

NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR DEC/JAN



“The Journey: Bringing Christmas Home”

The people and places of the Nativity scene may seem worlds away from our neighborhood. We know little of peaceful stables and swaddling clothes. Our life is more of a hard journey to the finish of each day than a silent night. The event of Christmas though, the birth of the Christ child, is not as far away as it may seem. In the gospel of John it is written, “The word became flesh and lived among us.” Eugene Peterson translates it this way, “God moved into the neighborhood.” That’s the whole meaning of Christmas, Christ, God’s chosen one, came to meet us in our neck of the woods. The story is centuries old but the question the same, “Are you ready to welcome the Lord into you’re your home and neighborhood?” This Christmas join us for a beautiful and inspiring journey that will reach from Nazareth to Bethlehem, from our home town to the God who has come to save us!

We are blessed to share the journey as a part of your church family. May God bless you this Christmas and for years to come.

Pastor Jenny, Pastor Scott & Pastor Jason



“MY SOUL GLORIFIES
THE LORD AND MY
SPIRIT REJOICES IN
GOD MY SAVIOR.”

LUKE 1:46-47



The Road to Bethlehem

We are planning to share a beautiful journey toward Christmas and the Christ child this year! Mark your calendars now to keep Jesus the center of your Christmas.

Sunday, December 4 11:00am Special Children’s Sabbath! Bring your children, teens, and the whole family to watch our sanctuary be transformed into Bethlehem and our children into a nativity cast. We will discover that the Christ Child is eager to be received by all of us.

Sunday, December 11 12:00pm Church Family Christmas Lunch & Caroling. Bring a pot of soup or a salad to share in the school house after worship. Then join us as we break into teams to share the love of Christ with shut-ins and friends in the community.



CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

Christmas Eve Services, Saturday, December 24 New Market UMC

Experience the peace and joy of a hometown Christmas.

6:00pm & 8:00pm Candlelight Family Services

**Christmas Day Community Service,
December 25 10:00a.m.**

Between the packages and the feast join us to worship the Christ Child. This service of lessons and carols will be shared by New Market and Mt. Carmel at New Market UMC. Make a note of the special time!!!



Elaine Davis	Kevin Hart
Marilyn Fritz	Nicole Hart
Thomas Geary	Heidi Wilhelm
RJ Grenier	Rob Wilhelm
Doris Nilson	



LOOKING AHEAD

We will be having a Women's retreat March 9th-11th 2012 at Camp Manadokin. This retreat is open to all women from New Market UMC and Mt. Carmel UMC. The cost for the weekend is \$130. For more details and to sign up, please contact the church office.



Visionaries Needed

One of our "call to action goals" that was approved by church council in October, is to turn the balcony area into a coffee house style gathering area. This area will be used for small groups, as a gathering area for pre worship coffee, and as alternate worship seating for the new contemporary 9:30 service and for the traditional 11:00 service. If you are interested in creating the vision for repurposing this space, please contact Pastor Jenny or Pastor Scott.



Confirmation is an opportunity for all teens 6th-12th grade to learn about the Lord, explore their faith, and make personal decisions about their faith journey. The confirmation experience will begin in January. If you or your teen is interested, please let your pastor know or contact your church office.



New Years Eve Community Service

December 31 at 6:30pm

Our youth ministry team will lead a worship service at Mt. Carmel UMC to help us end 2011 and begin 2012 with our Eternal God! All are welcome.



UMW Circle of Friends

Upcoming events:

Dec. 3rd Outing to the National Christmas Choir Concert

Jan. 10th UMW Meeting in the Ed bldg kitchen 12:30pm- Agape feast and Call to Prayer

Kitchen shower:

Since we have our wonderful new kitchen, we are in need of a few things. A "Kitchen shower" list is posted in the back of the church. Please put your name by the item or items you wish to donate. Please bring the items to the Ed bldg kitchen with your name on them by December 15th. Thank you!

STUDY GROUP

This Advent we will share a wonderful advent study open to all adults in the balcony of the sanctuary. The existing 9:30 Adult Sunday school will be joining with new friends to share the study called "Journey to Bethlehem". If you have been considering joining an Adult Sunday school class this is a great time. The first session will be Nov 27th. Pastor Scott and Nick Wood will be co-leading the class.



ACOLYTES NEEDED!

WE ARE IN NEED OF ACOLYTE BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 3 AND UP. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE MIKE GRENIER.



Soul Surfer New Years Eve Lock In

Come and join us for an evening of worship and New Years Eve fun. We encourage the youth's entire family to join us for a portion of the celebration or stay the whole night. You will need sleeping bags, air mattresses (if you want a soft bed), bring a snack and drinks to share, appropriate sleeping attire, and pillow.

December 31, 2011

6:30 to 7:30 Saturday night worship service

7:30 to 8:30 Games in the great room

8:30 to 10:30 Soul Surfer Movie

10:30 to 11:30 Soul Surfer discussion

11:30 to Midnight Times Square Ball Drop party

Midnight to 2:00am board games and free activity

2:00 am to 7:00 Sleepy time

7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast

9:30 pick up time

Parents and siblings are welcome to stay a portion of the evening or join us for the entire lock in

Upcoming Events

December 21 Christmas Party

December 31 Soul Surfer New Years Eve Lock in

March 23-25 Impact Senior high retreat \$115



The Young Adults (18-35) of Mt. Carmel and New Market UMC will be starting a new book study for the months of November and December. The book we will be reading is "Dirty Word" by Jim Walker. The book focuses on redefining church and Christianity for today's world and how we can live out our faith in our lives. The schedule for the meetings is below. Starting in November we will be meeting at Mt. Carmel UMC in the loft. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jason. Hope to see everyone there! Jnshank084@yahoo.com

Tuesday December 6th, 7:00- Dirty Word study. Loft at Mt. Carmel

Tuesday December 20th, 7:00- Dirty Word study. Loft at Mt. Carmel



Men's 2/7 Navigator Invitation (Groups will start in January)

We are currently seeking men from New Market and Mount Carmel who are interested in becoming "rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" Col. 2/7. We now have 5 men who have completed series one of the 2/7 Navigator sessions and they are ready to disciple other men who have a desire to grow deeper in their faith. This is an eleven week commitment with about one hour of prep time and hour and a half session times. We can meet you in your homes or at church, whatever is needed to accommodate your busy schedules. Contact Pastor Scott if you are interested.

Monday Night Men's Group

The Monday night men's group that meets at New Market will be continuing with Tony Dungee's "Quite Strength" through the 28th of November. They will take a Christmas break and rejoin on Jan. 9th at 6:30 with "Purpose Driven Life".



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

IF YOU HAVE A SERVANT'S HEART FOR VISITING SHUT-INS, THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING, NEW VISITORS, AND THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, WE HAVE A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CARING HEART. TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY PASTOR SCOTT. THIS TEAM WILL ALSO BE SENDING CARDS TO GRIEVING FAMILIES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHS IN OUR COMMUNITY, THOSE BAPTIZED AT NEW MARKET AND MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY PRESENT IN WORSHIP. THIS IS A GREAT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE THAT IS COMFORTABLE WITH VISITATION AND THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY, WHO CAN MONITOR VARIOUS NEWS OUTLETS AND REACH THE COMMUNITY WITH A NOTE OF KINDNESS. CONTACT PASTOR SCOTT IF INTERESTED.

SOUP SALAD AND HOLIDAY TREATS POTLUCK

Please join us on Sunday, December 11th after worship for a soup, salad, and holiday treats potluck lunch in the schoolhouse. Please bring your favorite item to share. We will also be going Christmas caroling to the shut-ins afterwards. You do not have to go caroling to attend the luncheon. If interested, please see the sign up at the back of the sanctuary.

The **Foodbank Program**, operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency, provides a three- to five-day supply of food to families and individuals who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries. The FCAA foodbank serves between 300 to 400 households each month ranging from very low-income families who use the foodbank on a regular basis to moderate-income families who are facing a financial crisis and need food assistance. Our foodbank box is at the back of the sanctuary. But too often it is empty. On the **first Sunday of each month**, we would like to fill this box. Perhaps you could "raid your pantry" or buy some extra non-perishables so we can help those in need. Those who receive this food are truly grateful.



MISSION OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

This month's mission offering will go to the BOARD OF CHILD CARE

Their ministry of serving is rooted in a strong Christian foundation based on Wesleyan traditions. This ministry of serving is constantly changing to meet the needs of today's troubled children and families. Our church is part of the Board of Child Care who helps foster care and birth families in our community. We donate the canned corn and peas for the Thanksgiving baskets every year and we also donate the cookies for our district in early November. We will also be filling the little red cardboard Christmas stockings again this year for the Board of Child Care. Please consider giving this month to a wonderful mission that helps those right here in our community. A little kindness goes a long way!

MISSION OFFERING FOR JANUARY

This month's mission offering will go to the HOPE ALIVE

Hope Alive, Inc. is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian ministry serving homeless women and children. Located in rural Sabillasville, Maryland, Hope Alive can accommodate up to 25 individuals. Because a safe and stable home is only one step in breaking the cycle of homelessness, Hope Alive offers a four-phase program and comprehensive support services to address the issues at the root of each family's homelessness. Hope Alive's resident families can stay for up to two years while learning new skills and working toward self-sufficiency. Hope Alive's foundation of Christian faith and love, their strong emphasis on children's services, and their "whole person" approach to recovery in a loving home environment make Hope Alive unique. Our January mission is Hope Alive. Your support can help to give homeless families a brighter future. Please give generously, and spread the word about Hope Alive's mission.



DECEMBER

- 1 Scouts 628
Choir 7:30 pm
- 3 UMW circle of friends outing to the National
Choir Christmas concert
- 4 New Member's service 11:00 am
Children's Sabbath
- 7 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel
Bible study 7 pm
- 8 Scouts 628
Choir 7:30 pm
- 10 Schoolhouse rented-Christmas party 4-7pm
- 11 Soup/Salad potluck lunch after church
Christmas caroling to shut-ins
- 13 UMW meeting 12:30 pm at Thelma Gesling's
- 14 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel
Bible study 7 pm
- 15 Scouts 628
Choir 7:30 pm
- 19 Mission trip meeting 7:00 pm at Mt. Carmel
- 21 Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel
Bible Study 7 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Services at 6:00 & 8:00 pm
- 25 Combined service with Mt. Carmel 10:00 am
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
- 28 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm
Bible study 7 pm
- 29 Scout 628
Choir 7:30 pm
- 31 New Years Eve Community service 6:30 pm-4:30 pm
Mt. Carmel led by the youth ministry team
New Years Eve Youth Lock-in 6:30 pm-9:30 am
(1/1/2012)



FOR DECEMBER

Paul Goebel	12/1
Glenn Beard	12/1
Marsha Zimmerman	12/1
Joyce Boyd	12/3
Edie Loveland	12/11
Ben Grenier	12/19
Alex Morrow	12/22
Karen Wood	12/25
Phil Gamble	12/26
Hypatia Selby	12/31



JANUARY

**Coming This January...
"In the Footsteps of the Savior"**

Taste the sweet wine, feel the slippery mud, envision the savior teaching and healing you. We invite you to join us this New Year for an original sermon series written by our pastor team combining Pastor Jenny's first hand experiences in the Holy land with biblical scholarship and real life application.

Relevant and Life Changing messages will include:

- "Teal Jordan Water and River Rats:
The True Meaning of Baptism"
- "The Sea of Galilee: Calming the Storm"
- "On this Rock: Listening for Our Call"
- "Wine and Water: Inviting Jesus to Transform"
- "Mud: Healing Through Trust"
- "The Sermon on the Mt: Really Being Blessed"
- "Sit Down for This: The Rabi's Teaching"



Howard Selby	1/3
Thomas Crandall	1/11
Glenn Beard	1/22

FOR JANUARY

MISSION TRIP

Hit the road on a Mission Trip! January 15 - 22, 2012! Join the team for a great experience helping residents in North Carolina recover from this year's tornadoes. Please contact Mindy Hanlon for more info - 301-639-1960. The planning meeting will be December 19th at 7:00pm at Mt. Carmel. Please join us for more details.

In my experience . . .

For a number of years, I've been going on mission trips to help build houses or repair houses for those in need. At first I wondered what I could do to help since I had no skills, but I was assured that there would be plenty for me to do. And there has been.

People ask what I do on the site, if I actually build. You bet I do. I've worked on framing, siding, drywall, roofs, woodwork, porches, just about everything (except plumbing and electric which are done by the professionals). I love stretching myself and accomplishing something I never knew I could do.

The real joy comes in meeting the homeowners; they are so appreciative and they usually can't believe that someone would actually go out of their way to do something for *them*. They make me feel so grateful to be able to help. I often feel that I'm gaining much more than I'm giving. Working with others who are willing to give of themselves is amazing; volunteers are some of the best people I have ever met.

We at New Market and Mount Carmel have a great opportunity coming up. In January (the 15th to the 21st), a group from our churches will have the opportunity go to North Carolina to help repair damage done by tornados. The exact jobs have not been assigned. Can you build -- or learn to build? Can you cook? Can you clean up the jobsite? Can you visit with and give hope to the homeowners and others you will meet? Even if you don't go to NC, you can contribute to supplies, food, and other trip expenses. Prayerfully consider what you can do to help.

Think outside the box of your personal experience and come to the meeting on December 19 to learn more. You could find out some pretty awesome things about yourself and your abilities. And more importantly, you can give those who have experienced truly tragic events the hope and knowledge that God can come to them in the most unexpected times.

Mary Lou Bernota

BOARD OF CHILD CARE COOKIES

It is time to bring in your cookies for the Board of Child Care. Every year we provide cookies for the children so they have a treat for the holidays. They can be homemade or store bought. The cookies need to be in by Dec. 9th when they are being picked up by the BOCC. Please bring your cookies this Sunday when you come to church or anytime during this week to the church office and we will make sure they get to them.