

# CARNESVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE CHURCH WITH A HEART IN THE HEART OF CARNESVILLE



Pastor: Terry DeLand • September 2009

## MARK YOUR CALENDER

### AUGUST

- 26 - Meeting for All Interested Persons  
*We will be discussing new directions and programs for our Church.*
- 27 - Preacher will be meeting with Mike Selleck of the Council on Ministries office of the North Ga. Conf. to talk about a program for our church called 1448.
- 30 - 5th Sunday fellowship at Vanna  
*Featuring the Rays gospel group*

### SEPTEMBER

- 12 - Carnesville Fall Festival. *Possible Bake sale.*
- 9 - Choir Practice resumes at 6:00 PM
- 15 - Staff-Parish reports *due into the district office*
- 15 - NEW!!! Fun-Filled Tuesdays Program  
*Begin @ 6:00 PM*

### OCTOBER

- 3 - Blessing of the animals *at the church (outdoors)*
- 3 - Royston Fall Festival
- 10 - Fun Day at Vanna, 3:00 P.M.
- 27 - 10 A.M., clergy meeting at Chapelwood U.M.C. in Athens

## “NEW OCCASIONS TEACH NEW DUTIES”

*I want to begin with a verse from the hymn, “Once to Every Man and Nation”: “By the light of burning martyrs, Christ, thy bleeding feet we track, Toiling up new Calvaries ever With the cross that turns not back; New occasions teach new duties, Time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still and onward, Who would keep abreast of truth.”*

*I can feel a sense of excitement in the air for Carnesville. People are coming alive with the hope of new possibility for our church. Ideas and suggestions for new ministries are popping up all over the place. But how do we keep the ball rolling?*

**1) First of all, remember the past, both good and bad.** Keep the successful things we are doing going, like Cornerstone Ministries and the Pancake Supper. Also remember that enthusiasm for new things has been around before, and we failed to keep going with making new goals and developing accountability. Let us learn from the past, and realize that we cannot allow the excitement to simply die down like before. Now is the point of decision which road to take. While we have energy and ability to work for the Lord, we must do so, and not let our enthusiasm cool as before.

**2) New occasions teach new duties.** We should allow ourselves to dream, and to put our abilities and individual talents to work for the sake of the church. There are only 5 committees that are absolutely essential for the church to function: Finance, Staff-Parish Committee which hires new personnel and sets salaries for staff, trustees which look after the physical parts of the church building and grounds, Lay leadership which nominates people to fill jobs, and the Administrative Council to provide authority and accountability. Beyond these five, we are free to do what we want. You are invited, encouraged and even admonished to find your particular niche; find what you like to do, and go do it. If you need help, inspiration, or training, the pastor and others are there to help. We do not want to tell you what to do;

we only want to help you realize your dream to find a way to do what you want to do. We are in a new age. We must speak to our own generation and to our own people.

3) **An umbrella system should be found to group everything under it for the sake of organization and accountability.** It is fine to do what you want, but there must also be a way of reporting what you do and finding ways to improve, change, or discontinue a direction and find another. The pastor will be talking soon with Mike Sell-eck of the North Georgia Conference Council on Ministries staff, to see if a program called 1448 could be helpful to us and help organize our ministries. If this program doesn't fit, then we will search until we find just the right thing for our church. We do not want to kill off enthusiasm by too much organization, but we need enough to be able to report what is going on, and to provide some sort of goals and accountability to keep things rolling.

4) **Give to the winds your fears.** There is nothing we have to be afraid of, except the sense of developing a fortress mentality and holding the world at bay. We want to not be of the world, but we should be in the world in order to minister to it. As mother superior told Maria in "The Sound of Music", "Our convent was not meant to shut out problems. You have to face them." Exactly the point. Do not let fear of survival guide your motives. Let go, and let God do the work. Trust in Him, and we shall do well.

Dare to dream.

Blessings,

Terry

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND SERVICE

### • SUNDAY •

9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 AM Worship - Traditional Service  
*Holy Communion Celebrated Each First Sunday  
and on Other Appropriate Occasions*  
8:00 AM Fourth Sunday Fellowship  
*Breakfast Each Fourth Sunday*

Fifth Sunday Evening Fellowship - *Several  
Area Churches Participate in a Covered Dish Meal  
and Special Program. See Church Calendar for  
Announced Location - Unless Otherwise Noted,  
Dinner is at 6:00 PM with the Program at 7:00*

### • MONDAY •

9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study - *Led by  
the Pastor. Focuses on the Revised Common  
Lectionary Readings for the Upcoming Sunday*  
3:30 PM United Methodist Women.  
*Held on the third Monday of Month.*  
4:00 Worship Service at the Veranda

### • WEDNESDAY •

5:00 PM General Bible Study  
6:00 PM Choir Practice

### • THURSDAY •

6-8 PM Volunteers work at Cornerstone

**Next Administration meeting**  
on Aug. 26th @ 7:00 PM in the  
fellowship hall.

Here are just a few of the great  
ministries in the works.

*Bible Bingo  
Vacation Bible school  
Food Ministry  
Ministry of helping  
Web site / Facebook  
Business Cards & Letterhead  
Information flyers & Labels  
Nursing home visitation  
Answering Machine @ church  
Pantry  
Grounds Maintainance  
Fix it crew  
Youth Programs*

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**website** that is under construc-  
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[facebook.com](http://facebook.com)

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### **NEW!!! Fun-Filled Tuesdays Program**

For a fun-filled evening, come  
join us around 6:00 pm. We will  
be doing something different  
every Tuesday . . . Bible Bingo,  
storytelling, music, stretching,  
crafts, etc. Suggestions are  
welcome! Leave the TV behind  
for an hour or so and have some  
fun with your neighbors. Cook-  
ies and lemonade will be served.  
All are welcome! Bring a friend  
and an idea of something you'd  
like to do in the future!!