent Advisor), Bridgett Koenig (Parent Advisor), Diane Lineberry (Parent Advisor)

### **Congregational Care Team Members: Jean Harris (Chair)**

Pastor Mary Miller, Saundra Little (Grief Share), Peggy Simmons (Grief Share), Steve Sink (Senior Adult Ministry), Judy Newberry (Celebrate Recovery/Historian)

### **Evangelism/Fresh Expressions Team: Saundra Little (Chair)**

Fresh Expression Leaders: Wed Bible Study (Pastor Mary Miller), Candice White (Dinner Church Coord); Edgar Miller (Emmaus Coordinator); Josh Lineberry (Youth), VBS Coordinator (TBA), Young Adult Coordinator (TBA)

### **Missions Team: Diane Harmon (Chair)**

Mike Spetz (Men's Pres), Brenda Walburn (Women's Pres.), Darrell Stallard (Love Fund Treasurer), Lynn Harmon (Food Pantry/Work Team), Edgar Miller (Prison Ministry), Jean Topping (School Outreach Coordinator), Doris Darnell

### **Prayer Team Ministry: Linda McDaniel, (Chair)**

Pastor Mary Miller, Lynn Harmon (Lay Leader), Mike Spetz, Diane Harmon (Prayer Chain), Brenda Walburn (Prayer List)

**Senior Adults -5 Point Seniors Ministry:** Chair: Steve Sink  
Diane Harmon, Ann Sink, Vivian Purcell

### **Worship Team Members: Joanne Spetz (Chair)**

Mary Miller (Pastor), Lynn Harmon, (Lay Leader)  
Beverly Miller (Choir Dir.), Ann Farthing (Pianist), Steve Sink (Praise Team Leader), Ann Sink (Greeter Coord.), Carlacy White (AV/Media), Erin East (AV/Media), Bridget Koenig (AV/Media), Lannie Ledford (Usher Coor), Elaine Blevins (Welcome Kit Ministry), Linda McDaniel (Communion Steward); Shannon Queen (Gathering Room)

***\*Hard copies are available in the Narthex.***

Grief Share will be starting back up January 7.  
*Watch for further info.*

**GRIEF SHARE®**

**Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm**

Please contact Peggy Simmons or Saundra Little for more information.



-Continued From the Pastor's Desk:

point out that signs are important. Signs are the primary way God communicates to us. During this season of Epiphany, we will be following the signs in the Bible that point to Jesus in hope that ' birth, life, teaching, and suffering. All this is to prove that signs are important. Signs are the primary way God communicates to us. During this season of Epiphany, we will be following the signs in the Bible that point to Jesus in our worship series on Sundays at 10am. I hope you will join us in person or on Facebook Live each week.

So back to our new church sign. I have been thinking about what information will go on the sign. Maybe you have some ideas you want to share with us? More importantly, will our sign match what people will experience when they come inside our church doors? Our church council and leadership teams will be meeting the next two months to pray and plan ministry events that will draw people to follow Jesus Christ. If you aren't serving in a ministry area in the church, I want to encourage you to offer up your spiritual gifts to further Christ's kingdom. You don't have to be a member to come to one of our ministry team meetings. You might be the key to opening a new door to make even more disciples for Jesus. If you are waiting for a sign to follow Jesus in 2026, this is it! Let's all commit to being walking billboards that share the love of Jesus boldly in our community this year.

In Christ Alone,  
*Pastor Mary Miller*



### Crisis Control Items Needed for January & February

Crisis Control has a Gift of the Month.

For the month of **January:**

**Beef Stew**



For the month of **February:**

**Soul Foods: Canned Greens, Black-eyed**

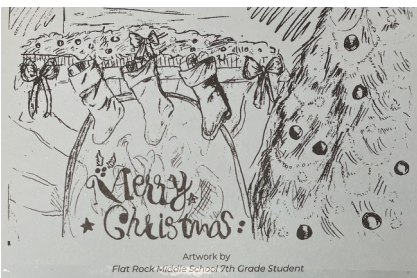
**Peas, Jiffy Cornbread Mi, etc.** If you would like to donate this item, please bring it to church and put it in the designated box outside the

### Thank You Notes!

Wishing You Joy!

Thank you Pastor and staff for allowing us to use your space. We are truly thankful.

Bryce Sherman & Sherman Academy Students and Staff!!



Artwork by Flat Rock Middle School 7th Grade Student

From all of us at Flat Rock Middle School. Thank you for being an important part of our school community.

### JANUARY & FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERIES:

**Sundays at 10:00am in person & Facebook Live**

8:45am = Adult Sunday School; 9:30am = Kids Church & Nursery;

11:30am = Youth Bible Study; Young Adult Fellowship



- **January 4, 2026 = (Epiphany Sunday/ Holy Communion)/"Follow The Sign of Jesus' Star" (Matthew 2:1-12)/Pastor Mary Miller/Choir**
- **January 11, 2026 = (Baptism of the Lord Sunday/ Baptism Renewal Service)/"Follow The Sign of Jesus' Consecration" (Luke 2:21-31; 3: 21-22)/Pastor Mary Miller/Choir**
- **January 18, 2026 = (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany)/"Follow The Sign of Jesus' Redemption" (Luke 2:36-40)/Pastor Mary Miller/Praise Team**
- **January 25, 2026 = (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany)/"Follow The Sign of Jesus' Prophecy" (Matthew 2:13-23)/Pastor Mary Miller/Choir**
- **February 1, 2026 = (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany/ Holy Communion)/ "Follow The Sign of Jesus' Mission" (Luke 2:41-52)/Pastor Mary Miller/Choir**
- **February 8, 2026 = (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany/ Scouting Sunday: Mission Project: Superbowl Sunday of Caring)/Guest Speaker/Choir**
- **February 15, 2026 = (Transfiguration Sunday)/"Follow The Sign of Jesus' Divinity" (Matthew 17:1-13)/Pastor Mary Miller/Praise Team**
- **February 18, 2026 = Ash Wednesday Service (Dinner Church @ 5:30pm)**
- **February 22, 2026 = (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)/"40 Days of Transformation: Prepare" (Luke 3:1-6)**

### WOMEN OF GRACE NEWS!



**Women of Grace** meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Discipleship Classroom. They work on different missions throughout the year. The picture to the left is just one of the missions that they work on. All

women of the church are invited to be a part of this amazing group. Our next meetings are:

- January 22 at 1:00 pm
- February 26 at 1:00 pm

Hope to see you all you women there!

Brenda Walburn (Women of Grace Chair)





Sundays at 8:45am = Adult Sunday School  
Sundays at 9:30am = Nursery & Kids Church (PreK-5th)  
Sundays at 10am = Main Worship Celebration  
Sundays at 11:30am = Middle/High Bible Study  
Sundays at 11:30am = Young Adult Fellowship

\*Please contact PEGGY SIMMONS or JOANNE SPETZ at the church office to reserve your event on the church calendar.

#### JANUARY CALENDAR:

Jan. 4 = 7:30 am = Men's Breakfast  
Jan. 4 = 8:45/9:30am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship/Communion & /11:30 am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P)  
Jan. 4 = 2:00 pm = Communion Teams  
Jan. 6 = 6:00 pm = Children & Youth Meeting (DR)  
Jan. 7 = 10:30 am = Bible Study/Prayer Group (P)  
Jan. 7 = 5:30 pm = Messy Church (FLC)  
Jan. 7 = 6:30 pm = Grief Share (P)  
Jan. 8 = 4:00 pm = Choir Rehearsal (S)  
Jan. 11 = 8:45/9:30am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship & Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P)  
Jan. 14 = 10:30am = Bible Study/Prayer Group (P)  
Jan. 14 = 6:30 pm = Grief Share (P)  
Jan. 15 = 3:00 pm = Praise Band Rehearsal (S) / 4:00pm = Choir (S)  
Jan. 15 = 6:00 pm = Evangelism Team Mtg.  
Jan. 18 = 8:45/9:30am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship & Praise Team/11:30 am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P)  
Jan. 20 = 9:30 am = North Lake HOA (FLC)  
Jan. 21 = 10:30am = Bible Study/Prayer Group (P)  
Jan. 21 = 1:00 pm = Administrative Bd. Mtg. (D)  
Jan. 22 = 1:00 pm = Women of Grace (D)  
Jan. 25 = 8:45/9:30/10 am = Sunday School/Kids Church/Worship / Choir/11:30 am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adults (P)  
Jan. 25 = 12pm = Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion Group Lunch (FLC)

Mondays @ 6:00pm = BSA Scout Ministry  
Monday-Fridays @ 3-6pm during school days: Sherman Academy  
After School Care Meets in the Discovery/Youth Room

#### FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

Feb. 1 = 8:45/9:30/10 am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/Worship/Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Study (P)  
2pm = Communion Teams  
Feb. 4 = 10:30am = Prayer Group  
Feb. 4 = 5:30 pm = Messy Church (FLC)  
Feb. 5 = 4:00pm = Choir (S)  
Feb. 8 = 8:45/9:30am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship & Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P) 11:30 am = Youth Bible Study and Lunch (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P)  
Feb. 8 = 10:00 am = Souper Bowl Sunday  
Feb. 11 = 10:30am = Prayer Group (P)  
Feb. 11 = 5:30 pm = Dinner Church (FLC)  
Feb. 11 = 6:30 pm = Grief Share (P)  
Feb. 12 = 3:00 pm = Praise Band Rehearsal (S)  
Feb. 12 = 4:00 pm = Choir Rehearsal (S)  
Feb. 15 = 8:45/9:30/10 am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/Worship/Praise Band/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adults (P)  
Feb. 17 = 9:30 am = North Lake HOA (FLC)  
Feb. 18 = 10:30am = Prayer Group  
Feb. 18 = 6:30 pm = Ash Wednesday Service  
Feb. 22 = 8:45/9:30am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship/Praise Team/11:30am = Youth Bible Study/Young Adults (P)  
Feb. 22 = Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion Group (FLC)  
Feb. 25 = 5:30 pm = Dinner Church (FLC) -  
Feb. 25 = 10:30 am = Prayer Group (P)  
Feb. 26 = 1:00 pm = Women of Grace (D)

### Mt. Carmel Church Committee on Lay Leadership 2026

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (Meets 6x a year: odd months)

Admin Board Chair:	Michael Spetz (2026)
Vice Chair:	Brenda Walburn (2027)
Lay Leader:	Lynn Harmon (2027)
Pastor:	Mary Miller (Staff)
Treasurer:	Darrell Stallard (Staff)
Recording Secretary:	Saundra Little (2027)
Finance Secretary/Chair:	Peggy Simmons (2026)
Staff Parish Chair:	Jane Beeding (2027)
Trustees Chair:	Lin Jones (2025)
Conference Delegate:	Lynn Harmon (2027)
Church Historian:	Judy Newberry (2027)
Children & Youth Ministry Chair:	Ann Farthing (2026)
Congregational Care Team Chair:	Jean Harris (2027)
Evangelism Chair:	Saundra Little (2027)
Missions Team Chair:	Diane Harmon (2026)
Prayer Team Chair:	Linda McDaniel (2026)
Senior Adult Ministry Chair:	Steve Sink (2028)
Sunday School Superintendent:	Richard Walburn (2027)
Worship Committee Chair:	Joanne Spetz (2026)
Youth President:	Erin East (2026)

**Finance Committee:** Peggy Simmons (Chair), Darrell Stallard (Treasurer), Mike Spetz (Ad Bd Chair), Lynn Harmon (Lay Leader), Mary Miller (Pastor-Staff), Jane Beeding (Staff Parish Chair), Lin Jones; Counters: Richard Walburn, C.O. Setzer, Lannie and Judy Ledford, Debbie Bergman

#### **Staff Parish Relations Committee:**

Jane Beeding (Chair), Lynn Harmon (Lay Leader), Mary Miller (Pastor), JC Wilson (2026), Brenda Walburn (2026), Jane Beeding (2027), Traci Cornelius (2027), Elaine Blevins (2028)

#### **Parsonage Committee:** Laurie Brown, Chair

Mary Miller (Pastor), Doug Miller (Spouse), Joe Chucci (2026), Laurie Brown (2027), Kay Allen (2028)

#### **Trustees Board:** Lin Jones, Chair

Laurie Brown (Parsonage Chair), Tommy McDaniel (2026), David Willard (2027), Lin Jones (2027), Mike Brown (2028), Eddie Arndor (2028)

#### **\*Graveyard Committee:** Sue Ayers, Chair

Edgar Miller, Jean Topping, Patty Doyle, Terry Fulcher, Ken Shields

**\*Mary Barker Fund:** Darrell Stallard, Buel Barker, Jr. Edgar Miller, Jean Harris  
(Ministry Teams list on page 3)

## tithes and offerings

### Church Budget for Nov.—Dec. (as of Dec. 31, 2025): (Our weekly budget is \$4,904)

Our weekly budget is \$4,904.00

11/2/25	\$	10,851.00
11/9/25	\$	10,851.00
11/16/25	\$	287.00
11/23/25	\$	10,071.00
Nov. on-line giving	\$	545.00
	\$	<b>36,515.40</b>
12/7/25	\$	1,120.00
12/14/25	\$	4,170.00
12/21/25	\$	10,662.00
12/28/25	\$	545.00
Dec. online giving	\$	101.00
Total	\$	<b>16,688</b>

As of 12/30/25 our budget is 257,192 and our YTD offerings are \$198,016. We are currently behind our YTD budget vs. YTD offerings by \$59,176. As of 12/30/25 vs. the same period this year we are \$54,805 behind YTD budget vs YTD offerings. Our actual expenses to date are \$249,078 and our income to date is \$198,016 for a difference of -\$54,805. All bills for November and December have been paid. If you are away, you can now give on our secure website at <https://mountcarmelmethoist.org/giving>.

Thank you for your faithful support of our church ministries. If you have any questions, let me know. —Darrell Stallard, Treasurer

### GROW IN GOD'S WORD: DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

# KIDS CHURCH!

## DURING THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY'S

Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grades \* Breakfast @ 9:30am \* Worship @ 10am \* Bible Activities @ 10:30am!

## CRAFTS, TOYS, AND BIBLE STORIES!

# Sundays at 11:30am-12:30pm Youth Bible Study

Middle & High School Age with Pastor Josh Lineberry  
Meets in the Discover Room behind FLC

# YOUNGADULT MINISTRY LAUNCH

Ages 18-29

Sundays 11:30—12:30 pm in the Parlor

# WELCOME



# SHERMAN ACADEMY

## Meets at Mt. Carmel

Monday-Friday (3:00pm-6:00pm)

\*To register or for more information: [www.shermanacademy.org](http://www.shermanacademy.org)



Greg Glass played his trumpet for our Christmas Worship Service on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.



The Choir directed by Beverly Miller performed a Christmas Cantata entitled "Christmas Presence" during morning worship on December 14, 2025.



Julie Hart sang "Go Light Your World" during the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Dec. 24, 2025.

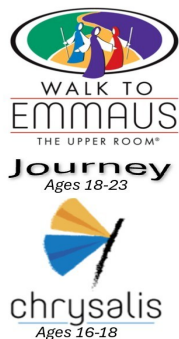


From the Ministry Staff at  
**Mt. Carmel Global  
Methodist Church**

*The Staff would like to thank you all for the gifts that we received for Christmas. Those gifts were so appreciative and enjoyed by all of us!*  
*Thank you.*



## New Things Happenings at Church!



**UPCOMING RETREATS 2026**

- Boys' Chrysalis/Journey Weekend = Jan. 2-4, 2026 (Camp Care-free Stokesdale)
- Men's Emmaus Walk = March 12-15, 2026 (Camp Maranatha High Point)
- Women's Emmaus Walk = March 19-22, 2026 (Camp Maranatha High Point)
- Girls' Chrysalis/Journey Weekend = May 23-25, 2026 (Camp Care-free Stokesdale)

*\*Applications are in the church office. Scholarships are available on a limited basis. The Hilltop Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion group meets on the 4th Sunday at 12pm in Mt. Carmel's Family Life Center. Come and find out about how you might be blessed by attending one of these spiritual renewal weekends.*



*The Golden Graces met in December for a great fellowship time. We shared a light lunch and a game with Christmas gifts.*

We planned trips for 2026 as follows:

- March 5—Orchid Farm in Pittsboro, NC (time tbd)
- June 11—9:30 am—Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville, VA for lunch and show
- September 17—10:00 am—Glendale Springs, NC
- December 3—10:00 am—Billy Graham Library.

Pre-registration will be required and prepayment if there is a cost involved. More info to come but please put these dates on your calendar and plan to go. We will be using the church bus for these outings. Diane Harmon, Senior Adult Ministries

**No Meeting in Sept.**  
**We will next meet on**  
**Jan 4 at 7:30am**  
**Spouses welcome!**



**MEN'S**  
*breakfast*

**1st Sunday of the month**  
**7:30am-8:30am**  
**Spouses welcome!**  
**Mt. Carmel**  
**Methodist Church**  
**Family Life Center**

## Missions

# Walk to Emmaus<sup>®</sup>

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REUNION GROUPS: We will still host our monthly Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion Group on the 4th Sundays of each month at 12pm in the Family Life Center. Our next gatherings will be Jan. 25 & Feb. 22. Save the date: Men's Emmaus Walk (March 12-15, 2026) & Women's Walk (March 19-22, 2026). Please see Pastor Mary if interested in attending.



The Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual national event that has a local impact. We're inviting our neighbors to join us in helping the families and people of our area who need food assistance. On the weekend of the Big Game, we will gather non-perishable food items for those who are in need. The food given will then be used to stock local food charities to feed your neighbors in need. **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!**

- 1.) Fill a bag with non-perishable food items.
- 2.) Bring it to church on Sunday February 8 or call the church for pickup.
- 3.) We will pick up the bags sometime before 3:00 pm on Saturday.

## Missions

We were very busy in December with various projects! Thanks to all of you who purchased gifts for the 11 children from Kimmel Farm Elementary that otherwise would not have had a merry Christmas. Your generosity always amazes me. In addition to that we had a great response with monetary donations to provide food for our Christmas Food Boxes. Ten families from Kimmel Farm were given food boxes to help them through the holidays as well as six other families in our community. During our Community Christmas Dinner we received non-perishable food items that went to Crisis Control to help their ministries. Thank you all for the love and care you show to others! It is a blessing to be the hands and feet of Christ whenever we can.

Diane Harmon, Missions Chair



## Church Activities

### Youth Christmas Caroling to Our Shut-ins



L.A. & Jean Topping



Danny & Vickie Cranford



Louanne Whitlow



Wanda Gordon



Joe & Jill Chucci



Steve Starling



Richard Long



Mitch & Marchelle Proctor



Bill & Vivian Pursell



June Carroll



### 132nd Homecoming November 2 with Rev. Kari Howard



Rev. Kari Howard, our Guest with  
Jean Harris and Pastor Mary



Thank you Edgar Miller for another  
great and beautiful Thanksgiving  
display!



Above: Missions delivering Food Boxes to  
Kimmel Farm Elementary School



Above: Dinner put on for the Griffith Fire De-  
partment by our Men's Ministry and  
their helpers.





### A message from Ann Farthing (Children's & Youth Ministry)

November and December were very busy for our youth and children.

We had our usual Messy Church each month and still met after church for Bible Study, other activities, and lunch each Sunday. Sunday School was a new added activity each week also.

The youth went to Burlington for a laser tag experience on Sunday, November 16th. This was way out of my comfort zone, but I enjoyed my time with the youth group. They had a lot of fun. Our bake sale on November 23 was a huge success! Our bake sale on November 21, we raised \$800. Thank you to all who supported this endeavor. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. They were invited to Josh and Diane Lineberry's home on Friday, November 28 for a Friendsgiving Dinner Saturday. November 29, the youth helped with decorating the church for Christmas.

December was very busy for our youth and children. We had our Messy Church/Christmas party on Wednesday, December 3rd. A good time was had by all, and we even had a special visitor (Santa Claus). They also helped to clean the church on Saturday, December 6. The youth and children went to Tanglewood Festival of Lights on Saturday, December 13. Saturday, December 20th, the youth helped with fixing treat bags for the congregation. We then visited around ten homebound members and gave them treat bags and gifts from Women of Grace. What a memorable time for everyone who attended!

January is a time where we are relaxing some. Two of our young men, Carlace White and Jeremiah Ballenger, are attending Chrysalis/Journey the first weekend in January. We hope this will be a wonderful experience for them. We will have Messy Church on January 7th and our regularly scheduled events this month.

February 14, our youth will attend Winterfest in Greensboro.  
**If you would like to provide a meal for our youth on Sundays at noon, please let me or Candice White know.**

Our next planning meeting is January 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Ann Farthing, Chairman

Youth and Children's Committee



Left: Our youth and children outing to Tanglewood Lights on December 13th.

Josh and Diane Lineberry hosted the youth for Friendsgiving on November 28. We are so blessed to be included in the their family!



## December Youth Activities

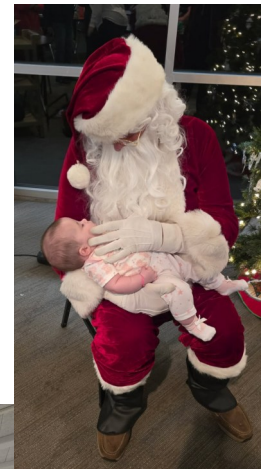


Our Messy Church Christmas Party on December 3 with Santa Claus



Above: Our youth leader, Josh and his family with Santa at Messy Church.

Below: Youth helping Edgar put together Christmas Goodie Bags for the congregation.



Above: Our youngest member of Messy Church without a care in the world right at that moment.



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**1<sup>st</sup> Weds  
5:30pm**

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Where Food, Faith, and  
Fun come together!

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4265 Ebert Road in Winston Salem**

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Join us for in 2026:**

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## ***NEW BEGINNINGS DINNER CHURCH***

**No Dinner Church in January and only 1 in February listed below  
Mt. Carmel Family Life Center**

***BE A FRIEND AND BRING A FRIEND!***

***Shrove  
Wednesday***

**All You Can Eat  
Sausage &  
Pancake Supper**

**February 18, 2026**

**5:30 pm**

**Sponsored by the  
Men's Group**



*Worship Service ~ February 18, 2026*

*6:00 pm Following Dinner Church*

*Family Life Center*