



Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14;

Luke 2: 1-14, 15-20

**Advent** is concluded, but the Liturgical Calendar continues with the Christmas season, lasting 12 days. The song “The 12 Days of Christmas,” is inspired by this season. It begins, “On the first of day of Christmas, my true love gave to me a partridge in a pear tree.” Some traditions give simple gifts on each of the 12 days until, January 6<sup>th</sup>, when we commemorate the **Epiphany**, the visiting of the three Kings or Wise Men from the east to announce that God’s gift of salvation is also for the gentiles. **Epiphany**, ends Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 when Lent begins.

What can we do to continue our spiritual journey until Lent? I suggest that for 12 days we find simple ways (especially a kind word) to touch someone’s life. *Second*, since Epiphany means an appearance or manifestation of a divine being, let us pray for a greater sensitivity to the movement of God in our lives. Ask God to surprise us! *Third*, read the daily scriptural readings listed on <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>. Read them knowing you join millions of Christians reading the same texts, at the same time, all over the world, to a God who is able to respond to your deepest desires and every need at the same time!

*Until Lent... Rev. Julia*

# Sunday, December 29, 2019



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*Remember our sick in your prayers with cards and visits.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **January 17, 2020**, Mt. Carmel Baptist Church will be hosting the **Heart and Soul Community Dinner** for the families of John Barry Elementary School. This dinner will take place every **3rd Friday** and all helping hands are needed. If you are interested in serving, please attend an information meeting on **Sunday, January 5, 2020** directly following morning worship. It will be held in the DW Hoggard Fellowship Hall. Please contact Minister Anastasia Austin if you have any questions.



### 2019 Gifts, Tithes and Offerings

All envelopes/cash/checks for gifts, tithes and offerings received after the Watchnight Service on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 will be applied to gift, tithes and offerings in 2020. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!



### REMINDERS

**Watch Night, December 31, 2019**

Baptism, 6:30pm Service, 7:00pm

Church Office will close at 3:00pm

**Church Closed—New Year's Day Holiday**

Wednesday-Thursday, January 1-2, 2019



The Audio/Visual Ministry have REVIVAL CDs and DVDs on *Sale*. If you purchase the entire set, it is \$40.00 for 5 DVDs and \$20.00 for 5 CDs. Individual CDs are \$5.00; DVDs are \$10.00. Please make your purchases in front of the Tape Room before and after Sunday morning services. If you just want the sermon, you can download it from our website for \$3.00.



The **MOUNT CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY** extends an invitation to attend Part 4 of Spiritual Formation, **Saturday January 18, 2020 from 9AM—11AM** in the Church Sanctuary. In this session we will study and experience traditional spiritual practices and explore broadening their meaning with the intent of deepening our relationships with God and finding greater meaning in our lives. Rev. Julia Bruton-Sheppard, Facilitator



The Deaconess Ministry invites you to attend their Third Annual "**Amazing Gospel Brunch**" on Saturday, March 21, 2020, at 10 am, in the D. W. Hoggard Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy Great Gospel Music, Good Food and Glorious Fellowship. Tickets are \$25.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Trustee Trip to Sight and Sound Theatre

There is still time to purchase tickets to see Queen Esther on Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Depart 8:00am, Return 7:00pm. Deposit of \$35.00 per person (No Refunds). Tickets will be available in the Tape Room until Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 or until Sold Out. FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY January 19, 2020. Cost: \$135.00 per person.



## Youth Commission 2020 Standardized Test Prep Program

Test prep classes for students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>. SAT, ACT and PSSA classes available. Limited Seating. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays beginning January 11, 2020 - March 28, 2020. Eventbrite Registration: <https://mcbc2020testprep.eventbrite.com>. Please email: [mcbcyouthcomission@gmail.com](mailto:mcbcyouthcomission@gmail.com) with questions. Youth Commission, Deaconess Stephanie Johnson, Chair



The Women's Ministry is pleased to announce our **2020 Women's Retreat** will be **May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup>** at Eden Resort and Suites. **Registration has begun.** All women of Mount Carmel and other churches are welcome to attend our Retreat. If you have never attended, you are in for a spiritual fun filled time. Registration non-refundable fee \$50.00. Come join us.



## **\*\*Attention Couples\*\***

### Mount Carmel Baptist Church Marriage Retreat

Sponsored by the Counseling Ministry

**August 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

Our retreat will be held at the newly renovated Desmond Malvern Hotel by Hilton. The cost for the weekend is only \$500 per couple. We will be collecting a **\$50 deposit** following service. Please make checks payable to Mount Carmel, memo line, Marriage Retreat. Please see either Joyce Woodson or Pam Lovell.



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<http://www.mtcarmel-bc.org/giving/>"



"The Mount Carmel Baptist Church **"Dial-A-Prayer"** line has been updated and is **LIVE!** Call in for a new moment of prayer each week at 215-474-5959!!!

## Happening here at Mount Carmel this week:

<b>TUESDAY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup></b>	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	6:30PM	SANCTUARY
<b>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY	CHURCH	CLOSED
<b>THURSDAY JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY	CHURCH	CLOSED
<b>FRIDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup></b>	HAND CHIMES	9:45AM	MPR
<b>SATURDAY JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup></b>	PLASTIC BAG PROJECT YOUTH ORCHESTRA	10:00AM 10:30AM	5800 RACE STREET ROOM 9