

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR MARCH 2012



“Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.”  
Psalm 25:5

## “Got Bible?”

This Lent the people of New Market and Mt. Carmel United Methodist Churches are digging into their Bibles. We have heard God’s invitation to come home to Him, to get to know Him more fully. Our response over these next few weeks is one of discipleship and discipline. We are turning to God’s word and inviting the Lord to speak new and deeper truth into our lives. If you have not yet been able to join us for worship this Lenten season we hope you will be with us Sunday. We have a special memory verse key chain waiting for you. If you have received your key chain remember to flip through your verse each day as you wait at a stop light or perk your morning coffee.

This Lent we are reminded that putting off our relationship with Christ is a losing battle. We have time in life for whatever we make a priority. We challenge you to make scripture your priority by doing our daily GPS study found in your weekly bulletin or by doing a devotion of your choice. You will find as you read God’s word that the Lord has much to teach you.

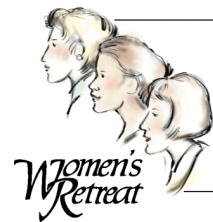
In addition we invite you to bring your Bible and a pen to worship. Each week we will point out to you some valuable scriptures which we hope will help to form your faith journey. Later in the newsletter you can read a few stories of how our Bible focus is touching lives!

Pastor Jenny, Pastor Scott and Pastor Jason



## PRAYER & FASTING

Every Wednesday we invite you to dedicate your lunch hour or another hour during your day to prayer. The pastors will be fasting and praying on Wednesdays. You can pray wherever you are, at work, home, school, or in the community. We will provide prayer focuses in the bulletin each Sunday and send an email prayer list on Wednesdays. We will have on our list, prayers for other churches in the parish and they will be praying for us. This will unite us as a body and link us together to the power of God.



**There is still time!**

**Pastor Jenny is looking for a few more ladies to attend the March 9-11 women’s retreat. If you are interested, contact her directly at 240-409-4722. All ages are welcome.**



**Please start carrying your bibles with you every day and bring them on Sunday to worship. We are committed to learning and living the Word of God.**



### UMW Circle of Friends

#### Upcoming meeting dates:

March 13<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm at the home of Joan Price

April 10<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm at the home of Barbara Zimmerman

May 8<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm at the home of Linda Siglin

## STUDY GROUP

Every Tuesday starting March 6, “Got something on your mind?” Pastor Scott will be in the upper room from 8:00 am to 11:00 am to share coffee, open to chat, to pray and to share the Word.

Every Tuesday starting March 6 @ 5:00 in the Upper Room, **Navigator series 1**, led by Pastor Scott. A study to deepen your relationship with God, to strengthen your daily discipline, and to make your prayer life powerful. Open to woman and men. See Pastor Scott for details.

Tuesday night **Navigators** for Men @ Mt Carmel 6:00 PM. See Joe Skeith for details.

Wednesday Night **Disciple** @ New Market 7:00 PM. Open invitations to join. On March 7<sup>th</sup> we will be starting into the New Testament, Pastor Scott will be co-leading with Nick Woods. We invite anyone who is not involved in a small group to join us. This is a great opportunity to dig deeper into the scriptures. See Pastor Scott for more details.



### New Market/Mt. Carmel Co-Ed Softball

Would you like to have fun with your church family this spring? Join our co-ed softball team and have a “ball”. To join the roster or if you have questions, contact Michele Stine at 301-631-5610.



March 2, 3, 4 SYLC, leadership conference for our youth leaders (Pray for Corey, Nicole, and Cathy)  
March 7 through June 13<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Classes for Everyone  
March 23, 24 25 IMPACT Ocean City Senior High Retreat  
March 31 Youth led “Nothing but Nets” 3 on 3 basketball tournament benefiting No More Malaria  
April 6 and 7 30 hour famine and youth lock in  
May 9 Baptism and covenant field trip to Pinecliff Park  
May 31 Confirmands only, Baltimore field trip  
June 2 and 3 Confirmands only, Youth retreat and Creek Bound Farm  
June 10 Confirmation Service and River Baptism at Pinecliff Park  
June 13 End of year youth group party  
June 27,28,29,30 Creation Festival (Graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders and up)



### SUMMER CAMP

Pastor Jenny and a team from our churches will lead the “Ultimate Adventure Camp” at Camp Manidokan July 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. This week is full of swimming, rafting, worship, campfires, and faith! 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend as campers. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can attend as Jr. leaders & adults are needed to chaperone. If you are interested in attending or sending a child, contact Pastor Jenny at 240-409-4722.



St. Patrick’s Day potluck  
March 18<sup>th</sup> after church  
in the schoolhouse  
If you are under 65, please  
bring two dishes to share in  
honor of our seniors!

**We are in need of a co-organizer for this potluck. Please contact Patty Robinson if you are interested in helping with this event.**



**MISSION OFFERING FOR MARCH**

**This month's mission offering will go to the  
One Great Hour of Sharing**

As in the past, our mission offering for March is designated for One Great Hour of Sharing. Lent is the season of repentance, self-examination and awareness of the hurts of the peoples of the world. One Great Hour of Sharing calls the Church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Gifts provide refuge and relief to some of the world's most vulnerable people during times of distress.

In 1946, One Great Hour of Sharing began; in 1949 the observance became ecumenical. Originally one special worship hour during the year was reserved for people of faith to contribute over and above their regular offerings. Today different denominations celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on various dates but the cooperative spirit remains.

Your generous contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all the United Methodist Committee on Relief's work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all gifts designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.

Jesus promised to be with us always and Jesus extends this call to us to "be there" as well, whenever people are suffering. Your gifts enable the church to answer that call.

The **Foodbank Program**, operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency, provides a three- to five-day supply of food to families and individuals who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries. The FCAA foodbank serves between 300 to 400 households each month ranging from very low-income families who use the foodbank on a regular basis to moderate-income families who are facing a financial crisis and need food assistance

Our foodbank box is at the back of the sanctuary. But too often it is empty. On the **first Sunday of each month**, we would like to fill this box. Perhaps you could "raid your pantry" or buy some extra non-perishables so we can help those in need. Those who receive this food are truly grateful.



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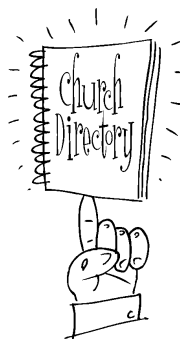
Tim Summers	3/2
Elaine Davis	3/6
Luke Summers	3/6
Eugene Meyers	3/7
Walt Russell	3/9
Rita Crandall	3/20
Dawn Zimmerman	3/20
Michael Crandall	3/22
Laura Gaver	3/23
Susan Summers	3/28
Linda Siglin	3/29

**BOARD OF CHILD CARE NEWS**

We are collecting cookies again for the Board of Child Care for the month of March and 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of April. They can be homemade or store bought and need to be brought to the Ed Bldg Kitchen by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to you, we collected \$141.00 in membership dues or the upcoming year!



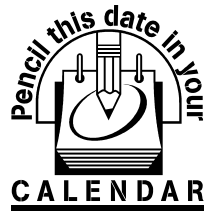
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There are copies of the church directory at the back of the church. Our directory is an ongoing "work in progress". If you need to update your information, please call or email the church office to let us know.



**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**



**March**

- 1        **Scouts #628**  
Choir practice 7:30pm
- 2-5     **Youth Leaders Conference- Louisville, Kentucky**
- 3        **Trustee's meeting 9-12 cleaning/organizing Buildings**  
CPR/First Aid Training 9:00-3:30 schoolhouse
- 5        **NM Lions club dinner schoolhouse 5:00-9:00pm**
- 7        **Confirmation begins-Mt Carmel 6:30-8:30pm**  
(Youth Group also 6:30-8:30pm)  
Bible study 7:00pm
- 8        **Scouts #628**  
Choir practice 7:30pm
- 9-11    **Women's retreat at Camp Manadokin**
- 11       **Daylight savings time-clocks ahead 1 hour**  
Communion
- 13       **UMW circle of friends 12:30pm at Joan Price's**  
Finance meeting 6:00pm  
SPRC 7:00pm
- 14       **Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm**  
Bible study 7:00pm
- 15       **Scouts #628**  
Choir practice 7:30pm
- 17       **St. Patrick's Day**
- 18       **St Patrick's Day potluck after church**  
One Great Hour of Sharing
- 20       **Church Council meeting 7:00pm**
- 21       **Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm**  
Bible study 7:00pm
- 22       **Scouts #628**  
Choir practice 7:30pm
- 23-25   **Impact High School retreat-Ocean City, MD**
- 27       **Ministry teams night 7:00pm**
- 28       **Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm**  
Bible study 7:00pm
- 29       **Scouts #628**  
Choir practice 7:30pm
- 31       **"Nothing but Nets" Basketball tournament 1-4pm**  
Mt Carmel UMC (to benefit Imagine No Malaria)

If you are interested in upcoming events for young adults, please contact Pastor Jason at [jnshank084@yahoo.com](mailto:jnshank084@yahoo.com).



**THIS & THAT**

**Songs** - *The other morning I was looking out back as the sun spread across the landscape and this song came to mind. I can see clearly now the rain is gone I can see all obstacles in my way Gone are the dark clouds that had me down Its gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day. I wondered why it came to mind, except for the fact that we've had a lot of rainy days lately, so I pondered about it and drove myself a little nuts. Actually when you are a widow and live alone you can drive yourself nuts with thoughts, but that's for another article. I have found that the Lord speaks to me through songs. Now there are songs that stay with you through the week that we've sung at choir rehearsal but I'm talking about a song that pops in your mind. I remember being anxious about something and the hymn "Be Still My Soul" came to mind and I felt the Lord was telling me He knew about it and it would be OK.*

*I think what the Lord is telling me about the song above is that as I grow in His love I will see the things that keep me from being closer and closer to Him. The next time a song hits you out of the blue think about what it could mean.*

*I pray that Jesus shines brightly in your heart this new year. Marilyn Brooks*

**2nd Annual Nothing but Nets 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament**

On Saturday, March 31st from 1-4pm we will host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament here at Mt. Carmel. Teams will consist of one middle school student, one high school student and one adult. The players will be collecting pledges in the coming weeks. You can help by supporting one or more of the players and coming and cheering them on. The youth group will have a concession stand as well. If you are interested in playing you can pick up the forms in the lobby and form your own team or you can contact Pastor Scott at [pastorscott62@gmail.com](mailto:pastorscott62@gmail.com) to be placed on a team. All proceeds from tournament and concessions go to "Imagine No Malaria" to help buy mosquito nets and medical supplies to help stop the spread of Malaria in Africa.

**Ministry Space Design Team**

Due to our growing congregation Church Council has foreseen the need to rethink the ministry areas of the Education Building. If you are interested in space design, if you lead a Sunday school class or small group in this area, we would love to have your input. This team will be tasked with immediate and long term design solutions. Among the areas being created are space for child care for the 9:30 service, a Pastor's office, and enclosed school rooms. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Gamble during office hours or Pastor Scott.



## BIBLE STORIES

Where can you buy a “pew” Bible? Upon hearing the challenge to bring a Bible to church one of our worshipers set out to buy a “pew Bible”. She heard the liturgist say each Sunday “get out your pew Bibles.” She assumed this was a special version of the Bible that everyone knew about but her. It took another friend to help her realize that the “pew” Bible was simply a Bible that is kept in the pews. This is a good reminder that we often make assumptions that everyone knows what we are talking about. Let’s remember to help each other along!!

**BIBLES for teens!** We have over 40 teens in the Mt. Carmel & New Market youth group! Each of them will receive a new NIV study Bible on Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> thanks to the generosity of our Ash Wednesday worshipers and other donors. Many of these teens have never owned a Bible! Please keep them in your prayers as they ready and study God’s word each Wednesday.

Congratulations to **Natalie Clupper**, the first New Market child to remember to bring her Bible to church. Help your child find a Bible they can bring to church and mark in. Helping our kids get to know their Bibles is a wonderful investment in their lifelong faith.

Do you have a **family Bible**? Many from New Market have taken this month as an opportunity to find and dust off their family Bibles. If a Bible has been passed down your lineage look it over. What can you learn about your faith heritage from the Bible? Consider your own Bible. The more you mark the more your children will know about your faith! Your Bible can be a love letter of faith and encouragement for future generations!



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

**WE ARE IN NEED OF A MEALS COORDINATOR FOR FAMILIES IN TRANSITION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR SCOTT FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



We are in need of donations for our Community Easter Egg Hunt:  
\*\* wrapped candies  
\*\* small toys/stickers for the eggs  
\*\* and Volunteers to help!!  
Please see the flyer at the back of the church for more information.

**The Community Easter Egg hunt will be held rain or shine on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm at New Market UMC. Please help by spreading the word to our community.**