



# DEEP ROOTS

# VISIBLE GRACE

**Summer 2018**

A newsletter for the family and friends of New Market UMC



*New Market UMC engages in prayerful discussion as our United Methodist denomination discerns The Way Forward.*

**Our Summer Calendars!**  
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## Early Summer Fruit!

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them”.

Ephesians 2:8-10

**As summer begins we celebrate the ways God is working in and through us to bring healing, hope and faith to our community.**



**The UMW raised \$6957 toward debt reduction and \$632 tithe for future missions**



**Patty Robinson was commissioned as a lay leader**



**UMW Agape Feast**



**Over 40,000 honey bees were safely removed and released from the Schoolhouse**



**The history center is complete in the Education Bldg. Make sure you stop by and visit.**

**Founder's Day invited 45 people into the history of our church.**



**Our Parish Mission Team to Cumbres del Calvario, Arecibo Puerto Rico**



Our team will leave from Baltimore on June 30 and will return on July 7. Please keep them in your daily prayers.

Pastor Scott Clawson  
Pastor Doug Conway  
Chris Rolón  
Caleb Clawson  
Richard Stonebraker  
Holly Stanker  
Brittney Giles  
Dalmar Blackwell  
Laurie Bailey  
Aaron Lucas



**Our 2018 Mission Team busy preparing for Puerto Rico!**

**Save the Date!**

Pastor Scott Graduation Celebration!  
Church Picnic at Old National Pike Park – Shelter 2  
July 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m.

**Summer at New Market UMC!**



**Camp Joy! July 15-21**

A team of 20 adults and youth led by Pastor Ed and Pastor Jenny will travel to Berkley Springs, WV to be a part of Camp Joy. The mission team will work to improve living conditions through projects like building handicap ramps, repairing drywall, painting, gardening, etc.

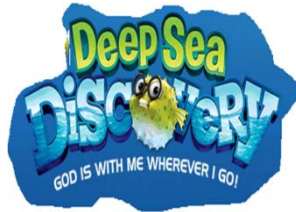


**Summer Camp!  
July 29-August 3 at Camp Manidokan**

Thirty-six kids and seven leaders from our parish and the HASP program will enjoy a week of camping, songs, swimming, hiking and much more. Please keep them in your prayers.

We are still in need of two adult volunteers to enjoy a week of camp. Contact Pastor Jenny if you would like to help.

***We currently have six campers still in need of financial assistance. Please consider sponsoring one of these campers with a gift of any size. Mark "Campership" on the memo line of your check.***



**Vacation Bible School!**

July 30th - August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Deep Sea Discovery

God is with me wherever I go!

All the information you need to register your child/children for the 2018 program is located on the link [www.myvbs.org/nmumc](http://www.myvbs.org/nmumc)



**Summer Reading with Lucas Village**

**Thursday's from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

Volunteers are still needed to read with the children. Contact Lynne Stanker at [konadreamer2@yahoo.com](mailto:konadreamer2@yahoo.com) or at 301-788-5396 for more information.



**Volunteer Opportunities for the Summer!**

Summer Sunday Gatherings – contact Karen Ohlrich at 435-2601236  
Help with Picnic on July 21<sup>st</sup> - contact Linda Hlebasko at 301-401-0121  
Help with Children's Church Sundays at 9:30 a.m. - contact Donna Clawson at [Declawson16@gmail.com](mailto:Declawson16@gmail.com).

## **New Market/Mt. Carmel responds to the call for prayerful conversation as our denomination discerns “The Way Forward”**

### ***A letter from your Pastors:***

*“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:1b-6*

Several months ago, Pastor Scott and I discerned that we wanted to embark on a deep study of the book of Ephesians this summer. Ephesians is one of those books that challenges us to go deeper than surface level; to pray and dialogue with the scriptures and each other about what it means to really live as a follower of Jesus. As we study Ephesians we realize that the church 2000 years ago had similar questions and struggles as we face today. They were wrestling with how to interpret scriptures, how to live out their faith, and how to be a people of grace and holiness. The author of the letter overlays all the conversations with a deep prayer that the church come towards one another in unity.

**At the Annual Conference session of our Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) we were given a new challenge. The Conference voted on a resolution which asks every local church in our conference (all 600+) to have conversations regarding “The Way Forward”. The Way Forward is a pathway for discerning the direction of the UMC in light of our diversity of convictions regarding human sexuality. For the past four decades our denomination has been in prayer and conversation around three main questions:**

1. What does the Bible have to say about human sexuality?
2. Can same sex marriages be conducted by our clergy?
3. Can persons who otherwise meet all qualifications for ministry (fruit, faith, fire), who are in same-sex marriages be ordained to serve as pastors and leaders?

Over the years it has become increasingly clear that our diverse and global church, and the 12 million worshipers who make up our body, have deep and differing convictions around these questions. At New Market UMC we also have deep and differing convictions.

**At the UMC General Conference 2016 the clergy and lay delegates representing our global church asked the bishops to offer a new way to prayerfully discern a way forward for our denomination which would end the grid lock and polarizing debates. The bishops agreed to offer a plan which ultimately would be embraced by the body. A representative commission called The Way Forward was established and has spent two years in prayer, scriptural study and discernment. The outcomes of the Commission’s work have been shared with the Council of Bishops, our Annual Conference session, and will be voted on at a special session of General Conference in February 2019.**

This summer we invite you to share in our denomination’s discernment by humbling yourself and entering into a time of prayer, listening, and scripture study. I, Pastor Jenny, will offer two sermons which will seek to introduce the two main conversations. We encourage you to make every effort to be present in worship for both sermons. Please put these worship times on your calendar now. If you are unable to attend one of these worship experiences at your home church, plan to come to our sister church. The sermons will be available on line at [www.newmarketumc.com](http://www.newmarketumc.com) after being preached at the second church.



## **WORSHIP SERVICES NOT TO MISS:**

1. What is the nature of church unity? Can we be one church if we are not of one mind on all issues? What is "The Way Forward" being proposed?

**June 24<sup>th</sup> 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. New Market**

2. How do I, as an individual, and we as a church, develop a moral ethic around human sexuality? How do we teach our children (and live for ourselves) in sexual relationships that are pleasing to God?

**July 8<sup>th</sup> 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Mt. Carmel**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. New Market**

## ***Want to go deeper?***

Workshop Conversations on the Way Forward:

1. **July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-3:30 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Great Room**

Sandwiches and snacks will be available for those who can stay after church or come at 12:30 p.m.

2. **August 6<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 p.m. in the New Market Schoolhouse**

These 2.5 hour sessions will include an overview of the process for our denomination's discernment, Bible study, prayer, and dialogue. If this is a topic you feel deeply about, PLEASE COME TO A WORKSHOP! We are committed to leading and caring for you.

## **We are praying with you!**

Please know that your pastors are prayerfully aware that these conversations are sensitive and important. We know that conversations about human sexuality and how we interpret scriptures and live together as the church move us emotionally and spiritually. We believe that our work together in the book of Ephesians will ground us all in the humility, patience, and self-control required for each to grow in faith and understanding while coming towards each other in love.

## **A challenge!**

As we seek to mature in faith and care for each other this summer, we challenge EVERY WORSHIPER to create a safe space for all. PLEASE:

- Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily from 2:23 - 2:26 p.m. or at another time. This time reflects the Special Session of General Conference which will be held February 23 -26, 2019 in St. Louis.
- Set aside 10 minutes a day to read the scripture suggested on our Summer Prayer Calendar.
- Use self-control in your conversations: only write, speak, or forward words that contribute to understanding and unity. Absolutely refrain from all conversation which is polarizing. Know that "sound bites" are hurtful in that they simplify the deep and important journey we are on and put us at odds with each other.
- Evaluate your "presence" in person and on social media. Are you "leaning in" to listen?

We are eager to share this journey with You! We believe God will mature us and give us the grace to be one church of Christ Jesus.

Pastor Jenny, Pastor Scott, Pastor Helen

## New Market UMC “Called to Care”

As our church grows, so do the needs of our congregation and community. Therefore, it is time to expand our care ministry with the creation of a Called to Care team. The initial planning meeting will be held Wednesday, **August 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Ed Building kitchen, please mark your calendar. During the planning meeting, we will define the scope of the Call to Care team.

The team needs people with all types of skills - administration, arts and crafts, card writing, cooking, baking, who knows what all else may come into play. In an effort to make a balanced team we are hoping both men and women participate. If you have been looking for a place to serve that matches your spiritual gifts, please come to the meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> and see where you will fit in.

*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve. 1Peter 5:2*

## From The



As of May 31st, we are operating with a major budget shortfall. Although your giving has been generous and, has increased from last year, expenses have also increased.

As vacations begin, we encourage our congregation to remain faithful in giving throughout the summer months. Our ministries offer many summer opportunities -- both locally and abroad -- and your offerings are important to these rewarding community outreach programs.

The finance committee would like to thank the efforts of everyone to keep their weekly giving on track. Your debt reduction contributions have been amazing -- \$10,407 this year (which includes \$6,957 from the auction).

A budget that was felt to be realistic, but bare bones, was adopted this year; however, it included a \$7178.08 deficit that has increased as Weekly Budget Goals have consistently not been met -- therefore, the deficit continues to rise. After reviewing the budget and further reducing expenditures, the finance team has adjusted the Weekly Budget Goal to accurately reflect the 2018 budget:

**Old Weekly Budget Goal:** \$4,090.73

**New Weekly Budget Goal:** \$3,896.69

It is important to note that meeting this Weekly Budget Goal only allows us to fund the budget -- and has consistently grown larger each week as the goal is not met.

The finance team will meet in August to assess the first half financial health of the church. It is possible that deep budget cuts may be needed to fully fund ministry needs and work toward eliminating a consistent shortfall -- which has risen to \$15,710.69.

Historically NMUMC makes great strides on reducing the budget deficit in the fall. The finance team would like everyone to be proactive with consistent giving in the summer months. Your generosity and faithfulness has enabled NMUMC to make great improvements in our ministry spaces (our buildings) and in our ministry in the community. We plan to continue to be Christ's presence in our community and the world until Jesus comes again. Your kindness and faithfulness will sustain our ministries until that day breaks upon us.

We thank you with deepest regards, your Finance Team.






**Thanks to the UMW – Circle of Friends and LIFT – for the wonderful response of food and help for the Marilyn Brooks memorial luncheon. The family was so pleased with everything.**

# July

**Worship Helpers Needed** - Get involved by volunteering to help at the 9:30 or 11 a.m. services? Readers, ushers, greeters, and nursery volunteers are needed. We are trying to establish a once a month rotation. If you are interested, or would like more information on the duties, please contact Pastor Scott.

## Sunday Worship Times 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Unity Sermon</b>	2	3	4  AA 7 p.m. (SH)	5 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.B K)	6	7 <b>Returning from Puerto Rico Mission Trip</b> Library 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
8	9 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH) 7:30 p.m. LIFT Meeting (Ed. B. K)	10 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH) 12:30 p.m. Circle of Friends	11 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH) AA 7 p.m. (SH)	12 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.B K)	13 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH)	14 Library 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
15	16	17	18 <b>1:30 p.m. Game Day! (SH)</b> AA 7 p.m. (SH)	19 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed. B K)	20	21 <b>Return from Camp Joy</b> 4 p.m. Church Picnic, Old National Pike Park - Shelter 2
22 <b>Way Forward Sermon</b> <b>Way Forward Workshop 1-3:30 p.m. (MC)</b>	23 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH)	24 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH)	25 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH) AA 7 p.m. (SH)	26 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed. B K)	27 Kinderdance 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (SH) VBS Set-up 12 p.m. (All Bldgs.)	28 VBS Set-up 9 a.m. (All Bldgs.)
29 VBS Set-up 1 p.m. if needed (All Bldgs.) <b>Camp Manidokan</b>	30  VBS 5 - 8:30 p.m.	31  VBS 5 - 8:30 p.m.	<b>Calendar Key:</b> Mt. Carmel = MC SH = Schoolhouse S = Sanctuary Ed. B = Ed. Bldg. Ed. B. K = Ed. Bldg. kitchen News Deadline = Newsletter Deadline			

### July Birthdays

William Dowling		Thelma Gesling	7/17
Richard Stonebraker	7/01	Arlene Craig	7/19
Jeanne Beard	7/05	Daniel Ashbaugh	7/20
Lauren Cottrell	7/13	Kaden Thomas Koch	7/20
Elizabeth Crandall	7/17	Luc Lugez	7/26




### Happy Anniversary!

Tim & Susan Summers	7/05
Mary Lou & Matt Bernota	7/06
Richard & Sharon Riley	7/13



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5	6 VBS Breakdown 9 a.m. (All Bldgs.) Kinderdance 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (SH) <b>Way Forward 6-8:30 p.m. (MC)</b>	7 7 p.m. Outreach meeting (Ed. B. K) 7 p.m. Trustees meeting (SH) Kinderdance 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (SH)	8 Kinderdance 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (SH) <b>Call to Care 7 p.m. (Ed. BK)</b> AA 7 p.m. (SH)	9 Kinderdance 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.B K)	10 Kinderdance 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (SH)	11 Community Appreciation
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19	20	21 7 p.m. Council meeting (SH)	22 AA 7 p.m. (SH)	23 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed. B K)	24	25 Library 10 a.m. – 1p.m.
26 MC/NM Pinecliff Park All Star Game 12:30 p.m.	27 12 p.m. Young at Heart (SH)	28 7 p.m. Fairview meeting (Ed. B. K)	29 AA 7 p.m. (SH)	30 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed. B K)	31	<b>Save the Date!</b> Sunday School Kick-Off Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

### Happy Birthday!

Megan Shuey	8/03	Peyton Cottrell	8/17
Logan Michaels	8/04	Shannon Whitfield	8/20
Angela Ashbaugh	8/05	Peachie Phelps	8/24
Carolyn Geary	8/06	Margaret Tollefson	8/27
Doris Ashbaugh	8/09	Glenn Anderson	8/28
David Gaver	8/10	Peter Morrow	8/31
Timmy Summers	8/10		
Al Phelps	8/11		

### Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Carolyn Geary	8/06
Ed & Barbara Stephen	8/15

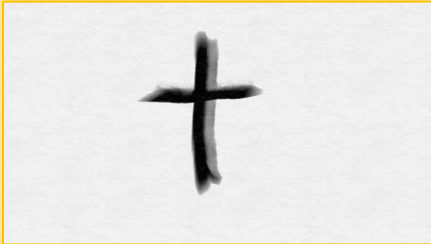
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## *Summer Newsletter*

### *New Market United Methodist Church*

*We serve Christ in the world and the community as we share His love with all of God's people. Come be a part of our faith family.*



**9:30 & 11 a.m. Services at  
New Market United Methodist  
Church**

5501 Old National Pike, New Market

*Everyone is welcome!*

**Hope 4 Kids** - *A weekend food program for kids!*  
**Hope 4 Kids** provided **75+ East Frederick and New Market students** with food each weekend this school year.

This is H4K's 5<sup>th</sup> year in mission. H4K serves students at Spring Ridge ES, Oakdale ES, Deer Crossing ES, New Market ES, and New Market MS.

- About **\$9000** was spent for the over **9,200 lbs of food** that H4K distributed. Those monies were raised from our parish - Fairview Chapel, Mt. Carmel United Methodist, New Market UMC - and the community.
- There are 4 volunteers who get the process started, 4 volunteer shoppers, 5 volunteers who deliver weekly, and there are 12+ adults, teens, and kids from our churches and community who help pack twice a month. H4K logged in over **300 volunteer hours!**

H4K is already planning for Sept. 2018. *Deb Yoder (FC), Andrew Hodgkins (Mt. C) and Charlene Bishop (NM) make up the H4K leadership team.*

**Pastor Scott Clawson**

**Dr. Rev. Jenny Smith**

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