

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER



NEW MARKET UMC SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S NOTE

"Keep your loins girded and your lamps burning." Luke 12: 35

I have always had a soft spot in my heart for the biblical phrase "gird your loins". It sounds amusing to me, but the meaning is anything but. In the Ancient Near East, everyone wore long, flowing robes with a sash about their waist. This apparel was adequate for sashaying around, a walk around the pool, a browse through the marketplace, trolling Facebook—basically, any mindless non-exerting task. However, when it was time to get moving, when it was time to act, when it was time to be ready and expectant of a rigorous battle or journey, the ancient biblical leaders were told by God to "gird your loins." The process involved hiking the hem of their robes and placing the excess material into their sash, almost like creating a pair of shorts so they could move quickly and efficiently . . . as one prepared to make a difference. You would not wear a robe to the gym, nor would you don a robe for a run.

I think we often approach our Christian discipleship as if we are wearing long, flowing robes. I ask you to meditate on your own discipleship. Are you involved? Are you ready? Do you have purpose? Are you trying to achieve something larger than yourself?

For over 5 years, your church leadership has been in a perpetual state of "girding their loins." Through their hard work and selfless dedication, we are on the cusp of embarking on a project that is larger than any individual and church. It is a project that we believe will continue the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God in our ministry setting at New Market for many years until Christ returns.

I thank everyone who has given of their time and monetary resources to make the New Ministry Center a reality. We thank those who have made a monetary commitment pledge to make this dream of a new ministry center possible. We thank those who have not made a commitment pledge yet but have contributed to the new ministry center fund.

To reach our goal of 100% funding, we will need the entire congregation to be active in this venture. The first step in this venture is to get the building built. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer with your physical presence. What is needed now is monetary resources.

The question I place before you is: can you "gird your loins" to be an active participant in this dream becoming a reality? Are you content to be a spectator, or do you want to be on the field with your time, your monetary resources, or both, so that the church can reach its financing goal to proceed with the New Ministry Center project this year?

In this newsletter, you will see the progress accomplished by the VAL and Generosity Teams; also included are the funding deficit and the challenges we face. Please consider how you can become a part of making this God-dream a reality. Together, with all our "loins girded," we can finish the race.

-Pastor Scott



UPCOMING WORSHIP

July 5 | Proper 9- "Interdependence Day"

Zechariah 9: 9-21, Romans 7: 15-25a **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

JULY 12-26: 9:30 AM SERVICE IS OUTDOORS

July 12 | Proper 10- "...Therefore..."

Genesis 25: 19-34, Romans 8: 1-11

July 19 | Proper 11- "Ascending or Descending?"

Genesis 28: 10-19a, Romans 8: 12-25

July 26 | Proper 12- "Predestined?"

Genesis 29: 15-28, Romans 8: 26-39

August 2 | Proper 13- "Everybody's Wrestling"

Genesis 32: 22-31, Romans 9: 1-5 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

AUGUST 9-30: 9:30 AM SERVICE IS OUTDOORS

August 9 | Proper 14- "Purty Feet" **VBS SUNDAY**

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28 Romans 10: 5-15

August 16 | Proper 15- "Reconciled" **BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS/BACKPACKS**

Genesis 45: 1-15, Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

August 23 | Proper 16- "Redeemed and Transformed"

Exodus 1: 8- 2: 10, Romans 12: 1-8

August 30 | Proper 17 "What's Your Name?"

Exodus 3: 1-15, Romans 12: 9-21



Coming Up:

VBS Meeting: July 25 | 9:30 AM
Sanctuary and Ed. Building

VBS Setup: August 1 (& Aug. 2 if necessary)
9:30 AM | All Church Grounds and Buildings

Vacation Bible School: August 3-7
6:00-8:00 PM | All Church Grounds and
Buildings

Vacation Bible School Ice Cream Social:
August 7 | 6-8 PM (Setup at 5:00 PM)

VBS Breakdown: August 10 | 9:00 AM | All
Church Grounds and Buildings

SPRC: August 11 | 7:00 PM | Ed. Building

Picnic with the HUB Churches: August 16 |
5:00 PM | Old National Pike District Park

Finance Meeting: August 17 | 7:30 PM
Zoom

Church Council: August 18 | 7:00 PM
Ed. Building Kitchen (Potentially on July 21)

5th Sunday Potluck Setup: August 29
10:30 AM | Schoolhouse

5th Sunday Potluck: August 30
12:00 PM | Schoolhouse

Every Month

Trustees: 6:00 PM
Ed. Building (August 4)

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM
Schoolhouse (July 11, August 1)

Every Week:

Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Tuesdays | 10 AM | Sanctuary

Every Other Week:

Bible 101 | Wednesdays
6:00 PM | Ed. Building
(7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/26)

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP

April 17, Pasta Dinner: 49 attended to enjoy a variety of pasta dishes. Positive comments were received on the earlier starting time (5:00), having events on a Friday evening, and having a longer time to socialize (6:30).

Mark Your Calendar for our next event – 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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM

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.

This outdoor service will take place every Sunday 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. **We will have a blessing of the teachers and students on August 16**

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Snowball Mt. Challenge! Vacation Bible School | August 3-7 | 6 PM – 8 PM | Kids ages 3 – 5th grade

NEW THIS YEAR: Adult Class!! This class will run the same date and time as our children's VBS Join us for one day or the whole week. We will enjoy a lesson, craft, and snack, just like the kids!

KIDS AGE 3-5TH GRADE



ADULT CLASS



YOUTH 6TH-12TH GRADE



join us to volunteer!

FOLLOW THE QR CODES TO REGISTER



A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

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.

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 the windows and window seals in the Sanctuary.

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

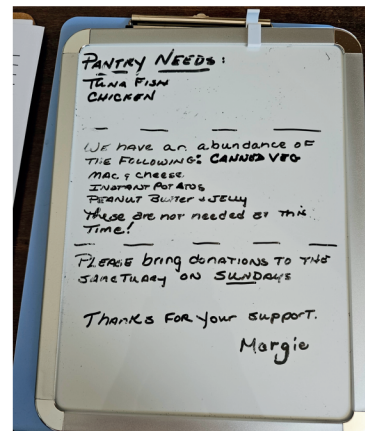
Cleaning out the Schoolhouse basement.

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.



A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

LIVESTREAM DIFFICULTIES

The tech team has received feedback on buffering issues with our worship service during live streaming. We have taken steps to remedy the problem. The team would appreciate continued feedback from our online viewers to enable the online experience to be of the highest quality and content. You can contact the main office.

NAME TAG LEAD FOR 9:30 AM SERVICE

We need someone to assist with handing out and cleaning up the nametags at the 9:30 AM service.

SUMMER GIVING

The Finance Team is very grateful for the continued generosity of the congregation by supporting not only the ministries at New Market UMC but also contributing generously to our special ministries.

The team would like to remind everyone that ministries continue—even during your summer breaks and vacations. We encourage everyone to continue to give faithfully even though you might not be present at our services. We ask that you consider making up for missed donations when you return to join us in worship.

Options for giving include: cash, check, or by online donation that can be found on the NMUMC webpage.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Donovan Myers is planning to repair and restore the damaged gravestones next to the cemetery as his project to become an Eagle Scout. These gravestones were part of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which separated from our existing church over abolition. Scot Morrow and Frederick Landscaping will be assisting Donovan with his project. If you would like to contribute towards Donovan's Eagle Scout Project, list Eagle Scout in the memo line of your check. Below is a short biography submitted by Donovan.

Donovan Myers is a life scout with Boy Scout troop 628. He is a rising senior and a member of the Oakdale marching band, where he plays piano. The project will be to restore the headstone memorial next to the church. The project work days will be on the 6th and the 7th of July, times TBD. Anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome to participate.

THE SODA CAN TAB COLLECTION IS OVER

We would like to thank everyone for contributing to our Soda Can Tab collection. The tabs have been sent to their destination. The campaign has now ended, and we will let you know when we will collect again in the future.



SOME OF YOUR NMUMC MEMORIES

