



A Newsletter for the people 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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*"My people, you are my witnesses and my chosen servants.
I want you to know me, to trust me, and to understand that I alone am God.
I have always been God; there can be no others." Isaiah 43:10 CEV*

As we journey together into a new year we begin by remembering the specific and powerful claim God has placed upon us. We are called at our baptism to be God's witnesses; the people who announce to the world, the community, the neighborhood, that God is God! We are God's chosen servants; the people God trusts to bring evidence of God's kingdom to earth. This is a tremendous call, an awesome identity which we share.

In the scripture above, Isaiah quotes the Lord by sharing not only our clear call but also God's desire for us. As we have begun this 2014 in a bit of an uproar we can be reassured by the powerful simplicity of God's hope for us. *"I want you to KNOW ME, to TRUST ME."* Our ability to live our call, our ability to live a peaceful and fulfilling life, hinges in these points. God invites us into relationship with him so that we can know his character. Each challenge we face, each journey we accomplish, each leap of faith we share, teaches us about the character of our loving, providing, humbling God. As we come to understand God's nature we learn to trust him with everything. This trust casts out fear, calms worry, and instills courage.

Already in 2014 our parish community has faced great challenges. The Mt. Carmel people grieve the loss of their building for a few months and search for the energy to rebuild and stay focused in the midst of disruption. The New Market people rise to the challenge of hosting their sister church and sacrificially giving up space and predictability that others might have a place to worship and grow.

These challenges afford to us a great opportunity. They cause us to step out of our comfort zone, where we assume we know what God is doing, into the wild open space of uncertainty where we encounter the character of a God who teaches us, through challenge, to trust him.

The same is true in our personal lives. Each of you are on a journey this New Year. You face challenges of health, relationships, career paths, parenting... We pray that you will not cower away from the uncertain places or the hard challenges but rather enter into the questions and new territories, seeking to get to know God there, seeking to learn to trust God there.

We are excited to have the opportunity to pastor you all (people of Mt. Carmel and people of New Market) as one church family over the next few months. We celebrate the uniqueness of each congregation and each worshiper at the same time we claim the power of God's people coming together to share a common mission. We pray that out of these weeks together we will embrace new friendships and new resolve to serve as spiritual bookends for a community that is so in need of God.

Praying we will all learn to Know Him and Trust Him!

Pastor Jenny & Pastor Scott



Children's Church & Youth Ministry

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New Market UMC Winter Library Children's Story Time



Hours Every Saturday!
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Stories at 11:00 a.m. with play time in between)



Children's Choir: This choir is open to children from both churches K-5th grade. Join us for practice this Monday 2/3 at 6:15pm!!

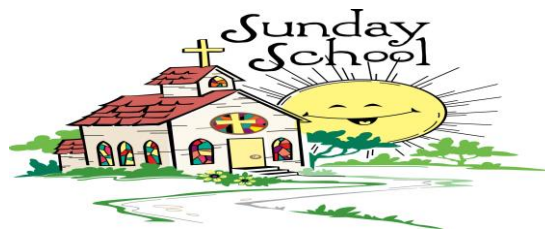
The Choir practices the first and third Monday of each month from 6:15-7:15pm in the New Market Sanctuary. They will sing at the 9:30 and 11am services on the fourth Sunday of each month. No need to sign up, just show up. If you would like more information contact Alex at kakbrown@aol.com

Friday February 14th Parent's Night Out!

This is the night you can take your sweetie out for a great dinner or other entertainment and not have to worry about the kids. We will babysit for free and keep the kids entertained with crafts, stories and game. We even provide dinner and snacks. The fun will start at 5:00 and go until 9:00 pm. Please register online at www.newmarketumc.com. Space is limited to the first twenty children. Registration deadline is February 6th.

Sunday School Programs

4-5 yr. olds – Marilyn Fritz
1st-5th graders – Toni Carnahan
6th-12th graders led by Kevin Hart



Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

4 – 5 yr. olds Sunday School in the Ed. Bldg.
1st – 5th Graders Sunday School in the Ed. Bldg.
6th – 9th Graders Sunday School in the Schoolhouse
10th – 12th Graders Sunday School in the Schoolhouse

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New Market 6th – 12th grade Day Retreat

Pastor Scott would like to invite the middle school and senior high youth on a Saturday day retreat in March. If your youth is interested in attending please contact Pastor Scott with available Saturday dates.

Softball

Softball Friends,

It's that time of year again. Starting this Sunday I will have a sign-up sheet at New Market. I need you all to sign it if you are playing this year. I have to get the preliminary roster in by March 4th.

Please reply back to me if you are not going to play and I will remove you from email list. If you would like to be a part of the team in some other capacity we would love to have you. It would be nice to have a steady score keeper and an umpire. The team fee is \$250.00 so based on our response I will decide a 10.00, 15.00 or 20.00 player fee which will be due at practices.

2 questions posed at board meeting were:

Not playing on Father's Day because we do not play on Mother's Day. There was mixed feedback on that issue.

And, adding \$351.00 to the team fee to pay for umpires (\$651.00 to have a team). I have a stance on both these issues but welcome your feedback.

If you feel strongly one way or the other on these issues please let me know, if you don't care I'll let you know what happens.

Thank you all! Looking forward to our 3rd year!

Michele Stine
[301-418-0462](tel:301-418-0462)

This & That!

Small Beginnings *"Do not despise these small beginnings for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."* Zachariah 4:10 NLT. This was a message from the Lord for the returning exiles to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple. It was going to be a tremendous undertaking but one step at a time it could be done. I believe it is a message for us also today.

Think on this - in 1937 the missionaries serving in the Wallamo region were forced to flee Ethiopia leaving 48 Christian converts who had only the gospel of Mark to feed their growth and few knew how to read. But when the missionaries returned 4 years later the church had grown to 10,000!

I think sometimes when we come to Jesus we think we should be perfect now and when we make a mistake we beat ourselves up over it, or give up. **Don't give up!** I believe the Lord rejoices to see us try and as we grow in the faith we discover how much He'll help us - sometimes He'll even step in with a miracle. Keep in mind that we will not be perfect in this life but are a work in progress and He is with us all the way.

God bless us all in this New Year!

Marilyn Brooks





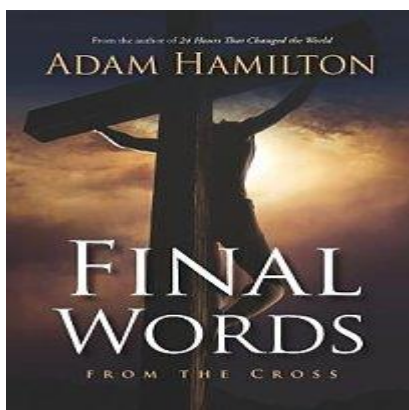
Our Mission for February

Area High Schools Safe & Sane Graduation

The Area High School Committee for a Safe and Sane Graduation needs your support. Each year High School parents of graduating seniors sponsor a post-graduation party. Planned is a non-alcoholic/drug free evening. The festivities include nightlong entertainment, food, great giveaways to all seniors in attendance, as well as grand prizes that are awarded at the conclusion of the party.

An undertaking of this magnitude requires a great deal of effort and is an expensive proposition. Costs include the renting of Knott Arena, decorations, entertainment, and gifts for all the seniors. Any contribution your organization can make to this worthwhile event would be greatly appreciated by the parents and graduating seniors of the Class of 2014. Our seniors will be graduating on May 28th of this year.

Church Wide Study Group



Special Lent Study Group “*Words From the Cross*” Sunday mornings 9:30am March 9th - April 20th. New Market School House. All are welcome to join Pastor Scott or Pastor Jenny for this focused look at the meaning of Christ’s death on the cross and how his sacrifice transforms our living. Thelma’s kitchen study class will also be joining the study. Call 301-865-3530 to sign up for a book.



UMW Circle of Friends

The February meeting for Circle of Friends has been changed to Saturday, February 8th at noon at the School House. We have extended an invitation to the working ladies and stay-at-home moms whom don't have a church group to be involved in. We hope that an evening circle might get organized to meet the needs and desires of these ladies as the afternoon Circle of Friends has been for many.

The Sisters in Faith sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at church. This is a wonderful and inspiring 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. retreat at Montgomery United Methodist Church on March 29th. We'll be carpooling from the church parking lot.

The Friendship Tea date has been changed to Saturday, April 26, 1-3 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

The ladies of Circle of Friends are grateful for all the help they have been given on many of the projects listed below for 2013. This is a great, dedicated, spiritual and fun-loving group of ladies and new members are always welcome. For more information, contact Thelma Gesling at 301-865-5514.

Circle of Friends Projects in 2013

1. Purchased and installed coatrack for School House—donation of Nell Carnahan.
2. Spearheaded "Sisters in Faith" retreat at Montgomery UMC. 10 attended
3. \$75 in dues from church members for Board of Child Care—Joan Price coordinator
4. Supplied cookies for Board of Childcare in Falling Waters, WV, in April.
5. Filled Easter eggs for church Easter egg hunt.
6. Sixteen toured Lovely Lane Church in Baltimore with lunch afterwards—Linda Siglin coordinated.
7. Helped with Norman Geary memorial luncheon.
8. Decorated the School House seasonally
9. Sent cards to "Friends to Care For" monthly and occasional visits.
10. "Friends to Care For" visits on birthdays, taking desserts, ice cream and drinks.
11. Purchased 36 Methodist Holy Bears which we give to children when they're baptized.
12. Gave a bag of goodies to Pastor Scott for his week at seminary.
13. July outing and lunch at Monocacy Crossing with 21 attending.
14. Many helped do baskets for church picnic and also in November for New Market weekend.
15. Hosted Charge Conference with cookies, popcorn and cider.
16. Hosted Community Game Day the third Wednesday of each month.
17. Had cocoa and cookies for Live Nativity which was cancelled due to weather.
18. Sponsored Talent Service Auction which realized \$8,000 with an additional donation of \$4,000 from the Geary family in memory of Norman Geary.
19. Gave 10% of \$8,000 or \$800 to Pastor Scott for Discretionary Community Fund.
20. \$9,420.35 of Talent Service Auction money used to make the School House bathroom handicapped accessible.
21. Bought decorative items for School House bathroom.
22. Spearheaded "Singing and Ringing" Christmas concert at All Saints Episcopal Church—23 attended followed by dinner at Morgan's Restaurant.
23. Gave gift of concert tickets to Pastor Scott and Donna plus \$100 gift certificate to Gladchucks as they couldn't go to dinner at Morgan's.
24. Monetary gifts throughout the year:
 1. Call to Prayer and Self Denial (District) \$123
 2. World Thanks Offering (District) \$120
 3. District Pledge \$400
 4. Salvation Army \$50
 5. Frederick Community Action Agency \$50
 6. Frederick Rescue Mission \$50
 7. Habitat for Humanity \$50
 8. Religious Coalition \$50
 9. Blackfeet Indian Hospital \$50

Don't Forget

February Meetings:

February 4th at 7pm **Trustees** meeting in the Ed. Bldg.

February 4th at 7pm **Outreach** meeting in the Schoolhouse

February 11th at 7pm **SPRC/LET** meeting in the Schoolhouse

February 18th at 7pm **Council** meeting in the Schoolhouse

February 25th at 7pm **Vision** meeting in the Ed. Bldg.

The C.S. Lewis study group will resume their studies on February 20th at 9:30 am in the Schoolhouse. The study will consist of the last two chapters of book three on faith.



Game On!!

February 19th

Come one, come all!

Everyone is invited to a wonderful day of fellowship and fun on Game Day, 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, at the New Market "School House." Games start at 1:30 and the first session ends around 3 PM but ongoing fun and fellowship can continue on that afternoon. Last month we had a great time with a variety of games. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.



The next Food Drop will be held on February 21st at Mt. Carmel UMC. The Food Drop will be at 1pm. The food distribution is from 2 – 5:30pm. If you would like to volunteer contact Pastor Scott.

BABY GIRL

Congratulations to the Garer Family!

Hailey Renee Kouse daughter of Laura and Brian Kouse was born on January 4, 2014. She weighed in at 6 pounds 9 oz. and is doing very well. Hailey is the granddaughter of Mike and Lisa Garer and Great Granddaughter of David and Evelyn Garer.



Men's Night Out: Last Friday of every month.

Join the men in a time of fellowship as we bowl our cares away. The next night out is February 28th. We will meet in the front lobby. Contact Kenny Stine for more info: 301-748-4181

FEBRUARY

Sunday Worship Time 11A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Cub Scouts 1628	7pm Trustees (Ed Bldg) 7pm Outreach (Schoolhouse)	Youth Group! 6:30pm Disciple III at 7pm AA 12pm & 8pm	7pm Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir Practice 7:30pm		12pm Circle of Friends Agape Feast (Schoolhouse)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Cub Scouts 6:15pm (Ed. Bldg)	Cub Scouts 1628	7pm SPRC/LET (Schoolhouse)	Youth Group! 6:30pm Disciple III at 7pm AA 12pm & 8pm	7pm Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse & Ed. Bldg) Choir Practice 7:30pm	Parent's Night Out 5pm - 9pm Girl Scouts 5 - 6pm (Schoolhouse)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Cub Scouts 1628	7pm Council (Schoolhouse)	1:30pm Game Day!! 7pm Disciple III (Ed Bldg) Youth Group 6:30pm! AA 12 & 8pm	7pm Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse & Ed. Bldg) Choir Practice 7:30pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Fire Dept. Breakfast 7am - 12pm	Cub Scouts 1628 10am - 3pm Seniors Meet (Schoolhouse)	7pm Vision (Ed. Bldg)	Youth Group! 6:30pm Disciple III at 7pm AA 12pm & 8pm	7pm Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse & Ed Bldg) Choir Practice 7:30pm	Girl Scouts 5 - 6pm (Schoolhouse)	



February Birthdays:

Lisa Miller Burroughs	02/12
Greg Gaver	02/14
Scot Morrow	02/28
Edward Plasket	02/28
William Plasket	02/28
Angie Pickett	02/28
Ryan Pickett	02/28

February Helpers:



Worship Team

February 9

Lay Reader: **Susan Summers**
Ushers: **RJ Grenier, Kevin Hart**
Greeter: **Nicole Hart**
Acolyte: **Marilyn Fritz**
Nursery: **Susie Lawson**
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Sharon Riley**

February 16

Lay Reader: **Doris Ashbaugh**
Ushers: **Olen Moore, Hilary Moore**
Greeter: **Donna Clawson**
Acolyte: **Lilly Hart**
Nursery: **Kelly Herzing**
Counters: **Linda Siglin, Nick Wood**
Close Out: **RJ Grenier**

February 23

Lay Reader: **Sharon Riley**
Ushers: **Tim Summers, Luke Summers**
Greeter: **Susan Summers**
Acolyte: **Ethan Hart**
Nursery: **Doris Nilson**
Counters: **Walt Russell, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Scot Morrow**

Important Notice for Ushers and Close Out Helpers:

First named usher will be the primary usher, it is this usher's responsibility to hand out bulletins and to complete a head count 15 minutes into the service, the head count should include everyone in the sanctuary and everyone in nursery including helpers, they head usher should also sit in the pews at the rear of the sanctuary in case there are any latecomers or to be able to view anyone who may need assistance during the service, the second named usher will help with the offering and communion when applicable.

Close out is the Trustee in charge to make sure the Education building and the schoolhouse are secure, the heat turned down to 60 degrees and lights are off.

Position Opening

Full Time Nursery

Position: New Market United Methodist Church would like to announce an opening for Sunday morning nursery position, if you or someone you know is interested in filling the nursery position please contact the office at 301-865-3530. Responsibilities include; arriving at 10:45a.m. and leaving at 12:15p.m., and restoring the nursery to order after service. The applicant must be 18 years or older, is current with CPR certification, or if not the church will pay to become CPR certified and must have their own transportation. The rate is \$25 per Sunday Service.

Coming in March:



Lent & Easter Highlights

As winter waxes on we begin to look ahead towards the seasons of renewal and rebirth. Save these dates on your spring calendar for a restoring Lent & Easter.

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### **Fat Tuesday Supper**

March 4<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 7pm Schoolhouse

Fat Tuesday is the party day before we begin the season of Lent. This is an opportunity for the whole family to feast on a scrumptious “breakfast for supper”. Pancakes, Fostnuts, fruit, and other breakfast treats will be served. More information on music and entertainment to follow! All are welcome. Donations will be accepted for the Imagine No Malaria Mission. Hosted by Mt. Carmel special events team.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

March 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm New Market Sanctuary

This is one of the holiest nights of the Christian year. This night we gather to embrace the promise of resurrection as we remember our mortality. This service centers around times for forgiveness and pardon. All will receive ashes, the sign of mortality, in the shape of the cross, the shape of redemption.

Brief chapel services with the sharing of ashes will also be hosted by our pastors at 11am & 1pm for our preschool community & members who wish to have a day time service.

### **Holy Thursday Covered Dish and Communion Service**

April 17<sup>th</sup> Dinner 7pm Communion Service 7pm-8pm Mt. Carmel Great Room

On this Holy night we gather as the family of God around the table to remember Christ’s offering for us. We will share a community covered dish meal. Then we will share a special communion service around tables. Together we “take and eat” in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Good Friday Community Worship Service**

April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm – New Market By candlelight we will gather to remember Christ’s sacrifice for our salvation. This special service will be the climax of our Lenten series “Words to the Cross”. On this night we will remember the words of love and hope Jesus’ spoke with his final breaths. These words will challenge how we use every breath we have left.

### **Special Lent Study Group** “Words From the Cross” Tuesday, 9:30-11:00am

February 25<sup>th</sup> - April 8<sup>th</sup>. New Market School House. All are welcome to join Pastor Jenny for this focused look at the meaning of Christ’s death on the cross and how his sacrifice transforms our living. Call 301-865-3530 to sign up for a book.