

NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR JUNE 2010

If you were not able to be in church last Sunday (May 30th) then you missed it. Not only did you miss witnessing eight young people joining our church in a service of Confirmation, you also missed the sight of your pastor brandishing a golf club during his sermon. Are you intrigued? The golf club was a driver and I was using it to make a point about following through. A good follow through is essential in making a good drive off the tee in a golf shot. A good follow through is also important in our Christian faith and life. The follow through in a golf shot says a lot about how well we've addressed the ball and how well we have prepared to take the shot. It is an important part of the entire swing. How we follow through on the vows we made in accepting Jesus into our hearts says the same thing about how well we have prepared to make that decision and our intentions in making that decision.

We vowed to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. The question is, are we? Do you pray for the church and the members of the church, the leaders and the pastors on a daily basis? Your prayers empower the church in ministry. Are you faithfully present in worship? In worship we stand along side one another praising God and glorifying Christ. We are also there to support each other. It's important that we have that time together for the sake of our community. Are you present in Sunday school or Bible Study where we can get an opportunity to grow our faith. Are you sharing or employing your gifts in the ministry of the church. I'm not talking just about what goes into the offering plate, though that is an essential part of it. I'm also talking about your abilities, your talents and your passions. We are all endowed with wonderful gifts and abilities. Are we using them to the glory of God? Are you glorifying God in serving the church and community in Jesus name? This means sitting on boards and committees, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir and doing a lot of other things that add to the life of the congregation. It also means serving the community in ministries of love and compassion. Like the rich young man of Jesus parable we say we want to

follow Jesus. The question is, do we intend to follow through?

The opportunities to follow through abound at NMUMC. Yes it's summer and it's vacation time and individually many of us will be spending some time away on vacation. But the church isn't taking a vacation. We have a lot going on. There will be worship at 9:30am and 11:00am on Sunday mornings. There will be bible study on Wednesday evenings. There will be the mid-summer picnic and worship in the park, several bike trips on the C&O Canal trail. There is of course our VBS which is approaching fast. There will of course be the normal committee meetings taking place. In August there will be a prayer and meditation group starting up. Please refer to the church calendar for a full list of what's taking place. My point is that opportunities for follow through abound, even over the summer. Please make plans to join us as we live out our faith and the vows that we made.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mike

MESSAGE FROM OUR LAY LEADER

Confirmation

On the last Sunday in May we will be confirming several of the youths that have attended our church for many years. This class of confirmands has been studying their lessons for the last nine months. They will be making a commitment to God and the Church when they go through the confirmation ceremony on Sunday.

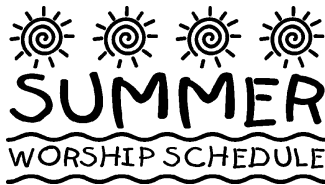
I was lucky enough to study and work with one of the confirmands and it was a pleasure, as well as a very personal eye opening experience for me. We had ten lessons to study and discuss. It was recommended that answers be written down in the study guide. The topics included such as Following Jesus, Why the Church?, Living the Spirit and Staying in Touch with God.

The course really makes you search your soul and go toe to toe with some of the difficult questions we have about our faith. I have not been a diligent religious student in my life and sometimes felt quite handicapped while trying to instruct my confirmand. However, when we finished the course I feel we both knew much more about our strengths and weaknesses. So now I ask you – is it time to refresh the feelings you had on the day you were confirmed? Have you asked yourself any tough questions lately about your religious practices? I am not really going to say anymore about the subject above because I hope I have you all thinking.

The real purpose of this article is meant to be a celebratory message to our 2010 confirmation class. Class, please carry forward what you have recently learned and use it as the foundation of a good long relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. You will be stronger and better person for these teachings in the years to come. Good job class – thanks for all your hard work and commitment to your goal of being confirmed. My wish for you is said best in the following from Isaiah 49:3 – He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in who I will display my splendor.”

God’s Blessings on you all,

Patty Robinson
Lay Leader



STARTING JUNE 13TH

Early worship- 9:30 AM

Fellowship time-10:15-10:45 AM

Worship- 11:00 AM (Nursery Available)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS @ NMUMC

- 1 Trustee’s Meeting 7pm Schoolhouse
- 2-4 Annual Conference Waterfront Marriott Hotel-Baltimore
- 6 Sunday School Breakfast-Last day of Sunday School
- 8 UMW Picnic 11:30am Schoolhouse
SPRC meeting 7pm Schoolhouse
VBS meeting 7:30pm Ed Bldg
- 13 Father’s Day-potluck/Cookout following the 11:00 service at the Schoolhouse
- 14 Homecoming meeting 7 pm Schoolhouse
- 15 Council meeting 7pm Schoolhouse
- 19 VBS Volunteer Lunch/Decoration Day 11:30am-2:00pm
- 20 Last day of choir
- 21-25 VBS 6:15pm-8:30pm (food at 5:30pm for volunteers)
- 27 VBS church performance at 11:00 am service-ice cream social afterwards
- 29 Outreach Committee meeting 7pm Schoolhouse
Homecoming meeting 7pm Ed Bldg



Please welcome the newest members of our church:

Stephen Fauconnet
Ashley Gamble
Zach Grenier
Andrew McCollum
Carlton Plaskett
Edward Plaskett
William Plaskett
Luke Summers

We are looking for a sign design and additional naming suggestions for a two sided outdoor sign for the Schoolhouse. Let’s have a contest! Thanks, Scot

THANK YOU

Thank you to Patty Robinson for taking over setting up, cleaning up and coordinating the coffee/ fellowship time after the early service.

Thank you to the Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center (MMPAC) for the generous donation they made to us for the use of our sanctuary for their spring voice recital on Saturday, May 1st at 4:00pm.

Thank you to all who helped with the Book & Yard Sale. The total made for both was approximately \$891.00, which will go toward the Schoolhouse Kitchen Project.

Thank you to Milt & Linda Siglin for their generous donation of paper goods that we can use for our upcoming events.



We have a new easier to remember website address: it is www.newmarketumc.com. You can still use the old address also: www.gbgn-umc.org/newmarket. Many people felt our old address was too long and too hard to remember, so David Robinson set up a newer easier one for accessing our church's website. Thank you Dave for doing this so people will have an easier time finding our site and remembering our address! While you are at our website you will find a link to our Cokesbury Virtual Bookstore. When you purchase by clicking through the link our our website you will receive a 20% discount on books, bibles, cds and most other items as well. Our church receives 5% back from all our website sales. For more information see the bulletin board at the back of the church or call the office at 301-865—3530.



Thank you to all the fathers who make the world a better place just by being there!

THIS & THAT

TODAY - "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it ." Psalm 118:24 NIV

How many of you tend to do as I at times and live in the past - past mistakes and choices, past joys you hate to stop thinking about? I also tend to project into the future - like thinking too much about an event coming up and acting like today has no value.

I try to focus on learning from my past mistakes and sins and remember that God has forgiven me and move on. I like what Joyce Meyer's wrote in her book "Starting Your Day Right" on this subject, "Sooner or later we have to let go and say, 'Well, I made a mistake because I am just an old cracked pot.' Then we must let God's light shine through the holes in the surface." (see 2 Corinthians 4:7.) About past joys - it doesn't hurt to bask in them as long as we don't get stuck there and miss the joys of today.

I know I've written this before but it doesn't hurt to say it again. When my mind shoots backwards or forwards I'll repeat the Bible verse above. I have to remember that today might be it for me and I don't want to be guilty of letting it go and finding all it has to offer. I don't want to miss anything God has for me to learn, see, experience, and accomplish.

Blessings, Marilyn Brooks



VBS is June 21st – June 25th from 6:15-8:30pm. It is free to all attending! VBS Registration is available online at our new and easier to remember web address: www.newmarketumc.com. You may also register by contacting the church office at 301-865-3530. Please see the attached flyer for all the details!



Please join us on Sunday, June 13 after the 11:00am service for a Father's Day potluck/cookout down at the Schoolhouse. We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. All are welcome!



Mike Crandall, son of Rita & Thomas Crandall, graduated from the A.James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland College Park. Mike has earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering graduating Suma Cum Laude. Mike is currently exploring South America with some college friends. When he returns in mid-June, he will be continuing his graduate research in sustainable energy as he earns his Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mike grew up at New Market United Methodist Church and has many Christian role models to thank over the years, especially Don Petersen and Thelma Gesling for their encouragement and kindness.

Angela Jazmine Ashbaugh, daughter of Doris & Michael Ashbaugh graduated on May 29, 2010 from the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Savannah, GA with a BFA in Animation. In Savannah she held a leadership position in CSF (Christian Student Fellowship), a Christian community at SCAD and completed a short film that was shown at the Lucas Theater. She will be working at the Little Pottery Shop in Frederick, doing some traveling and continuing with Ballroom dancing during the summer while pursuing her job hunt. Angela hopes her job search will find her settling in North or South Carolina. Visit her website at www.artzyangela.com.

Mt. Carmel UMC's Hope Community Preschool still has openings for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year

- *BRAND NEW FACILITY**
- *SECURE KEY CARD ENTRY**
- *MSDE LICENSING**
- *PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

Please check out our staff bios at www.hopemtcarmel.org/preschoolstaff.htm

We offer Lunch Bunch and Fit Kids classes to extend the day~
For more information contact Athena Edsall, Administrator at athie@hopemtcarmel.org or 301-514-4893



The mission for the month of June is Boy Scout Troop #628. The troop is sponsored by both our church and the New Market Lions Club. We started in November with 7 scouts and have since grown to have a membership of 17 boys and many adult leaders dedicated to giving the boys in the troop a strong moral compass.

The scouts are very active in working to uphold the Boy Scout Law, which is "A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." The boys have already done several service projects for the church, including refinishing the outside bench, decorating the church for Christmas, taking the decorations down and moving the books to the church for the book sale. They have also put in many hours participating in other service projects throughout the community.

Your donations will go to support the boys by supplementing the troop's fundraising efforts. Since we are a newly organized troop, we have had to purchase the equipment necessary for the scout's camping and hiking programs. It will also be used toward sending several of our boys to summer camp in July. If you want to see the troop in action, check out our website at:

<http://sites.google.com/site/troop628org/home> or take a look at our bulletin board in the schoolhouse.