



DEEP ROOTS VISIBLE GRACE

December 2018 /
January 2019

A newsletter for the family and
friends of New Market UMC



What the world needs now....

The secular world is trying to convince us that “more” will make things better. That something new might restore our peace or something shiny might cut through the gloom. In contrast, I wonder if perhaps our frustration and uneasiness is actually caused by too much-- too much information, too much friction, too much division, too much negativity. If we really ask ourselves what we need NOW, we might start singing an old tune,

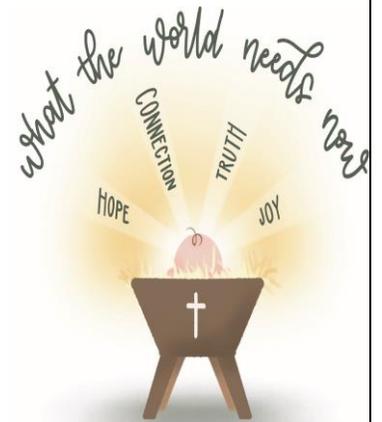
“What the world needs now is love, sweet love, it’s the only thing that there’s just too little of!”

On the first Christmas, God gave the gift that has forever been all that we truly need. In Jesus, God puts on human flesh to feel our deepest longings. Through Jesus, God reveals His willingness to give us everything we need to be whole. This December, we invite you to join us in worship as we discover the gifts that we believe will actually restore us: Hope, Truth, Connection, Joy, and of course, Love!

These gifts might seem too simple or cliché to actually change things but within each lies the power to transform us and the world we help to shape. It is hope that empowers justice, it is truth that casts out fear, it is connection that brings purpose, it is joy that uplifts, and love, there is nearly nothing love can’t do!

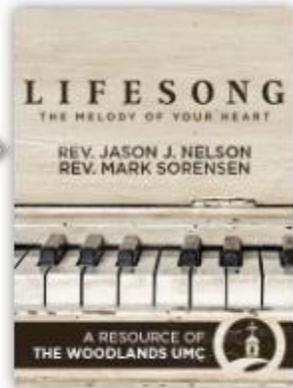
We are praying for you to experience the lifegiving blessings of Christmas.
With hope,

Pastor Scott, Pastor Jenny, Pastor Helen, Pastor Ed



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January 2019 Calendars!**
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Everyone is invited to join this five week Advent study beginning Sunday, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. at the Schoolhouse. If you have never joined a Bible study, this is a good time to try one out for the short term.

Lifesong takes a look at how the stories of Zechariah, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds react upon learning of God’s plan to save humanity.

Daily Advent Devotions

Sometimes when we walk out of the sanctuary after worship, it’s easy to get back into our own world. This Advent take time to focus outside your normal circle, to focus on the birth of Jesus with the daily advent devotional, **Surprises Along the Way.** Use the daily readings, reflections, and prayers to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ-child. The booklets are available now in the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Sunday School News



Sunday School Schedule

9:15-9:30 a.m.: Gathering Time in the preschool room
9:30- 9:45 a.m.: Large Group Worship
9:45-10:20 a.m.: Kids will break into age appropriate classes
10:20-10:30 a.m.: Snack time

Confirmation 2019!!

Every other year our parish offers a confirmation class for 6th-12th graders who are eager to explore their faith and who wish to consider becoming members of the church. Confirmation is an opportunity to ask questions and consider a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This year Pastor Jenny and a team of volunteers will offer 10 classes on Wednesday evenings (approx. two per month from January-May). The confirmation journey will also include a retreat and several adventures.

A parent meeting for interested families will be held on January 9th 7:15-8:00 p.m. (second half of youth group). To sign-up contact the church office or contact Pastor Jenny for more information at crazymethodists@comcast.net.



December 2, 9, 16: Christmas Pageant Practice during the Sunday School time
December 23: Children's Christmas Pageant at both services
December 30: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Celebration



New Market 2018 Christmas Parade!

On December 1st, The Children's Sunday school will be in the Christmas Parade again this year. If you would like to help with planning our "Happy Birthday Jesus" float, contact Donna at declawson16@gmail.com.

Those planning on decorating and/or ride on the float should be at the church parking lot at 9 a.m.

ROCK

Youth Retreat

When: February 8-10, 2019 **Where:** Ocean City, MD **Cost:** \$125

What: An awesome weekend filled with fun and worshipping our Lord!

Open to students 6-12th Grade!

Needed: Chaperones! Please contact Pastor Ed if available.

FOR MORE INFO. VISIT WWW.NEWMARKETUMC.COM OR CALL 301-865-3530

Come 🎄 Invite 🎄 Enjoy

“What the World Needs Now...”

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us for a Christmas that matters! In Christ we find the gifts that transform us and our world! These events are a great place for you and your family to connect, but don't come alone-- intentionally bring a friend or neighbor.



What Happened in Bethlehem Doesn't Have to Stay in Bethlehem!

December 1 ~ 4 p.m. at New Market UMC

An original production of the Nativity through song and story of puppets and people!

Make it a family day! New Market Christmas Parade at 10 a.m. Mrs. Claus Workshop at the New Market Church schoolhouse from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The workshop includes stories, kids' crafts, and free vision screening by the Lions Club. New Market town Christmas tree lighting and Santa's arrival are at 5 p.m. in the community park.

“Supper with Santa” December 8 ~ 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in the Mt. Carmel Great Room

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a joyful evening.

Feast upon “breakfast for supper”-- pancakes, fruit, sausage, juice and hot chocolate.

Hear Mrs. Claus share the story of the true gift of Christmas.

Little one's shop and craft at Santa's Workshop in order to have their own surprises for loved ones. Santa's ear is open to hearing all your Christmas wishes.

Bring your cameras for a no-line Santa picture.

This is a free community event. Donations accepted.



Christmas Community Cantata “Hope: A Gospel Christmas Celebration”

Be swept away by the uplifting sound of Hope! Our mass choir combines the voices of the New Market Choir, Mt. Carmel Choir, and community singers! Invite your friends and neighbors to meet your church family and experience the hope of our faith.

Choose the time and location that works for you and your guests:

Sunday, December 16th ~ 11:00 a.m. at New Market United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 6th ~ 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church



This school year's first quarter has been an exciting one for Hope 4 Kids. Volunteers at Mt. Carmel UMC prepare 48 packs of food for students at Spring Ridge Elementary and Oakdale Middle Schools, while New Market UMC prepare 37 packs of food for students at New Market Elementary, New Market Middle, Deer Crossing Elementary, and Oakdale Elementary. That is 85 students in our local community that are being blessed by our Hope 4 Kids program!

Before those bags get into the lockers of food insecure children there are more than 50 volunteers needed each month to manage inventory, fundraise, order food, shop for additional items, deliver to the schools, and, of course, prepare the packs. If you are interested in learning more about this local mission, please contact Caryn Gilbert at caryn.a.gilbert@gmail.com or stop in to one of our upcoming packing dates.

At **New Market**, packing will be on **Tuesday 12/18/18 and 1/22/19** and is held in the Schoolhouse at 6 p.m.

At **Mt. Carmel**, packing immediately follows the 11 a.m. service on Sunday **12/9/18 and 1/13/19** and is held in the church basement.

This is a great time of prayer, service, and fellowship. All ages are welcome.

AmazonSmile

Christmas shopping is just around the corner. If you plan to shop on Amazon, you can also help the church at no additional cost to you. Amazon has a shopping option called Amazon Smile that makes charitable donations to many non-profit organizations. New Market UMC is one such organization. For instructions on how to register contact the church office.



An update on the financial health of the church from the Finance Committee

Because both giving and attendance were down in October, we are slipping behind in meeting the budgeted goal for giving for this year. However, we are ahead of last year's giving for the January-October thanks to overall strong giving. Thank you!

Below you can compare 2017 to 2018's giving through October 31st and year end goals.

Category	2017	2018	Budget Goal
Total Giving (Identified)	\$119,254.35	\$128,186.10	\$158,000.00
Loose Plate	\$3782.97	\$2532.25	\$4000.00

The mortgage debt has been reduced by \$48,418.68 over the last twelve months thanks to the many designated mortgage reduction gifts from you, as well as our applying the full rent from the parsonage to pay down the mortgage. In the past much of that rent money was used to close gaps in our budget. Last year the Finance Team challenged the congregation to give enough to fully support our church's functioning so that we could use the difference between the required monthly payment on the loan and the rent we receive for the parsonage to make principal only payments. Thank you for taking up that challenge and besting it by giving additional funds to pay down the loan.

The mortgage debt has been reduced to \$109,581.32. The original balance on this five year loan was \$177,871.02 in January of 2016. This means that of the \$68,289.70 in principal that we have paid off over the last years, \$48,418.68 of it (almost 71%) was paid down this year. Two more years of similarly strong giving will have our church debt free and, therefore, more free to focus more on ministering to our community.

We are so "very thankful" for the tithing of our committed and steadfast congregation. The Finance committee would like to wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving.

Ladies Groups at New Market

UMW

United Methodist Women "Circle of Friends" – Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 11th**, at 12:00 p.m. This is our Christmas Luncheon. Please mark your calendar. We hope you can come!

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together)

Would you like to get to know and support other women from New Market United Methodist Church? **Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT)**, the UMW evening group, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Building kitchen. Please join us in fellowship as we continue our lively discussions about "Momentum", a video series about the Beatitudes. Our next LIFT meetings will be held on Monday, **12/10 and 1/14**. If you would like to provide a snack, please contact Kathy (Kathyginsburg1106@gmail.com) or Donna Clawson (sd3clawson85@yahoo.com).



Lunch With A Pastor: January 29th try The Derby!

Looking for an informal environment where fellowship and relationships can be shared? Have questions you would like to explore with the pastor and other adults? Just looking for some company to share a meal? In the New Year our pastors will take turns joining you for lunch on the last Tuesday of each month. Details about each month's lunch will be provided in the bulletins and e-announcements. You can sign up on the bulletin board or just meet us at the restaurant.

**January's lunch is with Pastor Jenny on January 29th,
11:30 a.m.
at The Derby in New Market.**



Every day you see people who are hurting-- those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, are lonely, are battling a debilitating condition or terminal illness, or are feeling overwhelmed caring for a loved one. God tells us in Scripture to "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). People are precious, and when they hurt or suffer, they deserve the best care and support we can offer. That's why our congregation has Stephen Ministers.

In the past two years, our team of Stephen Ministers has been "blessed to be a blessing", walking beside over 20 persons going through a difficult time by providing consistent one-on-one emotional and spiritual support and care. This Holy work has been life-changing for the people served, for the lay ministers themselves, and for our community. We praise God for that!!

Holidays can be especially difficult for those experiencing loss or change. As we prepare ourselves for the Christmas season, consider those whom you know who are struggling or hurting – one of those might even be you. For these people, connection to a Stephen Minister who just listens and loves them, who brings the love of Jesus to them in a very tangible way, might be the best gift you could give them this Christmas.

If you would like to learn more or to connect someone with a Stephen Minister, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Patty Robinson (240-441-1170 or Pattyrob16@msn.com), or Pastor Scott Clawson (240-409-8119 or pastorscott62@gmail.com) or Sharla Worley (301-514-0306 or sharlaworley@juno.com),. You may also contact the church office 301-865-3530.

December

Worship Helpers Needed - Get involved by volunteering to help at the 9:30 or 11 a.m. services. Readers, ushers, greeters, and nursery volunteers are needed. We are trying to establish a once a month rotation. If you are interested, or would like more information on the duties, please contact Pastor Scott.

Sunday Worship Times 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1
Bethlehem Puppet and People Play 9:30 and 11 a.m. services 3:30 p.m. New Members Class (Mt.C)	6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)	6-7:30p.m. Girl Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Trustee (L)	6:30 p.m. Youth Group (MC) AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	Christmas in New Market 8 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Library
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
What the World Needs Now: Connection 12:15 p.m. Hope 4 Kids (MC)	7:30 p.m. LIFT (Ed.BK) 6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)	12 p.m. UMW Christmas Luncheon (SH) 3:40 – 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SH)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 12 – 4 p.m. Private Party (SH)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Christmas Cantata 2:30 p.m. Daisies (SH)	6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)	6 p.m. Hope 4 Kids (SH) 7 p.m. Council (Ed. BK)	6:30 p.m. Youth Group (MC) AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Private X-Mas Party (SH)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Children's Pageant	6 p.m. Family Service 8 p.m. Traditional Service 11 p.m. Fairview Christmas Service	 Merry CHRISTMAS	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	Library 10 a.m. – 1p.m. 3 – 7 p.m. 2 nd St. & Hope
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Unity Service & 5th Sunday Potluck (no 9:30 a.m. service)						

December Birthdays

Glenn Beard	12/01	Edie Loveland	12/11	Ben Grenier	12/19
Marsha Zimmerman	12/01	Alex Baughman	12/13	Alex Morrow	12/22
Paul Goebel	12/01	Hannah Clawson	12/17	Linda Kornreich	12/23
Joyce Boyd	12/03	Christopher Knight	12/17	Karen Wood	12/25
Eleanor Corbin	12/05	Tom Geary	12/18	Lily Sutherin (Coleman)	12/29



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		Happy New Year! 6-7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Trustee meeting (L) 7 p.m. Outreach (Ed.BK)	6:30 p.m. <i>Youth Group (MC)</i> AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 - 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Group (Ed.B K) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	4 - 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	9 a.m. Adult Bible Study - (Ed. BK) Library 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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Howard Selby	01/03	Eoin Riley	01/16
Kevin Coleman	01/08	Rodney Miller	01/17
Atticus Shuey	01/09	Cayden Coleman	01/19
Thomas Crandall	01/11	Patty Watson	01/23
Pastor Jenny	01/12	Fletcher Shuey	01/29

Happy Anniversary!

David & Joyce Boyd
01/21
Glenn & Jeanne Beard
01/22

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New Market United Methodist Church

*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.*



9:30 & 11 a.m.

Services at

**New Market United
Methodist Church**

5501 Old National Pike,
New Market

Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Worship Calendar

- 12/2 – Bethlehem Puppet and People Play 9:30 and 11 a.m. services
12/8 – Council meeting to approve budget 7 p.m. in the Ed. Bldg. kitchen
12/9 – What the World Needs Now: Connection
12/11 – Christmas Decorating in the sanctuary 6 p.m.
12/16 – Christmas Cantata / New Market & Mt. Carmel Choirs
- 11 a.m. service Cantata Concert in the sanctuary
- 12/23 – Children's Pageant
12/24 – Christmas Eve Services
- 6 p.m. Family Candlelight Service
 - 8 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service
 - 11 p.m. Fairview Chapel – Pastor Scott with Communion
- 12/30 – 11 a.m. Unity Service and potluck immediately following (no 9:30 a.m. service)

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