

Nov / December

NEWSLETTER

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"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." – Psalm 34

I tend to rely on these verses from David when I need reassurance, comfort, or just to remind myself that God does love me and cares about my well-being. It is also helpful to remind ourselves that David wrote these words while pretending to be insane when his son Abimelech was pursuing him. I think in the past year I have had many moments when I did not need to pretend, I was insane, I was there. If we look at the definition of insane that past sentence will make more sense. Insane: in a state of mind which prevents normal perception, behavior, or social interaction. In my past journey with my brother through his illness I felt insane many times. Insane from worry, insane from anger, insane from doubt, insane from the many decisions or lack of decisions. Just out of my normal mind.

Recently we have experienced a season of loss here at NMUMC. The death of my brother, the death of Thelma, the death of Walt. All the people who meant a lot to me and others in this church. Grief is not an easy thing to carry or to navigate. If we are not careful we can go insane, not being our real selves, we may have the desire to retreat from the world, we may have the feeling that the world is out of whack and will never be the same again. The thing is, it will not be the same again, but we serve a God who is always the same. In the middle of grief, it may be difficult to know that we are loved. Loved by our family, loved by our church, and most importantly loved by God. The above scriptures remind us of God's provision and blessings. Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

As we move into All Saints Sunday and the Advent Season, I want to remind you and myself of the incredible gift of love that came down to us over 2,000 years ago. Life changing love. Game changing love that conquered sin and death. That is the love we will carry around with us during this season of grief. I am reminded of Psalm 30, "Weeping may stay the night, but there will be joy in the morning". That is what I choose to taste and know that God's promised do not come down and go back to God empty handed. What goes up is my heart full of love for those who are with God and this love returns to me from God in so many life changing and fulfilling ways.



CHECK OUT SOME
PHOTOS FROM OUR
TREK OR TREAT EVENT
AND OUR LAST POTLUCK
OF THE YEAR!

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Pastor Scott

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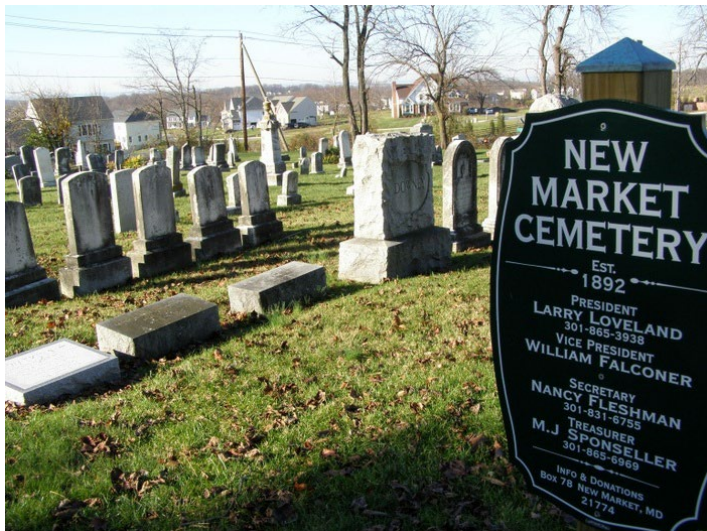
‘Visualizing Abundant LIFE: (Loving, Inviting, Fellowship, Enrichment) VAL Team

Much has been happening with the VAL team, which has been overseeing all the aspects of the potential building expansion:



- 5 invitations were sent to architects, 4 replied and 3 interviews took place.
- Interviews were conducted Oct 3-4 and 2 architects were selected, with the final decision made to go with Zavos Architecture and Design.
- Below is the timeline for the next month:
 - Thursday, Oct. 26th – Zavos will come to the campus to begin an assessment of our buildings.
 - After the visit they will put together some options for the church to consider and they anticipate this will be completed by Nov. 3rd.
 - The VAL team will meet again to review options on Nov. 13th. The selections will be sent to the architect.
- The architect team will then proceed to create a 3-D rendering. This could trigger the search for contractors.
- The approx. completion date for this feasibility phase is Dec. 8th.

New Market Town Cemetery Update



The Board of Trustees of the New Market Cemetery Company met Oct.1, 2023 and voted to approve the final transfer agreement, making way to proceed with the lot holders special meeting.

The next steps are as follows:

1. The lot holder meeting for final vote of transfer is scheduled for Nov. 19th at New Market UMC at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary.
2. 15 packets with the notification of this meeting with a copy of the transfer agreement were mailed on Oct.19th, complying with 30-day notice requirement. As well as, making provisions for proxy votes if a lot holder cannot attend in person.
3. If the lot holders agree with the recommendation of the trustees to approve the transfer, the final step will to proceed with the deed transfer. A property law attorney has been located and he is pending the creation of the new deed until the result of the November 19th meeting are known.

Again, at this time we are working on being completed with the property transfer by the end of 2023.



Forty-one persons enjoyed the food and fellowship at the September 30 spaghetti dinner. A special thank you to Charlene Bishop for making the sauces, to Alice Crutchley for providing the salad bar veggies and to those who provided a wide assortment of goodies for the bake table.

The final potluck of the year was held immediately following the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, October 29. Fried chicken and beverages were provided.

2024

The fellowship committee will be meeting on November 29 to set our calendar of events for next year. If you would like to be a part of this team, have suggestions about a new activity or comments about activities held this year, let us know. We want to hear from you!

Current committee members are: Charlene Bishop, Alice Crutchley, Jane Garner, Linda Kornreich, Brenda Lawson, Cindy Naugle, Linda New, Elaine Nicholls and Carole Zimmerman



November

Nov 4th – 8am – Men’s Breakfast

Nov 7th – 7pm – Trustees

Nov 11th – 10AM – Circle of Friends
World Thanks Day

Nov 12th- 12pm – LIFT Meeting

Nov 13th – 6PM – VAL Meeting

Nov 14th – 6pm – Hope4Kids Packing

Nov 21st – 7pm - Council Meeting

December

No Men’s Breakfast in December

Dec 2nd – 10:30am – Christmas in New Market

Dec 5th - Dec 12th – Hope4Kids Packing

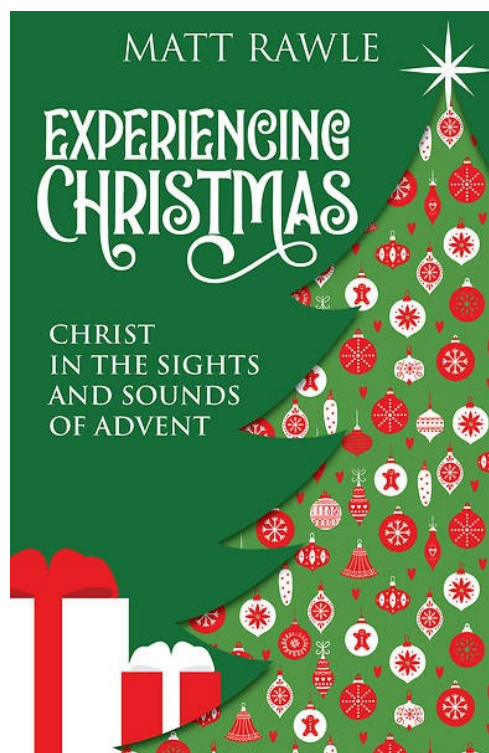
Dec 12th – 12:30PM – Circle of Friends

Dec 12th – 3PM – SPRC

Dec 18th – 6:30 PM -LIFT

2023 New Market United Methodist Church Advent Study

Discover how everything changed when God was born.



Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, apple cider and cranberry sauce are again on the menu, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own.

That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. "This will be a sign to you," the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?

When: Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm, starting Nov. 29th via ZOOM meeting. Facilitator: Patty Robinson

A sign-up sheet will be available as of Sunday Nov. 5th in the back of the sanctuary.



The Nancy Watkins Winterberg Memorial Scholarship Fund for New Market United Methodist Church
Scholarship Recipient: Lindsey Bruscia
College Attending: Towson University
Major: Psychology

This scholarship will help Lindsey to achieve a Bachelor's degree in psychology. Soon, she will continue her education at the University to become a licensed clinical professional counselor. Thank you for supporting Lindsey



WINTER

Coat Drive

Give the gift of warmth!
For Men, Women and Kids!

Collecting:

November 12-January 1st

Drop Off

New Market United Methodist Church
Sanctuary

Contact

Susan Stevens: 240-277-2581



Christmas in New Market Parade and Live Nativity | Dec 2nd

3 PM | The parade is the same route as last year. We ask that Sunday School and Preschool parents to park in the Fossett lot at church (grass area across from main parking lot), signage will be provided. Parents should be parked by 2:00, the wagons will leave the lot promptly at 2:30 pm.

3:30-6:00 PM | Mrs. Clause Story Time, Craft Time, and Baked Goods Sale- Schoolhouse.

6-7 PM | Live Nativity | New Market Park- Everyone is invited to meet Pastor Scott at the church to costume up for the live nativity at 5:30 PM. You are invited to bring your furry friends to join in the nativity as well!

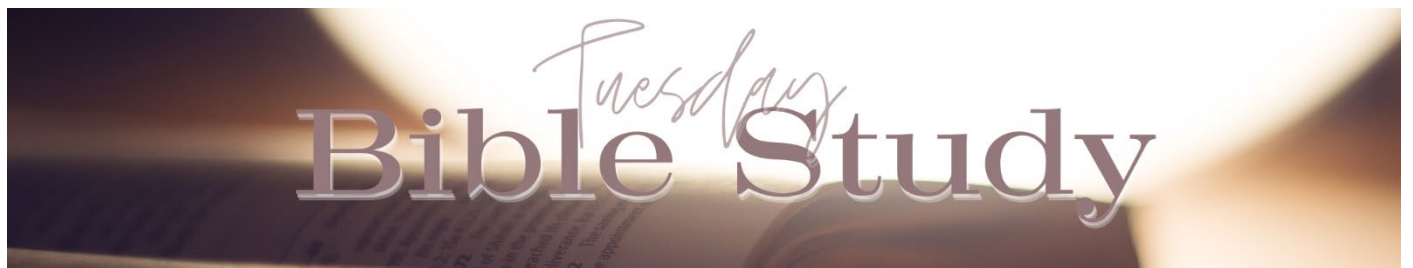
(Donations should be brought to the Schoolhouse on Friday December 1st from 10 am until the afternoon OR Saturday, December 3rd from 9-11:30 AM in the Ed Building kitchen. Bag cookies 6 per bag and brownies 3 per bag. Be sure to note if baked goods contain nuts or peanut butter)



Jesse Tree



Jesse Tree: We will be providing Jesse Tree gifts to local families again this Christmas. Tags describing the family's needs will be available on the tree the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Simply pick up a tag from the nearby Jesse Tree and return the item listed, unwrapped with the tag attached by December 11.



Tuesday Bible Study | 10:00 AM

The 10:00 am Tuesday Bible study will be meeting on the following dates: November 7, 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 12, and 19. There will be no study during Christmas break. The study is based on the upcoming Sunday's lectionary scriptures. We invite you to join us. 10:00 am to 12:00.



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 2021-2022.

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 in-person activities will be automatically canceled for that day and evening.

During the weekend all activity and service cancelations will be posted by 8AM via the following venues. A church wide email will be sent out with information or you can visit our church website (www.newmarketumc.com) and the information will be at the top of the page. If you are not connected to the internet, please inform our church office and you will receive a call if there is a cancelation.

Laity Ministry Update from Susan Stevens

As Module III of the Certified Lay Minister Module III comes to a close next week, I contemplate this holy calling. "By serving in a lay pastoral role, whether as a leader of a congregation as a part of a ministry team, or on staff in another, you are entering into a high and holy calling. First, it is high ----- sometimes beyond our comprehension. Sometimes we can only catch glimpses of it or see it dimly in a mirror (Corinthians 13:12) ... You are the Light ... A model of faith ... In this role, you have the privilege of representing the possibility of loving your enemies, showing mercy to those who hate you, placing your hope in God and not just things, and receiving forgiveness for sin. This is the higher calling."

"When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." -John 13:12-17

1. As a disciple, how would you feel as Jesus washed your feet? How do you respond when someone in authority over you serves you in some way? Think of someone who is a leader. How do they model servant leadership? What are some ways that you can be an example of servanthood in your leadership role?
2. Knowing what we are called to do and doing it can be two very different things. When have you been blessed because you were obedient in following Jesus' example? How can you help others understand and desire this blessing?



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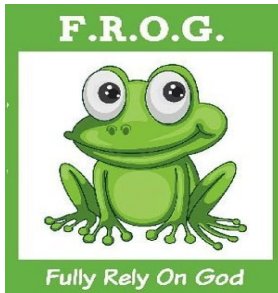
NMUMC GLOBAL MISSION PARTNER

1. Paperwork is taking longer than planned, Lord willing we will be ready to hire & train the first staff at our cafe in January.
2. Our business is well under way, legally. We just lack to all be present in Peru in 2 weeks to sign documents.
3. We had the opportunity to lead one more workshop last week in which the youth at the transitional home practiced their barista skills (building on the skills they learned in our January workshop).
4. Our trailer is just about to be completed. It is being built by a custom trailer builder 2 hours away. We have been blessed with an honest businessman that produces quality work with little oversight.
5. I have been able to have a housewarming party and host people. (That is one of my prayers - that God uses my 2 bedroom apartment for hospitality).
6. I have visited 4 churches in the last few weeks I have been in Peru and I found what I will call my home church. Praise God!! This was such a blessing.



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Children's Ministry

Sunday School is going Greeeeat!!!

Class schedules until the end of the year.

November 5- Regular Classes- Parents bring small items for operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and the parents will receive parade instructions for Christmas in New Market on December 2nd.

November 12- Regular Classes- Finish cards/small crafts for care packages, pack shoeboxes.

November 19- Talk about Christmas Play and assign parts.

November 26- All kids in one class to work on signs for parade and angel clips for Christmas Eve.

December 3- Make Advent wreaths and practice play.

December 10- Practice play and work on angel clips if needed.

December 17- Christmas play at both services.

December 24- No Sunday School. Children are invited to attend the 9:30 am Children's Christmas Eve Service.

December 31- One Group, Birthday party for Jesus.



If you would like to be part of our teaching team or have any questions about our Children's Ministry, contact Donna Clawson at declawson16@gmail.com or 301-418-0863.



The youth are having a great time writing their own plays to perform for the Sunday School and the congregation. We invite all youth 6th grade to 12th to join us every Sunday Morning at 9:30 am in the Ed Building Kitchen.

YOUTH NEWS & Happenings



UPCOMING EVENTS



SCAVENGER HUNT AND GHOST WALK NOVEMBER 5 | 1PM

We will do an immersion experience once a month to create deeper discussions about faith and our world. We will meet in the Education Building Kitchen



CHRISTMAS IN NEW MARKET DECEMBER 2 | 2-7 PM

We will ride on the float, help out with the Mrs. Claus workshop and live nativity in town. Supper will be provided.



BACK TO BETHLEHEM PLAY DECEMBER 17 | 1 PM | CHURCH GROUNDS

Come see our youth perform a reenactment of the Christmas Story



join us

WE INVITE ALL YOUTH GRADES 6TH-12TH TO JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM IN THE ED BUILDING KITCHEN



Category	August 2023	September 2023
Deposit Total	17,902.32	24,761.76
Regular Offering*	11,763.32*	20,832.41*
Building Fund	100.00	500.00
Building Rental		
Food Pantry	433.00	50.00
Hope 4 Kids	135.00	340.00
Memorial Fund	2,150.00	50.00
Misc. Income – bible study book		10.00
Misc. Income – Fairview reimburse.		
Misc. Income – Fellowship	6.00	25.00
9/30 Spaghetti Dinner Free Will Offering		205.00
9/30 Bake Table Donations		169.35
Organ Fund		150.00
Parsonage Rent		2,100.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	490.00	330.00
Preschool Rent	2,775.00	
VBS Donation	50.00	
Online Giving Totals	1,782.35	1,628.23
Regular Offering	1,755.00	1,603.40
Online Fees	27.35	24.83

***Regular Offering Needed to Meet Monthly Budget Goal:
 August -- \$18,744.84; received \$13,518.32
 September - \$18,744.84; received \$22,435.81**

**Monthly Goal NOT MET in August
 Monthly Goal MET in September**

Giving Envelopes for 2024

If you would like to receive a box of envelopes for 2024, please contact Carole Zimmerman (cgzimm@comcast.net or 301-663-8217)

Giving Options to NMUMC

- Set up donations using the bill pay option of your online checking account. No fee for using this service.
- Online donation through Tithely. A nominal fee is associated with this service that is either paid by the donor or deducted from the amount of the donation the church receives. Information about the program can be found on the church website under Online Giving.
- For those having a 401K or IRA and are eligible to make withdrawals, your financial advisor can assist in setting up a donation schedule. Donations must be made directly from either type of account in order for you not to be taxed on the withdrawal amount.
- Personal check
- Cash

Your continued, generous giving to support the ministries and programs of New Market United Methodist Church is greatly appreciated.

Fresh Start Worship Service

Every Sunday, 8:15 am



Fairview Chapel
6802 Boyers Mill Rd.
New Market, MD 21774

For more information visit, newmarketumc.com

Have you ever noticed the tiny stone building, on Boyer's Mill Rd at the top of the hill going north after the round-about? The one with the small cemetery beside it. The one that looks empty most of the time - **well that building is not empty!** It has been filled with folks who rise early, love acoustic guitar worship music, and a short but inspiration message.



The 8:15 a.m. Fresh Start service will continue through Christmas Eve, we hope you take the opportunity to join Pastor Scott and Pastor Patty to experience the difference in how this service raises God up in a way that is both faithful and invigorating.

[See the next page for our service schedule!](#)

NOTE: to musicians. Dec 24th will be our final Fresh Start service in 2023. The Fresh Start Service will be halted for the winter and will start up again Sunday, April 7th, 2024 through the end of 2024.



A small stone chapel, open windows, a warm breeze, soft guitar music and JESUS, what a way to start your Sunday morning!

Join Pastor Scott Clawson and/or Pastor Patty Robinson – at 8:15 am, every Sunday for our 30 minute service with acoustic guitar music, sketching prayers and communion.

Experience the Freshness

**Fairview Order of Worship
November 5th**

“A.C.T.S.”

Thessalonians 5: 16-18, Proverbs 17:22,
Matthew 7:3

**Fairview Order of Worship
November 12th**

“Sin is the Disease”

Proverbs 19:2, Psalm 51:12,
Matthew 16:2

**Fairview Order of Worship
November 19th**

“Is What God Wants for Me Enough?”

Romans 15:13, John 15:11, Proverbs 13:5

**Fairview Order of Worship
November 26th**

“Can We be Holy?”

Corinthians 7:1, Psalm 143:10,
Matthew 19:26



Fairview Order of Worship December 3rd

“Do You See What I See?”

Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6, and Luke 2:12

Fairview Order of Worship December 10th

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Isaiah 42:10, Luke 19:37-38, Luke 2: 29-32

**Fairview Order of Worship
December 17th**

“Do You Taste What I Taste?”

Psalm 34:8, Mark 14:25, 1 Peter 2:3

**Fairview Order of Worship
December 24th**

“Do You Feel What I Feel?”

Luke 2:11, Luke 6:19, Luke 7: 13-16

Fairview Chapel Christmas Eve Service

Fairview Chapel Christmas Eve Services
8:15 am Fresh Start Candlelight Morning Service
5:00 pm Paul Leatherman
7:00 pm Patty Robinson
11:00 pm Rev. Jeffery Childs

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Fairview Chapel

6802 Boyers Mill Rd New Market, MD 21774

WORSHIP HELPER SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER/OCT 2023

(If any of these times do not work out for you – contact the office)

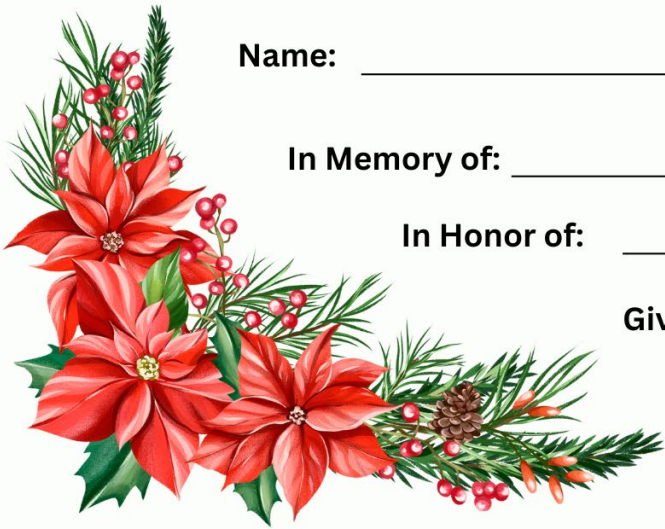
Month	Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
N o v e m b e r	11/5/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
			Lay Reader	Krista Romagnoli		Lay Reader	Richard and Sharon Riley
			Usher/Greeters	Anthony and Charlene Bishop		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	11/12/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Bryan Eccleston		Lay Reader	Roland and Linda New
			Usher/Greeters	Glenn and Lori Anderson		Usher/Greeters	Doreen Bass
	11/19/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop		Lay Reader	Kate Hanson
			Usher/Greeters	Scott and Berta Lafoon		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	11/26/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Berta Lafoon		Lay Reader	Lily Hanson	
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Doreen Bass	
Month	Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
D e c e m b e r	12/3/2023 Communion		Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
			Lay Reader	Lori Anderson		Lay Reader	Doreen Bass
			Usher/Greeters	Anthony and Charlene Bishop		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	12/10/2023	9:30:00 AM Inside	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Beth Peterson		Lay Reader	Kasey Barboza
			Usher/Greeters	Glenn and Lori Anderson		Usher/Greeters	Doreen Bass
	12/17/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Amanda Berry		Lay Reader	Marilyn Fritz
			Usher/Greeters	Scott and Berta Lafoon		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	12/24/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
			Lay Reader	Kristen Eccleson		Lay Reader	Carole Zimmerman
			Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Doreen Bass
	12/31/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Michelle Matusiak		Lay Reader	Richard and Sharon Riley
			Usher/Greeters	Anthony and Charlene Bishop		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys

Poinsettias

Order Form



I would like to purchase ___ red ___pink and/or ___ white poinsettias at a cost of \$13.00 each. Please complete this form and place it, along with your check marked “for poinsettias”, in the offering plate by November 6.



Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____



BIRTHDAY	NAME
November 10	Amanda Berry
November 10	Anthony Bishop
November 12	Joan Russell
November 28	Melinda McCollum
December 12	Michael Wright
December 17	Hannah Clawson
December 18	Tom Geary
December 23	Linda Kornreich

UPCOMING WORSHIP

NOV 5 | ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOV 12 | WHAT'S IN THOSE LAMPS?
NOV 19 | MAKE ALL YOU CAN,
NOV 26 | CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

ADVENT SERVICES

DEC 3 | HOPE
DEC 10 | PEACE
DEC 17 | JOY

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

9:30 AM CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS
EVE SERVICE (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
11:00 AM CANDLELIGHT MORNING
SERVICE
6:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
8:00 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The daily devotional for advent will be The Gift of the Present, provided by the Society of St. Andrew. You can pick up your copy in the sanctuary on November 12th.



Welcome, JANIS REX

Janis has been coming since this summer and found NMUMC via her daughter-in-law's search on the internet (see how important our website is!)

Janis has a son, Scott and daughter-in-law Tracy. Grand-daughter -Kellie who is a paramedic in Stafford County Va, who was recently married.

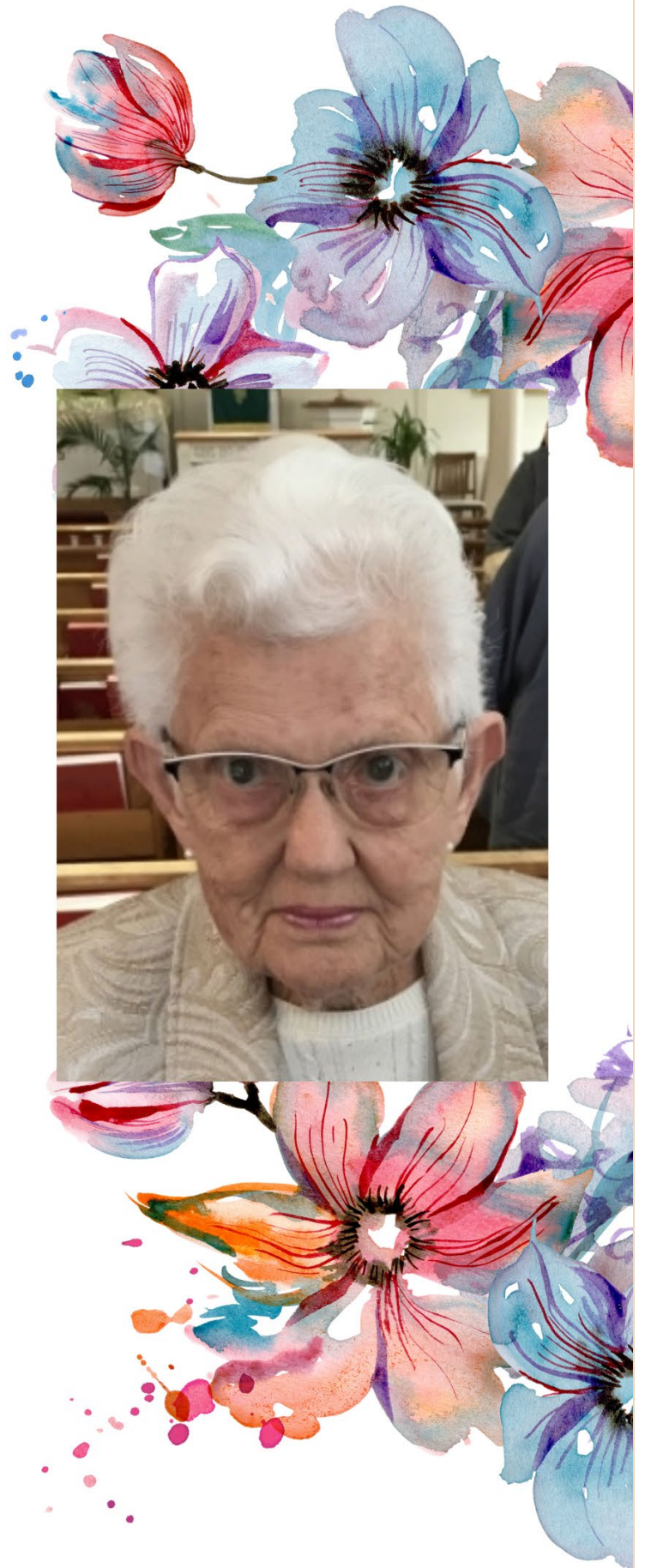
She came to this area when she was invited to live with her son. Janis was married for 55 years and lost her husband, (Name?) in 2011.

Janis is originally from Pennsylvania -- Pittsburgh. She went to college at Westminster College, in PA and majored in music. She plays the piano beautifully.

She was the treasurer of her church for 18 years (by the way through three building projects!)

Since arriving at New Market, she has already attended Circle of Friends and has volunteered to coordinate the program for the World Thanks offering ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11th.

Please welcome Janis Rex.





NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Market United Methodist Church encourages faithful discipleship for Jesus Christ by participation in Prayer, the Word, Worship, Fellowship and Service.



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**If you have any special events or meetings coming up in Sept or October, now is the time to submit the information via the church email:
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