



A newsletter for the family and friends of

New Market United Methodist Church



Powerful Living

I was heading to the hot tub the other morning and had forgotten to grab a new book to keep me company. I had just finished Logan Isaac's book "God is a Grunt" and I did not want to go into our library and disturb whatever grandchild was asleep in that room. (BTW, our three grandchildren are here for the summer.) So, I grabbed Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Strength to Love", a book that is always on my dresser. I am not sure if it was because my heart was full of Shalom -- we had almost all of our family under one roof for a night, the beauty of the breezes or the

songs of the birds, but King's sermon "Shattered Dreams" hit me like a Mack truck. After reading that sermon I realized just how far I needed to go to write truly life- and thought-changing sermons. In this sermon King used Romans 15: 24 as his launching verse. Paul stated: "Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you." You could look at this verse as a throwaway, one of not much consequence, but King made it relative to my life, and I believe I can make it relative to our church and to you. Paul had a dream . . . an ambition to spread the gospel to Spain, the furthest reaches of his known world. He had hoped to get to Spain and then return to Rome to visit his friend. He never got to Spain, but did make it to Rome, albeit in chains. Paul knew that sometimes dreams do not get realized, and yet, he pressed on and turned this disappointed expectation into an opportunity to serve God's purpose. I strongly encourage everyone to read that sermon.

Here at NMUMC a dream has started to percolate, but I (and your leadership team) are not sure if the dream has filtered through the ranks of the congregation. I admit that I think I was the catalyst of this dream, but by the response of the congregation toward the purchase of the Fossett property, I believe that dream has received the confirmation of the Holy Spirit. In Dr. King's sermon, he stated that often in life our reach exceeds our grasp. There have been many dreams born and realized at NMUMC. And yet, there have been defeats too -- where the dream exceeded the grasp of the congregation, for whatever reason. Some of those failures were very hurtful and yet, because of the hurt, shall we cease to dream? "How familiar", King adds, "is the experience of longing for Spain and settling for a Roman prison?" Powerful living is to dream . . . to pursue that dream, even though it may seem beyond our grasp.

I invite the entire congregation to be in prayer and discernment as we listen for where God is leading us in Kingdom-building ways. Much information has been shared and more is in this newsletter. You are encouraged to discuss this with others. If questions arise or you are uncertain about something, give me a call so that I can respond to your questions or concerns.

The next step in this process is to determine whether you, the congregation, support this dream. Your leadership team is preparing another Inquiry Card regarding acquisition of the New Market Cemetery to determine whether the congregation supports this dream and, if so, in what way and to what extent.

Let's not fear to dream God dreams together and not be disappointed if we hear the Holy Spirit say "no", but also, to be prepared heart, mind and spirit if the answer is "go"!

Pastor Scott



Ministry is on Fire at NMUMC...



God and Family Graduates

(LR) William Dowling, Colin Eccleston, Owen Wallace, and Ryan Smith

William and Ryan our members of Pack 369 and Colin and Owen of Pack 628

New Member

Kathy Grimes and her husband Ron with her sponsor Patti Robinson



...and Washed in the Water!



Cooper Harvey *Baptized 4/17/22*
Parents: Tim and Tory Harvey



Easton Hodgkins *Baptized 5/15/22*
Parents: Andrew and Rebecca Hodgkins
Siblings : AJ and Nolan



Moving Onward and Upward at New Market UMC



(L to R)

* **Lindsey Brucia** graduated from Linganore High School. Lindsey plans to attend Towson University in the Fall.

* **Corrine Wann** graduated from Oakdale High school. She will be attending West Virginia University in the fall. Currently she is undecided but plans on going into the medical field working in pediatrics.

* Kate Hanson graduated from Towson with Masters Degree in Teaching of Secondary Mandarin Chinese.



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* Allena Jaworski graduated 8th grade from New Market Middle School

* **Luke Bernota** who will be attending the University of Maryland at College Park.



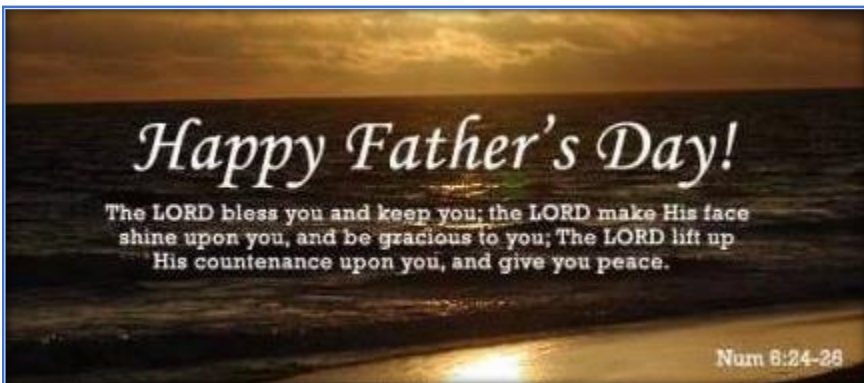
* **Landis Bernota** who will be attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.



* Joseph Romagnoli Jr. graduated from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC on May 5 with a bachelor's degree in Construction Management. He will be working for Gilbane, Inc. in Raleigh, NC as a Project Engineer.

...and a wedding

Congratulations Mark and Abbey Whitehill



June 19th

Father's Day Celebration

Please plan on spending a little more time on this Sunday to enjoy donuts and coffee in the parking lot immediately following the 9:30 service. If you attend the 11:00 service plan on arriving early to join in the fun and fellowship.

Summer Worship

9:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services

(All 11:00 am services to be held in sanctuary)

9:30am Parking Lot Services (In case of inclement or extreme weather services will move indoors) June 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31:

July 3: Both the 9:30am and 11am Services will be in the Sanctuary for Communion Services and name tag Sunday.



5th Sunday Potluck in the Schoolhouse



July 31st

Immediately following the 11:00 service

Summer Sunday School



We are giving our dedicated Sunday School teachers the rest of the summer off. This is a great time for your children to experience our Sunday worship services! Nursery will continue to be available at both services. Sunday School will resume September 11, 2022

Flat Jesus Time

It is that time of year again to take Flat Jesus with you as you explore God's creation this summer. Take a picture wherever you are visiting or playing this summer and send it to hometownchurch@comcast.net
Flat Jesus' are available in the rear of the sanctuary.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

9:30 am

Ed Building- Growing Strong Series

(Last Class June 26th, will resume in the fall.)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study with the Pastor:

10:00 am

Sanctuary- Lectionary Study

Wednesday Zoom Study

7:00 pm

Universal Christ

Saturday Morning Disciple Class

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Ed Building Kitchen

Message from Your Leadership

The improvements to the Fossett Property are planned to be completed in between June and July. The leadership teams are currently working on communication to be distributed to the congregation regarding the assuming ownership of the New Market Cemetery. You will receive these communications as soon as they are available.



New Market UMC

By the Numbers

For the first time in 2022, the regular offering total for the month (May) did not meet the minimum amount needed to fund the budget. In addition, the online giving was the lowest given in 2022.

Information included in the weekly By the Numbers includes information on your giving to *budgeted* categories.

Many unexpected expenses this year were not included when the 2022 budget was approved by the Council in late 2021. Some of the added expense comes from the increased cost of supplies/services due to inflation, as well as a Lenten outreach ministry (and a planned Advent ministry that is similar), bibles for all children's Sunday School participants, \$149/month to provide internet streaming for the video system, repairs to the video system, \$1300 for a new built-in wall oven for the parsonage, assuming the full cost of technology expenses (many of which were previously donated by a family), \$117.08/month to mow the Fossett property, and repair costs to the Schoolhouse HVAC system (that alone cost \$4500+ from the \$5000 budgeted for repairs/maintenance for the year). There is no question about funding these items; however, it would appear that the budget process in coming years must be reevaluated to include contingencies such as these.

As always, your donations are gratefully appreciated and used to further God's kingdom on earth.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Category	April	May
Deposit Total	22,627.28	24,218.00
Regular Offering	17,349.28	18,623.00*
Building Fund	760.00	2,192.00
Building Rental		200.00
Comm.Care/Food Pantry	1,130.00	100.00
Comm. Care (Ash Wed) - Warm/Safe/Dry		
Easter flowers	282.00	
Fossett Property	100.00	400.00
Hope 4 Kids	215.00	85.00
Hope 4 Kids (Matt)	305.00	
Memorial Fund	30.00	
Organ Fund	150.00	150.00
Parsonage Rent	2,100.00	2,100.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00	150.00
Preschool Reimb. – shed permits		115.00
Ukraine Relief	100.00	100.00
Upper Room	6.00	3.00
Online Giving	1,395.77	883.12
Regular Offering	1,366.40	861.90*
Online Fees	29.37	21.22
<i>*Offering Needed to Meet Monthly Goal</i>		20,918.25

Vacation Bible School

August 1 – 5
6-8pm



Come Sail Away!

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Creative crafts, team building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday

Who Can Attend?

All children 3 years through those entering 6th grade in the fall are invited to join in the fun! Rising 7th graders and up are welcome to join the Shipwrecked crew and help the leaders. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy VBS too or leave and come back at 8pm.-

How Much Does VBS Cost?

There is no cost for New Market UMC VBS. Donations are gladly accepted to help with the cost of material.

How Do I Register?

Go to www.newmarketumc.com and click the registration link.

***If you would like to volunteer contact Donna at 301-418-0863
or declawson16@gmail.com***



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A Ministry Preparing Extreme Disciples



Youth Ministry at Mt. Carmel & New Market UMC: Summer 2022

A Bittersweet Farewell



As announced in worship, our family has made the decision to leave Maryland and move within minutes of many of our family members to southern California this June. Both of our parents are there, some living grandparents, siblings, cousins, and lifelong friends. I will be starting a full-time position as a chaplain at Providence Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo and Logan will continue writing, activist work, and caring for our kids. We are sad to leave our Mt. Carmel and New Market family as you have embraced and loved us well, even through an odd time in this pandemic. We will miss Hope Preschool as a place that nurtured our pandemic baby and invited me to lead chapel, children's Sunday school that wholeheartedly welcomed our girls every week, and I will especially miss our youth and their families who are thoughtful, kind, and make me hopeful for the future. You are deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

- Pastor Laura

Youth Mission Trip- Harrisburg, PA- July 17th - 22nd



Though Harrisburg PA seems to be a flourishing city, there are still significant challenges facing this small urban community.

After filing for bankruptcy in 2011, a variety of strains created negative impacts on the city, including corrupt government leadership, unevenly distributed resources, and a diminishing infrastructure. The community is still on the rise after this significant event in its story. Although there are noticeable improvements to the city since 2011, there are still neighborhoods within the community that remain

significantly under-resourced. YouthWorks, specifically, invests its summer in the Allison Hill neighborhood, considered to be the most under-resourced neighborhood in Harrisburg. We work with organizations within the community including neighborhood associations, summer camps for children, and community gardens. We also work with outside organizations that help resource the neighborhood like food banks and other local ministries and complete small repair and city beautification projects.

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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.

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