

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



NEW MARKET UMC HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Behold!

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

As I write this, it seems almost impossible to think that the time change, Thanksgiving, and the Advent season are standing on our doorstep, demanding attention. The time change is a blessing and a curse—an extra hour of sleep. It is nice to think that instead of staying in bed until 8 o'clock, it is only 7 o'clock, and we snuggle down into the covers a little more deeply. The downside is the nights get longer earlier, and there is the possibility that we may experience depression. The longer nights of winter remind us of the need for the arrival of the Savior, the light of the world. Isaiah 9:2 says it well: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

The joy and stress of Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching with family and friends gathering around the table and the possible drama from those same people fighting over a turkey leg. What can I say? A loving God has redeemed and renewed us, making us complicated individuals.

Then the Advent season and Christmas come with blinding speed. We can feel overwhelmed, exhausted, and yes, sometimes underwhelmed. During this last part of the year, I would like to encourage everyone to just "Behold!" Webster's defines behold as this: see or observe (a thing or person, especially a remarkable or impressive one). Take time to see. Take time to be in the moment. Take time to breathe. Clear out all the busywork that does not matter and concentrate on the things that do—the people in your presence on any day. Stop looking at your phone and behold the wonders of children, parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors. They are the true miracle that has been made possible by the love of God. In just a few weeks, we will remember and immerse ourselves in the truth that God became one of us . . . not to condemn us, but to love us, through God's Son. Now that is something truly to behold!

Pastor Scott

UPCOMING WORSHIP

November 2 | All Saints Sunday - "When the Saints..."

Select verses from John 14, 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10

November 9 | Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - "Stand Firm"

Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 98

November 16 | Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

"Everybody Clap Your Hands" - Isaiah 65: 17-25, Psalm 98

November 23 | Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost- "I Myself"

Psalm 46, Jeremiah 23: 1-6

November 30 | First Sunday of Advent- Guest Preacher: Susan Stevens

December 7 | Second Sunday of Advent - "May He..."

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19, Isaiah 11 1-1

December 14 | Third Sunday of Advent - **Children's Christmas Pageant**

December 21 | Fourth Sunday of Advent - "Here's Your Sign"

Isaiah 7: 10-16, Matthew 1: 18-25

December 24 | Christmas Eve - "Back In My Day..."

Titus 2: 11-14, Luke: 2: 1-20

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4 PM- Children's Candlelight

6 and 8 PM—Traditional Candlelight

FAIRVIEW CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5 PM- Rev. Paul Leatherman

7 PM- Revs John and Mary Chaney

9 PM- Revs Mary and Joun Chaney

11 PM- Rev. Jeff Childs

December 28 | Sunday after Christmas



Coming Up:

Charge Conference: November 1 | 9:00 AM
Damascus UMC

All Saints Sunday: November 2
(*Daylight Savings Ends*)

World Thank Offering: November 8 | 10 AM |
Schoolhouse (*Prep on November 7 at 1 PM*)

Youth Lock-In: November 15-16 | 7 PM-10:30
AM | Schoolhouse

Fellowship Team's Kickoff to the Holidays:
November 16 | 1:00 PM | Dutch's Daughter

Thanksgiving Day: November 27

Christmas in New Market | Dec. 6 | 1:00 PM |
Schoolhouse and Church grounds

Sunday School Christmas Pageant | Dec. 14
9:30 and 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Services: December 24
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM | Sanctuary

Every Month

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Burger King in
New Market (December 6)

Circle of Friends: 12:30 PM | Schoolhouse
(November 12, December 9)

Hope4Kids Packing: 6:00 PM |
Schoolhouse (November 12, December 9)

SPRC: 3:00 PM | Ed. Building
(November 11, December 9)

Stephen Ministry Supervisory Meeting:
7:00 PM | Sanctuary (November 11)

Every Month cont.

Church Council: 7:00 PM |
Ed. Building (Nov. 18, Dec. 16)

Trustees: 6:00 PM |
Ed. Building (Nov. 4, Dec. 2)

Finance: 7:30 PM | Zoom
(Nov. 26, Dec. 31)

Every Week:

Confirmation Class | 7:00 PM
(Nov. 9 and 16, Dec. 7 and 14)

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

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsals |
Mondays at 6:30 PM | Ed. Building

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

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7
PM | Zoom (Nov. 5, 12)

Advent for Beginners |
Wednesdays | 6 PM | ED Building
Kitchen
(Dec. 3, 10, 17)

11 AM Choir Practice | Thursdays
6:45 PM | Ed. Building

Generosity Meeting | Thursdays
10 AM | Pastor's Office

Disciple Bible Study | Saturdays
10 AM | Ed. Building

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Taco Tuesday

Our first Taco Tuesday Dinner was held on October 7. Forty-four persons enjoyed tacos with many toppings, taco salad, corn, green beans, and cookies. A special 'thank you' to Sean Robbins for preparing the meat mixture.

Kick-off to the Holidays

Our last activity of 2025 is a Kick-off to the Holidays Dinner that will be held at Dutch's Daughter on Sunday, November 16, starting at 1:00 PM. We will be seated together at tables that each seat ten. The cost of the brunch is \$55, which includes tax and gratuity. Your non-refundable payment is due to Elaine Nicholls by November 9.

If you didn't sign up earlier and would like to join us, please let Elaine know.

2026

The first activity of the year is a Game Day that has been scheduled for Saturday, January 24, from 2 to 4 PM. Mark your calendar and join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and food.

The very popular Shrove Tuesday Dinner is scheduled for February 17 at 6:00 PM.

More info later on this and other activities will be provided in the January/February newsletter.

ADVENT FOR BEGINNERS AND NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION CLASS

EVERY WED. DEC. 3 2024 TO WED. DEC. 17, 2024

FACILITATOR: PASTOR SCOTT CLAWSON

NEW MEMBERS: 6 PM

ADVENT STUDY: 7 PM

Not sure you know the Bible well enough to attend a Bible study? No worries, we have an entry-level Bible study for you. Every Wednesday on December 3rd, 10th, and 17th, at 7 PM in the Ed Building Kitchen (the building across from the sanctuary), Pastor Scott will host a beginner's introduction to Advent and the Birth of Christ. This is a hybrid in-person and Zoom class. There will be a sign-up in the back of the sanctuary. If there is interest, he will hold a new members class at 6 PM on the same dates.

OUR THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN UP IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

See the list below:

Cooked Turkey (3)	Canned Cranberry Sauce (3)
Canned Green Beans (6)	Stuffing Mix (3)
Cream of Mushroom Soup (3)	Macaroni & Cheese (3)
Crispy Mushroom Toppers (3)	Pumpkin Pie (3)
Canned Corn (6)	Can or Jar of Gravy (3)
Canned Yams (6)	Single Use Pan (3)
Bag of Marshmallows (3)	
Instant Potatoes (3)	

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

GENEROSITY TEAM

The membership of the church has voted to proceed with the fundraising, final design, and building of the New Ministry Center. The Team is preparing to visit the homes of members and non-members during the month of November to invite them to be a part of the funding of the New Ministry Center. A limited number of visits will be made in December, with the remaining visits occurring in January, February, and March. We thank you in advance for your consideration to partner with others in the congregation and community to support this ministry opportunity.

VAL (VISUALIZING ABUNDANT LIFE)

The VAL team met with the architect and building consultant this past Tuesday. Final cost-saving renditions are being made for the interior layout and the exterior design. The building may look very different than the rendering that is displayed on the back wall of the sanctuary. That rendering was the 'dream phase' of design. Now we are entering our "becoming frugal servants" phase, which will include space to house our current ministries, as well as provide space for new ministries.

Please keep this team in your prayers as they design new spaces for the Kingdom of God. We cannot wait to show you the result of the team's work as it is accomplished.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

As the Advent season quickly draws near, it is easy to feel anxiety about all the upcoming festive preparations, but Advent is a season for reflection as well as preparation. Let us stay grounded this season as we prepare with Embrace Joy—The Society of St. Andrew's seasonal devotional booklet.

This year's theme is both waiting and wonder. It's a time when suffering and joy often meet in the same breath, reminding us of God's presence in every moment. This year's Society of St. Andrew Advent devotional, Embrace Joy, offers daily devotions that invite you to open your heart, place your burdens in God's care, and discover joy that runs deeper than circumstance.

Twenty-five daily devotions—all new for 2025 — Inspired by Mary's song of praise sung in the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Embrace Joy reminds us that joy is not an object to be gained but a quality of the soul. Our writers this season, pastors and laypersons alike, share reflections that shine with joy, even in the midst of struggle.

Used by hundreds of congregations across the U.S., this devotional is more than a spiritual resource. It's also a way for your community to join SoSA's mission of feeding the hungry, reducing food waste, and building caring communities that reflect the love of Christ.

Whether you enter Advent brimming with joy or longing to rediscover it, Embrace Joy is for you.

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

All scheduled in-person activities, including church meetings, events, and office hours during the weekday, will automatically cancel if schools close for the day or have an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

During the weekend, all activity and service cancellations will be posted by 8 AM via the following venues. We will send out a church-wide email with information, or you can visit our church website (www.newmarketumc.com) and find the information at the top of the page.

If you are not connected to the internet, please inform our church office, and you will receive a call if there is a cancellation.

FRESH START SERVICE

Come join Pastor Scott Clawson and/or Pastor Patty Robinson at 8:15 AM every Sunday for our 30-minute service with acoustic guitar music, prayers, and communion now until Christmas! And then beginning again March 1, 2026.

Fairview Chapel

6802 Boyers Mill Rd., New Market, MD 21774

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MARKET PARADE AND LIVE NATIVITY | DEC 6TH

1 PM: The parade is the same route as last year. We ask that Sunday School and preschool parents park in the Fosset lot at church (grass area across from the main parking lot); signage will be provided. Parents should park by 12:00, and the wagons will promptly depart from the lot at 12:30 pm.

12:00-4:00 PM: Mrs. Claus' Story Time, Craft Time, White Elephant and Baked Goods Sale—Schoolhouse.

(Donations for the bake and white elephant sale should be brought to the Schoolhouse on Friday, December 5th, from 10 AM until the afternoon, or Saturday, December 6th, from 9 to 11:30 AM in the Ed Building kitchen. Bag cookies (6 per bag) and brownies (3 per bag). Be sure to note if baked goods contain nuts or peanut butter.

JESSE TREE

We will be providing Jesse Tree gifts to local families again this Christmas. Tags describing the family's needs will be available on the tree the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Pick up a tag from the nearby Jesse Tree and return the listed item, unwrapped, with the tag attached, by December 7th.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Nov 12-Jan 1 | Drop-off in Sanctuary

We are collecting warm weather clothing (coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, etc.). Contact Susan Stevens for more info: 240-277-2581

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YOUTH IMMERSION EVENTS

November 15–16, 7 PM–10:30 AM:
Lock-In at the Schoolhouse

December 6: Parade and Mrs. Claus'
Workshop at Christmas in New Market

January 25: Snow Tubing

February 22: Visit a nursing home to
share music, prayers, love, and
conversation with our shut-in
community

March 20–22: Ignite Youth Conference
in Ocean City, MD

JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM

A special thank you to the 2025
Fellowship Committee members—
Alice Crutchley, Jane Garner, Linda
Kornreich, Melinda McCollum, Cindy
Naugle, Linda New, Elaine Nicholls,
Krista Romagnoli, and Carole
Zimmerman

– who have provided the activities
and dinners during 2025.

If you would like to join this
wonderful group of women in 2026
to provide food and fellowship
activities, please speak with Carole.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

In addition to Youth Group, Kate Hanson will be offering a Confirmation Class for youth in grades 6–12 interested in being confirmed. The 2025–26 class will meet for 10 weeks total—4 in the fall and 6 in the spring—and will conclude with a confirmation ceremony with sponsors and our church family, including a time to remember their baptism.

Most sessions will be Sundays, 7–8 PM on Google Meet. If your child is interested, please review the schedule and let Kate know if the days and times work for you.

Fall Session (all online, 7–8 PM):

- Nov 9, Nov 16, Dec 7, Dec 14

Spring Session (mix of online and in-person):

- Online, 7–8 PM: Feb 15, Feb 22, Mar 1, Mar 8
- In-person: Mar 15, 1–4 PM field trip to the Grotto of Lourdes (Stations of the Cross with sponsors)
- In-person: Mar 20–22 at the Ignite Youth Conference in Ocean City

Please let Kate know if your child would like to participate so she can plan accordingly.

Blessings to you all for the upcoming school year!

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Poinsettias

Order Form

I would like to purchase ___ red ___ pink ___ marble and/or ___ white poinsettias at a cost of \$14.50 each. Please complete this form and place it, along with your check marked "for poinsettias," in the offering plate by November 9. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

Total Amount: _____

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S CANDLELIGHT

6:00 & 8:00 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT

FAIRVIEW CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00 PM WITH REV. PAUL LEATHERMAN

7:00 PM WITH REV'S JOHN & MARY CHANEY

9:00 PM WITH REV'S MARY & JOUN CHANEY

11:00 PM WITH REV. JEFF CHILDS

Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
11/2/2025 (Communion Sunday) All Saints Sunday	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Linda Hlebasko		Lay Reader	Sarah Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
11/9/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Amanda Berry		Lay Reader	Linda New
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
11/16/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Kate Wright		Lay Reader	Doreen Bass
		Usher/Greeters	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeters	Zimmerman
11/23/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Susan Smith		Lay Reader	Kasey Barboza
		Usher/Greeters	Kocher Family		Usher/Greeters	Elaine Nicholls
11/30/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Michelle Matusiak		Lay Reader	Cindy Naugle
		Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab
Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
12/7/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Ryan Robbins	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Advent Reader	Robbins Family		Advent Reader	Zimmerman
		Lay Reader	Joanne Robbins		Lay Reader	Jane Leffel
		Usher/Greeters	Robbins Family		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
12/14/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Advent Reader	Hanson Family		Advent Reader	Naugle Family
		Lay Reader	Chris Berry		Lay Reader	Pakenham
		Usher/Greeters	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
12/21/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Advent Reader	Wright Family		Advent Reader	Riley Family
		Lay Reader	Krista Romagnoli		Lay Reader	Zimmerman
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Zimmerman

Christmas Eve volunteers needed for 4 PM, 6 PM and 8 PM.
There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or you
can email the church office: hometownchurch@comast.net

acolytes advent readers lay readers ushers greeters

12/28/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Amanda Berry		Lay Reader	Linda New
		Usher/Greeters	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz



FALL FUN WITH NMUMC





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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