



A Newsletter for the people of 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 part of our faith family.

New Market UMC



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A little boy holds in his hand the shriveled empty chrysalis. His cheeks are wet from tears as he laments over the vacant shell. "It's gone, it's over, and there is nothing left!" He had watched as his rescued caterpillar fashion that cocoon around its plumb body. He had watched how the shell kept it safe and sound in the cup. But when he awoke today the shell was EMPTY!

This month our sacred calendar contains the holiest of days through which we, like caterpillars, are re-made into Holy followers of Christ. The forty days of Lent are in many ways a cocoon wherein we are fashioned by God's holy story and the means of grace. In these days, we experience the forgiveness of sin as we confess and hear the savior say, "Father, forgive them". Our sinful lives are washed clean as we remember our baptism and sip on the cup of salvation. Our broken bodies and spirits are revived by the healing oil. Each day "THE WAY" of lent strengthens us as we feast on the words of Scripture and the presence of God through prayer. In so many ways we are being transformed.

But there is a day coming, which no amount of preparation can fully prepare us to grasp. The facts of the story defy nature and gravity, the implications of the story defeat death and defy the grave. At the climax of this holy season is the audacious news that the tomb is EMPTY! That's right; the body of our savior is not wrapped tight and hid away. The grave is EMPTY and Jesus is not there to be found.

This revelation baffled his friends and followers. Though they had heard the promise of a resurrection they struggled to understand the vacant grave. Where is HE? How do we follow his footsteps if we can't see his feet? Jesus would appear to them over 40 days showing his nail holed hands and braking bread on the beach. Still there was a sense of mystery; the next step of the journey would not be a step, it would be a leap.



The climax of this Holy Season is not one we can walk into. We can walk right up to the last supper and sit in our place, we can stand with earthly tears and behold the One who would die for us all; but Easter; that's a leap of faith! Like a boy holding an empty box, trying to believe in butterflies, our human doubts and assumptions will need to be overcome.



On March 31st we will gather once again to remember the morning that has changed all of human history and will change every step of our eternal life. This Easter, we celebrate that the tomb is EMPTY and because of this our lives, every step, can be quite free. The Way of the Resurrected Lord is the way of freedom, Jesus invites us to follow.

Ready for miracles! Pastor Jenny & Pastor Scott

Parish Children and Youth Ministry



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New Market UMC Library Children's Story Time



Tuesday's 1-2:30 pm
(Stories at 1:00 pm and 1:45 pm with play time in between)

Thursday's 10-11:30 am
(Stories at 10:00 am and 10:45 am with play time in between)

New Hours Every Saturday!
10:00 am to 2:00 pm (Stories at 10:30 and 1:00 pm play time in between)

Last Saturday of the month themed story day

We invite your children to enter into the magic world of becoming a part of the story. Crafts reflecting the theme will be offered as well as opportunities to dress up and participate as characters in the reading.
***There will be no themed story day in March due to Lent.**

Also, the Library will be closed the last Saturday in March.



Volunteers needed for the library! We are in need of volunteers for the new Saturday library hours. If you can commit to the entire time or just partial time your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Marilyn Fritz if you are interested
(240) 405-4614

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Local Youth caught having FUN at church!

Join the youth from the parish and community every Wednesday night
Mt Carmel
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Bring your friends!



Women's Retreat Friday, May 10-Sunday May 12th

Becoming Joyfinders!
At Manidokan Retreat Center
on the MD side of Harpers Ferry.

All New Market & Mt. Carmel ladies are invited to join Pastor Jenny for a weekend of relaxation, prayer, friends and freedom together. We will explore ways to find joy in every day. Registration forms are in the back of the church or on-line.

WOMEN

THIS & THAT!

Grieving/healing I'd like to share with you a wonderful happening that touch my heart. Many of you remember my Mom and loved her dearly so I thought you would like to know this. My daughter Dawn in Michigan lost her son Chris (29) to an unknown cause on Thanksgiving Day. They went to pick him up to go to his sister's house for dinner and found him on the floor. Needless to say they are hurting beyond words.

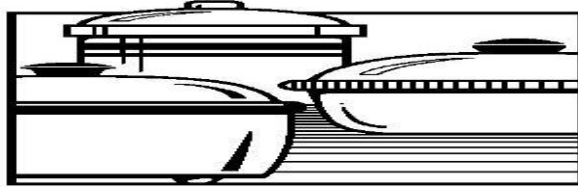
Dawn has always been very close with Mom (Mom Mom as the grandkids called her.) When I talked with Dawn the other day she said she had a vivid dream and she saw Mom Mom holding Chris. Of course this hasn't taken her grief away but it is a strong beginning to healing.

I can only imagine the grieving of those parents in Newtown and my prayer is that our Lord will encase them with His love that they will not fall so deep in grief that they can't move on.

One of the ways I've always thought you could help someone grieving is to be a good listener - use few words but open your heart, ears and arms and let the love of Jesus come through.

Blessings, Marilyn Brooks

Senior Saints Luncheon, Sunday, March 17, 2013 Location: New Market United Methodist Church Schoolhouse



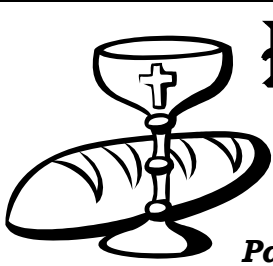
Join us to honor our **"senior" saints** after the 11:00 am service at approximately 12:15 pm. **Anyone 65 or older** does not have to contribute **ANYTHING** to the potluck. The "non" seniors will be doing the cooking and serving. So 64 and under folks, we all have to double up on what we bring for the luncheon because luckily we have plenty of "senior" saints to feed. There is a sign-up sheet in the sanctuary for those who plan on attending.

U.M.W. Circle of Friends

You may have noticed or used the new coat rack at the School House. This was made possible by a donation from Nell Gannaway. Tim Summers installed it for us. Thanks Nell and Tim!

We hope you are checking the church bulletin board to view the previous **Talent Service Auction** sale bills and are getting ideas so you can answer a caller with your item or items. Remember, it can be something you'd bring that evening or a service you and the buyer will work out for delivery time. Make **April 20th** (Sat.) a red letter day by contributing items and talents, attending and purchasing. 90% of the proceeds will be used to upgrade the School House bathroom and 10% will be designated for the Church Community Mission Fund. We hope to have a sale bill in next month's newsletter so you'll be all ready to bid.

Ten ladies from our church will be attending the Sisters' in Faith retreat at Montgomery Church on April 13th. Joan Price will host the March 11th Circle of Friends in her home and Joann Russell will do the program. Barb Zimmerman will send the "Friends to Care For" cards. New members are always welcome. Thelma Gesling (301)865-5514 will gladly answer any questions you might have.



HOLY WEEK

**THE WAY OF PASSION,
THE WAY OF LOVE,
THE WAY OF SALVATION**

Palm Sunday, March 24th

9:30a.m. join the Palm Parade as we share our joy and excitement with the neighborhood. We hope our palm waving will spark interest in the hearts of those who live around our church. Who knows, perhaps someone will follow us home to worship. Sunday School children, youth, and adults are invited to participate. There will be no classes offered inside.

11:00a.m. Palm Sunday Service

This Palm Sunday find yourself among the followers of Jesus who experienced his week of greatest passion. Wave your palm as he enters the city, kneel at the table to receive the bread and cup, pray with him in the Garden and take your place beneath the cross.

Holy Thursday, March 28th 6:30p.m.-8:30p.m. Mt. Carmel UMC

Seder Meal, Covered Dish & Last Supper Drama

Join us as we gather in “the upper room” to remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Our evening will begin by gaining an understanding for the Jewish celebration of Passover called “The Seder”. The experience will continue by sharing a Covered Dish meal. We will conclude with “The Last Supper” play and Holy Communion. Please bring your family (children and youth are encouraged to attend) and a dish to share.

Good Friday Service, March 29th, 7:30p.m. New Market UMC

As the sun sets we gather to remember the love that Jesus poured out on the cross for us. The scriptures of our service will include Jesus’ last words from the cross. Our leaders will offer “Words to the Cross” to help us formulate our response to the Passion of Our Lord. Choirs and soloists will offer their worship.

Easter Sunday, March 31st “Empty or Free?”

The tomb is EMPTY! Are you set free?

Sunrise Service at 6:30a.m.

We will gather on the sanctuary porch and proceed into the cemetery carrying our Christ candles. This is a morning of hope and celebration! Don’t miss the Sunrise!

Traditional Easter Celebration Service at 11:00a.m. IN THE SANCTUARY.

Easter Cantata, April 7th 11:00a.m.

Members of the New Market and Mt. Carmel UMC will offer a special Easter Cantata during our 11:00 service on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. Invite your neighbors and family to this special musical celebration. If you would like to sing in the cantata please contact Nick Wood for information.





5th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by New Market United Methodist Church

When: Palm Sunday, March 24th

Time: Registration begins at 12:30 pm

All activities are free

(One food item would be appreciated for donation to Frederick County Food Bank)

Where: New Market United Methodist Church, 5501 Old New Market Road, New Market, MD 21774

301-865-3530

New Market and Mt. Carmel 2013 Missions

January **New Market/Mt. Carmel Mission Trip**

February Religious Coalition

March **One Great Hour of Sharing**

April Nothing but Nets

May **Youth for Christ**

June Camp Joy

July **Boy Scouts**

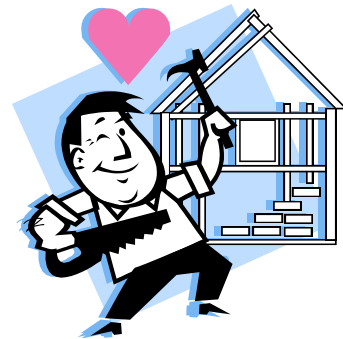
August VBS mission

September **Habitat for Humanity**

October UMCOR

November

December **Board of Child Care**



Thursday Evening Half Hour of Prayer

Join us in the Sanctuary every Thursday at 7:00pm

“The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean the people who talk about prayer, not those who can explain about prayer, but I mean those people who take time to pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important—very important and pressing, but still less important and less pressing than prayer.” S.D. Gordan

Join us for 25 minutes of conversational prayer, we will take the first 5 minutes to cover topics that are on our heart, then join in a circle, announce the topics and pray as the spirit moves us. Come and experience the power of collective prayer in your life.



The new email address for New Market UMC is hometownchurch@comcast.net We look forward to hearing from you!



March Meeting Dates

- March 5th – 7:00pm** Trustees Meeting in Schoolhouse Kitchen
- March 5th – 7:00pm** Outreach Meeting at the Family Christian Bookstore
- March 12th – 7:00pm** Finance Meeting in Library
- March 19th – 7:00pm** Council Meeting in Schoolhouse
- March 26th – 7:00pm** Vision Team Meeting in Schoolhouse

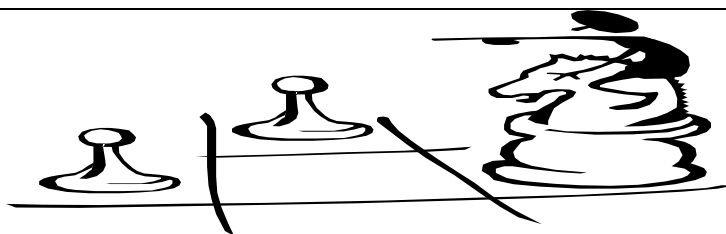
“Call to the Mountain”

Please join us as we take a morning totally devoted to God. We will meet in the New Market parking lot at 9:00 am on **March 16th**, our destination is the Frederick Water Shed, please dress for the weather as we will be outside and wear comfortable shoes. There will be trails to walk for those inclined to go deeper into the woods and paved areas with picnic tables to suit every mobility need. Bring your bible, a note book, your devotional “The Way” and a few pens. The morning will be broken into three parts: waiting on the Lord; a time to go off alone and to realize His presence, to ask for His cleansing, to worship Him and to give Him thanks. The second part will be Prayer for yourself and we will conclude the morning with conversational prayer for others. Like true Methodist’s, we will eat lunch at the Barbara Fritchie Restaurant after we go to the mountain so bring some cash. We will return to New Market around 1:00pm. For more details contact Pastor Scott. pastorscott62@gmail.com or [240-409-8119](tel:240-409-8119)



Calling All Male Actors!

New Market will be staging the Last Supper after the Seder meal on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at Mt Carmel. If you would be interested please contact Toni Carnahan.







Game On!!

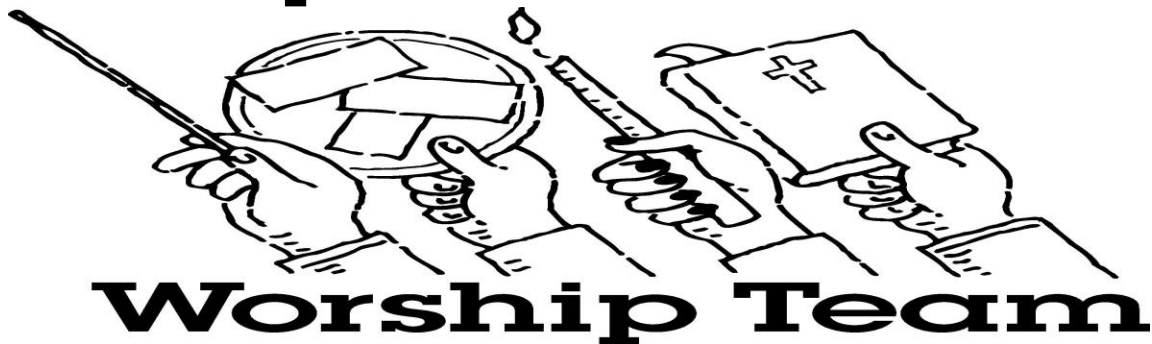
March. 20th Come one, come all!
 Everyone is invited to a wonderful day of fellowship and fun on Game Day, 1:30 PM, Wednesday, February 20th at the New Market “School House.” Games start at 1:30 and the first session ends around 3 PM but ongoing fun and fellowship can continue on that afternoon. Last month we had a great time with a variety of games. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

March

Sunday Worship Time 11AM

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March Helpers:



March 3rd

Lay Reader: **Hilary Moore**
Ushers: **Rj Grenier, Mike Grenier**
Greeter: **Julie Grenier**
Acolyte: **Thomas Grenier**
Nursery: **Melinda McCollum, Brandie Kellog**
Counters: **Nick Wood, Linda Siglin**
Close Out: **Rj Grenier**

March 10th

Lay Reader: **Linda Siglin**
Ushers: **Rob Wilhelm, Caleb Clawson**
Greeter: **Caleb Clawson**
Acolyte: **Ethan Hart**
Nursery: **Cat Lugez, Heidi Wilhelm**
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Scot Morrow**

March 17th

Lay Reader: **Timmy Summers**
Ushers: **Olen Moore, Tom Geary**
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**
Acolyte: **Jonathon Grenier**
Nursery: **Julie Grenier, Marylin Fritz**
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Nick Wood**
Close Out: **Sharon Riley**

March 24

Lay Reader: **Richard Riley**
Ushers: **Andrew McCollum, Kevin Hart**
Greeter: **Nicole Hart**
Acolyte: **Marilyn Fritz**
Nursery: **Angela Hulton, Donna Clawson**
Counters: **Nick Wood, Linda Siglin**
Close Out: **Mary Lou Bernotta**

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.