

MAY / JUNE NEWSLETTER



NEW MARKET UMC *SPRING / EARLY SUMMER NEWSLETTER*

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. Proverbs 3: 9-10

Pastor Patty and I have just completed our penultimate session at the Financial Leadership Academy. When I was first approached and encouraged to take this course, I was very hesitant. It was a two-year commitment, and finances are at the absolute bottom of my skill set. And let's face it—who wants to spend three full days, five times, trapped in a conference room with other United Methodist pastors? I thought it was going to be a nightmare. But it has proved anything but.

Our first session was on personal finances and the theology of money. It was very challenging for me. Nobody really wants to talk about money—let alone the theology of money. But we were reminded in that session that Jesus talked about money, and the value it holds in our lives, more than anything else in the Gospels. We were challenged to change the culture in our churches—not just around money, but in all aspects of ministry. Did we have the courage to move our churches from a mindset of scarcity to a mindset of abundance?

We were given tools to look at our annual budgets not just as numbers, but as a narrative—what those dollars and cents are supporting, and how those ministries are transforming our communities. We were encouraged to talk about stewardship year-round, not just once or twice a year, and to preach on generosity regularly. This really frightened me—no one wants a preacher telling them what to do with their money or how it connects to faithful discipleship.



We explored legacy giving, endowments, and investing the church's reserves wisely. Most churches have never received an endowment or been included in a will, and yet the church has played an essential role in the lives of so many congregants. We were coached on running an effective capital campaign, on keeping our churches sustainable through both abundance and adversity, and even on how to insure our churches appropriately. The amount of information was—and is—mind-numbing.

All of this is equipping Patty, me, and our Generosity Team not only to effectively raise the funds needed to build the New Ministry Center, but also to ensure the financial sustainability of our ministries for generations to come. In the next couple of months, everyone will receive a brochure explaining why this is so important for the future of New Market UMC. During the summer and fall, we will meet with every worshipper to invite you to be part of this powerful movement of God in our midst. Stewardship is part of our discipleship. Generosity is part of our nature. God loves a cheerful giver. In your generosity, you demonstrate where money fits in your life—and how you can choose to use it to bless others.

The fruit of Patty's and my participation in these seminars has produced an abundant harvest in both of us. We are no longer afraid to talk about money. We are emboldened to share with our congregation the joy and fulfillment that comes from becoming joyful givers. We look forward to sitting in your living rooms and inviting you to be a part of something bigger than all of us.

UPCOMING WORSHIP

May 4 | Third Sunday of Easter- "May the 4th Be with You"

John 21: 1-14, John 21: 15-19 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

May 11 | Fourth Sunday of Easter- "Living Water"

John 10: 1-10, Revelations 7: 9-17 **MOTHER'S DAY**

May 18 | Fifth Sunday of Easter- "I AM, is Doing Something New"

Acts 11: 1-18, Revelation 21: 1-6 **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

May 25 | Sixth Sunday of Easter- Guest Preacher: Kate Hanson
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

June 1 | Seventh Sunday of Easter- "Epilogue: How Soon?"

John 17: 20-26, Revelation 22: 12-21 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

June 8 | Ascension Sunday- "Children of God!"

Acts 2: 1-21, Romans 8: 14-17 **PENTECOST SUNDAY (WEAR RED)**

9:30 Service- Baptism of Cael Emory McAdams

JUNE 15-29: 9:30 SERVICE IN THE PARKING LOT

June 15 | Trinity Sunday- "Afflicted"

Psalms 8, Romans 5: 1-5 **FATHER'S DAY**

June 22 | Second Sunday after Pentecost- "OMG!"

Galatians 3: 23-29, Luke 8: 26-39

June 29 | Third Sunday after Pentecost- "New Birth of Freedom"

Galatians 5: 13-25, Luke 9: 51-62



Coming Up:

Our Band: 6:00 PM | Ed Building Kitchen

History Center Meeting: May 9 | 1:00 PM |
Ed. Building

Annual Conference: May 13-15 | Baltimore
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Spaghetti Dinner: May 17 | 6:00 PM |
Schoolhouse (Setup at 3:30 PM)

Care Team Meeting: June 2 | 5:30 PM |
Ed. Building

5th Sunday Potluck: June 29 | 12:15 PM |
Schoolhouse (Setup on Saturday at 10 AM)

Every Month

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Schoolhouse
(May 3, June 7)

Circle of Friends: 12:30 PM | Schoolhouse
(May 13, June 10)

Hope4Kids Packing: 6:00 PM |
Schoolhouse (May 13, June 10)

LIFT: 12 PM | Schoolhouse (May 19, June 16)

Young Women's Bible Study: 6:00 PM |
(TBD)

Every Month cont.

Church Council: 7:00 PM |
Ed. Building (May 20, June 17)

Trustees: 6:00 PM |
Ed. Building (May 6, June 3)

Finance: 7:00 PM | Zoom
(May 13)

SPRC: 7:00 PM | Ed. Building
(May 19, June 10)

Every Week:

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

Scripture to Life Bible Study |
Tuesdays | 10 AM | Sanctuary
CANCELLED MAY 13

Bible Study | Wednesdays |
7 PM | Zoom

9:30 AM Choir Practice |
Mondays | 6:30 PM |
Education Building

11 AM Choir Practice |
Thursdays | 6:45 PM |
Education Building

Generosity Meeting |
Thursdays | 10:00 AM |
Pastor's Office

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



A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP

Activities thus far in 2025

- Two Game Days were held on a Saturday afternoon. Attendance at both was small, but those present enjoyed delicious snacks and good fellowship.
- Two luncheons (Souper Bowl and 5th Sunday Potluck) were well-attended. As always, there was a great variety of food and good fellowship that was enjoyed by all.
- The Shrove Tuesday Dinner continues to be a popular event with an outstanding buffet of pancakes, sausage, bacon, breakfast casseroles, etc.

Upcoming Events . . . Mark Your Calendar!

- Join us on **Saturday, May 17, from 6-7 PM** for the only **Spaghetti Dinner** scheduled this year. A bake table will also be provided, and a free-will offering is requested.
- **Sunday, June 29, 5th Sunday Potluck** after the 12:15 Service. The menu will feature: picnic foods.
- **Saturday, November 15 from 1-3 PM.** Kick-off to the Holidays Dinner, **Dutch's Daughter Restaurant**. There will be more information to follow. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the sanctuary bulletin board in June to gauge interest.

NEW ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: FAITH UNDER FIRE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30-JUNE 11

7-8 PM | ONLINE VIA ZOOM

[CONTACT PATTY FOR THE ZOOM LINK](#)

A thought-provoking study on six characters from the Bible and how their faith was tested. This is a study with very little reading but potentially a whole lot of discussion.

An entrepreneur had a huge promise in his heart and very little to show for it.

A mother's desire was passed over for years, leaving her heartbroken.

A desperate king leads his city in the most unconventional way imaginable.

A servant is called to set down his serving tray and lead.

A prisoner defies the expectations of his captors.

One person teaches us that fire is a chance to hold faith's hand and walk on.

The study is free, and copies will be provided starting Easter Sunday. 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, and she will get you a copy.

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

Registration will be available on our website after May 5

A SPECIAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Beloved of God,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ.

It is with great excitement and joy that I share the new structure of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, as well as the new names for our districts with you. As we transition from eight districts to six, we do so with a renewed call to mission, ministry and our baptismal covenant. This sacred realignment is not merely administrative; it is a movement of the Spirit, a response to the living waters that continue to flow through our hearts, our churches, and our communities. We will experience revival as we gather in new districts and hubs to form lasting relationships and wade into the deep of mission and ministry together.

And make no mistake, this is not a diminishment; rather, it is a deepening. It is not a retreat; rather, it is a redirection. We are being called to move forward, not in fear but in faith. Whether it is the waters of the womb or the waters of baptism, we are always being called to birth something new, to be reborn and transformed. Beloved, we are never called into what was, but always forward into what God is making new.

Just as the waters of baptism do not remain still but ripple outward, so too must our conference evolve to become more agile, more faithful, and more attuned to the needs of the present age. This new structure is an expression of our deep desire to be good stewards of our mission, our resources, and the call to be a bold and courageous Church for the 21st century.

During our Area Celebration, each district superintendent brought forth water from across the area, pouring that water into the baptismal font. That theme of living waters continues as we selected new names for the districts. Each name references a type of water from within that district. This also avoids the appearance of winners and losers with regards to retaining a portion of a former district name. God is doing a new thing among us, and we need to embrace that newness in its totality.

On the [Creating Vital Change webpage](#), you will find [an alphabetized list of churches](#), followed by the name of their hub, district and district superintendent in that order. You can also discover your partners in ministry online in the [listing of hubs in alphabetical order](#), with the Connecting Church in bold. While hubs represent your connectional hub for missional action planning, it isn't meant to disrupt any existing ministry partnerships you may have. In addition, you can [see a map](#) of the new districts.

I give thanks for the leaders, clergy, and laity who have prayed, planned, and partnered to make this new day possible. I give God thanks for the Connecting Churches and Pastors whose enthusiasm and commitment will lead us into greater vitality. I give thanks for each district superintendent who will shepherd this transition with care and clarity. And I give thanks for you — the saints of the Baltimore-Washington Conference — who, having been claimed in the waters of baptism, continue to live out your calling with courage and compassion.

Living waters cleanse, they renew, and they unite. They remind us that though we may be many, we are one body, baptized by one Spirit into one hope. May we flow together, one stream, one Spirit, one mission, toward the Beloved Community that God still dreams for us.

In the Name of the One who fills us with Living Water,

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling
Resident Bishop, The Baltimore-Washington Conference

WORSHIP HELPERS | MAY & JUNE

Month	Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
May	5/4/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader			Lay Reader	Riley Family
			Usher/Greeters	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
	5/11/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Krista Romagnoli		Lay Reader	Sharon Powell
			Usher/Greeters	Kocher Family		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
	5/18/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
			Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop		Lay Reader	Kate Hanson
			Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Carole Zimmerman
	5/25/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Ryan Robbins	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Joanne Robbins		Lay Reader	Sarah Hanson
			Usher/Greeters	Robbins Family		Usher/Greeters	Elaine Nicholls
Month	Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
June	6/1/2025 (Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Berta Lafoon		Lay Reader	Linda New
			Usher/Greeters	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab
	6/8/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
			Lay Reader	Beth Peterson		Lay Reader	Doreen Bass
			Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
	6/15/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Amanda Berry		Lay Reader	Lily Hanson
			Usher/Greeters	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
	6/22/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Kate Wright		Lay Reader	Kasey Barboza
			Usher/Greeters	Shawn and Riley Kocher		Usher/Greeters	Carole Zimmerman
6/29/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza	
		Lay Reader	Susan Smith		Lay Reader	Marilyn Fritz	
		Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Eliane Nicolls	
	9:30 AM Parking lot services begin June 8, 2025						
	9:30 Communion Sunday services will be in the sanctuary						

Category	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025	Online Giving
Deposit Total	35,097.92	26,167.50	53,580.24	Online Giving Totals, January
Regular Offering	29,005.52	21,882.50	29,717.22	Total Offering: \$1,842.16
Building Fund	1,150.00	1,800.00	3,736.52	Regular Offering: \$1,815.00
Building Rental	634.40			Online Fees: \$27.16
Fellowship			340.00	
Food Pantry	100.00		50.00	Online Giving Totals, February
Funeral Luncheon		500.00		Total Offering: \$1,740.85
Holiday Flowers			754.00	Regular Offering: \$1715.00
Hope 4 Kids	450.00	445.00	1,705.00	Online Fees: \$25.85
Memorial Fund		100.00	1,167.00	
Misc. Income	178.00			Online Giving Totals, March
New Ministry Ctr.			10,000.00	Total Offering: \$2,491.27
Organ Fund	300.00	250.00	300.00	Regular Offering: \$2,450.00
Outreach	500.00			Online Fees: \$41.27
Outreach – Ash W			553.00	Easter Flower Total: \$27.58
Outreach – Perry	200.00		200.00	Easter Flowers: \$27.00
Parsonage Rent	2,100.00			Online Fees: \$.58
P's Discretion	480.00	990.00	530.00	Youth Ministry (OC) Total: \$106.66
Preschool Rent			3,042.50	Youth Ministry (OC Conf.): \$105.00
Youth Ministry		200.00	1,450.00	Online Fees: \$1.66
Monthly Budget Goal was MET in January, February and March				

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

Note of Interest

- In 2023, NMUMC donated \$2230 to Hope 4 Kids . . . in 2024, donated total increased to \$11,360.05!

Charitable Contributions

The Giving Statements issued by NMUMC at the end of each calendar year contain the statement “No goods or services were provided in return for these contributions”. In order to be in compliance with rules as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, future Giving Statements will no longer include amounts paid for: holiday flowers, study books, mission trip attendance, show tickets, free will offering at dinners, egg sales, etc.

Your continued giving to support the ministries and programs of New Market United Methodist Church is greatly appreciated.



SOME OF YOUR PHOTOS





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