

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

What is home to you? Is it simply the place where you lay your head, eat your meals, and pause on your busy way from one place to another? Or is "home" something more. Is home simply a place, a house, and nothing more? If you are like me "home" is where there is love and comfort waiting, no matter what the world has thrown at me. "Home" is where I am fed physically as well as emotionally and spiritually. It is, or can be, a retreat from the world, where the cares of the world can be placed at arms length and I can find a new or different perspective of dealing with the world. Home is where there is laughter and joy, but at times also tears and sorrow. But no matter whether it is tears or laughter, joy or sorrow, there is always someone there to share it with.

In all that I have just said I have described my home as I experience it now and home as I have always experienced it. It also describes what the church has become for me. I say this because in the church I have also found love and comfort, I have been fed and nourished physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I have found there a refuge from the world and new perspectives for dealing with a world that is often random and capricious. Here, in the church, I have found laughter and joy, as well as, sorrows and tears, and others to share these with.

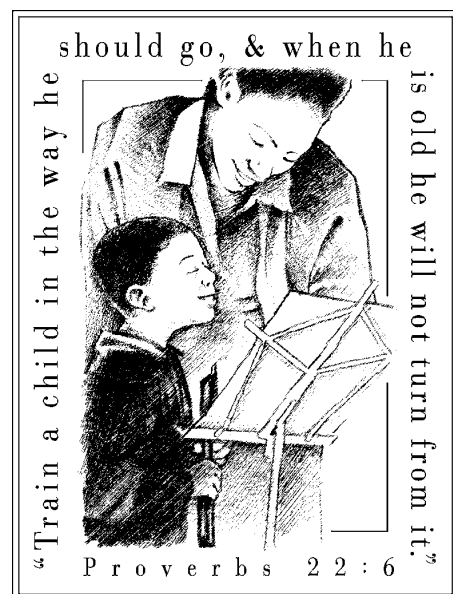
There are many in our community who don't have a home, at least not a home as I have described it here. They know what home is. They yearn for a place to find home. You have the ability to help them find that home here at NMUMC. The month of September is homecoming month here at NMUMC. The sermons on Sundays are aimed at

those who are seeking hope and meaning in our world. There are events planned through which we can share with others the love and joy of community. As we begin homecoming month I ask you to consider the people you know, your family and your neighbors, perhaps your co-workers. Are there any among them that might like to make NMUMC their home? I encourage you to invite them to church. Offer to bring them on Sunday morning and stay for the other events we have planned.

If you have found a home here at NMUMC and enjoy the special fellowship we have here, you will know what a wonderful gift this is. I encourage you to share with others this wonderful gift and invite others to share in this wonderful gift of love and fellowship shared as New Market United Methodist Church.

Grace and Peace,

Mike



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT NMUMC 1  
HOMECOMING MONTH**

- 2 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir starts 7:30pm
- 5 Sunday School starts 9:45-10:45am  
Ice cream social after church
- 7 Trustee's meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 8 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 9 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm
- 10 Set up Arts& Crafts show 3-7pm
- 11 Arts & Crafts show 11am-3pm(10:30am  
meet & greet with displayers)
- 12 Arts& Crafts show 12-4:30pm  
Music concert 5pm Sanctuary
- 14 UMW Afternoon circle 11:30am at Mary  
Lou Bernota's home  
SPRC meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 15 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 16 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm
- 18 New Market Garden Club flower show  
1-4pm schoolhouse (free admission)
- 19 1800's worship service- Bring your  
own picnic lunch & dessert to share for  
after the service
- 21 Church Council meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 22 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 23 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm
- 26 Homecoming Sunday with previous pastors  
covered dish potluck after church
- 28 Outreach committee 7pm schoolhouse
- 29 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 30 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm

*THIS & THAT!*

**Perserverance - To continue steadfastly, especially in something that is difficult or tedious.**

Have you ever thought, "I want to quit", "I can't do this anymore," "This is too hard and I'm tired?" Sounds like an opening for a commercial doesn't it! I think I can safely say everyone has been there at one time or another.

One thing about getting older is you can look back and see where your perserverance has brought you, (I try to find the positive things about aging - ha!) You can see the fruits of your labor and you can thank God you never gave up.

Of course there are times we hit a wall not just bumps in the road and we have to ask ourselves are we pursuing something God never intended we do.

In the Touch Point Bible (NLT) In the Helpfinder section it says "According to the Bible, patience is a form of perserverance and forebarence that allows us to respond to frustrating circumstances with grace and self-control."

"Hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perserverance."

**Romans 8:24-25 NKJV**

**Blessings, Marilyn Brooks**

*THANK YOU*

I would like to thank my church family for the Nancy Watkins Winterburg Memorial Scholarship. I appreciate your support during my years at James Madison University. I also want to thank all of you for your Christian values as I grew up at New Market United Methodist Church.  
**Jon Crandall**

**Choir News**

The Choir year is ready to begin. After a pleasant

summer where choir members had the opportunity to sit in church with their families, with September comes the time for members of the choir to start practicing Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and serving once again as the voice of the congregation.

Our fall startup is also an ideal time to join the choir. We are just starting the music year, so every member will be looking at our music for the first time, and you will know as much as everyone, except our veteran singers.

Last year we added some contemporary music to our introit and departure repertoire, and that will continue this year, along with our ongoing mix of traditional offerings. The adult choir meets in the sanctuary from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and sings at the 11 a.m. service, with the first practice Sept. 2nd.

There is no audition and you don't need either a remarkable voice or the ability to read music. The only real requirements are that you must enjoy music, enjoy being around other people who enjoy music, and want to be involved with some really fine and uplifting words and melodies on a weekly basis. Anyone will be welcome.

## UMW

**“There is a right time for everything. Everything on earth has its special season.” Eccl. 3:1**

**Summer is a great time for a break in schedules and enjoying things you wouldn't ordinarily do. From conversations with our UMW ladies, that's what they've been doing: enjoying trips, the beach, grandchildren, weddings, baseball games, reunions, gardening and picnics. In July some of the ladies met at Morgans for good food and fellowship. The Afternoon circle will resume meeting September 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of MaryLou Bernota at 11:30am. Barbara Zimmerman will give the program. Remember, all ladies of the church are invited to either the Afternoon or Evening UMW circle. For more information contact Thelma Gesling at 301-865-5514 (Afternoon circle) or Melinda McCollum at 301-695-6229 (Evening circle).**

## New Events!

Starting September 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Prayer and Meditation group meeting on Wednesday evenings after Bible Study at 8:00pm in the sanctuary. The purpose of this weekly gathering is to introduce individuals to the practice of Contemplative Prayer in the Benedictine tradition. The people who become involved in this group will learn what Christian Contemplative prayer is all about, they will have the opportunity to develop their meditative skills and learn how to create a sacred space in their busy lives where they can simply rest in God's presence. Though new to many in our church, Contemplative prayer is a wonderful resource for achieving spiritual growth and a sense of inner peace. If you are interested, please let Pastor Mike know or call the church office.

Starting September 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be an Intercessory prayer group meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Ed Bldg. They will meet for a half an hour to pray together for community needs and concerns. If you are interested, please let Pastor Mike know or call the church office.

I also encourage you to attend the Wednesday evening bible study every week. This group has been meeting for over a year now and is always engaged in scripture and lively discussion. They meet at 7:00pm in the Ed Bldg.

## HOME COMING

This month promises to be an exciting one for NMUMC. September has been designated as Homecoming month and homecoming events are well under way. There will be events taking place each weekend in September all of which are intended to build an awareness of NMUMC in the wider New Market community; celebrate our own heritage; and provide opportunities to invite “church shoppers” to pay a visit. Everyone reading this notice has a key role to play in the success of Homecoming Month. Please consider inviting family members, friends, neighbors, acquaintances that you know might be interested in attending one or more of the events and worship services. Don't just invite them, bring them! Pick them up! You may be the person responsible for connecting someone with a church home.

The first Sunday (Labor Day Weekend) will be the opening day of Sunday school and the Ice Cream Social after church.

The second Sunday (and the preceding Saturday) there will be an exhibition in the School House from 11-3 on Saturday (10:30am Meet & Greet with

Artists& Crafters) and 12-4:30 on Sunday where we will showcase the Art (and Craft) talent of people in the community. If you are a photographer, sketcher, painter, or artist of any kind, or if you would like to display a craft that you are talented in please consider putting your work in the show. This will not be a sale. If you are interested in selling your work you will be able to provide contact information along with your work. In conjunction with this we will have a concert on Sunday afternoon at 5:00pm, highlighting the performing talents of people in our community.

The third Sunday will be an outdoor worship service in a tent set up in back of the Church. The service will be in the style of Worship in the year 1800. The preacher will be Francis Asbury who will arrive on horseback. ( Francis Asbury was the first Methodist Bishop and was preaching in the area in 1800.) The service will be followed with a "Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch" along with a dessert to share. Games from the period will be taught and played. Period dress is encouraged but is by no means necessary. The fourth Sunday will be the Homecoming Service. We are inviting former pastors to attend and to take part in the service. This will be followed by a covered dish potluck reception at the school house. Your prayers and your invitations to others in the community will be key to making these events a success. If you want to participate in the homecoming committee or to help out at individual events, please call the church office for details.



## FOR SEPTEMBER

Steve Oden	9/10
Steve & June Oden	9/12
Polly Petersen	9/15
Paul Fauconnet	9/16
Julie Grenier	9/19
Katherine Lake	9/28



## Harvest of Hope Retreat

**This event is a weeklong experience including worship, study of Biblical teachings about hunger and gleaning (harvesting remnants of crops for donating to soup kitchens and homeless shelters). It will be October 22-24, 2010 at Camp Seltzer in Palmyra, PA and everyone 10 and up is encouraged to participate. The cost for this event is \$75.00 per person which covers your lodging and food for the weekend. Please call the church office if interested.**

## YOUTH FOR CHRIST

It's coming! The Central Maryland Youth for Christ "Big 36r" golf-a-thon is coming! Yes, on October 5 I will be playing 36 holes of golf in an effort to raise funds which will help support YFC's outreach programs for at risk youth, deaf teens, young moms, and middle and high school students in both Frederick and Washington Counties. As many of you know, our daughter Barbara Hanna works with the student led clubs in Frederick County, encouraging middle and high school students to reach out to their peers and bring the love of Jesus into their lives. She has been involved in YFC for many years, first as a member of the clubs and now as a mentor/leader. The premise of the "Big 36r" is to have 36 golfers play 36 holes each. Each golfer is asked to get pledges of \$36.00 from 36 people. I would be joyfully grateful to anyone who would like to pledge to my effort. You may pledge as suggested (\$36.00) or give whatever amount you'd like...all donations will help! This event is a time of fellowship and fun for a great cause which makes the aches and blisters worthwhile. Please prayerfully consider helping out.

Many thanks! Sue Wood

Our monthly giving to missions has averaged \$76.66 this year. While I understand this is low compared to previous giving, I want to express thanks to our congregation for continuing to support such worthwhile causes. If you have a "pet" organization that you'd like to see included in our calendar in the future, please let me know. Thanks again for all you do.

Mary Lou Bernota, Missions"



**OUR MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER IS  
HOSPICE OF FREDERICK COUNTY**

Hospice of Frederick County was founded in 1980 and exists to serve and care for the terminally ill and to support and comfort their families without regard for age, gender, nationality, race, creed, sexual orientation, disability, diagnosis, or ability to pay. They are located at 516 Trail Ave., Frederick, MD near the hospital. 240-566-3030.

I have personal experience with Hospice - they cared lovingly for my husband and mother-in-law before they died. I can't begin to tell you what a difference that made. Kenny was in the Kline House at the last and he said he didn't know how he deserved such a nice place. It's like being in a hotel room not a hospital and the care and love are wonderful.

Hospice also offers support groups, workshops, and seminars. They are offered at no cost for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. Each spring they offer a camp for children who are grieving the death of a loved one. Camp Jamie is a weekend of healing.

If I can answer any questions please ask me and if I can't, I'll find out.

Thanks so much, Marilyn Brooks

Hospice Faith Community Liaison

**Fall  
Worship  
Schedule**

**Early Worship- 8:30am**

**Fellowship time- 9:15- 9:45am**

**Sunday School- 9:45- 10:45am**

**Worship- 11:00am (Nursery available)**



**Calling all kids!!!! Sunday school will be starting on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9:45-10:45am. All children are welcome. We are asking the congregation to invite your grandkids, great grandkids, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors to be a part of our Sunday School program. September is also homecoming month at New Market United Methodist Church! We will celebrate our first day back with an Ice cream social after the 11:00am worship service. We hope you will join us!**



