

# MARCH / APRIL NEWSLETTER



## NEW MARKET UMC EASTER NEWSLETTER

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# PASTOR'S NOTE

*What, after all, is Apollōs? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe –as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollōs watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. -1 Corinthians 3: 5-9*

It is hard to think of Spring when the weather is 17 degrees outside. I finally understand when I was younger and the older folks said, "I just can't seem to get warm". In these cold temperatures I keep reminding myself that spring is coming, the crocuses will be popping their "Seymour" (Little Shop of Horrors) heads out of the ground, and the white snowdrops will be appearing soon near our chicken coop. Many gardeners may be whiling away these cold months with plans for planting that will soon be done. Winter takes a lot of patience. So do planning and planting a garden. The same way the lengthening of days signals the changing of the season, God's word points us to sunnier, warmer days ahead.

Just the same, new ministries take time to grow and nurture. Your VAL and Generosity Teams have been working tirelessly. Last year the Val Team envisioned a future for ministry here at New Market UMC. Now they are resting until the proper infrastructure is put into place, i.e., combining the 5 separate parcels that make up our ministry campus, water applied for, etc. While the Val Team has rested, your Generosity Team has met every week since late November. We are planting seeds, weeding out what is not needed, and praying for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to guide us. It seems that all this planning is taking a very long time, but good

planning always does and good planning leads to a fruitful harvest. The goal of the Generosity Team is to have a brochure and commitment cards ready for distribution after the first Sunday in Lent. We are planning to sit down with every congregation of NMUMC to invite you to be a part of this shared future in ministry.

Similarly, your Trustee Team has been working diligently to prepare the parsonage for a new renter. This also takes time, but to reiterate, good planning brings fruitful harvest. The one thing that these three teams have kept at the forefront of every decision and every discussion is how will the things we are planning bring glory to God and Abundant Life to the Kingdom of God now. We ask you during this Lenten season to keep these teams in prayer -- pray for how you can best support and be a part of these new ministry dreams and how can you sacrificially give to bring these dreams to reality. This is going to be our most meaningful Lent yet as we contemplate all that Christ gave up for us and our response to that Grace and Love.

# UPCOMING WORSHIP

**March 2** | Eighth Sunday after Epiphany- "What You Say?"

Luke 9: 28-36, 2 Corinthians 3:12-18,4:1,2 MSSG **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**March 9** | First Sunday of Lent- "Rescue Me"

Psalm 91: 1,2- 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4: 1-13

**March 16** | Second Sunday of Lent- "Cleft for Me"

Psalm 27, Luke 13: 31-35

**March 23** | Third Sunday of Lent- "Cling Ons"

Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13: 1-9

**March 30** | Fourth Sunday of Lent- "Lead a Horse to Water"

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21, Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

**April 6** | Fifth Sunday of Lent- "Cry Till you Laugh"

Psalm 26, John 12: 1-8 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**April 13** | Palm/Passion Sunday

Philippians 2: 5-11, Luke 19: 28-44

**April 20** | Easter Sunday

**April 27** | First Sunday after Easter





## Coming Up:

Shrove Tuesday Dinner: March 4 | 6:00 PM |  
Schoolhouse (Setup at 3:30 PM)

UMC Youth Conference: March 7-9 |  
Meet in parking lot at 4:30 PM

Game Day: March 22 | 2:00 PM |  
Schoolhouse (Setup at 1:00 PM)

5th Sunday Potluck: March 30 | 12:15 PM |  
Schoolhouse (Setup on Saturday at 10 AM)

Sight and Sound with the Youth: April 5 |  
3:00 PM (Meet in parking lot at 12 PM)

Care Team Meeting: April 7 | 5:30 PM |  
Education Building

Easter Egg Roll: April 12 | 10:00 AM

Good Friday Service: April 18

## Every Month

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Schoolhouse  
(March 1, April 5)

Circle of Friends: 12:30 PM | Schoolhouse  
(March 11, April 8)

Hope4Kids Packing: 6:00 PM |  
Schoolhouse (March 11, April 8)

SPRC: 3:00 PM | Ed. Building (April 8)

Stephen Ministry Supervisory Meeting:  
7:00 PM | Sanctuary (March 11, April 8, 15)

LIFT: 12 PM | Schoolhouse (March 17, April 21)

Young Women's Bible Study: 6:00 PM |  
Locations TBD |  
(March and April)

## Every Month cont.

Full Council: 7:00 PM |  
Ed. Building (March 18, April 15)

Trustees: 6:00 PM |  
Ed. Building (March 3, April 1)

Finance: 7:00 PM | Zoom  
(March 24)

## Every Week:

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

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

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







# 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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## Easter Flower Order Form

Please complete this form and place it, along with your check made payable to NMUMC with "Easter Flowers" designated in the memo line, into the offering plate by **March 30th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$15) Easter Lily \_\_\_\_\_ (\$27) 8 in pot-Hydrangeas \_\_\_\_\_ (\$11) Daffodils (limited) \_\_\_\_\_

(\$11) Tulips (yellow\_\_, purple\_\_ or red\_\_) (\$11) Hyacinth (White\_\_Purple\_\_ Pink\_\_ or Blue\_\_)