

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR APRIL 2010

*“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.”  
1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Keys come in all forms, shapes and sizes. There are traditional keys that we use everyday to unlock our doors and start our cars. There are old fashioned skeleton keys like the one I unlock our family’s cabin with. There are smart keys with computer chips in them and there are keys that don’t look like keys at all, they look like credit cards. Sometimes the key isn’t a physical thing at all- it’s a combination we have to try to remember.

Different as these keys may seem they all have one thing in common. They unlock something. They enable us to gain access to our homes and our offices. They give access to our cars and enable them. Keys are enabling and empowering things. Just remember the day when you were a new driver and your parents handed you the keys to the family car. Those keys opened a new world of freedom, opportunity and responsibility. They enabled a certain amount of independence.

As I said before, keys come in all forms and shapes. One of those shapes is human shaped. You and I are keys in that we have the ability to enable others. We have the ability and the responsibility to unlock possibilities and potentials that lie hidden in each other. God has given everyone wonderful gifts, special abilities and tremendous potential for ministry. And we are called to enable one another in using these gifts. We are called to empower one another in the use of our gifts for ministry and service.

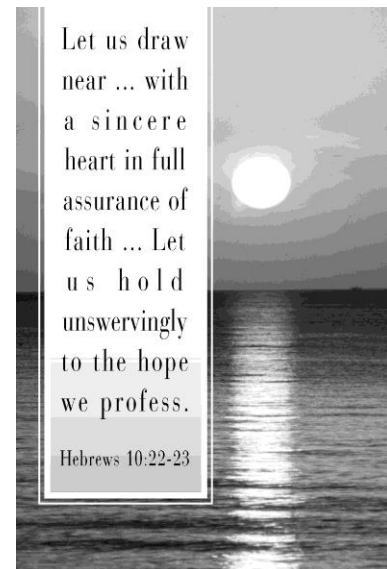
There have been many people in my life that have encouraged me along the way. There have been many people who have empowered me in my ministry. In so doing, they served for keys for the unlocking of my potential. I’m sure that if you pause to think about it you can also think of ways in which others (teachers, pastors, counselors and friends) have enabled you in finding and unleashing our God given potential. Paul was recognizing this when he wrote in his letter to the Thessalonians that we have

to encourage one another because without that encouragement we would not be able to grow in our service. Our potential would remain unlocked and unused.

One thing we should consider in our shared ministry is our role as enablers and encouragers. We each need to ask ourselves; “as a key person in someone’s life, am I helping to unlock their potential or am I in fact discouraging and disabling them in their desire and potential for service in the church?” Paul reminds us a bit further along in the fifth chapter of 1 Thessalonians to, “encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.”

We each hold the key. We each are the key for unlocking the tremendous potential for ministry in the lives of others. Look for the opportunities, look for the closed doors and try your keys in the locks. May we set one another free enabling each other to open our full potential for serving Christ.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mike



MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW LAY LEADER

## TREES

A few weeks ago, I was sitting in my husband's rocker recliner feeding my little eight month old grandson his bottle. As I looked out the back door to my neighbor's back yard I noticed something rather remarkable.

Now we have lived in our house for almost nine years and I have looked out that door at that same view thousands of times, but for some reason, maybe it was because I was holding that bundle of love in my arms and he was looking up at me with those beautiful eyes or maybe it was just because it was a warm spring day or maybe even the fact that Easter season was upon us, whatever it was I looked at that view with totally different eyes.

So what did I see that was so remarkable? Trees.

The trees were bent, twisted and curved at all different angles and shapes. I wondered, as I was looking at all of those misshapen trees, what might have caused all those trees to have been deformed. Was there some terrible wind, ice or snow storm that moved across what was surely a rather large wooded area when all these trees were young and caused the damage, or was it just the natural progression of the trees growing older over the years?

As I stared at the sight, what really jumped out at me was one tree, right smack in the middle of all these other trees. This one tree was growing straight as an arrow. How did that tree escape all the damage? Why was I noticing this tree at this particular time and what was I supposed to understand by that view?

It came to me very quickly that the straight tree represented Jesus Christ. We folks were represented by the leaning, twisted and bent trees. However, that straight tree in the midst of all of those deformed trees reminded me so vividly of God's strength, for us to see and build our faith upon.

What continued to impress me was, as much as those trees were curved and leaning, none of them had fallen down, they were all still growing up, just by paths that shaped them in a most unique way.

In this Easter season when we have so much to celebrate remember that no matter how life or the world has "shaped" you, that our Lord Jesus is right there beside you as a shining example of the miracle of faith in God. Ironically enough, he can be recognized by simply

looking out your window at a sight you have seen a thousand times.

Happy Easter!  
God's Blessings on you all  
Patty Robinson

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS @ NMUMC

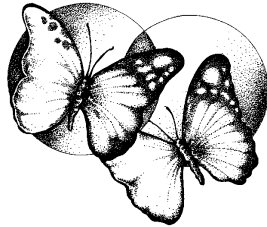
- 1 **Maundy Thursday service 7:30 pm NMUMC**
- 2 **Good Friday Community service 7:00 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Confirmation Movie night 7pm Schoolhouse**
- 4 **Easter Sunday-Sunrise service 6:30am  
(Potluck breakfast after) NO 8:30 service  
regular worship service 11:00am**
- 6 **Trustee's meeting 7pm Schoolhouse  
SPRC meeting 7pm Ed Bldg**
- 13 **UMW Afternoon Circle 12:30pm Carolyn  
McMahon's home**
- 16 **Plant Sale- Scot Morrow**
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- 18 **National Cathedral trip to DC**
- 20 **Council meeting 7pm Schoolhouse**
- 24 **Friendship luncheon to Hickory Bridge  
Farm 12:00pm(depart at 10:30am from  
church)**
- 27 **Outreach Committee meeting 7pm  
Schoolhouse**

## Holy Week Events

**Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) service-**  
7:30pm at NMUMC  
**Good Friday Community service-**7:00pm at  
Grace Episcopal Church (Rt. 75)  
**Easter Sunday services-** Sunrise service  
6:30am ( potluck breakfast after)  
NO 8:30 SERVICE  
Regular worship service- 11:00am



We are going to reschedule the lock-in that was to be held on April 16 th.



Early worship- 8:30 AM  
Fellowship time- 9:15-9:45 AM  
Confirmation Class-9:30-10:30 AM  
Sunday School- 9:45-10:45 AM  
Worship- 11:00 AM (Nursery Available)



<b>Steve Young</b>	<b>4/6</b>
<b>Andrew McCollum</b>	<b>4/8</b>
<b>Patti Morrow</b>	<b>4/10</b>
<b>Evan Morrow</b>	<b>4/20</b>
<b>Jacob Morrow</b>	<b>4/29</b>

### BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED!!!

Our Second Annual Book and Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8-3(yard sale is from 8-1). We are accepting books of all kinds-paperback, hardback or audio as well as cds and dvds. Please contact **Patty Robinson** at 301-865-9418 or email [pattyrob16@msn.com](mailto:pattyrob16@msn.com) to arrange for drop off or pick up of your book donations

We are in need of someone to set up and clean up for the coffee/fellowship time after the early service. It would be inside for May and would need to be set up by 9:00am. In June we move outside and our early service changes to 9:30 am so it would need to be set up by 10:00am. If interested please call the church office at 301-865-3530 or email at [nmumc21@verizon.net](mailto:nmumc21@verizon.net).

## United Methodist Women

During March we have enjoyed some special times. We took Edith Hunter to lunch and celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. Toni Carnahan joined us for this special occasion and we are so pleased to have her as a new member. Our Ladies came with cheeses, fruits and breads for an Agape Feast for our March meeting. Linda Siglin presented an outstanding program on Vietnam. Linda and Milt had just returned from a vacation to Vietnam so her presentation had wonderful slides and items they had purchased.

Some special reminders: April 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat) is the outing to Hickory Bridge Farm in Orrtanna, Pa—meet at the church parking lot to carpool at 10:30am. The Yard/Book Sale is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Patty is seeking books and our UMW is seeking items. Please bring these to the Ed. Bldg by April 29<sup>th</sup> so we can price the items. Thanks to all for your help.



Our April mission focus is Safe and Sane. Each year, high school parents of graduating seniors sponsor a post-graduation party. This is a non-alcoholic/drug-free evening. The festivities include nightlong entertainment, food and great giveaways to seniors in attendance. This undertaking is an expensive proposition. Costs include the rental of a hall, decorations, entertainment, and gifts for all of the seniors. Your contribution will help to make this graduation party a success.

## THANK YOU

My thanks to the UMW women for taking me to lunch for my 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. Edith Hunter

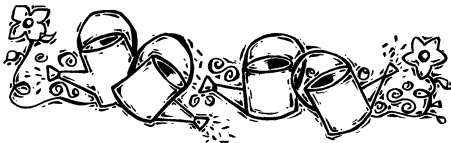
## HOSPICE

The Hospice Liaison team will be putting together gift bags again for the caregivers. In 2008 we made up 70 baskets and they were so appreciated. If you would like to contribute you can bring items to me and I will see that they get there. We need:

- Prayer shawls (knitted or crocheted-the patterns are online)
- Journals
- Puzzle books
- Pens for the Journals and Puzzle books
- Lotions
- Teas

Please have all items to me no later than April 20<sup>th</sup> so we have time to assemble the bags.

Thanks for your help, Marilyn Brooks



## PLANT SALE

Frederick Landscaping's 1<sup>st</sup> annual Spring Plant Sale, Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, Both days 9:00am-6:00pm in the New Market United Methodist Church parking lot. We will have Perennial and Annual flowers and flowering Shrubs. Great prices and Great Quality. Delivery and planting available.

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**We are looking for a sign design and additional naming suggestions for a two sided outdoor sign for the Schoolhouse. Let's have a contest! Thanks, Scot**

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## THIS & THAT

**WORDS**-There are spoken words, written words and words with no sound spoken but with our actions. Our choir sang an anthem entitled "Words Unspoken", that to me, is very powerful. It basically says if no words were spoken would people really know you cared.

There is a lady in my apartment building who is deaf, who has an expression of kind of sad/mad and I've never seen her smile. I'm sure there is a reason but I would love to somehow break through that silent barrier to bring her joy in her life. I don't know sign language and couldn't do it even if I did because of my hands but I'm praying there's a way to touch this lady's heart. It may not be me but I pray for someone to be able to.

I like saying, "Lord put your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth" but would add "let your love always be my guide especially for knee-jerk reactions." Lord forgive me if by my actions/ expressions I have wounded anyone's spirit."

"He will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy." Job 8:21 NIV

May your Easter joy spill over to everyone around you, Marilyn Brooks



I am the  
**RESURRECTION**  
and the  
**LIFE.**

He who  
believes in  
me will  
**LIVE,**  
even though  
he dies.

John 11:25