

# MAY / JUNE NEWSLETTER



## NEW MARKET UMC SPRING / EARLY SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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# PASTOR'S NOTE

*I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4: 12-13*

Where did the time go? We are quickly approaching May-cember. For those of you whose children are grown, this might seem like a silly term. If you have children from 1-20 years old, you will know what I mean. May can be just as demanding for families as December, with end-of-season sports, concerts, plays, graduations, and graduation parties filling the month with activities and commitments. Like December, May can be exhausting. And this all happens during the fastest-paced time of a young family's life. One moment you are changing diapers and trying to figure out what to prepare for dinner, and the next your children seem to grow out of their clothes and shoes on a weekly basis. There is homework, sports, plays, concerts, etc., and we are constantly on the run.

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Before you know it, you are sending that child into the world, and you no longer have total control. There are empty seats at the table. After all the hoopla, you will come to realize that your life will never be the same, although you come to the realization that for the rest of your life you will still have the challenge of what to fix for dinner!

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Even if your children are grown and out on their own, this still does not leave you off the hook. Life never stops being full of transitions. Hopefully, you can buy a house and move to a bigger one. One day the house is full of life and the next day it is empty. Then you may downsize . . . move to a smaller house . . . an apartment . . . into assisted living; spouses and friends go on to glory. These transitions can be very unsettling and stressful.

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No matter where you are in life right now, change must be navigated. How well we accomplish this always depends on what we are focused on. Middle schoolers use the term "lock in" or "locked in" (extreme, intense focus), or we can choose to be "locked in" with Christ. As St. Paul reminds us, "I have learned to be content in all circumstances, good or bad," because I know I am "locked in" with Christ and Christ is "locked in" with us.

Make time this May and June to breathe, savor, and embrace the moments. Enjoy every moment in every phase of life with the zeal that Christ is in this and will rejoice with us or deliver us—no matter what the circumstances.

# UPCOMING WORSHIP

**May 3** | Fifth Sunday of Easter- "Welcome to My House"

Acts 7: 55-60, John 14: 1-10    **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**May 10** | Sixth Sunday of Easter- "In Him We Live..."

John 14: 15-21, Acts 17: 22-31    **MOTHER'S DAY**

**May 17** | Seventh Sunday of Easter- "Chariots of Fire"

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35, Acts 6:6-14

**May 24** | Day of Pentecost- Guest Preacher: Susan Stevens

Numbers 11: 24-30, Acts 2: 1-21    **PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED)**

**FIRST OUTDOOR SERVICE: MAY 31 AT 9:30 AM**

**May 31** | Trinity Sunday- Guest Preacher: Kate Hanson

Genesis 1:1-2:4, Matthew 28: 16-20    **GRADUATION SUNDAY  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**June 7** | Proper 5- "Hoping Against Hope"

Genesis 12: 1-9, Romans 4: 13-25    **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**JUNE 14-28: 9:30 AM SERVICE IN THE PARKING LOT**

**June 14** | Proper 6- "While We Were Yet..."

Genesis 18: 1-15, Romans 5:1-8    **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**June 21** | Proper 7- "The God Who Sees You"

Genesis 21:8-21. Romans 6: 1-11    **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY & FATHER'S DAY**

**June 28** | Proper 8 "The Lord Will Provide"

Genesis 22: 1-14, Romans 6: 12-23

**Coming Up:**

Care Team: May 4 | 5:30 PM | Ed. Building

Mother's Day: May 10

SPRC: May 12 | 7:00 PM | Ed. Building

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck: May 31 after services  
(setup on May 30)

Boy Scout First Aid Training (open to  
congregation): June 5 | 6-9:30 PM  
June 6 | 8 AM- 4:30 PM  
June 7 | 1-4:30 PM

Blessing of the Animals: June 14 | 9:30 AM  
outdoor service

Father's Day: June 21

**Every Month**

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM | New Market  
Burger King (May 2, June 6)

Circle of Friends: 12:00 PM | Schoolhouse  
(May 12, June 9)

Hope4Kids Packing: 6:00 PM |  
Schoolhouse (May 12, June 9)

Stephen Ministry Supervisory Meeting: 6:00  
PM | Sanctuary (May 12, June 9)

Church Council: 7:00 PM  
Ed. Building (May 19, June 16)

Trustees: 6:00 PM | Ed. Building  
(May 5, June 2)

**Every Week:**

Sunday School | 9:30 AM | Ed.  
Building and Schoolhouse  
Adults in the Schoolhouse and  
Children in the ED Building  
**Children's Sunday School ends  
on June 14**

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal |  
Mondays at 5:30 PM | Ed. Building  
(last rehearsal: June 8) returns in  
the fall.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study |  
Tuesdays | 10 AM | Sanctuary

Bible 101 | 6:00 PM | Ed. Building  
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM  
(last meeting: May 27) returns in  
the fall

11 AM Choir Practice | Thursdays  
6:45 PM | Ed. Building  
(last rehearsal June 11) returns in  
the fall

# A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

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## FELLOWSHIP

April 17, Pasta Dinner: 49 attended to enjoy a variety of pasta dishes. We received positive comments about the earlier starting time (5:00), Friday evening events, and the extended socializing time (6:30).

**Mark Your Calendar** for our next event—the 5th Sunday Potluck on May 31 after the 11:00 service. The Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs, sloppy joes, rolls, and beverages. A sign-up sheet will be posted on May 10 so that attendees can sign up to bring a salad, fruit, vegetable, or dessert.

## SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | AUGUST 4-8

Vacation Bible School Registration is NOW OPEN!

Theme Verse: “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Phil. 4:13)

Theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge!

Dates: August 3-7

Time: 6-8pm

Register here:

<https://www.myvbs.org/new-market-united-methodist-church-vbs-2026>

## OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

Every summer since COVID, the 9:30 AM service has chosen to worship in the yard next to the Sanctuary known as the Fossett Property. Thanks (once again) to the generous donation from Anthony Bishop’s employer, Deicing Depot, we will have access to an event trailer for the outdoor season. The trailer will be placed on the Fossett property (just east of the Sanctuary) and will serve as a home base for the service, housing all necessary equipment so we no longer need to set up and tear down each week.

Attendees will have a couple of options:

- Drive-in style: Designated parking spots will be available in the grassy area for those who prefer to stay in their cars.
- Lawn seating: Others are welcome to park in the lot and bring lawn chairs to sit in front of the trailer.
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This outdoor service will take place every Sunday starting on May 31st, except for the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday), which will be held inside the sanctuary. As always, if there’s a threat of rain or extreme heat, we’ll move the service indoors. You are welcome to bring your pets if they are properly leashed. We will have a Blessing of the Animals service on June 14th with a rain date of June 21st.

## LAST DAY OF CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS JUNE 14

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## GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATE

The Generosity Team has mailed forty Capital Campaign packets to Legacy Donors (families who are connected to the church, but attend elsewhere) and this week will mail thirty Capital Campaign packets to connected donors (businesses connected to the church). As of this writing, six commitment pledges have been received; one Legacy donor has declined to donate.

Fifty-three commitment pledges have been received from our regular donors, as well as three who are not able to give at this time. This leaves us with a total of forty-two regular donors who have not turned in a commitment card.

The Capital Campaign has done vwell to this date, and we thank everyone who has committed to funding the New Ministry Center. The original Feasibility Study (11/5/24) priced the New Ministry Center construction at 3.5 million dollars. In early January of this year, with the benefit of updated drawings, the Feasibility Study reduced the cost to 3 million dollars. The architectural development and design drawings are nearing 50 percent completion. With more design elements concretely selected, it is the hope of the team that the construction cost can be lowered even more.

Funds available to support this project are:

- \$1.1 million in assets
- o \$600,000 from the sale of the parsonage and schoolhouse (real estate appraisal, 2/7/2022)
- o \$500,000 in cash reserves for the project
- We have received \$1.139 million in committed pledges.

- If the construction cost remains at \$3 million, we still need to raise \$761,000. The Generosity Team believes that this is obtainable if everyone who has not turned in a commitment pledge would give toward the project and if our other partners (Legacy and Connected Donors) give generously.

You have many options to contribute to be a part of this exciting project: a one-time gift, stock or property (vehicles, boats, land, etc.), designating the church as a beneficiary in your will, or making a one-, two-, or three-year pledge. If you are thinking of another creative way to donate to this project, let us know . . . we are willing to listen on ways to give.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in the task set before us.

## SAVE THE DATE- OUR FIRST HUB GET-TOGETHER

New Market UMC is a member of the Mt. Airy Hub. Other churches in the Hub are Araby (Frederick), Calvary\* (Mt. Airy; \*Hub Leader), Clarksburg, Flint Hill (Adamstown), Ijamsville, Marvin Chapel (Mt. Airy), Mount Carmel, Prospect (Mt. Airy), and Wesley Chapel (Frederick).

A picnic meal, icebreakers, and a hymn sing have been planned by the Hub pastors. Congregations of the above-named churches are invited to join together at the Old National Pike Park, 12406 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy on Sunday evening, August 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. More information will be available closer to the event.

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### GROUND BEAUTIFICATION TEAM

For many years, Steve Naugle and friends have been maintaining the container plantings at the Sanctuary, Ed Building, and Schoolhouse. Steve has decided to step away from the lead of this vital ministry that conveys beauty and welcoming to our grounds. We are looking for a lead and a few helpers to continue this project. There are four transitions during the year. Early Spring before Easter, the week before Mother's Day, early September Fall planting, and greens before Christmas. As well as monthly weeding of the beds. Steve is willing to coach the new lead if so desired. Members of the team would also be responsible for weekly waterings of the containers. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the main office. 301-865-3530

### LOFT LADY

At the beginning of the summer, all items in the loft will have a barcode label indicating where they are to be stored. A person is needed to help with the barcoding and then monthly manage the return of items after they have been used. Example: Items used in altar and window decorations have been returned to a "return desk" in the loft. The loft person would then be responsible for the items being returned to their designated area.

## SUMMER SHORT-TERM PROJECTS

Sand the wooden picnic tables and re-varnish.

Clean out and reorganize the storage areas behind the Sanctuary.

Clean the windows and window seals in the Sanctuary.

Inventory, location, and repair of tombstones in the Sanctuary graveyard.

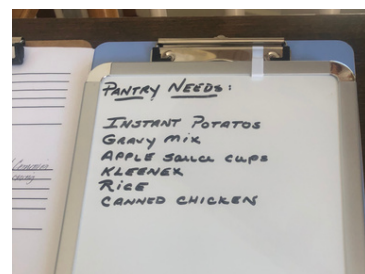
Cleaning out the Schoolhouse basement.

Cleaning out and repairing shelving in the Schoolhouse Hope4Kids closet.

If you are interested in any of these projects and would like more information, contact Pastor Scott at 240-409-8119.

## 24/7 PANTRY UPDATE

There will be a dry-erase board located on the podium as you enter the sanctuary every Sunday that will list the current needs for the food pantry for the coming week. This is a photo of the needs for this week. Single-wrapped toilet paper can be found at any Dollar Store.



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**SEE MORE GENEROSITY TEAM**  
**UPDATES: CLICK HERE**

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## OUR CONFIRMANDS THIS YEAR

**Mary Wright**

Sponsor: *Kate Hanson*

**Wyatt Turner**

Sponsors: *Dave & Kristine Knight*

**Emily Knight**

Sponsor: *Leah Turner*

**Riley Arnold**

Sponsor: *Brooke Rudge*

**Declan Arnold**

Sponsor: *Derek Rudge*

**Aiden Benjaminson**

Sponsor: *Susan Stevens*

**Ryan Robbins**

Sponsor: *Anthony Bishop*

**Vincent Pakenham**

Sponsors: *Harry & Alice Crutchley*

**Grace Murnane**

Sponsor: *Sarah Hanson*

**Juliette Carlson**

Sponsor: *Amanda Berry*

**Allenna, Coraline, and Dessa Jawaorski**

Sponsor: *Kate Wright*

## CALLING ALL 2026 GRADUATES!

We want to celebrate YOU this June during our Graduation Sunday Celebration! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year or rising to significant grades (Middle or High School) please contact the office with their graduation details by May 10.

## TOWN OF NEW MARKET APPROVALS

On Tuesday night Pastor Scott and our building professionals met online with the Historical District Commission/Architectural Review Commission. We were requesting that two submitted permits be approved by the commission.

Permit #2090-Request for Demolition of Existing Education Building-5 Prospect Street. This permit was approved unanimously as a non-historical building that could be demolished to make way for the new Ministry Center.

Permit #2092- Certificate of Appropriateness-Proposed new Education Building (New Ministry Center)- 5 Prospect Street.

This permit was also approved with an inquiry into the type of windows that will be installed. Overall, the New Ministry Center façade was approved as appropriate and fitting the town's requirements for buildings within the historic district.

The team was overjoyed at the results of the meeting and are looking forward to further approvals of other planning items submitted to the town and county. Please keep the team and the project in your prayers.



# FUN IN MARCH!





# NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*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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