

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST 2010

How did you find your way to the church? Some of us have been coming to church ever since we can remember. It was our parents that insured that we could find our way into the community of Christ. Others found their way later, but usually this was not on their own. It was because of someone else that these folks came to members of the body of Christ. Sometimes people make it here on their own but that is usually the exception rather than the rule. How did you find your way to the church?

My mom was the one that helped me find my way to the church. She brought me, sometimes kicking and screaming, to the church. Then as I grew older I started to exert my independence yet she still made sure that I made it to church. I'm sure the struggle was not easy for her. I'm sure there were times she wished she could just leave me at home and not have to deal with my fussing about having to go to church. But she helped me to church anyway.

During my late teens and the first year or so in college I kind of got out of the habit of church. But the die had been cast by this time. And at a difficult time in my life a friend suggested I go to church with her. She didn't just leave it at the invitation. She called me to remind me at 7 a.m. on a Sunday morning. She told me she would be waiting for me in the lounge of my dormitory at 8:00 sharp. She went out of her way to make sure that I not only made it to church that one time, she persisted. That persistence continued until I found for myself the life in the community of Christ that I had lost. I guess you know the rest of the story.

People don't find their way through the doors of the church by accident. I certainly didn't find my way by accident. It was only through the persistence of a number of people, primarily the ones I mention above, that I made it here. If you think about it perhaps you may realize that there were one or two people in your life who with intention and persistence brought you into the fold. Very few of us made it here by accident.

That's why I find it very strange that we often expect people to just come accidentally walking through our doors. Yes it may happen once and a while, but not with a great deal of regularity. No people find their way here because we intentionally invite them and are persistent in our efforts at getting them here. People find their way through our doors because someone goes out of their way to get them here.

Each person reading this article knows someone who may be interested in or in need of what we can offer them as the body of Christ. These people will not find their way here unless you invite them and are persistent in that invitation. They will not come through those doors unless you share the story of Christ's presence in your life with them. They will not find their way here unless you bring them. The bottom line is we are all evangelists.

This September is Homecoming Month at NMUMC. There is something planned each Sunday for you to invite people to. But don't just invite. Go out of your way to bring them. Let them know how important it is to you that they come. Offer to pick them up and drive them here. Follow up with them, bring them again. It took an awful lot of effort on a lot of people's parts to bring me through the doors of the church. It didn't happen accidentally in my case. It probably wasn't accidental in your case. And for most of the people in New Market, they won't accidentally come strolling through our doors. It's going to take all our effort. We are really going to have to go out of our way to get them here. But once they are here they will thank you for ever.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mike

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT NMUMC

- 3 **Trustee's meeting 7pm Schoolhouse**
- 3 **Homecoming meeting 7pm Ed Bldg**
- 4 **Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg**
- 10 **SPRC meeting 7pm Schoolhouse**
- 11 **Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg**
- 17 **Council meeting 7pm Schoolhouse**
- 18 **Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg**
- 21 **Church cleaning day 9am**
- 24 **Outreach Committee meeting 7pm Schoolhouse**
- 25 **Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg**
- 28 **Bike Trip- meet at 8:30am church parking lot**
- 31 **Homecoming meeting 7pm Schoolhouse**

## MESSAGE FROM THE LAY LEADER

Where does the time go?

Can you believe it is already August? It seemed like yesterday when we were all celebrating the wonderful beginnings of spring's warm weather after the record breaking snow fall of the winter of 2010. You always plan so many things to get done during the summer and then BAM you are down to last month before school starts and you wonder how the time slipped away. I think we in the New Market United Methodist Church did a pretty good job of managing our "warm weather time", with the Book/Yard sale, Confirmation, Vacation Bible School and our annual picnic. However, there is no rest for the weary, as we are jamming the rest of the summer and September with all types of activities. In August we have planned a church cleaning day (to make the church spic and span for all the events in September) and hopefully we can get the postponed bike ride slipped in at the very end of the month. All the details, dates and times will be published on the church calendar.

Then comes September Homecoming celebration, which we have been talking for several weeks now to get you all prepared for the events. It is going to be a jammed packed month of including art exhibition, 1820 worship service, potluck, picnic, and return of previous pastors for guest speaking on the very last Sunday. The September Homecoming is laying the ground work for the 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church next year; we are anticipating it becoming an annual event.

I guess my point in this article is to tell you to get out and continue to enjoy all the activities that are available through the church before the snow starts flying again. (Isn't that just a horrific thought!). Even more than attending all these great events, your help with organizing the activities would be appreciated too.

*2 Corinthians 9: 6-7*

*<sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

I am sure you have all heard the old axiom "Life is what happens to us while making other plans". So do not let life pass you by and get out and join us, while you are at it, bring a friend.

God's Blessings on you all –  
Patty Robinson, Lay Leader

## THIS & THAT!

**PRAYING** - Pray without ceasing - in some Bible versions it says pray continually

(1 Thessalonians 5:16.) Did you ever wonder how that is possible? I know I have until it dawned on me one day that every time I'm out like at a grocery store, the bank, etc. and I saw someone I sensed needed prayer I would ask God to help them and bless them and I realized that is the answer. I don't know what that person needs but the Lord does. And of course if we can help physically and financially we do but that's not always possible.

Yes, we are a very busy society, but how many of us when we hear a siren, go right to asking the Lord to help whoever that is for, or we hear that a child is missing we pray hard that the child will be found all right, or there is an earthquake, flood or fire and right away we asked for help for the people affected? You can be busy doing many things but your spirit goes into action. I really believe God loves those prayers because they are straight from the heart. I don't think our Lord needs a lot of words - just a sincere request and thank you.

In the 1 Thessalonians scripture it also says be joyful always and give thanks in all circumstances. What a wonderful way to strive to live.

Blessings, Marilyn Brooks

## Volunteer Choir

This summer the choir will sing through Father's Day and then take a well-deserved break until September.

Our summer tradition has been to fill the spot in the service where the choir usually sings an anthem with volunteer talent. We have no tryouts, no auditions. If you think you are confident enough to sing, dance, or play an instrument in church, your talents are welcomed.

So far, Edith Hunter and Nick are planning to play a piano/organ duet, and on Aug. 1 Ron and Betty Hunter will be driving up from Southern Maryland to sing and possibly bring Ron's flute.

We might persuade Glenn Pritchard and Marilyn Brooks to sing another duet, or coerce some of the

talented Fauconnets to perform, or maybe Walt and Joan Russell could impose on their orchestral housemates. And who knows what other talent lurks in the congregation? If you are at all inclined, call Nick Wood at 301-865-5378, or see him at church.

## *THANK YOU*

**To Dave Robinson for donating his old computer to the church office and also for helping to set up the new one and transfer everything over after the office computer crashed. Thank You!!!!**

**To Patty Robinson for all her hard work putting together the annual church picnic and silent auction. She did a great job and the church raised \$349.00 from the silent auction. This was enough to cover the cost of the picnic and the profit went to the church. Thank You!!!!**

**I would like to thank my church family for the Nancy Watkins Winterburg Memorial Scholarship. I appreciate your support during my years at James Madison University. I also want to thank all of you for your Christian values as I grew up at New Market United Methodist Church.**

**Jon Crandall**

Thanks to everyone for supporting Boy Scout Troop 628 with the mission offering in June. We will put the funds to good use providing our boys with a fun and active program. The Scouts had a great time at the beginning of July at Camp Tuckahoe in Dillsburg, PA. They bonded by hiking, swimming, boating, and earning many merit badges, along with lots of other activities. The boys are also enjoying weekly canoeing at Lake Linganore and many trips to the pool this summer. We have several hikes coming up and plan on doing some overnight hiking on the Appalachian Trail this fall. Thanks again for your continued support. We appreciate everything the church does for us, including providing us with a great place to meet.

Thank you,

Troop 628 TrailBlazers



**Brady Alan Lohman**

**Born: July 1, 2010 10:13pm**

**21 ¾ inches 9lbs 1oz**

**Proud Grandparents: Patty & Dave  
Robinson**

**Silas Edgar Stephen-Miller**

**Born: July 17, 2010**

**16 ½ inches 3lbs 4oz with lots of hair!**

**Proud Parents: Thad & Kerry Stephen-  
Miller**

**Proud Grandparents: Ed & Barbara  
Stephen**

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

### **New Events Upcoming!**

Pastor Mike is planning several new weekly events to begin this fall. Both are aimed at providing opportunities for individuals to develop their prayer and meditation life. There will be a Prayer and Meditation group forming and meeting on Wednesday evenings after Bible Study. The time will be either 7:45 or 8:00pm and the group will meet in the sanctuary. The purpose of this weekly gathering is to introduce individuals to the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Benedictine tradition. The people who become involved in this group will learn what Christian Contemplative prayer is all about, they will have the opportunity to develop their meditative skills and learn how to create a sacred space in their busy lives where they can simply rest in God's presence. Though new to many in our church, Contemplative prayer is a wonderful resource for achieving spiritual growth and a sense of inner peace. If you are interested, please let Pastor Mike know or call the church office.

The other weekly event is an intercessory prayer group. We will gather on Thursday evenings, at 6:30 for a half an hour to pray together for community needs and concerns. This group will meet in the Kitchen of the Education Building.

I also encourage you to attend the Wednesday evening bible study. This group has been meeting for over a year now and is always engaged in scripture and lively discussion.

## HOMECOMING

This coming September promises to be an exciting one for NMUMC. September has been designated as Homecoming month and planning for homecoming events are well under way. There will be events taking place each weekend in September all of which are intended to build an awareness of NMUMC in the wider New Market community; celebrate our own heritage; and provide opportunities to invite "church shoppers" to pay a visit. Everyone reading this notice has a key role to play in the success of Homecoming Month. Please consider inviting family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances that you know might be interested in attending one or more of the events and worship services. Don't just invite them, bring them! Pick them up! You may be the person responsible for connecting someone with a church home. The sermon topics through September are ones that will be of interest to the unchurched and may answer some of the burning questions and objections that people have about "church".

The plan, as it stands now, is as follows: The first Sunday (which is Labor Day Weekend) will be the opening day of Sunday school and the Sunday school Ice Cream Social. On the second Sunday (and the preceding Saturday) there will be an exhibition in the School House where we are hoping to show the Art (and Crafts) talent of people in the community. If you are a photographer, sketcher, painter, or artist of any kind, or if you would like to display a craft that you are talented in please consider putting your work in the show. This will not be a sale. If you are interested in selling your work you will be able to provide contact information along with your work. In conjunction with this we are planning a concert on Sunday afternoon highlighting the performing talents of people in our community.

The third Sunday will be an outdoor worship service in a tent set up in back of the Church. The service will be in the style of Worship in the year 1800. The preacher will be Francis Asbury who will arrive on horseback. (Francis Asbury was the first Methodist Bishop and was preaching in the area in 1800.) The service will be followed with a "Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch" along with a dessert to share. We are hoping the games from the period will be taught and played. Period dress is encouraged but is by no means necessary.

On the fourth Sunday will be the Homecoming service. We are inviting former pastors to attend and to take part in the service. This will be followed by a reception luncheon at the school house. These plans are still very fluid and still subject to change. Your prayers and your invitations to others in the community will be key to making these events a success. If you want to participate in the homecoming committee, please call the church office for details.



## FOR AUGUST

Emily Miller Beck	8/4
Angela Ashbaugh	8/5
Carolyn McMahan	8/6
David Gaver	8/10
Timothy Summers	8/10
Marilyn Brooks	8/14
Margaret Tollefson	8/27
Peter Morrow	8/31

### Harvest of Hope Retreat

This event is a weeklong experience including worship, study of Biblical teachings about hunger and gleaning (harvesting remnants of crops for donating to soup kitchens and homeless shelters). It will be October 22-24, 2010 at Camp Seltzer in Palmyra, PA and everyone 10 and up is encouraged to participate. The cost for this event is \$75.00 per person which covers your lodging and food for the weekend. Please call the church office if interested.

The highest rank in Boy Scouts is the rank of Eagle. Only about 5 in 100 boys involved in scouting reach the rank of Eagle. Each Eagle candidate must complete a service project for the organization of his choice in order to become an Eagle Scout. I chose to make a sign for the church for my Eagle Project. The sign will be modeled after the sign at Bush Creek Church of the Brethren. See the flyer attached to the newsletter for a picture of the Bush Creek sign. It will have removable letters that we can change to advertise services and events in the church. I am hoping that most of the supplies for building the sign will be donated from stores like Lowes and Home Depot, but the letters and the tracking for the letters will have to be purchased. The sign will be in the back corner of the church property along Route 874. The ground around it will be landscaped so that it will draw more attention to the sign.

With the sign along the road, people traveling along Route 874 can see special events the church has scheduled. The church can advertise events like the Easter egg hunt and Vacation Bible School so that more people know about them, and our congregation can provide more community outreach. When more people know about the events more people are likely to attend. Hopefully, this will also attract new church members.

In order to purchase materials for the sign, I need monetary donations. The sign will cost approximately \$500 to build. A group of Boy Scouts and adult volunteers will do all of the labor building the sign and preparing the site.

If you would like to donate toward the construction of the sign, I will be collecting

money through August 15<sup>th</sup>. All checks need to be payable to Boy Scout Troop 628. Donations can be put into the jar at the back of the church or mailed to Ben Grenier at 6233 Sawyer Road, New Market, MD 21774. Any money remaining after the sign is finished will be donated to the Schoolhouse kitchen project.

Thank you for supporting my Eagle Project,

Ben Grenier  
Eagle Scout Candidate  
Boy Scout Troop 628

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## UMW

"There is a right time for everything. Everything on earth has its special season." Eccl.3:1

Summer is a great time for a break in schedules and enjoying things you wouldn't ordinarily do. From conversations with our UMW ladies, that's what they've been doing: enjoying trips, the beach, grandchildren, weddings, baseball games, reunions, gardening and picnics. In July some of the ladies met at Morgans for good food and fellowship. We will not have an outing on August 10, but watch the bulletin or wait for a call for another date. The Afternoon Circle will resume meeting September 14 at the home of Mary Lou Bernota at 11:30am. Carolyn McMahon will give the program. Remember, all ladies of the church are invited to either the Afternoon or Evening UMW circle. For more information contact Thelma Gesling at 301-865-5514 (Afternoon Circle) or Melinda McCollum at 301-695-6229 (Evening Circle).



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is like the  
brightness  
after rain  
that brings  
the grass from  
the earth.



## CENTRAL MARYLAND YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Central Maryland Youth for Christ is a non-profit, non-denominational ministry serving young people in both Frederick and Washington counties. As part of the body of Christ, their vision is to see every young person in every people group in every nation have the opportunity to make an informed decision to be a follower of Jesus Christ and become a part of a local church.

CMYFC reaches out to young people where they are: in school, after school and with at risk youth programs. The staff and volunteers get to interact with many young people who have never set foot into a church and introduce them to Jesus. Current programs include:

**Campus Life Clubs-** (high school and middle school) weekly meetings where kids can socialize and talk about pertinent life issues and values in a positive and supportive environment.

**Youth Guidance-** group and individual support for kids currently experiencing difficult life situations and who are "at risk".

**Student Led Clubs-**(high school and middle school) clubs held on school campuses that are organized and led by students. YFC provides training and encouragement for students to exercise their right to organize prayer and bible study in school.

**Deaf Teen Quest-** A unique outreach to deaf students in Central Maryland-includes taking students on trips to regional student conferences like Impact and Alive and deaf-focused camps such as Grow Camp and Adventure Camp.

Please pray for the staff (which includes Nick & Sue Wood's daughter, Barbara Hanna) and the young people they are reaching out to and

consider giving a gift this month to help them in their mission. For more information on YFC or ways you can help reach young people with the gospel of Christ, please contact the CMYFC office at 301-663-0561 or online at [www.yfccm.org](http://www.yfccm.org).

