

NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER 2010

We've just finished a month long emphasis on stewardship. And as you might have guessed it was mostly about money. Yes we heard about how everything that we possess, the things we can see, touch, hear, taste, and feel, all belongs to God. We heard and talked about the importance of presenting God our "first fruits" signifying Gods place in our lives. We even talked a little about tithing, the point being that God is letting us use 90% of all he has given us and only asks 10% to be returned in order that the ministry of God's word may be spread. We heard a lot about taking care of the church through the giving of our wealth. But when I think about it there is another kind of stewardship I didn't mention, but perhaps should.

One of the greatest gifts God has given us is each other. God has placed us in relationship with each other. We don't have to do ministry alone, because we have each other. We need each other for encouragement, for guidance, for comfort and mutual strength – the ability to do things that can't be done by just one person. We need each other's wisdom, each others sense of humor; sometimes we just need each other's smile to get us through the day. There is no doubt that the greatest resource we have as a church is not money, or property. Our greatest resource is not the buildings, or the office equipment. The greatest resource we have is the greatest gift that God has entrusted to us - each other.

God expects us to take care of that relationship! God expects us to care for each other. God expects us to cherish each other, because that is the way we take care of our relationships we have to practice stewardship of our relationships keeping them alive and vital and by so doing keeping our ministry alive and vital. And this is probably the hardest thing to do because it means we must be as servants to each other. It means putting away pride and our own agendas and caring for another first.

Perhaps it is fitting that this stewardship month ended on the Sunday we celebrated the saints of the church. The saints I can think of are the people who grew the church. And every single one of them grew the church through cherishing and

caring for the relationships they had been given in the church. They were the people who made sure everyone else was cared for. They were the ones that never said a hurtful word to or about another. They were the ones that were always spreading joy, lighting up the room. When criticism of another was given it was always done in a positive and nurturing way. They were not complaining people. They were the ones always mending fences, making peace, soothing hurt feelings. The saints that I have known were truly gentle people. Everyone in their orbit flourished in the loving light of their spirit. For them the other was the most important and they themselves the least. They could do this because of their absolute trust in God. They nurtured and cared for every relationship that God placed in their hands and those relationships flourished. And when those relationships comprised a church, that church grew.

A very wise man, a saint named Roger Elgert who recently left for the realms of light, taught me a wonderful lesson about the church. He was the Sr. Pastor and I was the associate. He loved gardening, and he drove me crazy with all the potted plants he set about his office and mine. He said that a church is like a garden filled with a wonderful variety of beautiful flowers. And every one of those flowers is delicate. You need to be gentle around them. Disturb them, bruise them, step on them, fail to nourish them with love and care, poison them with hurtful actions and words and they will die spiritually, and we won't see them again. I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone. He went out of his way to compliment or encourage everyone he met. I never saw him not smiling. The people around him glowed in his care. He practiced what he preached and his garden flourished.

We are the gardeners, and we have been entrusted with all the wonderful relationships God has brought into our lives in this church. Each relationship, each person is fragile. We all need to have a care and do our best to nurture each relationship with love.

Shalom, Mike

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 Election Day
Trustee's meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 3 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 4 Intercessory prayer group 7pm
Choir 7:30pm
- 7 Hunger Awareness worship service
- 9 UMW Circle of friends 11:30am Ed Bldg
(Bring a bag lunch)
SPRC meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 10 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 11 Veteran's Day
Intercessory prayer group 7pm
Choir 7:30pm
- 13 Game night 6:30-8:30pm schoolhouse
- 14 Guy Everheart-Board of Child Care
to speak at 11:00am service
Stephen-Miller Baptism
- 16 Church Council meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 17 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 18 Intercessory prayer group 7pm
Choir 7:30pm
- 20 Decorate the church-Scouts to help
- 24 Community Thanksgiving Eve service
7:30pm at NMUMC
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 1st Sunday of Advent-kids to decorate
the Chrismon Tree
- 30 Outreach committee 7pm schoolhouse
Newsletter deadline



Daylight Savings Time ends-Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 7th.



OUR MISSION FOR NOVEMBER IS THE RELIGIOUS COALITION

This month's mission offering will go to the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. They have been serving residents in need in Frederick County for over 27 years. The Religious Coalition is the largest provider of emergency financial assistance outside the government. Our church directs clients in need to the coalition office located in Frederick. Every year there is an increase in clients.

In addition, they work with food banks throughout Frederick County. The Coalition also manages the largest homeless shelter in Frederick County; The Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter. The Religious Coalition needs our financial and volunteer support. They also encourage donations of supplies such as coffee, sugar, detergent, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, paper cups, paper towels and toilet paper for the shelter. Any questions or to volunteer, please call the Religious Coalition at 301-631-2670.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ben Grenier and Scout troop #628 for the beautiful events sign you made and installed last weekend for our church. They even landscaped around it and it looks fantastic. Thanks for a Job well done!

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Halloween party. Thank you to those who donated money, candy, goodies, and yummy treats for all to enjoy. We had a fun time and couldn't have done it without your generosity!

THIS & THAT!

Motives - You know we can do " all the right things but for the wrong reasons." We can be polite, show kindness, help the poor and so on but if our motive is wrong God takes notice - this is a huge thing to our Lord. If we are polite is it because we want people to like us and if we are kind and help the poor is it for show?

This makes me think of the story Jesus told of the prodigal son. The older brother did everything right but evidently did it for all the wrong reasons because his true self came out when the father greeted the prodigal son back with open arms.

Growing up I was "the good girl" to everyone but on the inside I had a big battle going on that nearly did me in but I was too afraid to show anything. I look back and think what a waste but as I get older I realize God uses things from the past to help us become what He wants for us today.

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7b

Happy Thanksgiving everyone, Marilyn Brooks



Fellowship time- 9:15- 9:45am

Sunday School- 9:45- 10:45am

Worship- 11:00am (Nursery available)



& Birthdays
Anniversaries

FOR NOVEMBER

Maxine Watkins	11/1
Catherine McLaughlin	11/2
Ron Hunter	11/3
Glenn Prichard	11/7
Joan Russell	11/12
Justin Gamble	11/12
Mary Lou Bernota	11/20
Cathy Gamble	11/22
Harry Free II	11/26
Melinda McCollum	11/28

UMW NEWS

The afternoon circle that is now meeting at 11:30am will now be known as the Circle of Friends. The November 9th meeting will be held in the Ed. Bldg. kitchen and the members are to bring a bag lunch--drinks and dessert will be supplied. Mary Cole, one of our "Friends to Care For", now resides at Edenton Retirement Center. Four of our members visited her recently and we found her happy in her new surroundings. Plans are being pursued for some Spring outings. After a few "field trips" we hope to have something finalized that we can share with you by January or February. The Monday 12:30pm game days that were being held at the Ed. Bldg. kitchen will now be in homes. Please check the bulletin weekly for the home and phone number for game playing--everyone that is a game player is welcome and the fellowship is outstanding--just remember to call if you can come. UMW contacts are: Melinda McCollum 301-696-6229 Evening Circle and Thelma Gesling 301-865-5514 Circle of Friends.

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Filled stockings will have to be turned in by Sunday, November 28. If you have any questions, you can contact Julie at (301) 865-4267 or by email at mombenzach@aol.com. The filled stockings will go to help the needy children in Frederick County have a little bit brighter Christmas this year. Thank you so much for your support of this project.



Fresh Wreath Workshop

Sunday, November 28, 2010

New Market United Methodist Church
Schoolhouse Building
1 N. Federal Street
@ 4:00PM

Great family project!

Refreshments

Cost \$10.00 per wreath

(Includes candles, greenery, decorative cones & base)

Call the church office 301-865-3530 to reserve a spot or just drop in.

We have room for 15 families to create their own Advent wreath.

Family Name: _____

Good things to bring:

Hot glue gun, clippers, a sense of humor and joyful heart!



The Community Thanksgiving Eve service will be Wednesday, November 24th at 7:30pm at New Market United Methodist Church.

Thank you to everyone who donated canned peas and corn for the Thanksgiving baskets for the Board of Child Care. We collected 80 cans!!! (even more than last year!) That will go a long way to feeding many hungry families in our area for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Don't forget Guy Everheart will be here on November 14th at the 11:00am service to talk with us briefly about the Board of Child Care.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Child Care the dues are \$2.00 for the upcoming year and can be paid to Joan Price through December.
