

NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2012



An Early Spring, An Unforgettable Easter

Today, a warm day in March, I set out to walk with the Lord. Because the weather had been unseasonably warm, I expected some anxious crocuses to have pushed their heads up to bathe in the sunlight. Even with this hope of early purple splashes I was surprised to see, a month ahead of Spring, the bright yellow dance of daffodils. What a glorious foreshadowing of warm spring days ahead. The early bulbs pushing through the winter soil reminds me of the power of Easter!

The apostle Paul tells us that Jesus is the first born from the dead. Jesus died upon a cross carrying the weight of sin, the grief of loss, and the pain of rejection. But our proclamation on Easter morning is "Christ is not dead, he is not here, He is risen!" Jesus is the first to resurrect from the dead and live for eternal life. His Resurrection taunts death like early daffodils taunted the fleeting winter. We may experience a few more cold snaps but winter like death is already defeated!

"Where oh death is your victory? Where oh death is your sting?" Death could not hold our Lord in the tomb any more than moist warm soil could hold the daffodils. This Spring as you watch the world turn green and bulbs protrude, remember Christ is Risen. Death, like winter, we must endure but Resurrection, like Spring, is sure to follow! The same Spirit that Resurrected Jesus from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies also. This life begins when we embrace the hope of Resurrection and resolve to live with Jesus as our Lord! We hope you will "break through" with Spring to embrace the life God has made possible through the power of Resurrection!

Enjoy each spring day and join us in April for an unforgettable Holy Week and Easter!

Pastor Jenny

LENT & HOLY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 1 Join us for this powerful service as we trace Jesus' footsteps from the Palm Sunday procession, to the table in the upper room, down the Via Dolorosa to the foot of the cross. Communion will be shared at each service. Our Services are at 9:30 & 11:00am. The Community Easter Egg Hunt is here at 1:00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5 COVERED DISH & COMMUNION SERVICE 6:30PM-8:30PM AT MT. CARMEL UMC

Join us as we gather in "the upper room" to share a fellowship meal and remember the last earthly meal Jesus would share with his disciples. The evening will include a covered dish supper (please bring a dish to share), dramatic moments of remembrance, hymns, a message & communion. This is a family affair, all ages are encouraged to attend.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 7:30 SERVICE AT NEW MARKET UMC

This holy night will begin in the light of day and end with the extinguishing of candles as we remember Jesus' love for us poured out on the cross. This is a night of reflection, holiness, and hope.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 7, JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EASTER

Sunrise Service at 6:30a.m. We will gather by the sanctuary doors and process into the cemetery carrying our Christ candles. This is a morning of hope and celebration!

Our Easter Services in the sanctuary are at 9:30 & 11:00a.m. Nursery is Provided.



UMW Circle of Friends

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 12, as we're planning a tour of the Falling Waters Board of Child Care facility in West VA. Guy and Sue Everhart will be our tour guides. There was such a wonderful response to membership to the Board of Child Care Auxiliary and this will give you the opportunity to see what you are helping to support. This trip/tour is open to all in our congregation—men and women. We will be eating out, probably at Cracker Barrel. More specifics will be in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

We are donating cookies to this facility in April. Please bring your cookies to the Ed. Bldg. kitchen by April 14. The cookies can be homemade or bought—they'll enjoy either.

Thanks

If you haven't been to the schoolhouse recently, we encourage you to drop in to see the sofa, loveseat and valances in the main area that Milt and Linda Siglin recently donated. Thanks, Linda and Milt, for the comfy and inviting atmosphere it gives to the area.

Thanks also to Mabel Heider for purchasing the curtains and rods for the schoolhouse kitchen and bathroom. The kitchen and bathroom now have that completed look. What a pleasure to have such a lovely facility.

Upcoming meeting dates:

April 10th 12:30pm at the home of Barbara Zimmerman

May 8th 12:30pm at the home of Linda Siglin

STUDY GROUP

Every Tuesday **"Got something on your mind?"** Pastor Scott will be in the upper room from 8:00 am to 11:00 am to share coffee, open to chat, to pray and to share the Word.

Every Tuesday starting March 6 @ 5:00 in the Upper Room, **Navigator series 1**, led by Pastor Scott. A study to deepen your relationship with God, to strengthen your daily discipline, and to make your prayer life powerful. Open to woman and men. See Pastor Scott for details.

Tuesday night **Navigators** for Men @ Mt Carmel 6:00 PM. See Joe Skeith for details.

Wednesday Night **Disciple** @ New Market 7:00 PM. Open invitations to join. Pastor Scott will be co-leading with Nick Woods. We invite anyone who is not involved in a small group to join us. This is a great opportunity to dig deeper into the scriptures. See Pastor Scott for more details.



"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

Looking for some family fun? Join us at Pinecliff park for the season opener of our new Mt Carmel/ New Market Soft Ball Team on April 22 at 5pm. Bring a picnic to enjoy. Watch the bulletins for the up to date game schedule.



Would you like to be baptized?

Baptism is a means of grace through which God pours out his love, forgiveness and Spirit into our lives. If you have not been baptized and would like to be, please contact one of your Pastors. Baptism can be shared any Sunday. Baptism by immersion in the river is offered once a year at the Faith Celebration Services (June 10, 2012)



April 6 and 7 Youth lock in/30hr famine
May 9 Baptism and covenant field trip to Pinecliff Park
May 31 Confirmands only, Baltimore field trip
June 2 and 3 Confirmands only, Youth retreat and Creek Bound Farm
June 10 Confirmation Service and River Baptism at Pinecliff Park
June 13 End of year youth group party
June 27,28,29,30 Creation Festival (Graduating 8th graders and up)



SUMMER CAMP

Pastor Jenny and a team from our churches will lead the "Ultimate Adventure Camp" at Camp Manidokan July 8th-13th. This week is full of swimming, rafting, worship, campfires, and faith! 3rd-5th graders are invited to attend as campers. 7th-12th graders can attend as Jr. leaders & adults are needed to chaperone. If you are interested in attending or sending a child, contact Pastor Jenny at 240-409-4722.



FOR APRIL:

Andrew McCollum	4/8
Patti Morrow	4/10
Evan Morrow	4/20
Jacob Morrow	4/29
Noah Myers	4/29

GET LOCKED IN AT MT. CARMEL!!

It is time for the youth group annual LOCK-IN!! Beginning 7:30pm on Friday, 4/6 and ending with a celebration with parents on Saturday 4/7. Games, Car Wash!, 30 hour famine and MUCH, MUCH More!! And a bit of sleep!!



MISSION OFFERING FOR APRIL

This month's mission offering will go to the
Youth for Christ

Our mission focus for April is Central Maryland Youth for Christ. CMYFC is a nonprofit, nondenominational ministry serving young people in both Frederick and Washington counties. YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. CMYFC has ministered to thousands of teens and young people and, with God's strength and grace, they look forward to reaching many more teens with the love of Christ.

Please contribute generously to this worthwhile organization.

NEXT MONTH'S MISSION WILL BE HEARTLY HOUSE.

The **Foodbank Program**, operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency, provides a three-five day supply of food to families and individuals who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries. The FCAA foodbank serves between 300 to 400 households each month ranging from very low-income families who use the foodbank on a regular basis to moderate-income families who are facing a financial crisis and need food assistance.

Our foodbank box is at the back of the sanctuary. But too often it is empty. On the **first Sunday of each month**, we would like to fill this box. Perhaps you could "raid your pantry" or buy some extra non-perishables so we can help those in need. Those who receive this food are truly grateful.

BOARD OF CHILD CARE NEWS

We are collecting cookies again for the Board of Child Care. They can be homemade or store bought and need to be brought to the Ed Bldg Kitchen by April 14th.





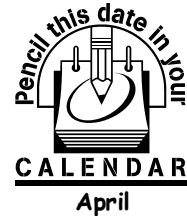
Faith Celebration Sunday, Combined Worship Service for the people of Mt. Carmel & New Market Church at Pinecliff Park on June 10, 2012 at 10:00a.m. Join us for a worship service, the celebration of baptism & confirmation, and a covered dish lunch.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

WE ARE IN NEED OF A MEALS COORDINATOR FOR FAMILIES IN TRANSITION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR SCOTT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you are interested in upcoming events for young adults, please contact Pastor Jason at jnshank084@yahoo.com.



- 1 Palm Sunday
Community Easter Egg Hunt here at 1:00 pm
- 3 Trustee's meeting 7:00 pm
- 4 Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel
Bible study 7:00 pm
- 5 Holy Thursday 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel
Covered dish dinner/Communion service
- 6 Good Friday Service 7:30 pm at New Market
30hr famine start fasting at 1:00pm
Youth Lock-in begins 7:00 pm at Mt. Carmel
/30hr famine continues
- 7 Youth lock-in ends at 7:00 pm with a celebration
with the parents
- 8 Easter Sunday- at New Market UMC
* Sunrise service 6:30 am
* Contemporary Worship 9:30 am
* Traditional Worship 11:00 am
- 10 UMW circle of friends 12:30 pm at Barbara
Zimmerman's home
SPRC 7:00 pm
- 11 Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm
Bible study 7:00 pm
- 12 Scouts #628
Choir practice 7:30 pm
- 14 Deadline to bring cookies for BOCC
- 17 Church Council meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm
Bible study 7:00 pm
- 19 Scouts #628
Choir practice 7:30 pm
- 24 Ministry teams night 7:00 pm
- 25 Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm
Bible study 7:00 pm
- 26 Scouts #628
Choir practice 7:30 pm



Good Friday Prayer Relay: During Holy Week we hear the Lords invitation to, "stay awake and pray!". We invite you to spend one holy hour in our sanctuaries in prayer for your Spiritual journey and for your church. The relay runs 9pm-12am at NM, 12am-8am Mt. C, & 8am-8pm NM. Please sign up to pray at church during a one hour slot. If you are out of town you can pick up the guided prayer worksheet on Sunday and pray from your location. This quiet hour will help to center you for Easter and will add spiritual power to our community's life. To sign up, please sign up at church on Sunday. We will call you to confirm your time.

THIS & THAT

Positive/Negative This reminds me of the song I always liked, "Accentuate the Positive" written in the 1940's (so you younguns probably don't know it but if you get a chance Google it,) it has a catchy tune, great words and more verses.

You've got to accentuate the positive
Eliminate the negative
And latch on to the affirmative
Don't mess with Mister In-Between

You've got to spread joy up to the maximum
Bring gloom down to the minimum
Have faith or pandemonium's
Liable to walk upon the scene

There will always be negative things that happen to us, but you'll find a positive also if you look for it. I think being positive means thanking God. I was talking to my 93 year old aunt the other day and she told me she had to go to the doctors because of a bad pain in her back. She found out it wasn't serious and she was so thankful for that even though she still had the pain.

There are times were something is so devastating you can't begin to think about being positive but as time goes on you will see the positive. You will see how God provided a way. I saw this when our dear son-in-law died suddenly at age 33 leaving our daughter and 4 grandchildren. I honestly do not know how people survive something like that without the Lord. He cradled us in His love as we went through the grieving process for which we were so thankful and there were positive things that we eventually saw like their being in a loving and supportive community.

Next time a negative comes into your life look for the positive and say "thank you Lord" - it takes some bite out of the negative.

You all are positively the best! Marilyn Brooks

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Don't forget to bring your donations for the Frederick Food Bank. You can bring items throughout the month. We would love to bring a full box of food to them at the beginning of each month. Thank you to all who give so generously.
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Ministry Space Design Team

Due to our growing congregation Church Council has foreseen the need to rethink the ministry areas of the Education Building. If you are interested in space design, if you lead a Sunday school class or small group in this area, we would love to have your input. This team will be tasked with immediate and long term design solutions. Among the areas being created are space for child care for the 9:30 service, a Pastor's office, and enclosed school rooms. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Gamble during office hours or Pastor Scott.



Bibles

Thank you to everyone who gave towards the purchase of study Bibles. To date 62 Bibles have been purchased to be used by our adults or given to our confirmation youth, and youth leaders. The teens who received Bibles were very excited to begin marking and learning.



Need a prayer?

Join Athie Edsall on the Wednesdays of the Easter Season (April 11th-May 23rd) for drop in prayer any time between 11:30 & 12:30pm at Mt. Carmel UMC. Whatever is on your heart to pray, Athie is available to help share them with the Lord.