

NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2012



“You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn brush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed.” Isaiah 55:12-13

We began this fall season seeking to put down deep roots into God’s love and grace in order to grow in faith and strengthen our families. We have centered ourselves on the image of a tree which has roots stretching deep into the earth. These roots ground the tree in order that the trunk can support strong branches. As we journey on together into the fall we will notice the trees around us being transformed from green to golden hues. These same trees will drop acorns, apples, and pears in hopes of planting and nourishing a new generation. As the landscape around us cues us to anticipate the fall harvest so we will consider the fruit of our lives and our families.

This October join us in worship and fellowship as we consider and celebrate the mission God has given us. Like the trees of the field we will seek to clap our hands and rejoice over all God has given us. We will continue to root out the thistles and “sin which so easily entangles”. And we will discover and get energized about living out our life giving, fruit bearing mission. Highlights for our October journey are below. We look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Scott & Pastor Jenny

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

~**October 7th** World Communion Sunday “Respect and Love” We gather at the table with Christians around the world to celebrate the bread of life and cup of salvation which we share.

~**October 14th** “Apples or Pomegranates: Embracing our Mission”

~**October 21st** “Nourishment or Poison: Picking the Right Words”

~**October 28th** “Strong Families through Financial Stewardship”

** See page 4 for information on the Workshop scheduled for October 28th which will build upon this theme in helping us develop unifying and healthy financial practices for our family.



Meet Bishop Matthews

This September we the people of the Baltimore Washington Conference welcome a new Bishop. Today Pastor Scott and I enjoyed getting to meet Bishop Marcus Matthews and get a flavor of his values for life and faith. Bishop Matthews grew up at Cumberland UMC and credits his Sunday school teachers as being the strongest influences on his young life. Matthews offered three values which are most important to him and which he believes are important for us as Jesus’ followers:

1. "Interdependence is important": Our lives are intertwined with the lives of others. Life is good when we live in relationship with our neighbors and church family. We are blessed as we share a cup of sugar or a prayer with the family next door. Our churches can find new strength and vitality if we learn to share and depend on each other. We have an underutilized connection. If we work together, we can be a strong force for overcoming homelessness and other life robbing forces.
2. "Positivity Makes a Difference": Always put yourself in an environment where you and those around you see life as positive and encouraging. "The church I grew up in has put 23 people into pastoral ministry and we have never spoken negatively about our pastors. I learned to dance and to relate to others at church". The Bishop hopes our churches can focus on the positive aspects of our churches, rather than the negative.
3. "Road Blocks are not stumbling blocks but challenges to overcome and opportunities for new growth." While in college, Bishop Matthews served as an activist. During a demonstration three of his friends were killed around him. This experience turned his life upside down and sent him back to his mother's words, "Jesus loves me." This tragedy caused Matthews to change directions and seek the purpose for which the Lord had spared him. What could have been a moment in which Matthews turned inward to hate and despair became the opportunity for him to turn his life towards ministry. Matthew hopes our churches can help people see the potential for transformation in the midst of challenges.

Matthews challenges us, at the beginning of this new journey, to attend faithfully to two foundational things:

- Prayer every morning! Saying to God, "Make me better today than yesterday."
- Bring one new soul into relationship with Christ this year!





Farewell

THIS & THAT

Goodbye is just a word - sounds so final! I prefer so long until we meet again - sounds like a movie doesn't it? As long as I can keep driving I'll be up and I have a feeling the ladies of Circle of Friends will make a road trip someday - right girls????!!!

As far as I can remember I started attending New Market UMC in 1992. The church I left because we had moved was Aspen Hill Christian. I had been there for 27 years and loved the people.

People have often asked me why living in Jefferson I attended NMUMC. I had visited some other churches but didn't feel welcome. My brother Ron and his wife Val were going to NMUMC and were in the choir so I started going and from the first visit I felt really welcome - you are my friends and second family. I pray the Lord leads me to the right church when I move that, like leaving Aspen Hill and coming to NMUMC, I'll find friendly, loving people who love the Lord, and that I will be that way with them.

It's going to be hard leaving especially now that new life is flowing through our church and God's Spirit is touching and changing lives. I'm really proud of all of you who have prayed and worked hard over the years to bring us to this point and for Pastor Jenny's and Pastor Scott's wonderful leadership that brought us all together. They are the sparks that caused the flame of hope to grow in us. I don't think I'll ever stop being amazed at our Lord's timing and awesome answers to prayer! Thank you Father!

*My new address after Oct. 31st
605 Old Station Street
Ashland, VA. 23005*

So long until we meet again and thanks for letting me write, Marilyn Brooks



“VISION CASTING”

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? John 14:2

In the same way that Jesus is preparing a place for us in his kingdom, NMUMC is preparing our house to welcome new visitors and to invite them into a journey of discipleship. We are reaching into the community with an extended hand, during the Linganore Homecoming parade we offered cold water, rice crispy treats and orchard apples to the many parents, siblings, grandparents and aunts and uncles who were invited to park in our lot for easy access to the parade route. We handed out our new brochure and a few parade goers took the historic tour of our sanctuary. During the coming months we will invite the community to safely trick or treat in our parking lot while enjoying a cup of their favorite crock pot recipe. In November they are also invited to join us in a candlelight vigil for peace. In December the community will be invited to join us for a "Live Nativity" program and to spend time with Santa.

The second week in October will mark the grand opening of the NMUMC Library. We are opening the doors of our Education building to the New Market community with a loud proclamation that "they are welcome here, we are so glad you came." The UMW women are opening the doors of the schoolhouse on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month to invite seniors to spend fellowship time playing games.

In order to make these many rooms warm and inviting there will have to be necessary improvements. The Ed and Schoolhouse buildings will need a reliable source of heating and cooling, a playground for the children of NMUMC and the library community to build deeper relationships with us and other children. Fresh painted walls in our sanctuary will reflect our willingness to offer the best and brightest hospitality to all those who enter. The new handicap bathroom in the school house says that we are preparing a place for all and all are welcome. A new layer of asphalt conveys an open spirit and a welcoming heart. Let's start to prepare ourselves in prayer for all the thirsty souls that God is going to lead to New Market. Let us start to convey the mind of Christ in all we do, all we say, and all we prepare for. Let's get excited, let's get motivated, and let's get going.



MISSION OFFERINGS FOR OCT

October's mission offering will go to World Communion

World Communion Sunday is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students to help equip them to transform the church and communities. "Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving." (Acts 20:35 CEV) Please give generously!

Hands-on Mission Opportunities

Would you like to help **prepare and/or serve dinner** at the Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA) Dining Hall the **third Saturday every other month**? Mt. Carmel does this and we at New Market can join them. We can donate something from that month's menu or be a server. Donations should be delivered to Mt. Carmel by 4:00 PM or to the FCAA kitchen after 4:30 PM. Servers should arrive at 4:30 PM at the food kitchen and plan to stay until 7:00 PM. Please call Tom Fischer of Mt. Carmel (301-964-8811) for more info and to sign up.



*Join the fun at Trunk or Treat
and Crockpot Cook-Off!
Sunday, October 28, 2012
5:30 Crock pot Cook Off
6:30 Trunk or Treat*

*Make your plans early and be ready to bring you're "A game" with your best crock pot recipe and your most ingenious trunk decorating ideas. Join the fun on October 28th from 5:30pm to approximately 8pm at the *NMZMC* parking lot and schoolhouse. There will be a prize for best recipe and best decorated car. See you there.*



Harvest of Hope

This event is a weekend long experience including gleanng (harvesting remnants of crops for donating to soup kitchens and homeless shelters), worship, study of Biblical teachings about hunger and fellowship. It will be October 5th-7th, 2012 at Camp Easter Seals in New Castle, VA. Ages 10 and up are encouraged to participate. The cost for this event is \$75.00 per person which covers lodging and food. Please call Cathy in the church office if you are interested.



The **Foodbank Program**, operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency, provides a three-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 temporary food assistance. Our foodbank box is at the back of the sanctuary. But too often it is empty. We challenge the congregation to fill the box on the **first Sunday of each month**. 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. Thank you to all who give so generously!



FOR OCTOBER:

Ruth Meyers	10/5
Lisa Gaver	10/15
Zach Grenier	10/16
Mike Gaver	10/24
Delaine Hobbs	10/24
MaryLee Matthews	10/29
Ann Winters	10/31
Alex Beard	10/31



NEW MEMBERS CLASS THIS THREE SESSION CLASS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH OTHER NEW PEOPLE, GET TO KNOW OUR PASTORS, AND LEARN ABOUT THE BELIEFS AND MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH AND DENOMINATION. THE CLASS WILL BE OFFERED ON SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 4 AND 11 FROM 2-3:30PM AND NOVEMBER 18TH AT 5PM, THERE WILL BE A COVERED DISH DINNER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CLASSES, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE, 301-662-1303 OR SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE GATHERING HALL.



All Saints Sunday is November 4th

We will begin our month long Thanksgiving journey, "Wholly Blessed", by considering how blessing is passed down from one generation to the next. We invite you to bring pictures of loved ones who have passed away and those who continue to bless your journey of faith. We will line our windows and altar with the images of those who have blessed and are blessing us. Special care will be given to honor our saints who have passed away this year.



"Strong Families through Financial Stewardship" workshop October 28, 2012 at our New Market UMC

school house from 9:00am-10:45am. Do you know that "financial struggles" are a leading cause for argument and even divorce in the American family? Developing an agreed upon financial plan for your family can foster unity, harmony, and shared purpose. Join Pastor Jenny and others for this workshop to explore Biblical and practical fundamentals for developing a healthy and practical financial plan for your family. The particulars of your finances will not be discussed, rather we will look at Biblical principles offered to help your family function with harmony and financial freedom. Breakfast will be provided for the family at 8:45am. The nursery will be open at 9:00am. Please call your church office or sign up on the bulletin board.



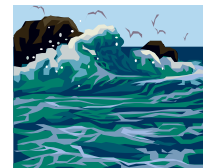
Mt. Carmel/New Market Youth Group News

Youth Group is going to see the Bears!!



Join us on October 10th at Oakdale High school as we watch the 9th Grade Oakdale football team take on the Middletown Knights. Youth Leaders will meet the kids at the high school at 5pm and parents will pick them up at 7:30pm

ROCK 2013
January 11, 12, & 13
In Ocean City, Maryland
 Reggie Dabbs is back!!
 For more information please call the church office.



Mark Your Calendars:
 Youth Group Thanksgiving Feast
 November 14th 6:30pm at
 Mt. Carmel UMC



Ministry Opportunity

One of our New Market families is asking for some helping hands to sort through bags and boxes that they have in storage. The items that are no longer needed for family use will be donated to Goodwill. If you have a few hours available during the weekday or on a Saturday during the month of October please contact Pastor Scott and he will make the arrangements with the family.



Outreach events: (anyone wishing to volunteer for individual events please contact Patty Robinson)

10/28/12 Trunk or Treat and Crock pot cook-off 5:30 to approx.8:00pm Bring your favorite crockpot recipe and after enjoy trunk or treating in the parking lot with prizes for the best recipe and best decorated car.

12/16/12 Live Nativity and visit from Santa. Two live nativity programs will be held: the first at 7:00pm and the second at 8:00pm. In between, visit Santa's shop in the Education Building for hot chocolate and goodies and maybe even a sneak peak of the jolly old elf himself!



Treasurer of Frederick County Tax Rebate

If you received a \$100 dollars in the mail that you were not expecting or completely forgot the promise that it was coming; what would you do with it? Would you go out to eat, purchase new shoes or play and extra round of golf? In the next few weeks if you are a Frederick County land owner you will be receiving a \$100 tax rebate. You may say that a \$100 dollars will not make much difference in the world and that single check in your hand may prove you right. But what if we combined this found money to do some real ministry in our community. Centennial Memorial UMC's ministry to the homeless and recovering communities is in need of donations as well as the Religious Coalition. Let's join together as one body and bless the ministry of your choice. You can label your personal check to: Centennial Memorial UM Church, marked "Homeless Ministry" or to the Religious Coalition and place them in the collection plate, we will deliver this monetary blessing to the intended receivers.



My heart is overflowing with joy at the love shown me Sunday at the pot luck meal. I will carry it with me when I move and I know it will help me over starting out again. I love the throw!! I will miss being with you laughing, singing, studying God's word, sharing and caring. Keep the faith and know that the Lord will guide you.

Thank you, Marilyn Brooks



New Market UMC Library (opening the week of October 8th)

New this fall is the opening of our library, we have created a quiet, inviting area in our Education Building for a community library. This is a place where you can choose a book, take it home or sit on a comfy couch and enter another world. Children's story hour will be offered during the week. Mom's and Dad's would your little one enjoy playing with some new toys in a space you don't have to clean up? Community play date in the schoolhouse between the story hours might be the connection you and your child are looking for! As well as evening tutoring classes offered by the retired school teachers of NMMUMC. The library will be open to the public on the last Saturday of the month.

Children's Story Time (Starting October 8th)

Tuesdays 1:00pm-2:30pm (stories at 1:00pm and 1:45pm with play time in between)

Wednesdays 9:00am-1:00pm open to the public

Thursdays 10:00am-11:30am (stories at 10:00am and 10:45am with play time in between)

Last Saturday of the month 10:00am-1:00pm the library will be open to the public

Library will be open to church members during regular office hours Monday-Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm (enter through the office door).

Story time volunteers needed: If you are interested in leading or helping with any of the story times please contact Marilyn Fritz or Pastor Scott.



UMW Circle of Friends

Fellowship—a time of sharing love and friendship with others.

Christians have a very special fellowship with God and his people. This well describes the U.M.W. "Circle of Friends". Fellowship is their specialty, but they are also a very caring group that sponsors and contributes much to New Market U. M. Church. Many of these ladies were V.B.S. volunteers, they recently visited Falling Waters Board of Child Care facility which our church supports in their many projects. They've hosted many memorial luncheons and church events, visit "Our Friends to Care For" and send them cards monthly.

Recently they had a fun outing to Mrs. K's Restaurant.

All ladies of New Market U.M. Church are invited to attend and become members. New ideas are always welcomed. We also sponsor a "Game Day" each Wednesday at 12:30 pm. Check the bulletin to see where "Game Day" is or contact Thelma Gesling (301)865-5514 or Carolyn Geary (301)865-4388 for more information about "Circle of Friends" or "Game Day".

There are about ten ladies that are interested in an evening circle, but a leader is needed for this group. If you feel you are being "called" for this leadership, please contact Pastor Scott (240)409-8119 or Thelma (301)865-5514.

Nell Gannoway's address:
1210 Pete Dickens Rd
Bogart, GA 30622

Marilyn Brooks' address after Oct 31st:
605 Old Station St.
Ashland, VA 23005

Upcoming meeting dates:

Oct 9th 12:30pm at the home of Thelma Gesling

Nov 13th 12:30pm at the home of Toni Carnahan



**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 17-22.
FOR PASTORAL NEEDS, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR
SCOTT AT 240-409-8119.**



October

- 1 Mt Carmel UMC Golf tournament
- 2 Trustee's meeting 7:00pm
Outreach/Ministry team meeting 7:00pm
- 3 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel
Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 4 Scouts #628
Prayer circle 7:00-7:30pm
Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 5-7 Harvest of Hope mission trip-Camp Easter
Seals New Castle, VA
- 7 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
World Communion Sunday
- 8 Columbus Day
- 9 UMW circle of friends meeting 12:30pm at
Thelma Gesling's home
"Letters from Dad" session 1 7:00pm NM
- 10 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel
Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 11 Scouts #628
Prayer circle 7:00-7:30pm
Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 14 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
- 16 Church council meeting 7:00pm
- 17-22 Church office closed- for any Pastoral
needs contact Pastor Scott
- 17 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel
Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 18 Scouts #628
Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 20 Charge conference 9:00am-12:30pm at
Jackson Chapel UMC
- 21 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
- 23 "Letters from Dad" session 2 7:00pm NM
- 24 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel
Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 25 Scouts #628
Prayer circle 7:00-7:30pm
Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 28 Stewardship Workshop 9:00-10:45am at
NM schoolhouse
Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
Trunk or Treat/Crock pot cook-off 5:30pm
- 30 Vision team meeting 6:30pm upper room
- 31 Halloween