



DEEP ROOTS VISIBLE GRACE

**December
January
2017-18**

A Newsletter for the family and friends of New Market UMC



New Market UMC

Vision Statement

New Market UMC Strives to build and empower disciples for Jesus Christ

Mission Statement

New Market UMC encourages faithful discipleship for Jesus Christ by participating in Prayer, the Word, Worship, Fellowship and Service.

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SURPRISE!!! A Savior is Coming!!!

We have journeyed for several months through the powerful words and stories of the Old Testament. We have remembered the faithfulness and patience of our God who is eternally coming towards us in love. We have grieved the stubbornness and selfishness of God's people, especially as we realize we are all too much like the people of old. This year we long, more than usual, for the dawning of advent. We yearn for the good news that a Savior is coming who will usher in:

God's justice to set things right.

God's comfort to care for us in times of struggle.

God's love to save us from sin and death.

God's joy to uplift us and cause us to laugh and dance.



We look forward to sharing this uplifting season of advent with you. The voice of the prophets will gather us together and bring us to the stable where we can behold in a new way the "Long Awaited Surprise" of Christmas!

Pastor Scott & Pastor Jenny

Christmas Eve is a SUNDAY!

Morning Service:

11:00 a.m. Unity service- There will not be a 9:30 a.m. service on this Sunday. We will all worship together as the children perform the Christmas pageant "The King's Birthday".

Evening Services:

We look forward to celebrating with you at the service time, type, and location of your choosing. Please invite your family and friends to join you in worship.

6:00 p.m. Family Candlelight Services with children's message & special flute music. (Nursery available)

8:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with our choir in the sanctuary. (No Nursery)

9:30 p.m. Held at Fairview Chapel. Pastor Scott will be preaching his Christmas message and Nick Wood will be playing the pump organ.



ADVENT WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Embrace God's Long-Awaited Surprise at Worship this Advent & Christmas!

November 26th The anticipation begins with unlit candles and a wilted vineyard! What's happening? We are expecting the One who comes with Justice!

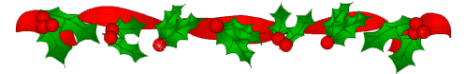
December 3rd Salvation has come. We will read the prophetic scriptures that invite us to march to the beat of a different drummer, Christ the King, our Savior who brings us peace and salvation.

December 10th Candle of Hope! This service welcomes the coming of Christ, who is our hope in the midst of illness and despair. Our services will conclude with anointing for those seeking healing and wholeness.

December 17th Our expectation brings us to leaping on this the final week of waiting. With the lighting of the Candle of Joy we know that God's presence is near and calling us to rejoice!



Christmas in New Market



Friday, 12/1:

6 p.m.: Practice in the sanctuary for Journey to Bethlehem

7 – 8 p.m.: Tree lighting ceremony at the Community Park in New Market with singing of carols and the arrival of Santa Claus.

Saturday, 12/2:

10 a.m.: Christmas Parade

(If you are planning to ride on the New Market UMC float please plan on arriving at 9:30 a.m.)

11 a.m.: 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Claus Workshop and Craft Sale in the Schoolhouse.

There will be stories by Mrs. Claus and children's crafts provided by Hope Preschool.

4 p.m. & 5 p.m.: Journey to Bethlehem (see below)



Welcome to "Journey to Bethlehem", a dramatic re-creation of the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem on the miraculous night our Savior was born. During your guided journey you will stop and visit Joseph's carpentry shop, receive papers for your safe passage, encounter Roman soldiers, shepherds, wise men, angels, inn keepers and rekindle the magic of the wondrous journey that comes to a stable with live animals, Mary and Joseph and a babe in the manger, but the story does not end there. You will be invited to enter our sanctuary to sing Christmas hymns and to listen to scriptures that will tell you the "rest of the story".

When: December 2nd, 2017

Where: Your journey will start at the parking lot of Milo's in New Market.

Times: 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Unity Services December 24th and December 31st at 11:00a.m.

There will be **no 9:30 a.m. worship services on December 24th and December 31st.**



On December 24th, Christmas Eve morning we will worship together as we celebrate and anticipate the coming of the "Savior" with the Children's Christmas pageant "The King's Birthday".

The following Sunday, December 31, we will change up our 5th Sunday Potluck by holding a **New Year's Eve Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.**, before the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please bring a breakfast item to share. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to bring a particular item. There will be a modified Sunday School at the schoolhouse for the kids with a craft and a bible lesson.

The 9:30a.m. service will continue on January 7th. We would like to grow this service so invite your friends and family that have not worshiped with us in a while, or are new to our church community.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24,25



Has Christmas lost its significance?

It's one of the most familiar stories in human history: the birth of Jesus in a lowly manger in Bethlehem. A Savior, which is Christ the Lord. Yet, how can we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior in our frantic, consumer-driven society? How do we make sure the Christmas holiday remains a Holy Day?

We invite everyone to take a time out this Advent Season to join us at **9:30 a.m. Bible study starting December 3rd**. In each of these four Advent sessions you will experience cinematic short films that capture events surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ. Then Pete Briscoe will open up Scripture to bring us back to the roots and heart of our faith in Christ.



Jesse Tree

This Christmas we are sponsoring 2 families from our local schools with Christmas gifts.

The Jesse Tree will be located in the rear of the sanctuary on **November 26th** and is decorated with ornaments that have the gifts listed on them. Take an ornament off the tree, have fun shopping for the gift and bring it back to church by **December 10th**, unwrapped or in a gift bag and place under or near the tree with the ornament attached.

Our Thanksgiving Offering & Updates on Debt Reduction



As we feast on our turkeys and count our blessings we, the leaders of New Market UMC, are especially grateful for each individual and family in our church community. We are grateful for every prayer, dollar, and hour of service shared. Together we teach and transform lives every week.

If you have already turned in your commitment card and/or Thanksgiving offering THANK YOU!! You are a part of the strong beginning we celebrate today. If your commitment card is still on the table, or your Thanksgiving OFFERING is still in your wallet, PLEASE come to church Sunday or stop in the office to turn in your precious gift.

Our Finance team is anxiously awaiting the return of your commitment card to determine our financial readiness to meet next year's budget. The team has sharpened their pencils, scrutinized budget lines, made necessary adjustments, created and eliminated categories (a great thank you to Thersa Dowling for her patience in implementing all the changes). Even with the intense pencil sharpening and scrutiny the budget will still have a **\$19,000** deficit based on current giving trends for 2017. Your faithful commitment to consistent giving and tithing will enable all of our vital ministries to be fully funded for the coming year. If you were not present at worship on Giving Sunday you will be receiving the Giving Campaign packet in the mail. Please return your commitment card at your earliest possible convenience.

As of November 21, 2017, we have received **\$8,400** toward parsonage/schoolhouse debt reduction. Thank you for your one-time per year debt reduction Thanksgiving gifts. Look for the downward dropping thermometer in the sanctuary that will inspire us to reduce and eliminate this debt.



If you are interested in helping with the spring auction fundraiser that will benefit the debt reduction please contact Kathy Ginsberg at kathyginsburg1106@gmail.com.

Winter Weather Policy

The following procedure will be used for the cancellation of church meetings, events, office hours and church services for the winter of 2017 - 2018. Church meetings, events and office hours during the weekday will follow the Frederick County Public School closings. If schools are closed for the day or have early dismissal due to inclement weather: all scheduled activities will be automatically canceled for that day and evening. During the weekend all activity and service cancellations will be posted by 8 a.m. via the two following venues: calling the church office at (301)865-3530 where a message will be posted if there are any cancellations, you can log onto our website, www.newmarketumc.com, or enroll in RainedOut (details on sanctuary bulletin board).



New Market United Methodist Church is now listed on Amazon smile as a charity. Just go to your Amazon Smile account and add New Market United Methodist church as your charity. Make sure you pick the New Market United Methodist Church in New Market, MD not the one in Indiana. For further information there are flyers located in the back of the sanctuary.

Second Street and Hope Soup Kitchen



We have one more Second Street and Hope Dinner scheduled for 2017. The dinner will be at Centennial UMC, located in downtown Frederick at 8 West 2nd Street.

We ask that you drop off food by 2 p.m. the day of the event. We carpool from Mt. Carmel to Centennial where we final prep and serve dinner from 4 to 5 p.m. We clean up afterwards and are usually gone by 5:30 p.m.

Thanks for all of your assistance in making this a great mission for our congregations! If you have any questions, please contact

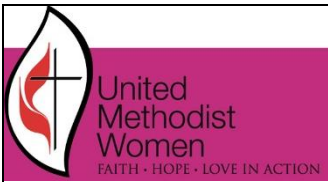
Susan Stevens (susanstevens329@gmail.com)



Game Day at the schoolhouse is going to take a hiatus until the spring!

If you would like to play card and board games the group meets every Wednesday in a member's home.

Please contact Patty Robinson at pattyrob16@msn.com or call (H) 301-882-7703, (C) 240-441-1170 if you are interested in joining the group.



The United Methodist Women of New Market UMC meet to strengthen our faith and build a strong community with an atmosphere of encouragement and love.

There are two groups, Circle of Friends meets during the day and LIFT meets in the evening. Both groups are open to all women of the church and their friends.



Ladies In Faith Together:

If you have never been to a LIFT meeting, we hope you will join us on **December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building**

kitchen. Patty Robinson will be leading this month's program and as a group we will be picking a new study for 2018.

If you have any questions contact Kathy Ginsburg (kathyginsburg1106@gmail.com) or Donna Clawson (sd3clawson85@yahoo.com.)



Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends will meet on December 12th for a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. (10:00 a.m. will be the set-up time for the luncheon) and January 9th at 11:00 a.m. Both meetings are at

the schoolhouse.



Calling all people who knit and crochet!!

Are you interested in fellowship with a purpose?

A group will be meeting on **December 17th** to knit or crochet scarves to donate to those in need. We will meet in the kitchen of the Ed. Building at 1 p.m. All skill levels are welcome, so don't worry if you aren't sure you can do it! Help will be available. Please contact Kathy Ginsburg at 301-639-4144 or email her at kathyginsburg1106@gmail.com with any questions.



Have you received your log-in email to access the online church directory?

New Market United Methodist church now has an online directory. It is currently active, but you will not be able to access due to privacy without logging in.

You should have received an e-mail with a letter attached with detailed instructions on how to access the new directory in early November within the next week. The e-mail will include your user name and password, which you will have the option to change. The e-mail will be from info@onlninechurchdirecory.com

If you have not received the e-mail or have any questions, contact Patty Robinson at pattyrob16@msn.com or (H) 301-882-7703 (C) 240-441-1170.

Do not worry if you do not have a computer, we are still working with Hiram Skaggs to create a pocket calendar/directory like last year, but with pictures included. A special thanks to Hiram for all of his hard work and improvement ideas!

Nancy Watkins Winterburg Memorial Scholarship Fund for New Market United Methodist Church.

Since 2007 a \$1,000 scholarship is available to area students pursuing a post-secondary education for an active member of New Market UMC. This scholarship was set up by former pastor, the Rev. Ron Winterburg to honor his wife, Nancy, herself a longtime member of New Market United Methodist and the daughter of a former minister here.

Applications can be obtained through **The Community Foundation of Frederick County, 312 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701.** The application process opens in January.

To date, the scholarship was awarded to the following recipients: Jonathan Crandall, Greg Gaver, Maria Fauconnet, Ben Grenier and Luke Summers. For more information contact Nick Wood.

Roger Van Lann is turning 95!

It is time to celebrate!

You are invited to attend a buffet style celebration for Roger at the New Market Fire Hall (57 West Main St.) on December 9th at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend! We hope you are able to attend and help celebrate Roger!!



SAVE THE DATE

**Souper Sunday
Sunday February 4, 2018**



**PARENT'S
NIGHT OUT**

WHEN: Sat., February 10, 2018

TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Scout Sunday – February 11, 2018



“Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars.
Don’t ask for just a few.” 2 Kings 4:3a

Giving - I’ve read this scripture many times over the years but this time (I believe God’s timing) the part about the neighbors hit me. I wonder did she tell them what she needed them for? What if some didn’t want to give them up or they didn’t believe her? But if this is what God, through Elisha’s instructions, wanted I’m thinking He would have prepared the neighbors to give. I think I wrote this before but it bears repeating:

“What! Giving again? I asked in dismay, and must I keep giving away? Oh, no, said the angel looking me through, just keep giving till the Master stops giving to you. From an English blacksmith’s diary

I would say I receive two or three requests in the mail for charities each day. Besides giving to my church I have chosen the ones I feel do the most good like the Salvation Army and Mercy Ships. Sometimes it bothers me I can’t give to all but I can pray for them. 2 Corinthians 8:12 says “Give whatever you can according to what you have. If you are really eager to give, it isn’t important how much you are able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don’t have”. NLT

I wish you all a joyful Christmas!


Marilyn Brooks

Marilyn is a regular contributor to the newsletter. She was the secretary at NMUMC for many years and has always enjoyed writing. She currently resides with her daughter and son-in-law in Ashland, VA and hopes to one day meet all of you.

December

Happy Anniversary!
Dan & Lorie Cooper
 December 30th

Sunday Worship Times 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Christmas Tree Lighting in New Market	Christmas in New Market Parade Journey to Bethlehem
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1 st Sunday of Advent Daisy Troop 3 – 4:30 p.m. (SH)	Cub Scouts (SH)	Girl Scouts 6 p.m. (SH) 7 p.m. LET/SPRC meeting (Ed. B)	6 p.m. Hope 4 Kids (SH) AA 7 p.m. (SH)	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.B) 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Ed. B)		9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ed. B. K) Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2 nd Sunday of Advent 3 – 7 p.m. Private Party (SH)	Cub Scouts (SH) 7:30 p.m. LIFT Meeting (Ed. B. K)	11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Circle of Friends Christmas party (SH)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed. B)		9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ed. B. K) Library 10 a.m. – 1p.m. Private Christmas party (SH)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
3 rd Sunday of Advent 1 p.m. Knitting group (Ed. Bldg.) Daisy Troop 3 – 4:30 p.m. (SH)	12 – 3 p.m. Young at Heart (SH) Cub Scouts (SH)	7 p.m. Council meeting (SH) Girl Scouts 6 p.m. (SH)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed. B) 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Ed. B)		9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ed. B. K) Library 10 a.m. – 1p.m. 12 – 5 p.m. Private party (SH)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve 31 5 th Sunday Potluck			No School AA 7 p.m. (SH)	No School	No School	No School 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ed. B. K)

Christmas Eve Services
****No 9:30 p.m. service****
 11 a.m. Children's Pageant
 6 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve
 8 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve
 9:30 p.m. Pastor Scott at Fairview


December Birthdays:

Glenn Beard	12/01	Tom Geary	12/18
Marsha Zimmerman	12/01	Ben Grenier	12/19
Paul Goebal	12/01	Alex Morrow	12/22
Joyce Boyd	12/03	Linda Kornreich	12/23
Edie Loveland	12/11	Karen Wood	12/25
Alex Baughman	12/13	Lily Sutherin	12/29
Hannah Clawson	12/17	Hypatia Selby	12/31
Christopher Knight	12/17		



2018

Sunday Worship Times 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	HAPPY NEW YEAR		AA 7 p.m. (SH)	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.B) 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Ed. B)		9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ed. B. K) Library 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Daisy Troop 3 - 4:30 p.m. (SH)	Cub Scouts (SH) 7:30 p.m. LIFT Meeting (Ed. B. K)	Circle of Friends 12:30 p.m. (SH) 7pm Trustees meeting (Ed. B) 7pm Outreach meeting (SH)	6 p.m. Hope 4 Kids (SH) AA 7 p.m. (SH)	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.B) 7 p.m. Choir Practice (Ed. B)	10 a.m. Garden Club (SH)	9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ed. B. K) Library 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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	No School Cub Scouts (SH)	Girl Scouts 6 p.m. (SH) 7 p.m. LET/SPRC meeting (Ed. B)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed. B)	6:30 p.m. Prayer Circle with Pastor Scott (SH)	9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Ed. B. K) Library 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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28	29	30	31	 <p>Anniversary Wishes</p> <p>Glenn & Jeanne Beard January 22nd</p>		
	No School Cub Scouts (SH) 12 p.m. Young At Heart (SH)	Girl Scouts 6 p.m. (SH) 7 p.m. Fairview Meeting (Ed. B)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)			

January Birthdays:

Howard Selby	01/03	Cayden Coleman	01/19
Kevin Coleman	01/08	Patty Watson	01/23
Atticus Shuey	01/09	Fletcher Shuey	01/29
Thomas Crandall	01/11		
Pastor Jenny	01/12		
Eoin Riley	01/16		
Rodney Miller	01/17		

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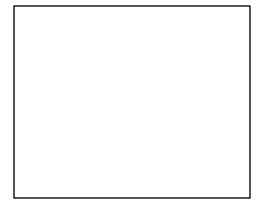
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Ed. B. K = Ed. Bldg. kitchen

Mt. Carmel = MC

S = Sanctuary

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with all of God's people. Come be a part of our faith family.*

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Worship Services: 9:30 & 11 a.m.

**Come join us as we celebrate the good news of
Jesus Christ!**