



A Newsletter for the people of New Market UMC

## November ~ January Highlights



### **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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**11/15 ~ Baptism of Clara V. Dowling & Children’s Choir**

**11/22 ~ Experiencing the Liturgical Year**

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian year. Join us on this special Sunday before Advent to learn about the church year and why these celebrations are still significant today.

**11/29 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent “Anticipating Hope”**

**12/06 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent “Anticipating Joy”** – Join us as we receive a visit and message from Mary’s cousin Elizabeth.

**Christmas in New Market**

**12/11 ~ Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** 7 p.m. at New Market Community park

**12/12 ~ Events throughout town & Mrs. Claus with crafts** at New Market UMC Schoolhouse 12 – 4 p.m.

**12/12 ~ Frederick Symphony Christmas Concert & Dinner at Morgan’s**

**12/13 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent “Anticipating Love”** – John the Baptist will be bringing the message.

**12/19 ~ Journey to Bethlehem 3 – 6 p.m.**

**12/20 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent “Anticipating Peace”**

Children will perform the Advent play “Anxiously Awaiting”.

**12/24 ~ Christmas Eve Services**

6 p.m. Family Candlelight – “Do Not Be Afraid”

8 p.m. Traditional Candlelight

(Christmas Eve offerings will go to Board of Childcare.)

11 p.m. Fairview Service (Pastor Scott preaching)

**12/27 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day**

No 9:30 a.m. Adult or Children’s Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship Service - New Market Choir Cantata

**01/03 ~ Epiphany Sunday**

12 Days of Christmas Community Concert 6:30 p.m.



Pastor's Page

## ADVENT IS NOT CHRISTMAS

Every year it happens. Why are we so surprised? Once we realize it is happening our chest starts to tighten, we fear we are way behind, there is Thanksgiving to contend with then WHAM, it's Christmas. You can feel the stress build even now as you read this pastor letter. How did it get to be so late in the year already? Are these the feelings that are supposed to rise in us with the mere mention of Christmas day? Do you find that by the time Christmas day arrives that you are thoroughly weary and tired of the whole season? And who can blame us, Halloween decorations are out by early September and off the shelves by the second week of October, what is their replacement? Veteran Day gifts, Thanksgiving décor? No, Christmas decorations! Have we become a generation that enjoys the hype up to a holiday more than the day itself? Sometime in November, as things now stand, the "Christmas season" begins. The streets are hung with lights, the stores are decorated with red and green, and you can't turn on the radio without hearing songs about the spirit of the season and the glories of Santa Claus. The excitement builds to a climax on the morning of December 25th, and then it stops, abruptly. Christmas is over, the New Year begins, and people go back to their normal lives.

The traditional Christian celebration of Christmas is exactly the opposite. **Advent is not Christmas.** You know Christmas right? Shopping planning, buying, stressing, dinners, egg nog, Santa and you can add to the list. Christmas is not supposed to leave us breathless that is why we urge you to celebrate the Advent season correctly so you can enjoy in fullness the day that God broke into our midst in the form of this babe. Advent is expectant waiting, hopeful anticipation, and cheerful preparation of God breaking into our lives. Anticipation of past: the birth of Christ; the present: God in our lives every day, and the future: Christ coming again. In the secular world Advent or Christmas signals the end of the year, for the church, Advent is the expectation and preparation to celebrate the light breaking into the darkness. The anticipation of the coming babe in the manger signals the beginning of the church liturgical year. The season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, and for nearly a month Christians await the coming of Christ in a spirit of expectation, anticipation and preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth by singing hymns of longing. Then, on December 25th, Christmas Day itself ushers in twelve days of celebration, ending only on January 6th with the feast of the Epiphany.

This year your pastors have designed the worship services to remind us of the "tip-toe anticipation" of the coming of God breaking into our lives in a stable, God breaking into our lives every day through the Holy Spirit and the expectation of Christ's coming again breaking into our lives for good. This year at New Market UMC you will experience hymns that are sung in longing and expectation of Christ's coming during the first three weeks of Advent. We also will also experience a slow trickle of hanging of the greens and placement of Christmas trees. Our goal is to enjoy the time of Advent as a season of expectation and to celebrate Christmas and the twelve days after with renewed joy instead of weariness of the season. The New Market choir will share a Christmas Cantata on the Sunday after Christmas and we will be singing extra Christmas hymn favorites through Epiphany Sunday. We look forward to sharing this special season with a new perspective, let us approach all of the seasons of our lives with a renewed and rejuvenated outlook to glorify God in all we do.

Check out the **YOUTUBE** video: **Advent in Two Minutes at Bustedhalo.com**





## Deepening the Roots of All Ages

### **Children Are Growing in Faith at Sunday School!**

We invite the children in your family to join us for our Advent faith lessons. During Advent the children will be practicing the play "Anxiously Awaiting" which will be performed at the 11 a.m. worship service on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**9:30 a.m.** Please sign your children into their classrooms.

Preschool- Preschool room near the nursery/office door.

1-2 grade class – Preschool room near the kitchen

3-5 grade class- Education building kitchen

Kids will start in their classroom, join together to share how their week went and sing some songs and then return to their classrooms for Bible stories, games, crafts and more.

#### **Adult Advent Small Groups**

During Advent it is our church tradition that the separate adult small groups combine together to do an advent study. This year we will be studying The Gift of New Hope.

The Gift of New Hope invites you to explore our yearning for God's presence through a study of the lectionary Bible readings for Advent and Christmas. Each week's scriptures call us to praise God as we actively await the coming of Christ and prepare our hearts and lives for his arrival. Through the readings, we hear the invitation to claim and celebrate the new hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Starts Sunday 11/29 – 01/10 at 9:30 a.m. – in the Schoolhouse.

#### **Basic Bible 101**

Sunday 11-15 & 11-29 / 12-13 / 1-10  
Ed. Bldg. Immediately following the worship service

#### **Disciple 1**

Wednesday 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. –gathers in the Ed. Bldg. kitchen

#### **Men's Support**

Thursday 7 p.m. –Bible Study group in the Ed. Bldg. kitchen

#### **Choir**

Thursday 7 p.m. –meets in the Ed. Bldg. library around piano

#### **Game On!!**

**December 16th & January 20th  
@ 1:30 p.m.**

**Come one, come all!**

Everyone is invited to a wonderful day of fellowship and fun on Game Day, **1:30 P.M.**, on Wednesday, at the New Market "School House." Games start at 1:30 and the first session ends around 3 P.M. 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.



**Senior High Sunday School** -This group will meet every other Sunday immediately following the worship service at 11:00, the next studies will be held at the same time (Immediately following the worship service) on 11/22, 12/06, 12/20, & 01/03 in the Ed Building kitchen. Lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Scott for more information.

**Middle School Sunday School** - meets in the Loft at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

## Pew Cushions

The UMW has just received a quote for pew cushions for the entire church. The quoted amount is \$4,700.00. We are very grateful that in the last two Sundays we have received **\$3,800** towards the pew cushions. Our goal is to have the cushions fully funded before the beginning of Advent. If you are interested in contributing to this sanctuary improvement please contact Pastor Scott or mark your giving envelope as "pew cushions".

## 2016 Budget

The Finance team would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving and encourage everyone to prayerfully consider increasing their giving for next year. The final church budget for 2016 will be approximately \$195,000. This is roughly a 10% increase over last year's budget. It was a goal of NMUMC to increase the pastor salary from ¾ time to full time ministry in 2016. We are joyful to announce that this goal is accomplished. Your faithful giving supports all the ministry of NMUMC, from Sunday worship service, pastoral visits, outreach events, church social events, worship music, worship administration needs, nursery staff, to Kleenex and garbage bags. We thank you in advance for your love and support. The 2016 Budget will be available for review in late December. The 2016 giving envelopes will be in the rear of the sanctuary the last two weeks of advent. If you currently do not have assigned envelopes and would like to please contact the church office.

## Leaders retreat.

As I was reading the prayer book "Circle Maker" a thought came to me that we as leaders need to discern the ministries where God is calling us to be involved in and have a plan for the next ten years. This retreat is open to all leaders and those who have a desire to be in the planning stages of God sized ministry dreams. Write it down and do not forget: January 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the schoolhouse. During January you will receive prayer devotionals to lead us on this journey.  
Pastor Scott

## Ministry Focused Projects (Building Fund)

These improvements are intended to update our facilities and enhance our ability to do ministry. Each project will be completed as funds are available through your special offerings to the "Building Fund" During the year of 201 your faithful giving to the building fund has accomplished updating the Ed building to be capable of housing our new preschool. Heating and air were installed, a dividing wall, a fenced playground, new entry doors, new security entry system and new siding and gutters. The remaining projects are heating and cooling in the schoolhouse (\$14,000), repaving and possibly enlarging the parking lot (approximately \$45,000) and minor technology upgrades to the sanctuary (\$6,500). It is the Finance committee's goal to have these completed by the end of 2016. Thank you for your support. In 2015 \$40,000 were raised to fund these improvements. Way to go NMUMC!

## Hope 4 Kids Update:

**Our churches have given GENEROUSLY!** As of November 10, the donation total for the 2015-2016 school year from Fairview Chapel, Mt Carmel UMC, New Market UMC, the New Market Lions Club, and the community is **\$13,005.25!** This far exceeds our audacious goal to support 72 children! PRAISE GOD & THANK YOU!

### BECAUSE OF YOUR FINANCIAL GENEROSITY:

- We have added protein to each pack adding a 5oz can of chicken or tuna every week beginning in November.
- We said, "yes" to adding a 73<sup>rd</sup> child from DCES
- We said, "yes" to adding a 74<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> child from OES
- We have reserves for adding additional families throughout the school year as the need arises.
- We said, "yes" to going over budget to alter the pack for a child with no access to electricity or other means to cook food.

**Our churches are serving GENEROUSLY!** 75 volunteers have served so far this school year in the Hope 4 Kids Mission! From packers to shoppers, book keepers, announcers, planners, managers, bankers, visionaries, order placers, and more, Hope 4 Kids requires a team of servants to successfully bring this mission to children in our community. We currently have openings for the following roles:

### IN NEED OF FAITHFUL SERVANTS (to serve once a month):

Contact [CarrieJean.Rathmell@comcast.net](mailto:CarrieJean.Rathmell@comcast.net) or 240-285-7413 for more information.

- ALDI Shopper for Mt Carmel Packing
- Packing Manager for Mt Carmel
- Packing
- Host for Mt Carmel Packing
- Photographer

### PACKING DATES:

**Wednesday, December 2** from 6-7pm in the New Market UMC Schoolhouse  
**Sunday, December 20** from 4:30-6pm in the Mt Carmel UMC Basement – Childcare provided.  
**Wednesday, January 13** from 6-7pm in the New Market UMC Schoolhouse  
**Sunday, January 24** from 4:30-6pm in the Mt Carmel UMC Basement – Childcare provided.

## Did You Know?



**Make sure you stop and visit Mrs. Marilyn every Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring along the kids or the grandkids for story times at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.**

## *Journey to Bethlehem*



*Actors & costume designers needed: If you would like to participate in our annual production of Journey to Bethlehem please contact Pastor Scott. The time commitment is two rehearsals, lasting an hour and a half each on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the Ed. Bldg. and Sat. from 1 – 7 p.m.*

*This production is a dramatic re-creation of the journey that Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem on the miraculous night our Savior was born. Guides will escort participants to different stations such as Joseph's carpentry shop, receive papers for your safe passage, encounter Roman soldiers, shepherds, wise men, angels, inn keepers and rekindle the magic of the wondrous journey that comes to a stable with live animals, Mary and Joseph and a babe in the manger.*

*When: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*Where: Your journey will start at the parking lot of Milo's in New Market.*

*Times: Walking Journey ~ 3:00 p.m.*

*Riding Journey ~ 4:00 p.m.*

*(For those with little ones or who have limited mobility.*

*Pre-registration required for this journey only.*

*Candlelight Walking Journey ~ 5:00 p.m.*

*Cost: Free, please bring a nonperishable food item for the NMUMC food bank.*

*You can register on line [www.newmarketumc.com](http://www.newmarketumc.com)*



## Advent Mission

This Christmas we are sponsoring 3 local families from our local schools with Christmas gifts. The Angel Tree is located in the rear of the sanctuary and is decorated with stars that have the gifts listed on them. Take a star off the tree, have fun shopping for the gift and bring it back to church by December 13<sup>th</sup>, unwrapped or in a gift bag, with the star attached. Place the gift under the Angel Tree. The tree will be in place on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition we will be providing two families with a Thanksgiving dinner. The turkeys have already been donated and we are looking for donations of fixings to go along with the main course. There is a box in the rear of the sanctuary that you can place, stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce and other holiday foods. The box will be in place on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Winter Weather Policy

The following procedure will be used for the cancelation of church meetings, events, office hours and church services for the winter of 2015 - 2016. Church meetings, events and office hours during the weekday will follow the Frederick County Public School closings. If Schools are closed for the day or have early dismissal due to inclement weather all scheduled activities will be automatically canceled for that day and evening. During the weekend all activity and service cancelations will be posted by 8:00 a.m. via the two following venues. You can call the church office (301)865-3530 where a message will be posted if there are any cancelations or you can log onto our web site, [www.newmarketumc.com](http://www.newmarketumc.com), the closing notice will be on the rolling scroll on the main page.

**Knitting** - Interested in learning how to knit or crochet? Or are you already an expert? We have started a group of people who are interested in knitting or crocheting as a ministry. Please contact Kathy Ginsburg at [301-639-4144](tel:301-639-4144) or [Katherine.ginsburg@fcps.org](mailto:Katherine.ginsburg@fcps.org) for more information.

**L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Faith Together)** is a gathering of women which provides a time to talk about, expand, and share their faith lives.

We meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Education Building on the following dates. At each meeting we share in a devotional and discussion while enjoying refreshments.

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

For more info email Thersa Dowling at [thersala@gmail.com](mailto:thersala@gmail.com)



## Sunday Worship Time 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
There are no meetings at New Market in December.		1	2	3	4	5
			<b>Hope 4 Kids 6 - 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)</b> Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  <b>Choir 7 p.m.</b> Mt. Men 7 p.m.		Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
"Anticipating Joy"  <b>Amped Youth Group!</b> 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)		Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7p.m.  AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  <b>Choir 7 p.m.</b>  Mt. Men 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	<b>Christmas in New Market</b>	Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  <b>Christmas in New Market</b>  <b>Frederick Symphony</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
"Anticipating Love"  <b>Basic Bible 101</b> 12:15 p.m.  <b>Amped Youth Group!</b> 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	LIFT 7:30p.m. (Ed. Bldg.)  Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>1:30 p.m. Game Day!!</b> </div> Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  <b>Choir 7 p.m.</b>  Mt. Men 7 p.m.	<b>Food Drop (Lucas Village)</b> 1 p.m.	Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  <b>Back to Bethlehem</b>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
"Anticipating Peace"  <b>Amped Youth Group!</b> 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.  <b>Hope 4 Kids</b> 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.(MTC)	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)		Office Closed  AA 7 p.m.	Office Closed  6 p.m. -Family Service  8 p.m. - Traditional Service		
27	28	29	30	31		
11 a.m. NM Choir Cantata  <b>Amped Youth Group!</b> 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Fairview meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Disciple 6:30 p.m.  AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  <b>Choir 7 p.m.</b>  Mt. Men 7 p.m.		

### Happy Anniversary

**Dan & Lorie Cooper**

**12/30**

### December Birthdays:

**Glenn Beard** 12/01  
**Marsha Zimmerman** 12/01  
**Paul Goebel** 12/01  
**Joyce Boyd** 12/03

### December Birthdays:

**Edie Loveland** 12/11  
**Alex Baughman** 12/13  
**Christopher Knight** 12/17  
**Hannah Clawson** 12/17  
**Tom Geary** 12/18  
**Ben Grenier** 12/19  
**Alex Morrow** 12/22  
**Linda Kornreich** 12/23  
**Karen Wood** 12/25  
**Hypatia Selby** 12/31

# JANUARY



## Sunday Worship Time 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	2 Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
12 days of Christmas Community Concert  Amped Youth Group! 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Trustees 7 p.m. (Ed. Bldg.)  Outreach 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Disciple 6:30 p.m.  AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  Choir 7 p.m.  Mt. Men 7 p.m. 7 p.m.		Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Basic Bible 101 12:15 p.m.  Amped Youth Group! 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	LET team meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)  Mission Team Meeting 7 p.m. (Mt. Carmel)	Hope 4 Kids 6 - 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)  LIFT 7:30 p.m. (Ed. Bldg.)  Disciple 6:30 p.m.  AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  Choir 7 p.m.  Mt. Men 7 p.m.	Food Drop (Lucas Village) 1 p.m.	Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Amped Youth Group! 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	7 p.m. Council meeting (Schoolhouse)	<b>1:30 p.m. Game Day!!</b>  Disciple 6:30 p.m.  AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  Choir 7 p.m.  Mt. Men 7 p.m.		Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Hope 4 Kids 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (MtC)  31 Amped Youth Group! 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Fairview meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Disciple 6:30 p.m.  AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)  Choir 7 p.m.  Mt. Men 7 p.m.	Men's Bowling 8 p.m.	Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Anniversary Wishes**



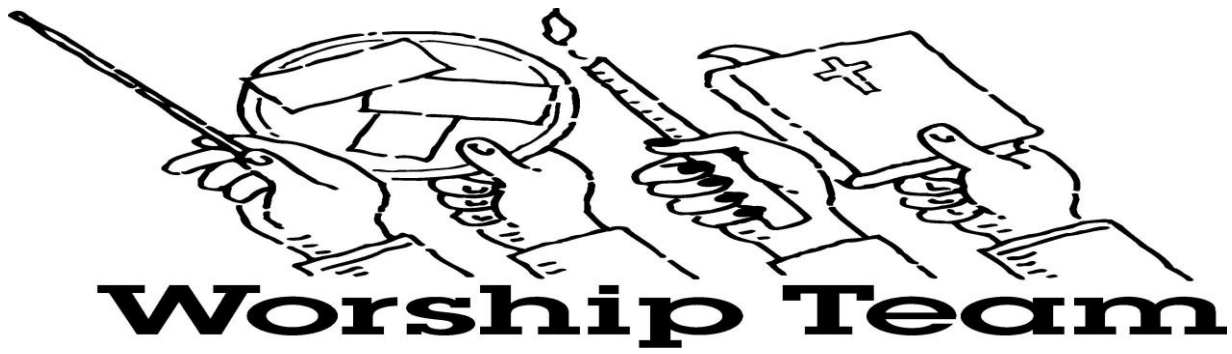
**Glenn & Jeanne Beard**

**01/22**

### January Birthdays:

Howard Selby	01/03
Atticus Shuey	01/09
Thomas Crandall	01/11
Pastor Jenny Smith	01/12
Eoin Richard Samuel Riley	01/16
Rodney Miller	01/17
Fletcher Shuey	01/29





### **November 29**

Lay Reader: **Richard Riley**  
Ushers: **Glenn Anderson, Lori Anderson**  
Greeter: **Lori Anderson**  
Acolyte: **Lilly Hart**  
Nursery: **Brandie Kellogg**  
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Toni Carnahan**  
Close Out: **Mike Grenier**

### **December 6**

Lay Reader: **Barbara Zimmerman**  
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**  
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**  
Acolyte: **Ethan Hart**  
Nursery: **Marilyn Fritz**  
Counters: **Nick Wood, Walt Russell**  
Close Out: **Cat Lugez**

### **December 13**

Lay Reader: **Glenn Prichard**  
Ushers: **Timmy Summers, Luke Summers**  
Greeter: **Thelma Gesling**  
Acolyte: **Kasey Barboza**  
Nursery: **Julie Grenier**  
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Toni Carnahan**  
Close Out: **Timmy Summers**

### **December 20**

Lay Reader: **Susan Stevens**  
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**  
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**  
Acolyte: **Kobe Duncan**  
Nursery: **Cat Lugez**  
Counters: **Sue Wood, Walt Russell**  
Close Out: **Scot Morrow**

### **December 27**

Lay Reader: **Toni Carnahan**  
Ushers: **Glenn Anderson, Lori Anderson**  
Greeter: **Lori Anderson**  
Acolyte: **Lilly Hart**  
Nursery: **Donna Clawson**  
Counters: **Nick Wood, Toni Carnahan**  
Close Out: **Sue Wood**

### **Christmas Eve Service Helpers**

#### **6 p.m. - Family**

Lay Reader: **Pastor Scott  
will pick**  
Ushers: **Tim Summers,  
Susan Summers**  
Greeter: **Susan Summers**  
Acolyte: **Luc Lugez**  
Nursery: **Marilyn Fritz**  
Counters:  
Close Out:

#### **8 p.m. - Traditional**

Lay Reader: **Pastor Scott  
will pick**  
Ushers: **Tom Geary,  
Carolyn Geary**  
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**  
Acolyte: **NEED HELP**  
Nursery: **Susie Lawson**  
Counters: **Nick Wood,  
Patty Robinson**  
Close Out: **David  
Robinson**



## January 3

Lay Reader: **Sharon Riley**  
Ushers: **Kevin Hart, Andrew McCollum**  
Greeter: **Melinda McCollum**  
Acolyte: **Ethan Hart**  
Nursery: **Kelly Herzing**  
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Walt Russell**  
Close Out: **Glenn Anderson**

## January 10

Lay Reader: **Luke Summers**  
Ushers: **Mike Grenier, Barbara Zimmerman**  
Greeter: **Julie Grenier**  
Acolyte: **Kasey Barboza**  
Nursery: **Brandie Kellogg**  
Counters: **Sue Wood, Toni Carnahan**  
Close Out: **Cat Lugez**

## January 17

Lay Reader: **Doris Ashbaugh**  
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**  
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**  
Acolyte: **Kobe Duncan**  
Nursery: **Marilyn Fritz**  
Counters: **Nick Wood, Walt Russell**  
Close Out: **Scot Morrow**

## January 24

Lay Reader: **Richard Riley**  
Ushers: **Tim Summers, Susan Summers**  
Greeter: **Susan Summers**  
Acolyte: **Luc Lugez**  
Nursery: **Susie Lawson**  
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Toni Carnahan**  
Close Out: **Timmy Summers**



Join us alternating **Monday** and **Thursday** mornings for unstructured playtime at Mt Carmel United Methodist Church. Toys, balls, books, tunnels, puzzles, and more provided. All you need to bring is yourself and your child.

**Age Group:** Children (birth – preschool) with an adult (NOT a drop-off program)

**Location:** Mt Carmel UMC Great Room & Playground. 9411 Baltimore Rd, Frederick, MD 21704

**Time:** 9:00-10:00 am  
inside play 10:00-10:30 am  
outside play (weather permitting)

**December Dates:** Dec. 3, Dec. 7, Dec. 17, Dec. 21.

**January Dates:** TBD

Contact:

[CarrieJean.Rathmell@comcast.net](mailto:CarrieJean.Rathmell@comcast.net) to receive weekly reminder or for current dates and info.

## Daily Reminders:

Most important in life – **Jesus**  
Most beautiful attire – **Smile**  
Greatest asset – **Faith**  
Most powerful force – **Love**  
Worst thing to be without – **Prayer**

## January Meetings:

**Outreach Meeting – Tues.**  
Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the **Schoolhouse**

**Trustees Meeting – Wed.**  
Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the **Ed. Bldg.**

**LET Meeting – Tues. Jan.**  
12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the **Schoolhouse**

**Council Meeting – Tues.**  
Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the **Schoolhouse**

## January 31

Lay Reader: **Marilyn Fritz**  
Ushers: **Glenn Anderson, Lori Anderson**  
Greeter: **Arlene Craig**  
Acolyte: **Lilly Hart**  
Nursery: **Julie Grenier**  
Counters: **Nick Wood, Patty Robinson**  
Close Out: **David Robinson**



United Methodist Women



## Circle of Friends

What has been given to me?

What do I have to give back?

As we come into the seasons of Thanksgiving & Christmas these are some good questions to ask ourselves – and then – give it!

The UMW Circles, LIFT and Circle of Friends, met 11/07/15 for the World Thank Offering program led by Marilyn Fritz. The members brought items for the Falling Waters Christmas shop which enables the children of this Board of Childcare facility to shop for their families, friends & themselves. We also sent \$40 to help buy dressing for the Thanksgiving baskets they do.

The Circle of Friends Christmas party will be at the Schoolhouse at noon on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a canned goods item for the Food bank.

Everyone in the church is invited to attend the **Frederick Symphony Christmas Concert** on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Kussmaul Theater at FCC. The cost is \$15.30 and we'll carpool from the church parking lot at 1:15 p.m. Please make your check to New Market UMW and give to Carolyn Geary or Thelma Gesling. Following the concert we will go to Morgan's Restaurant for dinner. The menu and sign-up sheet are on the back of the bulletin board. Cost of dinner is \$29 and includes entrée, vegetable, salad, drink, dessert, tax and tip. You'll pay Morgan's that evening. Deadline is November 29, 2015.

If you need more information about U.M.W. or the upcoming events, please call Thelma Gesling at 301-865-5514.





### Intentions -

I really like to do Cryptogram Puzzles. My friend got me started doing the one in the Frederick Post and when I stopped getting the paper I found out I could send for them and have been doing it ever since. In case you're not familiar with them, they are quotations or original thoughts, but the letters are all wrong. For instance:

FYNNW NSXXJGLE!

HAPPY PUZZLING!

Sometimes I can figure them out without peeking at the answers. One I did recently caught my eye and spoke to me – it said:

**“The smallest good deed is better than the most elaborate intention.”**

We may not have a lot of money to give or the strength to accomplish a task but I think some of the most beneficial deeds are a genuine smile, hug, words of encouragement, thank you and I know they have actually caused someone not to take their life. We need to be aware of those around us and let the blessings we have received flow to others.

My daughter Leslie works for the YMCA and one of her jobs is to plan things for the senior citizens. They were coming up to Ashland to have lunch and Leslie asked me if I wanted to join them - which I did. There were 15 of us and a young woman waited on us. She did a super job and she did it with a smile. Before we left I told her that she was really good at what she does. I could tell from her expression it meant a lot to her. I know all of us have felt that joy in our hearts when someone does that for us.

### Proverbs 3:27

*“Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.” NIV*

Blessings and have a wonderful Thanksgiving & Christmas.

Marilyn Brooks

## CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAM

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## Upcoming Services at Fairview

Every Sunday evening at 7 p.m., the church features different pastors and lay speakers from both the United Methodist church and other denominations.

### Join us for this great winter line up!

#### November 29

"Portraits of Christmas"  
Rev. John King and Family  
King's Strings

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#### December 6

Sermon in Drama & Song  
"The Heart of Christmas"  
Vocalists TBD

#### December 13

Jackson Chapel Unity Choir  
Vocalist Angela Spencer with Lay servant  
Barbara Parish

#### December 20

Frederick Church of the Brethren Bell Choir  
Rev. Paul Munday

#### December 24

**5 p.m.** ~ Rev. Paul Leatherman  
**7 p.m.** ~ Rev. Dr. Raymond Moreland  
**9 p.m.** ~ Rev. Rommi & Renee Kinard  
**11 p.m.** ~ Guiding Pastor from NMUMC  
Or Mt. Carmel UMC

#### December 27

"Stories of Glory"  
Christian Storyteller Jackie Johnson  
Vocalist Shana O'Shiro

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#### January 3

Epiphany Celebration  
"A Gift of Love – Through Mary's Eyes"  
Guest vocalists Nancy Horton and Voices in Praise



### Special December Services at Fairview

The second Sunday in Advent, **December 6<sup>th</sup>** will offer a worship service written just for Fairview Chapel. "*The Heart of Christmas*" offers those in attendance the opportunity to help a family rediscover the true meaning of Christmas and to restore a grandfather's peace and faith. Guest vocalist for the evening will be Mark Beall, Lori Crouter and Teresa Martin. This musical drama is the sequel to the well-received play "*Finding Christmas*", which was presented at Fairview during the 2012 Advent season.

The Shepherd Candle, or the Candle of Joy, is lit and burns on the Advent Wreath on **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. Worship as the inspirational voices of the Jackson Chapel Unity Choir and vocalist Angela Spencer present the songs of the season. Listen for voices of the angels and hear the word of God as presented by moderator and Lay Servant Barbara Parish from Jackson Chapel.

As the fourth candle of Advent is lit on **December 20<sup>th</sup>**, the candle of Love, celebrate the good news that God sent His Son Jesus into the world to every man, woman and child as His supreme gift of love. Join with others in that stable in Bethlehem when Joseph became the earthly father of our Lord and Savior. Pastor Paul Munday, Senior Pastor of the Frederick Church of the Brethren, will deliver a special holiday message. The sounds of the nativity will be heard in the music provided by the hand bell choir from his church as they fill the small stone chapel with soul inspiring musical images

Christ's coming is always marked by four special services on **Christmas Eve**. A traditional family style service is featured at **5 p.m.** with Pastor Paul Leatherman from the Edgewood and Sam's Creek Church of the Brethren leading the service. The theme of the evening "*When Love Came Down*" will be presented through the special message and a Christmas musical portrait. The **7 p.m. service** will be conducted by Pastor Gary Byers, an ordained Baptist minister who currently serves as chaplain of the Helping up Mission in Baltimore, MD. Rev. Dr. Raymond Moreland will bring a musical message through voice and guitar. The **9 p.m. service** "A Dickens Christmas" will be the theme of the presented by Pastors Rene and Rommi Kinard. Rene and Rommi, a husband and wife team from the Freedom in Christ Ministry, are both known for their re-creations of religious services from various time periods in history. An **11 p.m. service** of the sharing of the Lord's Supper with all in attendance will mark His arrival. Pastor Scott Clawson from the New Market UMC will officiate at this service that concludes the Christmas Eve services. Teresa Martin will present a musical tribute to the Christ child to welcome His arrival to all hearts who welcome him.

In a special program, "*Stories of Glory*" on **December 27<sup>th</sup>**, Christian story teller and ordained pastor, Jackie Johnson from the Evangelical Lutheran Church will bring the Christmas story to life as if we were present as it unfolded. Special musical portraits appropriate to the characters and scenes in the Christmas story will be provided by the inspiring voice of Shana O'Shiro from the Frederick Church of the Brethren.

Fairview's holiday season concludes on **Epiphany Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**, by spending an evening with Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a program titled "*A Gift of Love - Through Mary's Eyes*". The Rev. Dr. Jenny Smith from Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church will present a costumed dramatic portrayal of Mary in her sermon "Almost There". Special music for the evening will be provided by guest vocalists Nancy Horton and the "Voices in Praise" as they assist in telling Mary's story.