

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 10, 2025

CENTERING VIDEO "Ancient Words"  
OPENING WORDS: Genesis 15: 1-6

\*HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" UMH 710  
"WELCOME Pastor Scott Clawson

VBS CELEBRATION  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, we gather today as inheritors of faith in God’s salvific work, a faith handed down to us over generations that we claim and proclaim today in this community.  
**By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.**  
By faith, our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and friends shared God’s love with us, a love that longs to draw us all as members of the Body of Christ.  
**By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.**  
By faith, we remember the story today, the story of God’s desire for all creation to be reconciled to God and one another.  
**By faith, we follow God’s call as we journey toward a better country.**  
By faith, we carry the faith forward, building a community of belonging, provision, and care as we journey with God toward a better country.  
**By faith, we gather to nourish and encourage one another on the journey toward a better country as we build God’s already-but-not-yet kingdom here and now.**  
**Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER  
PRAYER FOR THE DAY & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

\*HYMN "Take Time to Be Holy" UMH 395

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Hebrews 11 Selected Verses  
The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON "Desire a Better Country" Pastor Scott Clawson

HYMN "All Who Love and Serve Your City" UMH 433  
BENEDICTION  
Children of God, by faith, God has brought us this far. **We go now in the blessing of the God who goes before us and behind us, surrounding us on all sides with grace as we journey toward a better country in our neighborhood, our community, and beyond. Amen.**  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
POSTLUDE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11:00 AM WORSHIP LEADERS  
Acolyte: Kasey Barboza  
Lay Reader: Sarah Hanson  
Ushers: Andy Jakab

NMUMC by the Numbers: August 3, 2025  
8:15 AM: 20 9:30 AM: 30 11:00 AM: 40 Online: 20 Nursery: 4

Total Offering: \$13,250.00 Regular Offering: \$9,570.00\*  
Building Fund: \$300.00 Hope4Kids: \$30.00 Parsonage Rent: \$3,150.00  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$200.00  
\*Regular Offering Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,503.92

Church Meetings  
Monday, August 11: Care Team Meeting – 5:30 PM – ED Building Kitchen  
Tuesday, August 12: SPRC – 7:00 PM – ED Building  
Wednesday, August 13: Teacher Breakfast – 7:30 AM – New Market Middle School  
Friday, August 15: Teacher Breakfast – 8:00 AM – New Market Elementary School  
Friday, August 15: History Center Meeting – 1:00 PM – ED Building  
Saturday, August 16: Disciple – 10:00 AM – Contact Nick Wood

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New Market Middle School  
Setup begins at 7:30 AM

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The signup sheets are located in the back of the sanctuary.

New Market UMC is hosting a large yard sale in the parking lot on  
Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 8 AM to 1 PM.  
Setup begins at 7:00 AM, and all cars must be moved by 7:45 AM.  
Spaces are available to rent:  
-1 spot (8' x 19') for \$10  
OR 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.

## Daily Devotions Starting 8/11/2025

### Monday 08/11: Isaiah 5:1-7

God has given us every advantage, as He did the kingdom of Judah, and they produced rotten grapes? What is our harvest going to reveal?

### Tuesday 08/12: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Like the Israelites, we humans have a knack of getting ourselves in trouble by sinning and not obeying God. Is it right for us, then, to pray for restoration?

### Wednesday 08/13: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Self-evaluation time: are you a false prophet or a true messenger when proclaiming the word of God? If you believe it, you have to live it!

### Thursday 08/14: Psalm 82

God gives authority to all of us; are we meting out the proper justice, compassion, and fairness? If you say yes, explain; if you say no, explain.

### Friday 08/15: Hebrews 11:29-40

Faith should help us turn around and do what is right, regardless of our past or the disapproval of others. How is that working out for you?

### Saturday 08/16: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus demands loyalty and commitment, sometimes to the point of several other relationships. Are you willing to risk your family's disapproval to follow the Lord?

### Sunday 08/17: Worship in person.

Notes:



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NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH