

# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



## NEW MARKET UMC FALL NEWSLETTER

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# PASTOR'S NOTE

*See, I am doing a new thing!*

*Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*

*I am making a way in the wilderness*

*and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43: 19*

Fortunately, or unfortunately, the only constant that seems to exist in human life is change. We are always moving from one phase of life to another, sometimes in a single day. It can be worrisome and wearisome. Every year our children move into another grade, sometimes another school, leaving old friends, making new friends, going off to college, becoming adults . . . changing. We go from being single to being married and sometimes to being single again. We obtain jobs, change jobs, or lose jobs. We go from full houses to empty houses to no houses. The most significant changes are the ones that involve our lifestyle. When we are young, we are dependent on others for our well-being and health. As adults, we think we are independent and can choose our own paths, but that's an illusion. As we age, the changes become more difficult. We lose some or all of our independence and, once again, must rely on other people to help us navigate our current situations. Then, there is the final transition from life . . . to death . . . to new life. It can be a lot.

Our ability to navigate, adapt, and accept change directly influences the level of peace we experience in our lives. As a former colleague of mine stated so truthfully, "Blessed are the flexible, for they will not get bent out of shape." I now walk by a Sunday School room that had the loving presence of Marilyn Fritz embodied in it . . . now that presence is gone.

We have congregants who have made the difficult decision to leave the homes that they love for safer and more convenient abodes. We have congregants who must surrender the ultimate freedom of getting in a car and driving off to wherever—for the safety of themselves and others.

How do we approach change with a positive attitude? Be grateful. I am grateful that I knew Marilyn my entire pastoral life, and what a blessing she was to me and this church. Now, she is dwelling where she always wanted to be . . . next to Jesus. When we feel like we are becoming a burden to our children, we have to rethink our perspective. We are giving our children an opportunity to bless us, just as we blessed them in their early years. I do not have a solution for the driving dilemma . . . that just stinks. But often in life, things stink. We cry out to Jesus, and somehow, He always shows up at just the right time. Are you going through changes today? Look harder and kinder at your situation and ask yourself, "Is God doing a new thing in me? And, if so, can I embrace it instead of pushing Him away?"

Pastor Scott



WE WILL MISS  
YOU, MISS  
MARILYN!



# UPCOMING WORSHIP

**Sept 7** | Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost- "Choose Abundant Life"

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20, Luke 14: 25-33 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**ABUNDANT LIFE BROCHURE DISTRIBUTED SEPT 7 & 14**

**SEPT. 14-28: 9:30 AM SERVICE ON THE FOSSETT PROPERTY**

**September 14** | Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost-

"Lost?" 1 Timothy 1: 12-17, Luke 15: 1-10

**September 21** | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost- "Shrewd as a Serpent"

1 Timothy 2: 1-7, Luke 16: 1-13

**NEW MINISTRY CENTER Q&A**

**September 28** | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost- "Convinced"

1 Timothy 6: 6-19, Luke 16: 19-31

**SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE VOTE**

**October 5** | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost- "On Guard"

2 Timothy 1; 1-14, Luke 17: 5-10 **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**October 12** | Children's Sabbath

**October 19** | Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

"Everybody Wrestling" - Genesis 32: 22-31, Luke 18: 1-8

**October 26** | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

"They're Not Like Us" - Joel 2: 23-32, Luke 18: 9-14







## FRESH START

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

Fairview Chapel  
6802 Boyers Mill Road New Market, MD 21774



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sept 7 at 9:30 AM:**  
Children, Middle School and Adult  
High School Youth

All Children-Youth classes will be held in the Education Building

Adult classes will be held in the Schoolhouse

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 3:30- 5:30 PM**



DONATIONS OF CANDY CAN BE LEFT AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY ON **OCTOBER 12TH AND 19TH** OR DROPPED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ON TUE., WED., OR THUR. BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 4:00 PM BEFORE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23.



## Coming Up:

VAL Team: September 4 | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary

Rent-A-Space Yard Sale: September 6 | 8:00 AM | Parking Lot

## Hope4Kids Begins! September 9 at 6:00 PM

Stephen Ministry: September 9 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Women's Planning Retreat: September 11 | 6:00 PM

Women's Retreat: September 20 | 9:00 AM | Schoolhouse (setup on Sept. 19 at 4:30 PM)

New Ministry Center Q&A: Sept. 21 | Sanctuary

Charge Conference Vote: Sept. 28 | Sanctuary

Fellowship Meeting: September 29 | 4:00 PM | Schoolhouse

Care Team: October 6 | 5:30 PM | ED Building Kitchen

Taco Tuesday Dinner: October 7 | 6:00 PM | Schoolhouse (setup begins at 3:00 PM)

Children's Sabbath: October 12 | 9:30 & 11 AM Services | Sanctuary

Trunk or Treat: October 25 | 3:30 PM

Charge Conference: November 1 | 11:00 AM | Damascus UMC

## Every Month

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Schoolhouse (Oct. 4)

Circle of Friends: 12:30 PM | Schoolhouse (Sept. 9, Oct. 14)

Hope4Kids Packing: 6:00 PM | Schoolhouse (Sept. 9, Oct 14)

Finance: 7:30 PM | Zoom (Sept. 24, Oct. 29)

## Every Month cont.

SPRC: 3:00 PM | Ed. Building (Sept. 9 at 7:00 PM and Oct. 14 at 3:00 PM)

Full Council: 7:00 PM | Ed. Building (Sept. 16, Oct. 21)

Trustees: 6:00 PM | Ed. Building (Sept. 3, Oct. 7)

## Every Week:

Women's Planning Retreat: September 4 and 11 | 6:00 PM (ends on the 11th)

9:30 AM Choir Practice Starts September 8th Mondays | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Sunday School | 9:30 AM | Ed. Building and Schoolhouse

Scripture to Life Bible Study | Tuesdays | 10 AM | Sanctuary

Bible Study Starts September 10th Wednesdays | 7 PM | Zoom

11 AM Choir Practice | Starts September 4th Thursdays | 6:45 PM | Sanctuary

Disciple Bible Study | Saturdays | 10 AM | Ed. Building

# A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

## FELLOWSHIP TEAM

### What's Coming Up

- A new food and fellowship activity has been added to the calendar this year: **Taco Tuesday on October 7** from 6-7 PM
- Our last activity of this year is a Kick-off to the Holidays meal scheduled for November 15 has been moved to Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant. The cost per person is \$42.95 + tax and gratuity. Reservations must be paid in advance. No refunds will be given. It's not too late to sign up; contact Carole Zimmerman ([cgzimm@comcast.net](mailto:cgzimm@comcast.net) or 240-215-7083)

### 2026 Activities/Meals

If you would like to suggest an activity or a menu item for a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck, please see a member of the Fellowship Team (Alice Crutchley, Jane Garner, Linda Kornreich, Melinda McCollum, Cindy Naugle, Elaine Nicholls, Linda New, Krista Romagnoli, Carole Zimmerman) before September 28 so your suggestion can be considered when planning next year's schedule.

**2026 Fellowship Planning Meeting:** 4 PM on Monday, September at the Schoolhouse

### Committee Membership

Interested in joining the Fellowship Committee? See Carole Zimmerman; see Elaine Nichols for information on the Funeral Luncheon Committee.

## TENTATIVE YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

### Every Sunday – 9:30 AM

High School - ED Building Kitchen - Kate Hanson

Middle School - Ed Building Library - Susan Stevens

### Youth Group Special Events

**Sept 28** - 1-5 PM: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe—Museum of the Bible—\$60/ ticket

**October 26** - 4-8 PM - Gettysburg Ghost Tour

**November 15-16** - TIME TBD - Lock-In at the Schoolhouse

## YOUTH SAVE THE DATES

**December 6 - Live Nativity  
at Christmas in New Market  
January - Snow Tubing**

*Confirmation classes will be held via Zoom on the following dates. Anyone in 6th through 12th grade who has not yet been confirmed is invited to join Kate Hanson.*

### Confirmation Class Schedule

#### Via Zoom

**November 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** - 7-8 PM  
Sundays weekly 2026; **Feb. 15 - March 8** - 7-8 PM

#### In Person

**March 15** - 1-4 PM - Grotto of Lourdes (Stations of the Cross)

**March 20-22** - IGNITE, Ocean City

## CHILDREN'S SABBATH: OCT. 19

This is a favorite day of our Sunday school kids--when they take over the Worship Service from Pastor Scott.



# A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

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## VAL TEAM UPDATES

The VAL (Visualizing Abundant Life) Team will be meeting in the first half of September to hire an architect for the design/build process during the second phase of design for the New Ministry Center (NMC). The goal of the first phase was to have an architect prepare a preliminary footprint of the building interior and to have a workable rendering to present to the congregation. This phase has been completed. The team has hired Phil Gamble, the owner of Commercial Building Contractors, LLC, to manage the second phase of design. A feasibility budget was drafted by Phil, and it was discovered that the current exterior design is not financially feasible to fit into the team's goal of a \$3.5 million build. The new architect's goal is to modify the exterior into a more cost-effective design. During the second phase of design, more concentration will be placed on the interior of the New Ministry Center (NMC) to ensure the church utilizes the most space for ministries that the footprint will allow.

Generosity Team Update

## GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATES

The Generosity Team is excited to announce the launch of the Capital Campaign that will invite congregants and members of the community to support and be a part of the funding of the New Ministry Center (NMC). On Sunday, September 7th and September 14th, the Generosity brochure will be handed out to all who attend either of those services.

Those who are not present on those dates will also receive a brochure, either in person or by mail. On September 21st a question-and-answer time will be built into the end of the 9:30 AM service and the beginning of the 11 AM service. On September 28th there will be a Special Charge Conference Vote for the members of NMUMC to approve moving forward with fundraising and construction of the New Ministry Center. If the Charge Conference vote is approved, members of the Generosity Team will schedule meetings with each congregant to ensure that everyone can participate in this endeavor. Please be in prayer for both teams and start reflecting on how you can contribute generously to the New Ministry Center (NMC).

### Fundraising Benchmarks

Benchmark 1 - \$200,000 - Design Completion

Benchmark 2 - \$200,000 - Infrastructure

Benchmark 3 - \$500,000 - Site support including sidewalks and parking

Benchmark 4 - \$2,100,000 - Building construction, including second-floor shell

Benchmark 5 - \$500,000 - Second floor fit-out

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## RENT-A-SPACE YARD SALE

New Market UMC is hosting a large yard sale in the parking lot on Saturday, September 6 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Setup begins at 7:00 AM: all cars must be moved by 7:45 AM.

Spaces are available to rent:

- 1 spot (8' x 19') for \$10
- 2 spots for \$15

Fees will be collected that morning. Sign up at the back of the Sanctuary. For questions, contact Melinda McCollum at 301-606-8403.

## WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

You are lovingly invited to join us for a soul-refreshing Women's Retreat as we gather to rest, reconnect, and remember the truth of God in us. Together, we will explore how His presence transforms our hearts, empowers our daily walk, and unites us as women of faith.

Where: New Market United Methodist Church —Historic Schoolhouse

When: September 20

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Please RSVP by Saturday, September 6

Please e-mail Susan Stevens at [susanstevens329@gmail.com](mailto:susanstevens329@gmail.com)

OR Text: 240-277-2581

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

“BREAKING THE CODE”

A TEN-WEEK BIBLE STUDY BY BRUCE M. METZGER

FACILITATOR: PATTY ROBINSON

START: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

END: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

START: 7:00 PM    END: 8:00 PM

“The Book of Revelation contains passages of great beauty and comfort, as well as passages that strike the casual reader as bizarre, bewildering, and sometimes frightening. How are readers today to discern God’s message in this peculiar part of the Bible? Breaking the Code provides a trustworthy guide to the rich symbolism of this important biblical book. Noted biblical scholar Bruce M. Metzger presents the fruits of solid scholarship in a non-academic style. Breaking the Code serves as a key for understanding this powerful and puzzling book from the first century of the Christian Era.”

NOTE: THERE IS A REVISED VERSION OF THE STUDY WITH AN EXTRA CHAPTER. YOU ARE WELCOME TO PURCHASE THE NEWER VERSION, BUT THE MAJORITY OF IT IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE FIRST EDITION, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FREE ON THE RESOURCE TABLE AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY STARTING SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary, or you can contact Patty Robinson at 240-441-1170 or [pattyrob16@msn.com](mailto:pattyrob16@msn.com) to let her know you want to join or have questions.



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## NMUMC DRIVES AND OUTREACH THIS FALL

### 1. Ronald McDonald House

We are continuing to collect pop tops for the local Ronald McDonald House. Start saving yours now and bring them to church.

### 2. Centennial UMC

Centennial UMC in downtown Frederick offers a clothing pantry that is open to all who are in need. They also run an early learning center that supports local families and believes that cost should not be a barrier to quality childcare.

Below are some items they need to stock both ministries:

- Gently used children's clothing
- Crayola crayons
- Coloring books
- Kids' toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Gently used children's books
- Dry-erase markers
- Play-Doh

### 3. Birthright

A box to support Birthright is in the back of the Sanctuary.

Their biggest needs are:

- Diapers, (LG (5-6)
- Shirts (Sizes 3-5)
- Wipes
- 2-in-1 Baby Wash
- Receiving Blankets

## CARE TEAM

The Care Team would love to welcome new members!

Each month we gather to send cards, put together care packages, and make plans to help every member of NMUMC feel surrounded by love and care.

The Care Team is aware of how we are mourning the loss of Marilyn Fritz and have a desire to "do something" for the Wilhelm family-- Rob, Heidi, and Harry.

Cards of caring can be sent to:

5700 Joseph Ct.

New Market, MD 21774

If you want to send a card, it would be wonderful if you could slip a gift card for a restaurant in the Frederick area inside too —OR— you can drop a gift card off at the church and Pastor Scott will ensure delivery to the family. Please put it in an envelope labeled "Wilhelm Family" and drop it in the office mail slot or church offering plate.

Thank you, Pastor Patty

## VBS THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this summer's Vacation Bible School such a success. We served over 57 children for five nights – some of those nights in torrential rain, and all persevered with joy.

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## NEW OFFERING PROCEDURE

The Church Council discussed the new financial threats prevalent in our community during the most recent meeting. There has been a rash of paper check fraud (duplication of a single check) that has prompted the Council to make the following security and privacy upgrades to protect you and the church in your faithful giving. The Council decided that the open collection plates are vulnerable to this fraud. Starting sometime in September, the open plates will be moved to the communion table as a symbol and reminder for us to be joyful in our giving. On the pedestals that previously held the open plates, there will be sealed collection boxes with a slot in them. This offers protection and privacy. If you have any questions or concerns about this new policy, please contact the church office.

## HOPE4KIDS

Hope4Kids is a weekend food program that started in 2012. It provides a weekend food package to children in our community. School staff identify the needs of these children. Every week, a pack of food is sent home with the child to ensure they have a consistent source of nutrition on days they do not receive school meals. Meals are packed the second Tuesday of every month during the school year. This is a great service ministry for all ages.

Those schools served are:

- Deer Crossing Elementary School
- New Market Elementary School
- New Market Middle School
- Oakdale Elementary School
- Oakdale Middle School
- Oakdale High School
- Blue Heron Elementary School

## NMUMC ENDOWMENT FUND FOUNDING MEMBERS

Pastor Patty and I have been attending the Financial Leadership Academy, hosted by the Mid Atlantic Faith Foundation, since 2024. The seminars have encouraged us to be good stewards with the finances of the church, as well as our own personal finances. We were encouraged to consider starting an Endowment Fund that would continue to fund ministry well into the future of NMUMC. These funds are designed so that the principal is untouchable, but the interest can help fund the church's ministries. The families of church members who have gone on to glory were approached by Pastor Scott to invite them to donate the funds given in memory of their loved ones to be founding members of the NMUMC Endowment Fund. Through this process, we have designated \$11,942 to establish that fund. During the upcoming Generosity Capital Campaign, there will be an opportunity for everyone to consider adding this fund to their future estate plan.

### NMUMC Endowment Fund Founding Members

Irma Anderson  
Winslow Burhans  
David Gaver  
Willie Hipkins  
Phil Isensee  
Walt Russell  
Howard and Hypatia Selby  
Roger and Susie Van Laan  
Barbara and Gene Zimmerman



# WORSHIP HELPERS | SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

9/7/2025 (Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Ryan Robbins	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Joanne Robbins		Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop
		Usher/Greeters	Robbins Family		Usher/Greeters	Elaine Nicholls
9/14/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Chris Berry		Lay Reader	Kasey Barboza
		Usher/Greeters	Kocher Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab
9/21/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Michelle Matusiak		Lay Reader	Cindy Naugle
		Usher/Greeters	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeters	Elaine Nicholls
9/28/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Krista Romagnoli		Lay Reader	Jane Leffel
		Usher/Greeters	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
10/5/2025 (World Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Kate Wright		Lay Reader	Carole Zimmerman
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
10/12/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder Children's Sabbath	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader			Lay Reader	Children's Sabbath
		Usher/Greeters			Usher/Greeters	
10/19/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop		Lay Reader	Jane Leffel
		Usher/Greeters	Kocher Family		Usher/Greeters	Elaine Nicholls
10/26/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Berta Lafoon		Lay Reader	Kate Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab

Category	July 2025		Online Giving
Deposit Total	37,441.62		Online Giving Totals
Regular Offering	22,040.45		Total Offering: 2,196.60
Building Fund	2,433.00		Regular Offering: 2,165.00
Building Rental	225.00		Online Fees: 31.60
Fellowship – food sales	20.78		
Food Pantry	100.00		
Hope 4 Kids	150.00		
Memorial Fund	450.00		
Misc. – fuel rebate	13.94		
New Ministry Ctr.	500.00		
Egg Sale	68.00		
Organ Fund	300.00		
Outreach – Perry	200.00		
Parsonage			
Electric refund	35.45		
Rent	10,125.00		
Pastor’s Discretion	750.00		
PreSchool Rent			
Vacation Bible School	30.00		
			<b>Monthly Budget Goal</b> of \$22,015.68 was MET

#### 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 Tithe.ly. 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 eligible to make withdrawals from a 401K or IRA, 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

#### Summer Giving

The Finance Team is very grateful for the continued generosity of the congregation by supporting the ministries of New Market. We encourage everyone to continue to give faithfully even though you might not be present for services and ask that you consider making up for missed donations when you return to join us in worship.





# SOME OF YOUR NMUMC MEMORIES







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*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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