



Deep Roots  
Visible Grace

A newsletter for the family and friends of

# New Market United Methodist Church

## He is Risen!



I bring you great tidings of good news during this post Easter Season. He is risen! He is risen! He is risen indeed! New Market UMC continues to thrive even during this continuing pandemic. We managed to safely hold a community Easter Egg Hunt, Palm Sunday celebration, a Holy Thursday Zoom service, Good Friday zoom and in person, and offered three Easter services that served over 180 worshipers. We continue to appreciate everyone's grace and patience as we navigate new ways to be in community with each other. Through every difficulty the Lord has

provided pathways of new revelation and deeper commitment. At the forefront of all that we do, your leadership asks ourselves; "How will this event glorify the Lord? How will this bring someone into a closer relationship with the risen Lord? How can this ease another's burden?" These are all good questions to ask as we decide where to place our energies internally and externally in the community. In this issue we will be introducing some of the ministry plans for the coming summer. We are also introducing some thoughts and dreams to make our buildings more effective for ministry in the coming years. As always, your leadership teams welcome and are interested to hear your thoughts, concerns, and your own dreams for NMUMC's ministry in the community. May the Lord continue to keep us healthy and serving continually in His Kingdom.

*Pastor Scott*



**Parking Lot Worship**



**Sanctuary Worship**

**Easter Sunrise Worship**



# Easter Sunday 2021

## God Dreams

**"People plan their path, but the LORD secures their steps."**

**Proverbs 16: 9**

I wanted the congregation to know what has been stirring in my heart regarding the ministry here at NMUMC. Recently the Fossett property (little yellow house next to the sanctuary) went on the market. The original asking price was \$225,000. The leadership at NMUMC have always wanted to obtain that property because of its proximity to the sanctuary and the possibility of future ministry space. Originally the leadership thought the property was overpriced and decided to not inquire.



A couple of months ago I received inquiries from multiple sources outside the church asking if I knew that property was for sale. I always pay close attention when outside sources ask me questions about the church, because in the past it was always a nudge from the Holy Spirit to dig deeper. I asked members of the Trustees and Finance to meet with me and a realtor at the house to investigate. The price had been lowered to \$180,000. and we thought it was worth a look. The house is in a condemned condition and would need to be razed. With this new knowledge the team agreed to offer \$120,000. for the property with the contingency that congregational approval is secured if the offer were accepted.



Several weeks ago, I was awakened in the wee hours one morning with the thought, "we already have land for a new ministry space behind the sanctuary". I met with the Trustees and Finance to get their opinion about investigating how large a building could be erected behind the sanctuary for new ministry space. They agreed to go forward and investigate what could be done at that location.

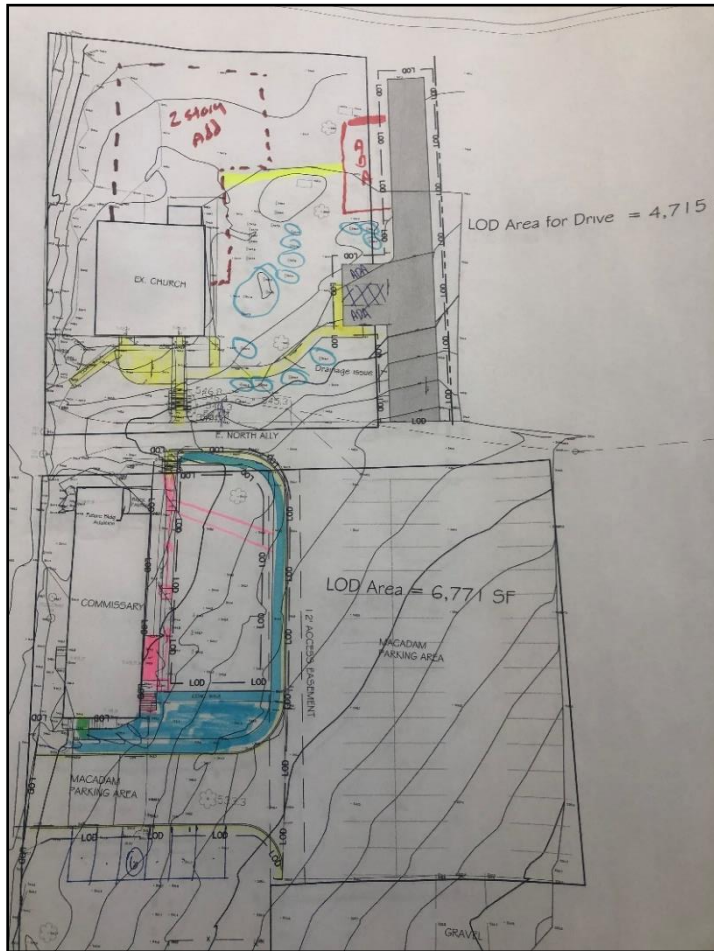
Why is there a need for new ministry space during a pandemic and a possible church split? Because no matter what the circumstance, ministry will still happen at NMUMC. A new space, designed to fit all our ministries would allow each to be more viable. Other advantages are restrooms available in the space where we are worshipping, nursery and Sunday school children would be in the same building where other family members are worshipping, the choir would have a practice room and a gathering area that is not in a separate building, and a fellowship hall/multiple use room in

the same building where worship is held. In addition, preschool would remain in the Ed building and could expand to more classes, offices could move to new building which would create much needed storage space, and the number of buildings requiring maintenance would be reduced. The downsides are: (1) money and (2) for either property to be viable for expansion, NMUMC would need to take ownership of the New Market Town Cemetery which would eliminate the northern setbacks on the church and Fossett properties and provide access for handicapped and limited mobility parking at the right-of-way near the sanctuary. (continued on the next page)

This process would involve the Cemetery Board bequeathing the property to NMUMC and NMUMC funding the transfer fees. Acquisition of the cemetery would also include the 99 available lots, as well as funds in their bank account. A Cemetery Board comprised of church members, as well as community and family members would be established, along with a bank account that is separate from NMUMC accounts.

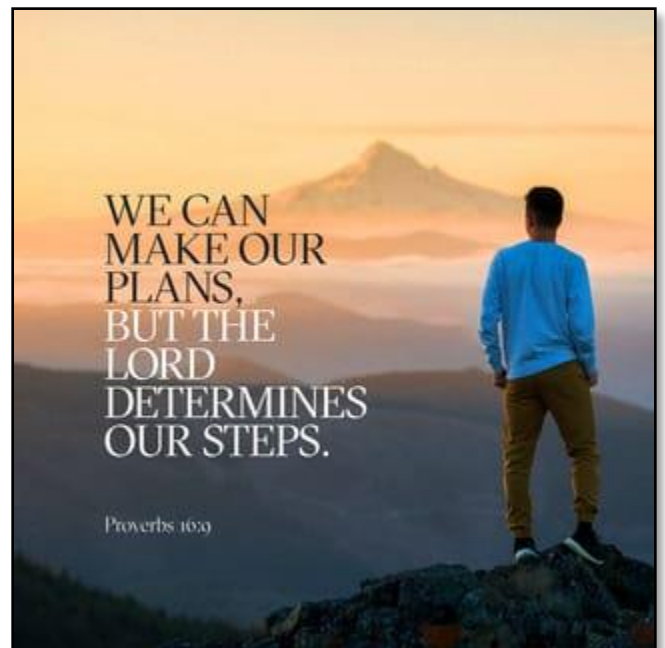
If either property proves viable for ministry expansion, then the Schoolhouse/Parsonage property would be sold after Mrs. Williams vacates the property which would help fund the new project.

**Please keep in mind that none of these actions can be accomplished without a majority vote of the charge conference congregational members approval.**



Unknowns at this point include transfer fees for cemetery acquisition, cost to raze Fossett house, size of new building permitted on either property, as well as cost of a new building. This is an opportunity to do more than 'make do' with the properties currently owned by NMUMC. New construction will give us options where we can plan for ministries and have the facility to accommodate those needs far into the future.

Please keep these God Dreams in your prayers. If you would like additional information, please contact Pastor Scott or Richard Riley.



# Serving in The Community

*One of the lasting legacies of NMUMC is service and involvement in our surrounding communities.*



## Easter Egg Hunt

This year we hosted a community Easter Egg Hunt at the local Grange Hall. We plan to continue offering community outreach events through the summer. For these events to be successful we need many volunteers who are willing to serve. Below is a list of service opportunities for summer.

## NMUMC Mini Food Pantry

The food pantry will be up and operational in June. Patti Morrow will be the lead coordinator in this vital ministry of feeding those in need. We plan to keep the pantry stocked with dry goods and canned goods but would also like to add perishable items such as bread, farm fresh eggs and fresh produce. If you are planting a garden or raise chickens and would like to donate your left-over produce or eggs or if you would like to assist in keeping the pantry stocked and up to date please contact Patti Morrow at [morrowpatti@gmail.com](mailto:morrowpatti@gmail.com)



## Future Hope 4 Kids Packing Dates:

April 19 and May 17

All packings will occur at the New Market Church Schoolhouse at 6:00 pm. We look forward to seeing our volunteers. Due to COVID protocols you must sign up to help. Sign-up links can be found in the church Thursday email or on our church website.

## Coffee Ministry at New Market Farmers Market

Cup of J.O.E. (Jesus over everything) coffee ministry will be setting up every Saturday from May 22 until September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at the New Market Farmers Market located on Main St. We need volunteers to help set up and tear down, brew coffee, and greet customers with good coffee and friendly conversation. If you would like to be a part of this vital outreach ministry or would like more information, please contact Kate Hanson at [kate@tkhanson.net](mailto:kate@tkhanson.net)



# FINANCE UPDATE



NMUMC By the Numbers for February are:

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Category	Amount	Category	Amount
<b>Deposit Totals</b>	<b>\$18,962.00</b>	<b>Deposit Totals</b>	<b>\$21,855.85</b>
Regular Offering	16,141.00	Regular Offering	14,203.01
Ash Wednesday Offering	176.00	Ash Wednesday Offering	38.00
Building Fund		Building Fund	250.00
Christ's Carpenters	100.00	Banner reimb. - Fairview	40.26
Cup of JOE Ministry		Cup of JOE Ministry	
Debt Reduction	400.00	Debt Reduction	450.00
Easter Flowers		Easter Flowers	214.00
Easter Offering		Easter Offering	200.00
Hope 4 Kids	25.00	Hope 4 Kids	198.58
Memorial Fund	20.00	Memorial Fund	
Organ Fund		Organ Fund	450.00
Parsonage Rent	2,100.00	Parsonage Rent	2,100.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		Pastor's Discretionary Fund	1,000.00
Preschool Rent		Preschool Rent	2,700.00
Upper Room		Upper Room	12.00
<b>Online Giving Totals</b>	<b>\$1,365.89</b>	<b>Online Giving Totals</b>	<b>\$2,705.80</b>
Regular Giving	1,340.00	Regular Giving	2,624.63
Online Fees	25.89	Online Fees	57.17
		Easter Flowers	24.00

## Sharing the Good News:

PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) Loan - We were notified in March that our \$24,990.42 PPP loan was forgiven and that no pay back will be necessary.

Countdown to Replenishing Funds Used to Pay Off Loan on Parsonage/Schoolhouse - Through March, a total of \$21,500 has accumulated from parsonage rent, as well as donations to debt reduction.

Ash Wednesday Offering -\$214 was collected and has been sent to the Society of St. Andrew, a faith-based, hunger relief nonprofit that works with all denominations to bridge the hunger gap.



## Ministry Couple Focus:

*Roger and Susie VanLann*



Susie and Roger loved NMUMC. Everyone knew her as Susie, but her real name was Martha, and she was a Martha who loved by serving and doing. Susie and Roger first came to NMUMC in 1958, Hilda Brashears Free (Melinda McCollum's grandmother) became Susie's first friend after they moved to MMUMC. Hilda's family had been pillars of the church for generations and she kept the faith by sharing it. She and Susie did a lot of church work together. Susie's first active endeavor at NM church was to teach the youngest children's Sunday School class. She did this for years. There was a promotion plan from "Miss Susie's" class up to Joan Price's, then to Alice "Boots" Smith's class, before being ready for June and then Steve Oden's. Susie loved her Sunday School kids who included the Matthews boys, the Selby boys, the Free grandchildren, and lots more.

Susie and Roger were involved as counselors for a church camp (MYF) somewhere around Deale on the Bay. Roger sunburned his feet badly at one of the camp outings and never volunteered as a counselor again. This left Susie as the lead counselor for MYF. The camp then moved to Manidokan where the youth of the church traveled to camp in the back of Monroe Free's farm stake truck. One year the MYF had a Halloween Party at Central Church which was part of our Charge then. The (student) minister Clark Aist drove a Volkswagen Beetle which Melinda's Dad and other boys pushed down the hill behind the church and out of sight of Rev. Aist when he came out to drive home. While she may not have let on, Susie was thoroughly amused.

Somewhere about this time, Susie became the Council secretary. Nancy Watkins was the "church musician" at that time. One of the projects that Mrs. Watkins and Susie took on was a Sunday morning Christmas program presented by the children and followed by lunch in what is now the Sunday School building. There was a role for everyone in the whole children's Sunday School. Mrs. Watkins made beautiful, elaborate costumes thereby totally alleviating such issues as finding a bathrobe long enough for Melinda's Dad to wear as a wise man.

The Women's Society of Christian Service was a big deal for Susie, socially as well as spiritually. It was age-inclusive and many of the older women including Janet King's mother Mrs. Boyer were leaders. There was always a program and the various ladies took turns presenting. Meetings were always in the members' homes, and refreshments were a bit of a competition. As a wedding present (1945), Susie got a set of "lap trays" which were often borrowed by the other ladies to serve refreshments on.

One of Susie's favorite ministries was Thelma Gesling's cookie ministry to Reeder Home. It was purely a social, friendly visit once a month to which Susie may have looked more forward to than the residents. Usually they baked cookies, including some special ones with no added sugar for those on special diets. Susie found new recipes and bought a cookie scoop using the folks at Reeder as her justification for this. If she had anything blooming in the flowerbed, she cut flowers to take to the residents who reported enjoying these more than some of the professional arrangements brought in because garden flowers brought back the memories of their own flowers. As far as flowers go, NM Church used to have flowers on the altar every Sunday, and if anyone had flowers blooming at home, those are the flowers on the altar. It was not unusual for Susie's flowers to be included in the altar vases. *(continued on the next page)*

She was deeply involved in food ministry, from covered dishes that featured her famous fried chicken to turkey and oyster dinners. Barb Zimmerman's mother-in-law and Janet King's mother along with others were the senior members of part of this endeavor, but plenty of others made it work. The Sunday School picnic was another opportunity for Susie to serve her delicious food. The picnics were in Monroe and Hilda Free's meadow, first after church on Sunday, then later on a Saturday. In later years, Dave and Evelyn Gaver were the hosts. There was always plenty to eat, and it was plenty good.



During the height of the antique craze, New Market Days was a big event. The NM Church ladies were one of the many groups selling food as a fund raiser. This was such a big event, that all the ladies of the church could not bake enough pies and vats of soup and hot beef for sandwiches and so on. The Poole family from Monrovia were active NM church members then and they gave mule-pulled wagon rides.

In the 1960's, the "young" adults of NM Church organized themselves into a group. This was Steve and June Oden, Dave and Evelyn Gaver, Hilda and Monroe Free, Barb and Gene Zimmerman, and others of that ilk. They had monthly meetings in each other's homes (of course with refreshments) and did a lot of projects. Roger set them up with a "work from home" type of fund raising. They stuffed envelopes for bulk mailings for the Hewlett Packard representative company that Roger was working for at the time. The Young Adults came to the VanLann house in the evening, worked for hours in the basement, and afterward, the men helped load the stuffed envelopes into Roger's station wagon so that he could take them to the Post Office.

Susie also assisted the many student ministers that came through NMUMC's doors. Susie took over the arduous work of printing the bulletins which involved stencils and white out. A mimeograph machine took up residence in her dining room. This morphed into her becoming the volunteer church secretary which she was pleased to be. At one point she had space designated in a church office, and later her secretary post became a paid part time job. She was pleased to have a bit of spending money of her own and to have the recognition. During her bulletin typing, Susie became close with these young student ministers. One of the little things that might have been a big thing in its own way was her mothering these young men. They would come to the house to drop off the bulletins for her to type, and there was always conversation and often a snack. VBS was Susie's big thing. It ran every morning for a week at the church in the time before the church owned the Sunday School building. She all but walked up and down the streets to get kids to attend. There were crafts, music, stories, snacks, and on Friday, there was lunch with hot dogs cooked on the grill, usually with Joan Price and Alice Smith doing the cooking.

Easter was Susie's favorite time of year, she went to and often helped organize special Lenten services at church including the Holy Thursday Covered Dish Supper, and she cooked. Most of all though, she worshipped. If there was a sunrise service available, she went even on a dark, cold morning. And one Easter Sunday shortly after 1975, she said to her children something like because Jesus arose, I know my mother is alive (in Heaven).

Faith, works, and fellowship were the hallmarks of Susie and Rogers Ministry at NMUMC. Well done Good and Faithful servants.

# New Market UMC Children & Youth



## Zoom Sunday School

Thank you to all the kids and parents who have been joining us on Zoom Sunday school. We are longing for the day when we can meet once again in our Education building to learn about Jesus. Until that day we hope you will continue to join us as we Zoom Sunday school!!! We have a few more Sundays to zoom before summer.

### All kids are invited to join us!

April 25, May 2, May 23, and June 13 at 1 pm.  
*Zoom link will be sent in the church Thursday email.*

If you do not get the Children's Ministry emails, let Donna at [declawson16@gmail.com](mailto:declawson16@gmail.com) to get on the list!



## Confirmation 2021

We are overjoyed to announce that the NMUMC confirmation class has been a huge success. This month we will continue to meet on Zoom and meet in person for a mission project packing for Hope 4 Kids. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will travel to The Grotto of Lourdes and participate with mentors in "The Stations of the Cross."

**Mark your calendars for June 12!** We will gather as a church on the Monocacy River at Pinecliff Park for a celebration and renewal of our confirmand's baptism. Some people just might get wet!  
Make sure to adjust your calendar to attend this sacred event.



## TO MARS AND BEYOND!

### Vacation Bible School

**August 2-6**

**6:30-8 pm**

We are so excited to be having VBS this year, but it will look a bit different from past years. We will be holding VBS in the rear yard of the sanctuary. There will be places for socially distant blanket spaces for each family. An adult or guardian will need to be always present with the children. All stations for VBS will take place in this one area. **The sign-up link will be in the Thursday email in the next few weeks. Space will be limited, so please register early!!**

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, contact Donna Clawson at [declawson16@gmail.com](mailto:declawson16@gmail.com)



# Ladies In Faith Together Rocks!



All ladies of New Market UMC are invited to join LIFT on Monday, April 19 at 6 pm in the parking lot. We will be hiding Kindness Rocks throughout the town of New Market. Be sure to wear your walking shoes and mask! We will fellowship as we walk through town and leave some kindness for people to find.

LIFT typically meets on Zoom the second Monday of the month at 7 pm. If you would like to be on the LIFT email list, please contact Donna at [declawson16@gmail.com](mailto:declawson16@gmail.com)



## Circle Of Friends

The UMW Circle of Friends will hold an outdoor picnic gathering on May 11, 2021, from noon to 3:00. They will meet at the larger Pavilion #2 at Old National Pike Park, where they will spread out in groups of 4 among the 20 tables. They will maintain socially distancing, wear masks when applicable, provide a lunch of pre-packaged food, and provide hand sanitizer. If you would like to be included in this event, please contact Marilyn Fritz- 240-405-4614.

## PARABLE OF THE PENCIL

*-You will be able to do great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held by someone higher than you.*

*-It is ok to experience a painful sharpening from time to time.*

*-The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside. Be men and women of honor, relying on your inner core values and morals.*

*-You will make mistakes. Everyone does. That is why pencils have an eraser.*

**MAKE YOUR MARK.  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHEREVER YOU GO.**

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## The Doorbell

A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell.

Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, "And now what, my little man?" To which the boy replies, "Run!"

# **New Market UMC**

*We serve Christ in the world and the community as we share His love with all of God's people. Come be a part of our faith family.*

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**Worship With Us Each Sunday!**

**9:30 am Parking Lot Worship**

**11 am Sanctuary Worship**

**[Click Here](#) to sign up!**

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