

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2011

In case you haven't heard by now I will be leaving New Market United Methodist Church. On July 1<sup>st</sup> I will become the pastor of Mount Carmel United Methodist Church in Pasadena, Maryland. Another pastor will be appointed to serve you. Yes, it is unexpected, and yes, it is scary. It's a little scary to think that I'll be introducing myself to a new congregation. It's probably also a little scary for you members and friends of New Market UMC anticipating introducing yourself to a new pastor. Change is never easy. But often change is necessary and a good thing. Pastors and congregations tend to develop a kind of inertia over the years, that discourages change and sometimes growth. So change can be a good thing though it's not always easy.

Someone once told me "life is a learning experience, but you won't learn much if you don't change classrooms." When I was twelve years old I was happy where I was living. Everyone around me was someone I had known all my life. The routines were comfortable and familiar. But my life had only been confined to a very small corner of the world. I had never met anyone of another race. I had never had neighbors (the closest neighbor was a quarter mile away). When my dad had the opportunity to accept a post in Washington D.C. one of my parent's considerations was that the change would be good for my brother and sister and I. They saw the move as an opportunity to broaden our perspectives. Looking back I now know that the move, difficult as it was, was a good thing. I was exposed to all sorts of new people, new ideas, new experiences, that I never would have had if I had stayed put.

I have discovered that when God plants us in new situation it's not to punish or frustrate us, but to help us grow into the people God wants us to be. So now it's time to grow. It's time for you to discover new perspectives and ideas through a new pastor. And it's time for me to discover the same through a new congregation. I will always cherish the lessons you have taught me and the insights I've gained in being your pastor. I hope that you will grow in your faith through your association with me.

Over the next several months we will have many opportunities to say our farewells. It will be a time of remembering, of celebration, and of joyful expectation. Joyful because God is leading us all into new opportunities.

Grace and Peace - Mike



- 5 **Trustee's meeting 7pm schoolhouse**
- 6 **Bible study 7pm**  
**Prayer & Meditation group 8pm**
- 7 **Scout Leader meeting 7pm Ed bldg**  
**Scouts 628**  
**Intercessory prayer group 7pm**  
**Choir 7:30pm**
- 8 **NM Garden Club-Schoolhouse am**
- 12 **UMW Circle of friends 11:30 am**  
**SPRC meeting 7pm schoolhouse**
- 13 **Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg Kitchen**  
**Scout Leader meeting Ed Bldg**  
**Prayer & Meditation group 8pm**
- 14 **Scouts 628**  
**Intercessory prayer group 7pm**  
**Choir 7:30pm**
- 15 **Heimiller Wedding Rehearsal 6pm**
- 16 **Heimiller Wedding 11am**
- 17 **Palm Sunday- Baby shower schoolhouse**  
**1-5pm**
- 19 **Church Council meeting 7pm schoolhouse**
- 20 **Bible study 7pm**  
**Prayer & Meditation group 8pm**
- 21 **Scout 628**  
**Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm**
- 22 **Good Friday Community Service 7:30pm**
- 24 **Easter Sunday-Sunrise service @6:30am**  
**Potluck breakfast 8:00am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am**  
**Worship Service 11:00am**
- 26 **Outreach committee meeting 7pm**  
**Newsletter deadline**
- 27 **Bible study 7pm**  
**Prayer & Meditation 8pm**
- 28 **Scouts 628**  
**Intercessory prayer group 7pm**  
**Choir 7:30pm**
- 30 **Hyattstown Christian Church Women's**  
**Retreat 9-3 Schoolhouse**



Service Opportunities

Harvest of Hope Retreat

The next Harvest of Hope Retreat in Gretna Glen, PA will be Oct. 21-23, 2011. This is an intergenerational event open to participants age 10 and up. You will spend some time gleaning apples and potatoes and maybe some corn, as well as time in worship and large and small group study time and games. There is also free time to enjoy the beautiful camp area and get to know other folks on the retreat. Accommodations are a lodge and heated cabins. Cost is \$75.00. Last year's group included Roger VanLaan, Toni Camahan, Cathy and Justin Gamble, and Stephen and Leslie Fauconnet who would all be happy to give you more details about this educational and inspiring experience. Contact the church office to sign up.

**OUR MISSION FOR APRIL IS SAFE AND SANE (GRADUATION)**

Each year high school parents of graduating seniors sponsor a post graduation party called Safe and Sane. This is a non-alcoholic/drug-free evening. The festivities include nightlong entertainment, food and great giveaways to all seniors in attendance as well as grand prizes that are awarded at the conclusion of the party.

This undertaking requires a great deal of effort and is an expensive proposition. Costs include rental of a hall, decorations, entertainment and gifts for all of the seniors. Please consider supporting this mission through your generous donation. This will ensure that the parents and youth in our community have a "Safe and Sane" Graduation.



**Easter lilies are on sale now through April 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 each and the forms are in Sunday's bulletin. Please be sure to mark your check "for lilies" and give the form to Cathy Gamble or put in the offering plate.**



Youth Sunday School

The youth Sunday school class meets in the school house every Sunday at 9:45. We are currently studying Extreme Faith: 12 Radical Young Believers from the Bible Who Changed Our World. During the hour we study, share prayer concerns, encourage one another by discussing our faith, and enjoy refreshments. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come and bring a friend!



**FOR APRIL**

Andrew McCollum	4/8
Patti Morrow	4/10
Evan Morrow	4/20
Larry Loveland	4/28
Jacob Morrow	4/29

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Thelma and the UMW circle of friends-  
Thank you so much for treating me to the day at the Sisters in Faith conference on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. I had a wonderful day of faith and fellowship that I shared with the UMW members in attendance as well as over 400 women from 105 different churches. This was a very special day and I appreciate you including me in it.

Thank you, Cathy Gamble

Spring - it pops out all over in sights, smells, sounds and gives us an uplift you won't find in creams, health drinks or exercises because it not only lifts our physical and mental but the spirit and soul. Whether we admit it or not we stand in awe of God's creations.

It never ceases to amaze me how the drab, colorless landscape starts to spring forth in color and beauty. I think it's no coincidence that we often see forsythia first in it's garment of bright yellow and it's branches shout "we're back!" The weeping willows are early with their lime green leaves cascading like a waterfall. The daffodils stand at attention to herald in spring.

Many of the birds are back and busy building nests for future generations and their melodies bring joy to our hearts.. Their flights of fancy are fun to watch.

**The earth sings the praises of His love. Enjoy His presence in the beauty of the wonderful gifts He has given us and while we're at it thank Him.**

Blessings, Marilyn Brooks

## Invitation

Many of you know that our oldest daughter, Barbara, grew up in Youth for Christ and for some years has been on the staff, advising teens on organizing chapters in middle schools and high schools to spread Christian fellowship.

Youth for Christ has an annual dinner where they present an overview of what they have done the past year and a number of the young people who have benefited from being involved in YFC come forward and share what involvement has meant to them. This year the dinner will be Tuesday evening, April 26, at Lynnfield Complex FCF Church, the former convention center on Md. 15, on the way to Lewistown.

For the past few years, Sue and I have sponsored a table, which simply means that our friends can attend, enjoy a nice meal and fellowship, and take in the program as our guest. They normally have a silent auction, this year there is a comic/mime and you can donate if the program moves you to contribute. There is never a follow-up call. Please consider being our guest.

Edith Hunter charmed the manager at Mimi's as she told him the 14 of us were celebrating her 98th birthday. He told her that her lunch and special birthday dessert were on Mimi's. Maybe we all ought to strive to be 98 years young and have the charm of Edith.

Hopefully you noted that the Schoolhouse was decorated for Easter. A big thanks goes to Toni, Barb, Joan and Thelma. A big thanks also to Melinda for setting up and hosting the St. Patrick's potluck luncheon.

Many of us had a fabulous, inspirational day at the Sisters' In Faith event. Joan, Joanne, Toni, Barb, Sue, Rita, Cathy and Thelma would be happy to share their experiences with you. Come join us from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Scot Morrow will have a plant sale on the parking lot, Patty will host a book sale in the Schoolhouse and U.M.W. will sell Bonnie Mohr note cards and have a bake sale. We will appreciate baked items, homemade candies and all the support the congregation can give. The U.M.W. monies will go toward the Schoolhouse kitchen project.

Remember, our U.M.W. Picnic was changed to Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Schoolhouse so that Catherine McLaughlin will have an opportunity to visit with many of you. Please let Mary Lou, Barb, Joan or Thelma know if you can attend. Let's make this a special day for Catherine!

## Holy Week Events

April 21-Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm

April 22-Good Friday Community Service 7:30pm

April 24-Easter Sunday Sunrise service 6:30am

Potluck breakfast 8:00am

Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am

Easter Service 11:00am

## THANK YOU

We thank you for all the cards and phone calls from Coy's multiple visits to the hospital. The doctor suggested Coy get a new hobby other than "healthcare". We want to thank the ladies of Thelma's class on Sunday morning for helping to serve the communion on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Coy and Joan Price



A choir cantata is planned for Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> at the 11:00am service. Choir practice is held on Thursday evening at 7:30pm at the church. The first 30 minutes of practice is designated for the cantata music. Anyone is welcome to take part in this.

## BOARD OF CHILD CARE

There will be a benefit concert for the Board of Child Care on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00pm. The Handel Choir of Baltimore will be performing at the Kraushaar Auditorium of Goucher College in Towson, Maryland. Tickets are \$40 and the proceeds will benefit the Board of Child Care. For more information, please see the flyer at the back of the church.

The Board of Child Care is having a Flower Power Fundraiser now through April 18<sup>th</sup>. Items in the catalog range from \$10-\$50 plus a \$5 shipping fee per order. The Board of Child Care will receive 50% of the total plant sales. For more information, please see the catalog and order form in the back of the church.

## New Market Volunteer Fire Company

### All you can eat country breakfast:

Pancakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, pudding and stewed apples.

April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7am-12pm

Adults \$7 Kids 6-10 \$3.50 under 6 free

Upcoming dates: May 8<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day)

Located at 76 West Main Street New Market, MD



On Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> we will hold a Book, Bake and Plant Sale from 8-3(or whenever folks stop coming!). Patty will host the Book sale in the schoolhouse, Scot will have the plant sale in the parking lot and the UMW ladies will have a bake sale and sell Bonnie Mohr note cards. If you wish to donate new or gently used books, please contact Patty Robinson. If you wish to donate baked goods and homemade candies, please contact Thelma Gesling. If you wish to order plants, please contact Scot Morrow.



Vacation Bible school will be July 18-22 from 6:15-8:30pm. Our theme will be "Hometown Nazareth-where Jesus was a kid". It takes a lot of volunteers to make VBS successful. If you are able to volunteer, please call the church office at 301-865-3530.











