



Invitation To the Observance of Lenten Discipline

Every year when Ash Wednesday rolls around we may start thinking, “What am I going to give up for Lent this year”? Chocolates, desserts, alcohol, going to work? We may even try to get creative, “I think I will give up couscous”, yeah, that will be easy or the classic, “I will give up giving things up for Lent”. If we

fail at our giving up of certain things, then we feel miserable about ourselves as we shove that last piece of chocolate cake into our mouths. Some pastors will go easy on us and remind us during the 40 days of Lent, Sundays are not counted, little Easters, we call them, little loopholes I call them.

Early Christians observed Lent with great devotion, they prepared themselves to follow the Lord’s footsteps to the passion and the resurrection. Lent after all is 40 days of spiritual preparation. How does one spiritually prepare by giving something up? Giving up a meal during the week can remind you of others who do not have food security. Giving up a luxury can remind you that others do not have the same means to luxury items. Giving up a bad habit may lead to positive changes in your life that can go far beyond Lent.

I, however, would like to encourage others to take something up for Lent instead of denial. You can form a new spiritual discipline.

We have provided a daily **Lenten calendar** that can lead you toward spiritual preparedness as we approach Holy Week. There are challenges connected with each day that can help you move into the offered scripture for that day. There are also the St. Andrews Society daily devotions “The Cup of Salvation” that will be available in the rear of the sanctuary. If you do not currently partake of daily devotions this gives you a couple of opportunities to start this life changing habit. If devotions are already a part of your daily routine, then maybe take up a card or letter sending habit during these 40 days. You could brighten a friend’s day, or one of your fellow congregation members. (There is a church directory under the more tab on our website, if you need a password, contact David Robinson, davidrob46@msn.com)



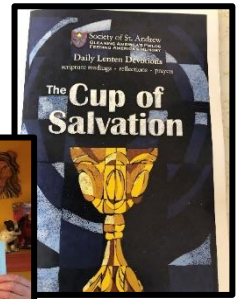
Let your imagination run wild on what to take up to make a healthier you or a healthier someone else. Let’s prepare our hearts for a truly life changing Lenten Season.

Pastor Scott

Spiritual Preparing Oneself to Encounter the Risen Christ

Daily Devotionals

Available in the Sanctuary



Lenten Services



Ash Wednesday Services at New Market UMC

March 2

You can receive your ashes in the following manner:

11:15 am Preschool Chapel in the Sanctuary

12:00 pm Drive Thru Ashes in the Parking Lot

2:30pm Preschool Chapel in the Sanctuary

7pm Full Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

You can also live stream the Ash Wednesday Service by going to the New Market UMC YouTube page. Take home ashes will be available this Sunday.

April 10: Palm Sunday Celebration 9:30 & 11:00 am New Market

April 14: Holy Thursday Prayer Stations 7 pm Mt Carmel

April 15: Good Friday Service 7 pm New Market

April 17: Easter "Sonrise" Service 6 am Fairview Chapel 6802 Boyers Mill Rd

April 17: Easter Services 9:30 & 11:00 am



Worship at Fairview

7 pm Every Sunday

March 6: Pastor George Fry

March 13: Pastor Gary White

March 20: Pastor Ashley Garland

March 27: Pastor Jay Blake

April 10: Palm Sunday

Gospel Ridge Christian Blue Grass Band

The Lenten special services offerings and fasting offerings will go toward Safe, Warm and Dry Ministries. These offerings will be used in the congregation and community to aid those with food, housing, and medical insecurities.



EASTER EGG ROLL

April 9th

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

New Market Grange Hall (14 South Alley)

Every year New Market UMC provides the surrounding community with an Easter Egg Roll celebration. Volunteers are needed to help plan, set up, and run the games and other activities. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. We thank you in advance for your participation.

United Methodist Women

FAITH+HOPE+LOVE IN ACTION

Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends will meet at 1:00 pm on **March 8th** in the sanctuary. This is a formal meeting with no refreshments provided. If you would like to join the Circle at McDonalds in New Market for a pre-meeting meal, they are gathering at 11:30am



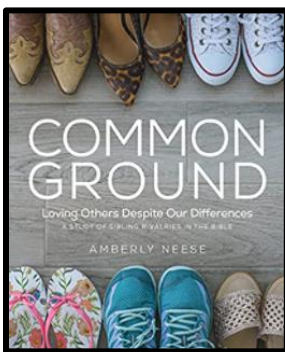
Ladies In Faith Together

Please join us for faith, fellowship, and service.

LIFT, Ladies In Faith Together, will meet the first Monday in March, **March 7 at 7pm** in the kitchen of the Education Building.

All ladies are welcome to join!

We will be starting our discussion of the book, "Common Ground, Loving Others Despite Our Differences" by Amberly Neese. No pre-reading required. Our discussion will focus on learning to live at peace with others even when we disagree by studying biblical stories of rivalries.



Upcoming Meetings

March 8: 7 pm Trustees- Ed Building Kitchen

March 15: 7 pm Council- Sanctuary

March 28: 7 pm Finance- Zoom



The approved budget for 2021 totaled \$215,346.90. As has been noted before, the regular offering is what supports the yearly approved budget. You will see in the above chart that donations to the regular offering totaled \$234,333.94 (deposits + online giving). We are blessed to have a giving, caring congregation, who not only supported the local church program, but donated a significant amount to local missions, as well as to several individuals needing assistance.

Your faithful giving, no longer paying a monthly mortgage payment, and banking the \$2100 monthly parsonage rent, has greatly improved the financial situation of NMUMC. Please continue to prayerfully consider the direction God is leading this church.

Update

The Council voted on Wednesday evening (2/23) to proceed with making an offer on the Fossett property. If this acquisition is supported by the congregational vote on Sunday, February 27, the process of building a New Worship Center will be started, but there are many steps (and years) before that would become a reality.

As of 2/23, the cost and funding of the project is: \$180,500 asking price, \$5,500 in closing costs = \$186,000 The Finance Team has voted to provide \$75,000 from the General Fund; the generosity of 22 individuals/families have pledged \$106,000 = \$181,000 (\$5,000 more is needed to fully fund the asking price and closing costs).

The Leadership Team would like to raise \$200,000 to fund the purchase, closing costs and reclamation of the property, as well as any unanticipated costs. All donations, small or large, will help to provide the needed funding. You can mark your offering to the building fund.

As stated above, please continue to prayerfully consider the direction God is leading this church – and you.

Category	Amount	
Total Deposits	\$ 292,782.46	
Regular Offering	\$ 215,731.36	
Anniversary Celebration	\$ 200.00	
Ash Wednesday (Society/St. Andrew)	\$ 214.00	
Building Fund	\$ 11,148.00	
Building Rental	\$ 325.00	
Christmas Offering (to CrossRoads)	\$ 5,008.00 (includes 575 received in January for 2020)	
Christ's Carpenters	\$ 100.00	
Community Care & Food Pantry	\$ 1,455.00	
Cup of Joe Ministry	\$ 700.00	
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,860.00	
Easter Flowers	\$ 206.00	
Easter Offering (debt reduction)	\$ 845.00	
Hope 4 Kids	\$ 993.58	
Memorial Fund	\$ 6,970.00	
Organ Fund	\$ 1,650.00	
Other Income	\$ 1,539.52 (reimb. from Fairview Chapel, study guides, worship supplies, OCC postage, worker's comp refunds, donation for window cleaning, Scout donation, garage door repair)	
Parsonage Rental	\$ 23,100.00 (doesn't include Jan 2021 rent deposited in 2020)	
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ 8,305.00	
Poinsettias	\$ 394.00	
Pre School Rent	\$ 10,800.00	Online Giving Totals \$19,292.35
Religious Coalition	\$ 25.00	Regular Offering \$18,602.58
Thanksgiving Offering (Society/St. Andrew)	\$ 120.00	Easter Flowers \$ 24.00
Upper Room	\$ 68.00	P's Discretionary \$ 300.00
VBS	\$ 25.00	Online Fees \$ 365.77

Fossett Property Update

2/20/2022:

- A) Straw poll and pledge cards received via email and bulletin.
- B) Overwhelming favor for Phase 1 (purchase the Fossett property)
- C) Overwhelming favor to support Phase 2 and 3
- D) As of 2/23/22 **\$106,000** amount pledged, **\$16,500** of that received.

2/23/2022:

- A) Communicated price of the property to the congregation was \$185,500.
Actual asking price is \$180,500.
- B) Offer was placed 2/23/22 for that amount plus closing costs.
- C) \$10,000 refundable deposit placed toward property.
- D) 14-day period to inspect property to refuse, if necessary, starts when offer accepted.

Estimated Closing Costs:

- A) \$3,500 Title company on contract.
 - B) \$405 Taxes from 4/29 to 6/30.
 - C) \$175 Recording fees
 - D) \$1,000 Title insurance (bank may absorb)
 - E) \$295 Broker Fee.
- Estimated range for closing costs: \$4,500- 5,500

Cost and Funding Breakdown:

- A) \$180,500 Asking price
 - B) \$5,500 Closing costs
- Total Purchase: \$ 186,000

Funds Received:

- A) \$75,000 Finance from General Fund
 - B) \$106,000 Pledges Received
- Total Pledged plus Finance: \$181,000
Current deficit to fully fund: \$5,000

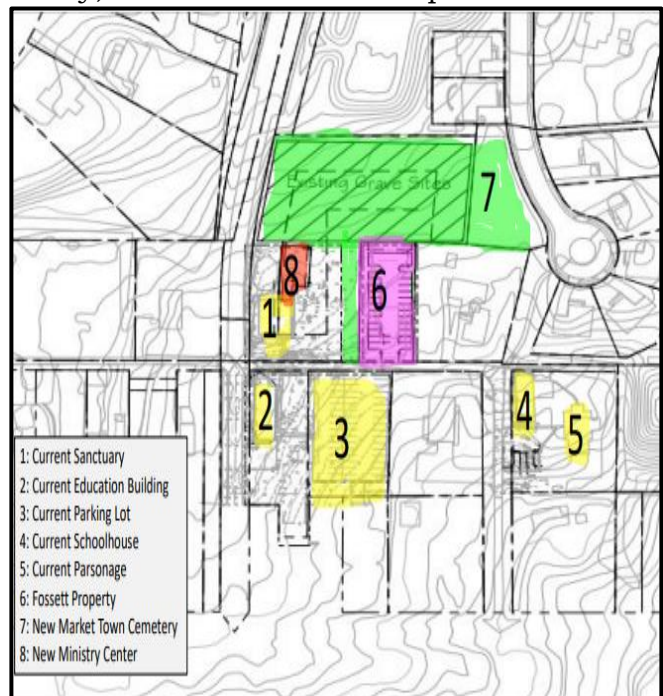
Leadership Team would like to raise a full \$200,000 to fund the reclamation of the home on the property and the additional costs associated as well. If you would like to financially support, please mark your offering for building fund.

Fossett Property Next Steps

- A) Congregational vote 2/27/22 for Phase 1 only. Purchase Fossett property with no debt

Associated Costs for Fossett Property Reclamation

- A) \$6,500 Raze Building includes well disconnect
- B) \$? Septic disconnect
- C) \$? Lead abatement
- D) \$0 Disconnect power
- E) \$3,000 Move power to temporary site on property
- F) \$0 Remove propane tank
- G) \$? Remove Trees



New Market UMC Sunday School

Mark Your
Calendar!!!

Vacation Bible
School

August 1-5

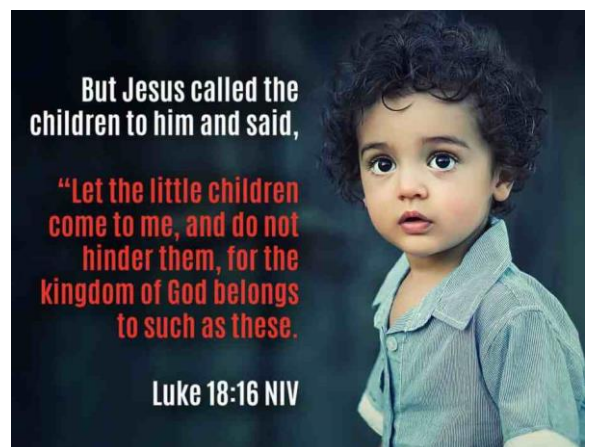
During the Season of Lent the Children's Sunday school along with our individual class lessons will be focusing on prayer, by making a scratch off prayer calendar. We are also looking forward to being part of the Palm Sunday Palm Parade.

Special thank-you to all the parents who have faithfully been bringing their kids to Sunday school throughout this unusual year.



If you have any questions about Children's Ministry or would like to volunteer to be a class helper on Sunday mornings, please contact Donna at declawson16@gmail.com or 301-418-0863.

If you have any questions about our Youth Ministry, contact Kate Hanson at kate@tkhanson.net or 240-344-9762



AMPED

A Ministry Preparing Extreme Disciples



Youth Ministry at Mt. Carmel & New Market UMC: Spring 2022

In addition to normal youth programming this Spring, we will be planning and preparing for summer. As our youth look ahead to summer, consider donating to our scholarship fund so they can participate fully. Please also pray for us and for the staff who will be hosting us at Manidokan and in Harrisburg!

Camp Manidokan, Week of June 12

Our elementary, middle, and high school students will be exploring God's creation and having outdoor fun this June at our beloved Camp Manidokan. We are excited for rock climbing, swimming, canoeing, s'mores, and worship around the campfire.

Registration is open on Camp Manidokan's website.
Scholarships are available!



Youth Mission Trip to Harrisburg, PA, Week of July 17



In Harrisburg, our youth group will serve with local children's programs, community gardens and assist neighborhood associations with small home repair, community beautification and cleanup projects. In the evenings, we'll visit Hershey's Chocolate World for a chocolate tour, attend a youth service at a local church and enjoy the beauty of Harrisburg!

How to Reach Pastor Laura:

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How to Reach Kate Hanson:

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New Market UMC

*We serve Christ in the world and the community as we share
His love with all of God's people. Come be a part of our faith family.*

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Worship With Us Each Sunday!

9:30 am Sanctuary Worship

with nursery and Sunday School for all ages

11 am Sanctuary Worship

with nursery