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July & August 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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The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." (Matthew 28:5-7, NIV)

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

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
Mount Carmel Methodist Church.
Web-site: <https://mountcarmelmethodist.org>
LOOK!

Our email address:
office@mountcarmelmethodist.org



From the Pastor's Desk:

"America! God Shed His Grace on Thee!"

This July 4th we will celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. This is a historical occasion! Do you remember where you were during our nation's bicentennial? I sure do. I was just 9 years old and living in Pineville, WV. The day was filled with parades, picnics, costumes, games, and patriotic music. Everyone was dressed in red, white, and blue waving American flags. Some town folk dressed up as George Washington, Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross. Several state representatives gave speeches on the courthouse lawn. Pastors appealed in their prayers for America to continue to be "one nation under God."

When you think about it, there are so many things that could have gone wrong in the past two hundred and fifty years to end this democratic experiment. Yet somehow it prevailed, and our young country has become one of the most powerful nations in the world. All of this is not of our own doing, but because of God's providential hand on us. I humbly believe that in America, God has been merciful and "shed His grace on Thee."

Even in times of rebellion and moral decline, God continues to "shed His grace" and mercy on us. Again this is not something we have done. It is a display of the goodness of God. Both mercy and grace are gifts from God. Grace is receiving God's favor for things we don't deserve. Mercy is not getting the punishment for what we do deserve. God's free gift of grace and mercy gives us true freedom!

Our nation was founded on freedom *of* religion not freedom *from* religion. We are called to live in this freedom through an authentic relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ. Our continued protection and prosperity depend on faithfully living in a covenant with God. We are called to live holy lives so that other nations would see the glory of God and turn also to Him.

God has set our nation a part on purpose for a purpose. **1 Peter 2:9** describes our purpose: **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."** We are, then, to shed the light of God's grace to all nations.

So here we are 250 years into this benevolent act of God. Let's celebrate God's goodness, mercy, and grace on our nation in a big way. **On Sunday, July 5, 2026 at 10:00am, you are invited to attend a special Concert of Prayer and**

July Birthdays		August Birthdays		Prayer Concerns	
2	James Stalnaker	2	Aurora van de Velde	ASSISTED LIVING	Rev. Bill (Ellie) Miller
10	Erin East	5	Tommy McDaniel	Hilda Hege (<i>Heritage Woods, 3812 Forestgate Dr., Winston-Salem 27103</i>)	Larry Essex
11	C.O. Setzer	6	Riley Scott DeNito	Bob & Elizabeth Kuyper (<i>Heritage Woods, 3812 Forestgate Dr., Winston-Salem 27103</i>)	Vivian Pursell
15	Lori Harmon Ross	7	Edgar Miller		Diane Peck
18	Cova Boswell	12	Barry Newberry		Danny Garrett
19	Diane Peck		Bobby Darnell		Amanda Kidd
	Sabrina van de Velde	14	Danny Garrett		Beverly Miller
22	Lynn Harmon	15	June Carroll	HOMEBOUND	DEATHS
30	Alexander Queen	17	Jordan Miller	June Carroll	Richard Space 5-22-26
	John Chucci	20	Don Stewart	Danny & Vickie Cranford	Sylvia Whitt 5-21-26
31	Scott Kimel	21	Monica Stewart	Wanda Gordon	James Wheeler 4-19-26
		22	Grey Farthing	Larry Essex	OTHER
		26	Diane Harmon	Don Linebach	• Mt. Carmel—witness, ministries, finances, joy!
		28	Caleb White	Richard Long	• Students & Teachers
			Marty Clinard	Tammy Moore	• USA to follow God
				L.A. & Jean Topping	• Ukraine & Russia (war)
				Lou Ann Whitlow	• Israel & Gaza (war)
				Rev. Jim & Jessie Stalnaker	• Persecuted World Church
					• Forsyth Co. Prison Ministry
					• N. Lexington Food Bank
					• Earthquake in Venezuela
					• Project Agape in Armenia
					• Recent Floods in Kentucky
					• Our College Students
					• Homeless esp. children
					• NC Foster Care Programs
					• Mobile Vacation Bible School plans
					• Baptism Renewal Sunday

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

General Fund

In Memory of Frank Perry, Sr.

by: Christian Service Class

In Memory of Joe Chucci

by: Christian Service Class

In Memory of Don Golding

by: Mrs. Julia Golding

Evangelism Fund

A gift for distributing Bibles

by: Rev. Rod Randolph

Building Fund

In Memory of Joe Chucci

by: J.C. & Glenda Wilson

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of Richard Grey Spach by: Mike & Mitzi Carter

Worship/Trustees Fund (Defibrillators & First Aid Kits) by: Anonymous

Notes of Thanks

Dear Mt. Carmel Family,

Thank you so much for the support I received from you when John died. The cards, letters, visits and prayers brought me through a very difficult time. I hope to be back in the neighborhood soon. I'll see you then!

Love in Christ, Carne Bigelow Morgan

Dear Mt. Carmel Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for the generous scholarship you gave to me last May. I had planned on applying it to seminary last Fall but it was not the right time for me to go. I prayed and then applied to Truett Seminary at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. I was accepted this May. I am happy to report that your gift of \$1000 was matched by the seminary to become \$2000! God is good! I am so grateful for your support. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin my Masters of Divinity classes in August. With much gratitude, Christian A. Miller



Crisis Control Items Needed for July & August

Crisis Control is in need of shelf stable foods. Here are suggestions for **July: Salad Dressings, BBQ Sauces, and Hot Sauces**

August: Paper towels & Toilet paper

If you would like to donate this item, please bring it to church and put it in the designated box outside the church office.

CHILDREN

Baby Ophelia Timmons

Baby Noah Tripp

SURGERY/RECOVERY

Brenda Walburn

Kristy Spetz Kenney

Ron Adams

ILLNESS/INJURY

Bobbie Darnell (Doris)

Rev. Lee & Evelyn Ellis

Jason Gentry

Rev. Bob Kuyper



T-Shirt & Hoodie Sale!!!

Our youth group designed these t-shirts which display "Walk by Faith" on the front and "Faith in Motion" on the back. They are available for purchase to the congregation. See Pastor Josh to order one.

T-shirt (short sleeve) = **\$15**

T-shirt (long sleeve) = **\$18**

Hoodie (sweatshirt) = **\$25**

You can now purchase T-shirts and Hoodies and pay on our Giving page. Be sure to choose "Youth Fund" in the menu. You can use the QR code below.

THANK YOU for your generous gifts and donations! You can now give on-line through Vanco by scanning this QR code or visiting our secure website! You can use this APP on your smartphone, too!



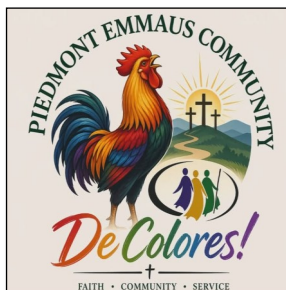
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and Patriotic music in the Sanctuary. We will sing some inspiring hymns, take time to thank Jesus Christ for the gift of true freedom, and pray for our nation to put our faith in God. Living as a holy people and praying for national renewal are central to sustaining God's mercy and grace.

Following the service on July 5th, we will have a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs in the Family Life Center. Those who have served in the military or are serving on the front lines as first responders will be our special guests. During the meal, you will have an opportunity to share memories of which historical events in America have impacted your life and faith the most through the years. ***You are invited to write down scriptures, prayers, bring copies of news headlines, or photos which we will be placing in a time capsule and planting it on the church grounds for the next 50 years.***

We hope everyone will make it a special priority to attend the celebration on July 5th. Take a moment now to invite your family, friends, and neighbors. You are even welcome to dress up as one of our historical figures. Our nation's "semi-quincentennial" should be a big deal. It only comes around once in a lifetime! Let's celebrate, give thanks, and rededicate our nation, and ourselves back to serving the Lord God.

In Christ Alone, Pastor Mary Miller



Renew Your Faith on Emmaus!

The Emmaus Walk is a 72 hour spiritual retreat developed by the Upper Room devotional guide. It has been around for nearly 50 years as a resource to deepen your walk Christ and service in the local church. We have an Emmaus Reunion group that meets at 12pm at Mt. Carmel on the 4th Sundays of each month.

The next set of Men's and Women's Emmaus Walks will be held on **September 10-13 (Men) and September 17-20 (Women)** at Camp Maranatha in High Point, NC. The weekend retreat begins on Thursday at 7pm and ends on Sunday at 7pm. Registration is \$100 and includes room and board for the weekend. Scholarships are available. Please contact Edgar Miller or Pastor Mary Miller if you would like to go.

GOSPEL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, AUG. 29 (5pm) HOSTED BY PINE GROVE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



You are invited to attend Pine Grove Global Methodist Church's first outdoor Gospel Bluegrass Music Festival held at Dewberry Farm in Kernersville. The event is free but tickets are required. If you would like to go, please contact Pastor Mary. We have been given 10 tickets.

JULY & AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES:

Sundays at 10:00am in person & Facebook Live

8:45am = Adult Sunday School; 9:30am = Kids Church & Nursery;
11:30 am = Youth Bible Study & Young Adult Fellowship



JULY WORSHIP SERIES: IN GOD DO WE TRUST

- **JULY 5 = 6th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST/CONCERT OF PRAYER & PATRIOTIC MUSIC FOR OUR NATION / 2** Chronicles 7:14/Pastor Mary Miller/Prayer Team/Choir
- **JULY 12 = 7th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST (HOLY COMMUNION)/Titus 3:1-8/"God Shed His Grace On Thee"** Pastor Mary Miller/Choir
- **JULY 19 = 8th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST/1** Chronicles 16:8-24/"His Truth Is Marching On!" Pastor Mary Miller/Praise Team
- **JULY 26 = BAPTISM & COVENANT RENEWAL SUNDAY/** Genesis 12:1-8/"God Bless America!" Pastor Mary Miller/Choir



AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES:

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

- **AUGUST 2 = HOLY COMMUNION/WOMEN OF GRACE SUNDAY/** Genesis 17:1-8/"God's Covenant From Generation to Generation" Pastor Mary Miller/Choir
 - **AUGUST 9 = 11th Sunday of Pentecost/Deuteronomy 7:1-22/"Teaching God's Word to Every Generation"/** Pastor Mary Miller
 - **AUGUST 16 = YOUTH SUNDAY/Pastor Josh Lineberry/** Praise Team
 - **AUGUST 23 = 13th Sunday of Pentecost/Psalm 79:5-13/"Worship From Generation" Pastor Mary Miller/Choir**
 - **AUGUST 30 = 5th SUNDAY MISSIONS OFFERING/Numbers 6:22-27/"Blessing From Generation to Generation" Pastor Mary Miller/Praise Team /3:00pm = Soaking Prayer Service**
- SAVE THE DATE: HOMECOMING NOV. 1st (Rev. Andy Lambert!)**

TRANSFERRED TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



Richard Grey "Sparky" Spach
January 28, 1940 ~
May 22, 2026

Richard Grey "Sparky" Spach, 86, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2026, and he is now reunited with his beloved wife, Bonnie, whose loss he felt profoundly throughout his remaining years. Richard was born on January 28, 1940, and was the son of Fred David Spach and Margaret Snyder Spach.

Richard "Pop" was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He carried himself with a smooth confidence, was dependable to his core, and never failed to keep his word. Helping others came naturally to him, and he did it without ever needing to be asked twice.

In his early years, he sold cars, and his smooth skills and easy charm quickly set him apart. He later went on to build and operate his own trucking company, Richard Spach Trucking, proudly running his BIG dump trucks and investing his whole heart into the work he loved.

Richard loved anything that brought a spark to life. Playing the drums was something he embraced in his early years, performing across the country and meeting many well-known singers- a chapter that perfectly matched his charm and spirited personality. His passion for fast cars remained, and he enjoyed keeping a sharp, well-manicured yard, taking pride in those straight mowing lines and satisfaction of a job well done.

He had a fondness for anything sweet- especially apple pie. Richard had a natural gift for humor- always picking jokes, lightening the mood, and bringing smiles to those around him.

In addition to his parents, Richard is preceded in death by his sisters, Betty Marie Spach and Peggy Spach Sidden (George). He is survived by his loving son, Justin Spach; stepdaughter, Christy Cottrell; grandchildren, Christian Cottrell, Brodie Spach, and Sierrah Spach; brother, Mick Spach, and wife Myra of Collierville, TN; and numerous other extended family members and friends.

Richard was a member of Mount Carmel Methodist Church. He joined and was baptized at Mount Carmel on April 1, 1951. A graveside service was held 10:30AM Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Mount Carmel Methodist Church Cemetery & officiated by Edgar Miller.



Sylvia Hill Whitt
April 13, 1937 ~
May 21, 2026

Sylvia Hill Whitt, passed away peacefully on May 21st, 2026, at the age of 89. Born and raised in Winston-Salem, Sylvia married her high school sweetheart, Harold Robert Whitt, and celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary this past December — a beautiful testament to a lifetime of love, devotion, and partnership.

While living in Winston-Salem, Sylvia was actively involved at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the United Methodist Women, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and formed cherished friendships. She also shared her love of music by teaching piano lessons and spent many years mentoring young people through the local 4-H program. She was part of the family that put together the Raymond & Edith Scholarship Fund.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Harold, and her daughters, Christi Slayton (Randy) and Tracey McKee (Chris), as well as her granddaughters, Addison and Meredith McKee. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Sue Hill, Drama Whitt, and Jean Whitt, nieces Mandy Burnette, Suzanne Brant, and Holly Nguyen (Wayne), and nephew Kelly Hill (Deette). She leaves behind several great nieces and nephews. Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Edith Hill, brother, Wayne, and brothers-in-law, Jerry Whitt and Ronnie Whitt.

A drop-in reception to celebrate Sylvia's life will be held on Saturday, June 27th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at The Venues, 554 Langtree Road, Mooresville, NC.



James William Wheeler
December 26, 1945 ~
April 19, 2026

James William Wheeler, 80, of Winston-Salem, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Forsyth Medical Center. Mr. Wheeler was born December 26, 1945, in Forsyth County, to G.W. "Jack" and Anna Williamson Wheeler. James proudly served his country in the United States Navy and later retired from RJR Packaging as a Quality Systems Auditor. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, and golf. James also enjoyed raising and showing chickens and won many awards for it.

In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his daughter, Jamie Wheeler; and his siblings. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 56 years, Beverly Ann Snyder Wheeler; one daughter, Tammy Turner (Kevin); two grandchildren, Courtney Keaton (Justin), and Savannah Slade; and two great-grandchildren, Wyatt Keaton and Adelaide Keaton.

A graveside service was held on Friday, May 1, 2026, at Parklawn Memorial Park with Rev. Dr. Chris Fitzgerald officiating.

We will meet on
Sept. 6 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



JULY CALENDAR:

Sundays at 8:45am = Adult Sunday School
9:30am = Nursery & Kids Church; 10am = Worship;
11:30am = Youth Bible Study/Young Adults

July 1 = 5:30 pm = Family Fun Night (FLC)
July 2 = 4:00 pm = Choir Rehearsal (S)
July 3 = 6:00pm-9:00pm = Friday Night Jamboree (Trinity GMC in W-Salem)
July 5 = 10:00 am = July 5th = Special Concert of Prayer & Patriotic Celebration followed by an Indoor Cookout in the Family Life Center
July 8 = 10:30 am = Prayer & Bible Study (P)
July 11 = Time: TBD = Youth Work Day (Mt. Carmel Kitchen)
July 12 = 10:00 am = Worship Holy Communion/ 2pm = Communion Team
July 15 = 10:30 am = Prayer & Bible Study (P)
July 16 = 3:00 pm = Praise Band Rehearsal (S)
July 17 = 10:00 am—5:00 pm = Sewing Day
July 19 = 10:00am = Worship
July 20 = 9:30 am = North Lake HOA (FLC)
July 22 = 10:30 am = Prayer & Bible Study (P); 1:00pm = Church Council
July 22 = 5:30 pm = Dinner Church = Menu: Make-Your-Own Subs
July 24 = 6:00pm = Mobile VBS (Children & Youth Ministry Team)
July 28 = 10:00 am = Worship Baptism & Covenant Renewal Sunday



NC Global Methodist Conference Report
Lynn Harmon, Lay Delegate
June 17-20, 2026

Thank you to our congregation for allowing me to be your delegate this year. Conference theme was **"SENT"** YOU HAVE BEEN SENT! We are SENT by Jesus, we are equipped to be SENT again. How does this speak to you and me? When we become believers and receive Jesus to live in us we are Commissioned, **Matthew 28: 19-20:**

"Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the ages."

Now think about the Great Commission, all the nations, this includes your friends and neighbors. Yes, here and everywhere the Lord calls you to go and tell. Your loving actions can and are an extension of your life with Christ, not just words, supporting your church and the outreach of your church!

At the conference we took up special offerings for "He Cares" and feeding ministry in Thomasville, NC and that was over \$8,000. And for "Global Partnerships" that offering was over \$9,000. Report on last year, the Bibles you and others gave and money given for Bibles was well received! They now have more Bibles in their native language and in English than the congregations need. Now Pastors are able to give out Bibles to anyone who wants to know more about our Lord and Savior. This just shows the power of 400+ NC. churches getting together to spread the word about the effect we have locally and around the world.

The Global Methodist Church became a world wide denomination in May of 2022 and when Mt Carmel joined the denomination there were over 4,000 churches strong and as of this Conference the numbers are over 7,000. And it looks by the end of the year there will be 8,000 around the world with New Churches starting here at home, and around the world where conferences from another denominations have decided to get back to the inspired word of God. Some of you may want to read about the updates of the denomination and direction and there will be a 2026 Annual Conference work book in the office.

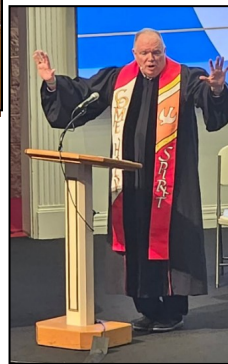
I could go on about the evening worship services but you can pull all that up on **Youtube**. (www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw2XbY9oo14&t=1s) To put this well, one of our Pastors in the 90's would have said if this doesn't light your fire your wood is wet. Please take time daily to pray for our church, pastors, and the conference. We need your time, talent and financial support to reach the unsaved.

-Your Brother in Christ Jesus, Lynn Harmon, Lay Leader and
Delegate to the 2026 annual conference of the GM Church.

AUGUST CALENDAR:

Sundays at 8:45am = Adult Sunday School
9:30am = Nursery & Kids Church; 10am = Worship; 11:30am =
Youth Bible Study/Young Adults

Aug. 2 = 10:00 am = Holy Communion/2pm = Communion Team
Aug. 2 = 1:00pm-5:00 pm = Family Life Center in Use!
Aug. 4 = 6:00pm = Children & Youth Ministry Team Meeting (DR)
Aug. 5 = 5:30 pm = Family Fun Night (FLC)
Aug. 5 = 10:30 am = Prayer & Bible Study (P)
Aug. 6 = 4:00 pm = Choir Rehearsal (S)
Aug. 7 = 6:00pm-9:00pm = Friday Night Jamboree (Trinity GMC)
Aug. 7 – 9 = Surge Youth Retreat (Oak Island, NC)
Aug. 9 = 10:00am = Worship
Aug. 13 = 3:00 pm = Praise Band Rehearsal (S)
Aug. 16 = 10:00am = Worship (Pastor Josh Lineberry & Youth)
Aug. 17 = 9:30 am = North Lake HOA (FLC)
Aug. 12 = 10:30 am = Prayer & Bible Study (P)
Aug. 19 = 10:30 am = Prayer & Bible Study (P)
Aug. 23 = 10:00am = Worship/11:30am = Youth; 12pm = Emmaus
Aug. 26 = 10:30 am=Prayer/Bible Study (P); 1:00 pm = Worship Mtg.
Aug. 29 = 5:00pm = Gospel Bluegrass Festival (Pine Grove GMC)
Aug. 30 = 10:00am = Worship; 3:00pm = Soaking Prayer Service (S)



From Bishop Jeff Greenway

Greetings from the NC GMC Conference! Beth and I just returned from spending most of the week at the North Carolina Annual Conference—where we saw the Spirit fall in many ways. It was what I always dreamed a conference could be—more revival than "convention." God is so good and faithful!

We were inspired by incredible worship—Friday night was like being at a

Gaither Homecoming. We heard great preaching from Bishop Carolyn Moore and Tom Mabry.

We witnessed the Christlike leadership of CS David Banks and honored him for his service as he transitions to Senior Status.

- We affirmed the servant leadership of Associate CS Kari Howard and celebrated her appointment to be the CS effective July 1.
- We witnessed the depth of confidence in conference leadership as we cared for the necessary business with an amazing spirit of unity.
- We were helped by several equipping sessions and celebrated global mission partnerships with Uganda and West Congo.
- We ordained 14 persons—they will remember the day they were ordained. We witnessed several persons respond to the call to ministry at the close of the ordination service—including a seven year old boy!

I'm profoundly grateful to have served as the bishop of the North Carolina Conference these last two years. God has given me a deep love for these people. When I see what God is doing in and through their churches and ministries, it makes all the slings and arrows of the last ten years more than worth it.

This was my last conference as an active Bishop as I am retiring. It will be someone else's privilege to be their bishop next year. I can't wait to tell them just how blessed they will be!

-Bishop Jeff Greenway (NC GMC Episcopal Leader)

Mount Carmel Activities



★ First Wednesday Night of the Month:
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
 ★ Food • Fellowship • Worship • Crafts
5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Transportation Provided
 ☎ (336) 788-1013 or (336) 788-4183



Thank you so much for allowing our program to use your church space. Your generosity and support means a lot to our students, families, and safe. Having a welcoming place to gather has made a positive difference in

our program. Thank you again & we would love to come back again next year. ~Bryce Sherman, Sheman Academy Director

Salem Band July 4th Concert



STARS & STRIPES
July 4, Saturday at 7:30 pm, Salem Square—Old Salem, Winston-Salem, FREE

Join Salem Band for an All-American band concert in the town Square, the Triad's ORIGINAL *Stars & Stripes* performance honoring veterans in our community with marches, big bands, sing-alongs, *Armed Forces Salute*, and of course, *Star & Stripes Forever!* Arrive at 6:45 pm to enjoy pre-concert jazz by The Luke Childress Quartet. This event is generously supported by a grant from The Winston-Salem Foundation. FREE in Salem Square, Old Salem, Winston-Salem. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a picnic. Our own Greg Glass plays trumpet in this band!

Rain-date = Sunday, July 05.



Left: The Disciple Class was invited to spend the day at Harold & Linda Miller's daughter's pool on Friday, June 12. It was a great day and thank you Linda and Harold for inviting us!

Mission Team Update:



Thanks to all of you who have helped support the various missions of our church. We are very grateful! Our next big mission is collecting funds for the school supplies we provide to Kimmel Farm Elementary. As most of you know, it is a Title 1 school and a lot of students come to school without their needed supplies. We try to fill that

need as best we can. We have been in contact with them about any new items they may need and were told that they need headset for the children. We have purchased some already but will need more funds for various items on their list. We will deliver the items to the school prior to the day the students return to class on August 10. If you would to donate to this worthy cause, please note on the memo line on your check "school supplies" so it will go to the appropriate place.

On Sunday, June 28 we also hosted a missionary from Armenia, Nara Melkoynan, in our worship service. She shared about the Christians who are being persecuted, imprisoned, and displaced in one of the oldest Christian nations in the world. We took up a love offering at the end of the service. Thank you for giving a generous gift \$745 to support Project Agape that will help thousands of Armenians receive food and shelter. If you would like to be an ongoing partner for Project Agape, please visit their website at: www.projectagape-armenia.org.

Thank you for all you are doing to build up Christ's kingdom!

~Diane Harmon, Missions Team Chair

New Beginnings

Dinner Church Schedule



Our next Dinner Church will be held **on Wednesday, July 22 at 5:30 in the Family Life Center**. Our menu: "Make-Your-Own Sub with Potato Salad and Dessert.

August: There will be NO Dinner Church in August! We look forward to seeing everyone in September!

tithes and offerings

Church Budget for May & June: (Our weekly budget is \$4,904)

Our weekly budget is \$4,904.00

5/3/26	\$	11,230.36
5/10/26	\$	4,190.00
5/17/26	\$	3,817.00
5/24/26	\$	2,863.00
5/31/26	\$	4,194.00
May on-line giving	\$	625.80 (Tithes & Offerings)
	\$	26,920.16

6/7/26	\$	5,651.00
6/14/26	\$	2,775.00
6/21/26	\$	2,288.00
6/28/26	\$	1,554.00
June online giving	\$	915.80 (Tithes & Offerings)
Total	\$	13,183.80

As of 6/30/26 our budget is \$117,962 and our YTD offerings are \$95,541. We are currently behind our YTD budget vs. YTD offerings by \$22,421. As of 6/30/25 vs. the same period this year we were \$41,931 behind YTD budget vs YTD offerings. Our actual expenses to date are \$125,914 and our income to date is \$95,541 for a difference of \$30,373. All bills to date have been paid. If you are away, you can now give on our secure website at <https://mountcarmelmethoist.org/giving>.

We would ask that all future donations be directed to the General Fund. We could use it! Or you can designate your gift to other current funds that you see on the back of the bulletin or on our website giving page (Missions, Youth, Building, or the Love Fund). If you would like to make a designated gift to an area ministry not listed there, or want to include Mt. Carmel in your estate planning, please contact me or Peggy Simmons and we can help direct you.

Thank you for your faithful support of our church ministries. Your faithful gifts have a kingdom impact. If you have any questions, let me know.

A Note from Peggy Simmons/Finance Secretary

I just wanted to let you all know (in case you were not aware) that since our Finance Secretary (Linda Mabe) retired last year, I (Peggy Simmons) have stepped into that role. I plan to continue to serve as your Financial Secretary as it is a way I feel I can use my gifts to serve Christ.

Anytime you have change there is bound to be a few hiccups here and there, but please know that should you encounter a problem/concern with your statements or whatever I can help you with, all you have to do is call me (336) 413-6297 and I will do what I can to correct the situation. It is our goal to send out memorials and honorariums in a timely manner. However sometimes this does not always coincide with the time of the printing of our next newsletter. If you do not see your memorial/honorarium gift listed in the next newsletter, please let us know and we will get it corrected. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

With faith and gratitude,

Peggy Simmons/Finance Chair & Secretary

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 above is just one of the missions that they work on. They provided lunch of baked potato and salad to the teachers and staff at Kimmel Farm Elementary School. All women of the church are invited to be a part of this amazing group. Our next meetings are on which all ladies are invited to attend:

- **July 17 - 10:00 am = Sewing Day!** Mark your calendar! We will have another sewing day on Friday, July 17 at 10:00 am in the Family Life Center to work on dresses, shorts and bibs. You don't have to sew to help. We need folks who can iron, cut, sew on buttons, run elastic through—we will find something for you to do! We will meet at 10, and lunch will be provided. Let me know if you have questions, or if you think you can come help! ~ Laurie Brown
- **August 2 = 10:00 am = Dedication of Nap Blankets in Worship**
- **October 3 = Craft Day!** Please mark your calendar and help however you can!

In the meantime, continue to make lap-size prayer blankets for Mountain Valley Hospice & Palliative Care as well as members of Mt. Carmel. Continue to make blankets for the pre-kindergarten class of Kimmel Farm Elementary School. Continue to make pillowcase dresses and shorts to be sent overseas. Hope to see you at our upcoming meetings!

A thank you note was received from the Ronald McDonald House.

"Sometimes the best medicine is having family nearby. Your support means we can offer comfort and care to families when they need it most. Women of Grace donated: activity books, snacks, toiletries, and tissues. Thank you for the wonderful books and all the much needed items!"

- Brenda Walburn (Chair)

Golden Graces Senior Adult Ministry



Left: On June 11, Golden Graces went to the Wohlfahrt Haus in Wytheville, VA for a wonderful lunch and performance of the Gospel Jubilee. We stopped by the Southwest Virginia Farmers Market where we were able to purchase a variety of different items. A special thank you to

Pastor May for driving us!

Our next adventure will be to Glendale Springs to see "The Last Supper" fresco by internationally renowned artist, Benjamin F. Long IV. The fresco was painted in 19880 and is located inside the historic Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. We will have a country style lunch at the famous Dan'l Boone Inn in Boone. If you are interested in going, please contact Diane Harmon or Anne Sink. In December, we will be going to the Billy Graham Museum and the Sullenberger Aviation Museum in Charlotte. More details to come! You do not have to be a member of the Golden Graces to participate in these trips; all are welcome. Please join us!

~Diane Harmon & Anne Sink, Senior Adult Ministries

Worship Time Change Survey: Due August 9, 2026



The Worship Team has been meeting to prayerfully discern how we might grow our worship attendance on Sundays. **One area that has been identified is to consider changing the Sunday morning worship time.** You might remember that before the COVID pandemic, we hosted two worship services – an early service at 8:30am and a later service at 11:00am. At that time, we were averaging about 20-30 in the early service and around 80-90 in the later service. After 2020, the Worship Team decided to combine both services and settled on a 10:00am worship hour. The attendance has declined to around 65-70 persons in worship due to the mandatory shut-down, many of our aging congregations have passed away or became homebound. The hope was to increase in person attendance. We chose the 10:00am time to “meet in the middle” and accommodate those who like to go to an earlier service and

those who prefer having a later service. The Adult Sunday School attendance had also changed during COVID. Before 2020 we had four adult classes that met at 9:30am with around 60-70 in attendance. We now have two adult classes meeting at 8:45am with around 20-30 persons attending Sunday School.

The Worship Team would like to get your feedback on how we might increase Sunday School and Worship attendance. We would like to hear from every member even if you are not actively attending in person. Your comments are very important to us. **Please take a moment to fill out this survey and return it to Joanne Spetz in the church office by August 9, 2026.** Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey.

____ I would like to keep the Adult Sunday School at 8:45am and Worship at 10am

**Note: We are currently serving our children with a Nursery and Kids Church from 9:30am-11:15am and our Youth (6th-12th grades) at 11:15am-12:30pm.*

____ I prefer changing Adult Sunday School to 9:30am and Worship at 11am

**Note: This may impact moving our Nursery, Kids Church and Youth Class time.*

____ **I would like to see us return to Worship at 8:30am and 11:00am and Sunday School at 9:30am. *Please circle the worship time above you would most likely attend.*

____ Alternative suggestions for Sunday School and Worship Times:

____ Other ideas for improving the worship experience in person and on-line:

____ Would you like to serve on the Worship Team this coming year?

Name: _____ Date: _____



Left: Pastor Josh Lineberry is honored on Father's Day for his ministry to our children and youth. Right: Praise God for so many spiritual fathers singing "Stand Up for Jesus" in the choir on Father's Day! Pictured below: Left: Lynn & Diane Harmon, Sandy Waldron, Nara Mekloynan (Armenian Missionary), Pastor Mary & Judy Newberry. Right: Scenes from NC Global Methodist Conference.





REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR JOSH

There is a song from the 90's that has been in my heart here lately with the lyrics:

*"It's bittersweet, more sweet than bitter, bitter than sweet,
It's a bittersweet surrender"*

Such is life, and even more so with the teenagers who have graduated high school and are going off to the next chapter of their lives. Some to the work force and some to a higher education. It truly is bittersweet and is a bittersweet surrender as we surrender the youth to the calling of the Lord in their lives. His plan for them far outweighs any dreams or goals we have of them.

This must be what Hannah felt like in 1st Samuel 1 when she prayed for a child. God blessed her with Samuel and Hannah followed her vow to God. After Samuel was weaned, she surrendered Samuel to the Lord and to the temple to be raised and mentored by Eli. It must have been bittersweet for her, but she understood God had a plan for Samuel, and He did! I cannot wait to see in the coming years how God uses this group of young adults for His Kingdom.

We also now turn our attention to the rest of the gang. From Lilly to Caleb and everyone in between, our job is not yet done. Pray for us as we continue to lift up those that God has blessed us with. Even those we do not yet know about! Our plans for a trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky have changed due to everyone's schedule. The Good News is have 12 signed up to attend the Surge Youth Retreat at Oak Island in August with Evangelist Andy Lambert. We also are planning to do 1-2 Mobile Vacation Bible Schools in nearby parks.

Continue to pray for me! Doctoral stuff is no joke. I am learning a lot, but to say it is easy would be a lie, both mentally and financially!

Upcoming Dates

Tues. June 30: Youth & Children's Ministry Mtg. (D)

Wed. July 1: Family Fun Night (FLC)

Sat. July 11: Youth Work Day: (Deep cleaning the church kitchen)

Fri. July 17 or 24: Mobile Vacation Bible School

August 7—9: Surge Youth Retreat (Oak Island, NC)

September 11-12: Youth Faith Fest (North Wilkesboro, NC)



The children and youth and their parents enjoyed a fun day at Carowinds on June 13, 2026. Thank you Mt. Carmel Global Methodist Church and our Children & Youth Ministries Team for making it possible! Top right: Youth washing the bus after Carowinds.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



We held a Graduation and Scholarship Sunday on May 17, 2026. Please pray for those who are headed off to College this Fall! *Left to right:* Nia Dunson, Erin East, Ty Owen and Carlace White. Nia, Erin and Ty all graduated from West Forsyth High. Carlace graduated from Parkland High School.

- Nia Dunson is the daughter of David Dunson & Janette Stovall. Nia will be attending Spelman College and majoring in biology.
- Erin East is the daughter of Ashley Starling & Brad East. She will be attending the University of North Carolina Greensboro and majoring in nursing. She was a recipient of our Raymond & Edith Hill Scholarship.
- Ty Owen is the son of Josh Owen & Caire Potts. Ty will be attending Guilford Technical Community College and majoring to be an electrician.
- Carlace White is the son of Carl and Candice White. Carlace will be attending North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and majoring in Professional Theater. He was a recipient of our Bruce Elledge Scholarship.

Additional graduates (family members of our members)

- Mackenzie Kimball is the daughter of Mike & Tina Kimball and granddaughter to J.C. & Glenda Wilson. Mackenzie graduated from the University of North Carolina Charlotte—Summa Cum Laude with a B.A. Degree in Political Science.
- Laiken Essex is the granddaughter of Larry Essex and niece of David Williard. She graduated from Forsyth Community College.



In addition Scholarships were rewarded. Bruce Elledge Scholarship: Savannah Harmon and Cova Boswell.

Raymond & Edith Hill College Scholarship: Cova Boswell and Erin East.

The Bruce Elledge Scholarship Fund was started in 2005 by the Mount Carmel United Methodist Men's Club in honor of Mr. Elledge. Mr. Elledge was an active member of Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church where he served as a board member and was the founding president of the Mount Carmel United Methodist Men's Club. He was a veteran of World War II where he served with the U.S. Navy. On April 1, 1947, Bruce lost both his legs working on the Railroad. Bruce's mother and sisters were all active members of Mount Carmel. His sisters Jewel Cook, Martha Myrick (deceased), and Carol Koontz were all married at Mount Carmel. His wife Ruth, of 41 years, and Bruce are buried in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Bruce passed away on August 18, 2004.

The Hill College Scholarship Fund was begun in 1998 to honor Raymond and Edith Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were active members. Mrs. Edith Hill played the piano for the church until the first organ was given to Mount Carmel. Mrs. Hill took organ lessons and was our first organist. Mr. Hill was a choir member and sang with the Mount Carmel Men's Chorus which traveled all over singing for the Lord. Both Raymond and Edith held major roles in our church as Sunday School Teachers as well as other offices.



Left: Family Fun Night held on June 3 at Mt. Carmel. The new youth minister Mike Dunam from Trinity was in attendance with his children and along with Pastor Doug Miller of Trinity Global Methodist Church.

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