

GOOD NEWS



December 2013-
January 2014

A Newsletter for the people of New Market UMC



New Market UMC

Vision Statement

**New Market UMC
Strives to build and
empower disciples for
Jesus Christ**

Mission Statement

**New Market UMC
encourages faithful
discipleship for Jesus
Christ by participating
in Prayer, the Word,
Worship, Fellowship
and Service.**

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*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy...For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

Each year, as the Christmas drama unfolds we hear the cries of the prophets, “behold a virgin shall deliver a son,” “unto us a child is born,” “a shoot shall spring forth from the stump of Jesse,” “from you Bethlehem a Savior shall come.” These phrases connect the infant in the manger to promises made centuries before his birth. The word of the prophets challenge us to consider Jesus as the pinnacle of God’s eternal plan.

Often the prophesies which preceded Jesus’ coming, ring out from the distant corners of our celebration. This year, we will invite the words of the prophets, the promises of God, to come to the center of our advent journey. We will listen deeply to the hope they held for God’s salvation and in so doing deepen our own understanding of the significance of Jesus’ coming to Bethlehem. Of even greater promise is our opportunity to remember that we, like those people of old, are living in a time of waiting. The God who kept his promise in sending Jesus, the Savior, is the same God who has promised to be with us in our current age and to complete, in the coming age, a Kingdom of Peace and Justice.

Join us each week in December and on Christmas Eve as we discover the power of the promises delivered in the Christ child and embrace the promise of God’s increasing presence.

May Jesus be for you this Christmas a Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, and Prince of Peace!

Wishing you and your family a season of Joy!

Pastor Jenny and Pastor Scott



Children's Church & Youth Ministry

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New Market UMC Winter Library Children's Story Time



Wednesday's
10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
(Stories at 11:00 a.m. with play time in between)

Hours Every Saturday!
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(Stories at 11:00 a.m. with play time in between)



Children's Christmas Pageant

Practice for the children's pageant "**Super Hero's**" will be held during Sunday School starting December 1st.

The pageant will be presented at the Sunday Service on **December 22nd**. Contact Donna Clawson for more details (301) 418-0863.

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youth retreat **ROCK**

January 31, February 1 and 2,
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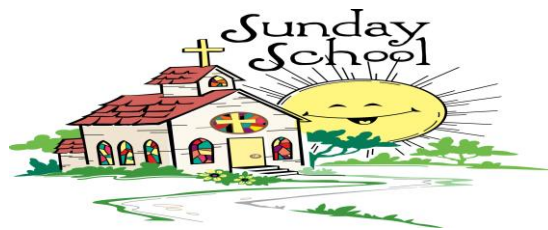
Ocean City, Maryland

Grades 6 - 12th

Contact Mt. Carmel church
office for more information
301-662-1303

Sunday School Program

4-5 yr. olds - Marilyn Fritz
1st-5th graders - Toni Carnahan
6th-9th graders led by Kevin Hart



Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

4 - 5 yr. olds Sunday School in the Ed. Bldg.
1st - 5th Graders Sunday School in the Ed. Bldg.
6th - 9th Graders Sunday School in the Loft
10th - 12th Graders Sunday School in the Loft



This year we are assisting two families with Christmas cheer from Deer Crossing Elementary and New Market Middle. The Giving Tree will be located on the marble table in the rear of the sanctuary. Gift tags with the family needs are on the tree. You can return the tag along with the unwrapped gift on December 15th. There will be a designated time during the service to place the gifts under the tree. Gifts can also be dropped off at the church office.

This & That!

Christmas Music - I love everything about Christmas but especially the music. Usually I'll start listening and singing early on. One of my favorites is "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." I went on line and found out that, like so many early Christmas songs, this carol was written as a direct reaction to the music of the 15th Century Church. Music of the organized religion were usually written in Latin and their melodies were somber and dark. Because of this, the peasant class led a quiet rebellion against the tone of religious music by writing religious folk songs that were light, lively and penned in common language. The lyrics reveal that the song's unknown writer knew the story of Jesus' birth well and understood the power of Christ and what His arrival meant to all who embraced it.

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen was the most famous and loved of all the early carols and its upbeat melody and message of the birth of Jesus in joyful terms, I think, is why it is still loved today. Next time you sing it pay attention to the words - you'll see the Christmas story in a nutshell. If your Christmases past and/or present have some sadness, just think what it would be like if Christ had never been born and I think you'll feel JOY!

Merry Christmas to you all!

Marilyn Brooks





Our Missions for December & January

December – Board of Childcare

The Board of Child Care is a human services organization that helps children. Since 1874, we have given children and their families hope for the future and power in their present lives. Today, we serve more than 1,300 people through our residential and community-based services.

Our goal is to build a bridge leading to independence, success and confidence for children facing adverse life circumstances. When they leave us, we want them prepared to meet the world and to live productive lives.

January – Religious Coalition

Reaching out to thousands of families per month including:

- Those who need food
- Those in danger of being evicted from their homes
- Those needing assistance with utility bills
- Those needing healthcare, dental care and prescriptions
- Those who are homeless

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services



6pm – Family Friendly Traditional

8pm – Traditional Candlelight

Mt. Carmel Prayer Trail

The Mt. Carmel prayer trail is the Eagle Scout project of Conner Brennan of New Market sponsored Boy Scout Troup 628 Trailblazers. During the Advent season there will be weekly daily reflections from C.S. Lewis' *A World Awaits* posted on the trail. Consider taking some time during this hectic holiday season to weekly visit the trail to pray and reflect. The trailhead starts at the corner of the cemetery closest to the playground.



UMW Circle of Friends

“ Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Circle of Friends is blessed with ladies that “serve the Lord with gladness”. At our November meeting a sheet was passed around for hosting, lesson leaders and monthly cards to Friends to Care For, so our 2014 schedule could be printed and given out at our December 9th Christmas luncheon. The response to this, as well as, cookies and cider, cookies and cocoa, plus set-up and manning for these events, decorating the schoolhouse and just whatever we’re asked to do is overwhelming.

We also added another new member, Sharon Riley. Sharon retired from teaching this past year. She has already jumped in with both feet by volunteering to help and donate in upcoming projects and sharing in our mission study and fellowship.

There will be 25 attending the “Singing and Ringing” concert at All Saints Episcopal Church in Frederick on December 15th and having dinner afterwards at Morgan’s. This event was one for not only our circle but for our church congregation. We thank you for your wonderful response. We look forward to our time of enjoying the music and fellowship.

January 13th Circle of Friends will meet at noon in the Ed Bldg. for an Agape Feast—breads, fruits and cheeses—followed with the “Call to Prayer and Self Denial” program. This is one of two special mission programs for the year with designated mission giving.

For several years a number of ladies from our church have been attending the “Sisters in Faith” all day retreat at Montgomery U.M. Church. The date for this is March 29th. 8am-3pm with Renee Swope as guest speaker. A registration sheet will be at the back of the church Jan 14 to Feb.9. Seating is limited so that’s why the early cut-off date.

If you love “serving the Lord with gladness” we welcome you too become a part of Circle of Friends which meets the second Monday of each month at 12:30pm. Info will be in the bulletin monthly or call Thelma Gesling if you desire more information (301)865-5514.

Winter Weather Policy

The following procedure will be used for the cancellation of church meetings, events, office hours and church services for the winter of 2013. Church meetings, events and office hours during the weekday will follow the Frederick County Public School closings. If Schools are closed for the day or have early dismissal due to inclement weather, **all** scheduled activities will be automatically canceled for that day and evening. During the weekend **all** activity and service cancellations will be posted by 8:00 via the two following venues. You can call the church office (301)865-3530 where a message will be posted if there are any cancellations or you can log onto our web site, www.newmarketumc.com, the closing notice will be on the rolling scroll on the main page.

Don't Forget

Outreach Meeting **December 3rd** at 7pm in the Schoolhouse

Christmas week hours:

The office will be closed from Dec. 23rd to Jan. 1st for Christmas break. You may contact the Pastor's directly for any ministry concerns during this week.

January Meetings:

Trustees meeting is Jan. 7th at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.

Outreach meeting is Jan. 7th at 7pm in the Schoolhouse

Finance meeting is Jan. 14th at 7pm in the Schoolhouse.

Council meeting is Jan. 21st at 7pm in the Schoolhouse

Vision meeting is Jan. 28th at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.



The next Food Drop will be held in December at the Ed. Bldg. of New Market UMC. The Food Drop date will be announced by bulletin and email as soon as it is confirmed.

CHURCH WIDE ADVENT STUDY

"Great Expectations" Studies in Isaiah Schoolhouse 9:30 am Sunday's during Advent

Please join us during this special Advent season as we study the fulfillment of the prophecies of the coming Messiah in the book of Isaiah. Letters From a Skeptic and Mustard Seeds small groups will resume their studies after the Advent season.



Game On!!

December 18th & January 15th

Come one, come all!

Everyone is invited to a wonderful day of fellowship and fun on Game Day, 1:30 PM, on Wednesday, at the New Market "School House." Games start at 1:30 and the first session ends around 3 PM but ongoing fun and fellowship can continue on that afternoon. Last month we had a great time with a variety of games. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.



Edenton Retirement Service

Pastor Scott will be representing New Market UMC as a guest preacher at the Edenton Retirement Center on **December 1st at 2:00pm**. This is the home of Polly Petersen and we are looking forward to worshipping with her once again. If you are interested in participating or attending the worship service please contact Pastor Scott.



Sunday Worship Time 11A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Giving Tree Pageant Practice 9:30am Poinsettia orders due Advent Study – Schoolhouse 9:30am	<i>Cub Scouts</i> 1628	Outreach meeting 7pm (Schoolhouse)	Youth Group! 6:30pm God & Me at 6:30pm (ED.) Disciple III at 7pm <i>AA 12pm & 8pm</i>	Choir Practice 7:30pm		Men's breakfast 7am (MC)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Second Sunday in New Market - Live Nativity 2 & 5pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm	Circle of Friends 12pm (Schoolhouse) <i>Cub Scouts</i> 1628		God & Me at 6:30pm (ED.) Youth Group! 6:30pm Disciple III at 7pm <i>AA 12pm & 8pm</i>	Choir Practice 7:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Children's Christmas Pageant	<i>Cub Scouts</i> 1628	Christmas Eve Services 6pm & 8pm	Merry Christmas!			
The office will be closed from Dec. 23 rd to Jan. 1 st						
29	30	31				
	<i>Cub Scouts</i> 1628	New Years Eve!				



December Birthdays:

Glenn Beard	12/01
Marsha Zimmerman	12/03
Paul Goebel	12/01
Joyce Boyd	12/03
Eddie Loveland	12/11
Alex Baughman	12/13
Christopher Knight	12/17
Ben Grenier	12/19
Alex Morrow	12/22
Linda Kornreich	12/23
Karen Wood	12/25
Phil Gamble	12/26
Hypatia Selby	12/31

Happy Anniversary

Dan & Lorie Cooper	12/30
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JANUARY

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			Happy New Years! <i>AA 12pm & 8pm</i>		Choir Practice 7:30pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Community musical recital 2pm Cub Scouts 6:15pm	Cub Scouts 1628	Trustees meeting 7pm (Ed. Bldg.) Outreach meeting 7pm (Schoolhouse)	Youth Group! 6:30pm Discipleship III 7pm (Ed) <i>AA 12pm & 8pm</i>	Choir Practice 7:30pm		
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January Birthdays:

Howard Selby	01/03
Thomas Crandall	01/11
Pastor Jenny	01/12
Eoin Richard Samuel Riley	01/16
Rodney Miller	01/17

Happy Anniversary

Glenn & Jeanne	01/22
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December Helpers:



Worship Team

December 1

Lay Reader: **Kevin Hart**
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**
Acolyte: **Jonathan Grenier**
Nursery: **Kelly Herzing, Brandie Kellogg**
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Nick Wood**
Close Out: **Sharon Riley**

December 8

Lay Reader: **Karen Ohlrich**
Ushers: **RJ Grenier, Andrew McCollum**
Greeter: **Melinda McCollum**
Acolyte: **Thomas Grenier**
Nursery: **Cat Lugez, Angie Hulton**
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Mary Lou Bernota**

December 15

Lay Reader: **Luke Summers**
Ushers: **Michael Grenier, Timmy Summers**
Greeter: **Julie Grenier**
Acolyte: **Marilyn Fritz**
Nursery: **Susie Lawson, Rita Crandall**
Counters: **Walt Russell, Patty Robinson**
Close Out: **Mary Lou Bernota**

December 22

Lay Reader: **Hilary Moore**
Ushers: **Kevin Hart, Luke Summers**
Greeter: **Nicole Hart**
Acolyte: **Lilly Hart**
Nursery: **Heidi Wilhelm, Doris Nilson**
Counters: **Nick Wood, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **RJ Grenier**

December 29

Lay Reader: **Timmy Summers**
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**
Acolyte: **Ethan Hart**
Nursery: **Kelly Herzing, Brandie Kellogg**
Counters: **Linda Siglin, Walt Russell**
Close Out: **Scot Morrow**

Important Notice for Ushers and Close Out Helpers:

First named usher will be the primary usher, it is this usher's responsibility to hand out bulletins and to complete a head count 15 minutes into the service, the head count should include everyone in the sanctuary and everyone in nursery including helpers, they head usher should also sit in the pews at the rear of the sanctuary in case there are any latecomers or to be able to view anyone who may need assistance during the service, the second named usher will help with the offering and communion when applicable. Close out is the Trustee in charge to make sure the Education building and the schoolhouse are secure, the heat turned down to 60 degrees and lights are off.

Position Opening

Full Time Nursery

Position: New Market United Methodist Church would like to announce an opening for Sunday morning nursery position, if you or someone you know is interested in filling the nursery position please contact the office at 301-865-3530. Responsibilities include; arriving at 10:45a.m. and leaving at 12:15p.m., and restoring the nursery to order after service. The applicant must be 18 years or older, is current with CPR certification, or if not the church will pay to become CPR certified and must have their own transportation. The rate is \$25 per Sunday Service.

January Helpers:

January 5

Lay Reader: **Julie Grenier**
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**
Acolyte: **Jonathan Grenier**
Nursery: **Donna Clawson, Heidi Whilhelm**
Counters: **Nick Wood, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Mary Lou Bernota**

January 12

Lay Reader: **Glenn Pritchard**
Ushers: **Tim Summers, Timmy Summers**
Greeter: **Timmy Summers**
Acolyte: **Ethan Hart**
Nursery: **Susie Lawson, Rita Crandall**
Counters: **Toni Carnahan, Patty Robinson**
Close Out: **RJ Grenier**

January 19

Lay Reader: **Karen Ohlrich**
Ushers: **Scot Morrow, Kevin Hart**
Greeter: **Kevin Hart**
Acolyte: **Marilyn Fritz**
Nursery: **Kelly Herzing, Brandie Kellogg**
Counters: **Nick Wood, Patty Robinson**
Close Out: **Scot Morrow**

January 26

Lay Reader: **Barbara Zimmerman**
Ushers: **Mike Grenier, Julie Grenier**
Greeter: **Julie Grenier**
Acolyte: **Jonathan Grenier**
Nursery: **Doris Nilson, Angie Hulton**
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Sharon Riley**



Thank You to the Gaver Family

NMUMC would like to extend our sincerest Thanks to Mike and Lisa Gaver for Donating the abundance of gourds that Adorned the Thanksgiving Alter in November and for their generous Donation of the Christmas Greens. Stop by the Gaver Tree Farm for all your Holiday decorating needs.

Men's "3 Questions" Breakfast

Saturday Dec 7th at 7:00 am at Mt Carmel's kitchen, please join us for an early morning breakfast as we discuss the three questions listed below:

1. Did you control your tongue this week?
2. What would be the one thing you would find the hardest to sacrifice or give up to God? (What can't you live without?)
3. In what ways are you disappointed with God or your ministry?



Men's Monthly Breakfast Dec 7th 7:00 am

Join other men of the church for some early morning basketball, breakfast and time to chew the fat. First Saturday of every month at Mt Carmel's kitchen "Discussion Topic provided by John Smith".

Men's Night Out: Last Friday of every month.

Join the men in a time of fellowship as we bowl our cares away. The next night out is December 27th. We will meet in the front lobby. Contact Kenny Stine for more info: 301-748-4181

**New Market United Methodist Church
Calendar of Fellowship and Outreach Events
December 2013/January 2014**

All events take place on our church campus at the address below.



Where: Historic Schoolhouse and Education Building. (Bundle up the Live Nativity will be outside – weather permitting).

The December Second Sunday in New Market will celebrate the joys and wonders of Christmas. The most important joy of Christmas being the birth of our Lord Jesus and will be celebrated by two presentations of the Live Nativity. The first 30 minute presentation will begin at 2:00 pm and the second presentation will be at 5:00 pm.

We are still looking for performers and live animals, so please contact the church at (301) 865-3530 or Patty Robinson at (301) 883-7703 if you want to participate or have an animal to support the production.

During the time in between presentations, please feel free to visit the Education Building for a visit with Santa, Story Tell Corner with Mrs. Santa, caroling and free refreshments.

New this year will be a Kid's Secret Shopper Shop full of gift items with very reasonable prices for family members and friends – sorry no adults allowed. There will even be a wrapping station where kids can wrap their purchases or get assistance from one of Santa's helpers – so on Christmas Day the kids can surprise their loved ones with the presents they personally picked out.

Coming in January:

Community Musical Recital At New Market UMC



Where: Church Sanctuary

Sunday, **January 5th** at 2:00 pm we will hold a community musical recital at New Market United Methodist Church. Several local choirs will participate, but we are hoping for individuals in the community to contact us if they have an interest in performing. We are open to all types of musical entertainers whether vocal or instrumental. This is the first year for this event and we are hoping for a wonderful two hour concert to bring a beautiful ending to the Christmas season.

We have room for approximately 15 acts, performing two musical pieces. If you love music, don't hesitate, because the registration deadline is December 27th. Refreshments will follow the performance. There is no charge for the concert, but we are asking for a donation of one food item to support our local food pantries during the holiday season.

Please contact the church at (301) 865-3530 or Patty Robinson (301) 882-7703 if you are interested. We are hoping to get all kinds of performers to celebrate the beginning of 2014.

Saturday, January 25, 2014 – Family Game Night and Crockpot Cook Off



Where: Historic School House



And Crock Pot Cook Off!!

The evening will start at 5:30 pm to set up your crockpot dishes. At 6:00 pm we will eat and vote for the best crockpot recipe. Bring your nickels and pennies because that is how we will vote for the tastiest dish of the evening. All proceeds will go the monthly mission.

After dinner we will play all kinds of games – bring your favorite along. What a great way to spend a cold winter's evening with friends, food and fun --- please come join us.