



DEEP ROOTS VISIBLE GRACE

December 2019

A newsletter for the family and friends of New Market UMC.

GOD OF THE GALAXIES, DELIVERED IN A MANGER!

As the world rushes into the Christmas season, we, the church, are called to approach the holiday season with a different point of view. Sure, all the celebrations and gift giving, card sending, eggnog drinking are joyous times, but if we are honest with each other, the season can seem selfish and void of true meaning. This Advent season we are asking the church to take your gaze off of the holiday lights and glitter and lift your eyes up into the hills from where our only true hope comes, God.

This advent season we hope you will join us as we go deeper in our understanding of the Child who met us in the manger. Our scriptures will inspire awe as we see the infant Christ as the incarnate hand of our Alpha Omega God who is continually reaching out to us. As we journey ever closer to the celebration of Christ’s birth, we will ponder what this birth meant, the story of God’s redemption through Jesus the Christ. We will view the scene at the manger more like a D-day invasion than a peaceful pastoral scene. Christ came to win victory over sin and death through the cross and resurrection and Christ is coming again one day, the second meaning of Advent, to establish everlasting victory.

This Advent I will be using some references to C. S. Lewis, “The lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. I encourage everyone to familiarize or re-familiarize yourself with this classic children’s story that resonates for all ages the gospel story told in analogy. If you have Disney Plus the newest version of the movie is available there or even better, grab the book. My Christmas Eve sermon will be titled “Aslan Has Landed”. I am excited and looking forward to this Advent Season.

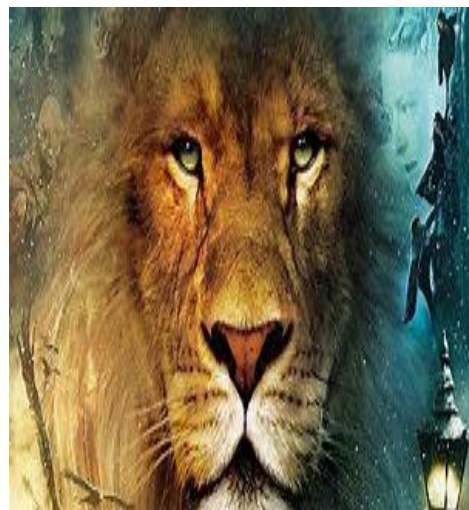
Make your heart a manger to receive the Eternal Christ who is eager to reveal God’s glory to you and through you to the world!

We look forward to a deeper look and an awe-inspiring Christmas!

Pastor Scott & Pastor Jenny



ASLAN HAS LANDED!



Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship
6 p.m. Children Focused Service
8 p.m. Traditional Candlelight
11 p.m. Fairview Communion Service



Advent Worship Schedule

Dec 1 “What Do You Expect: Candle of Hope”

Dec. 8 “Enemy Territory: Candle of Peace” Advent Communion

Dec. 15 “Promises Fulfilled: Candle Of Joy”

Dec. 22 “It’s All Over Your Face: Candle of Love” Children’s Pageant

Prepare Your Heart for Jesus this Advent: Advent Small Group Study Opportunities

The season approaching the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is a season of waiting, watching and being amazed by God's Holy Spirit.



"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be." (Luke 1:26-29)

Advent is a season of many events and activities, too. We invite you to include in your Advent journey, time to study the scriptures, meditate, share in Bible study and fellowship so that you may maximize your understanding of the movement and guidance of God's loving Spirit throughout the Advent season.

Daily Devotional: Be sure to pick up a free copy of "Written In the Stars" from the Sanctuary at church to use with your families and friends during Advent.

Small Group Advent Studies: In addition to your personal reflection we invite you to join a small group to study and be in fellowship with others who are seeking to know the Lord better.

Wednesday's December 4th, 11th, 18th, January 8th and 15th at 10 a.m. in the Schoolhouse

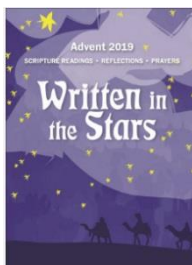
Christmas Gifts that Won't Break by James W. Moore. Go on an Advent journey with the beloved teacher and storyteller James W. Moore, exploring the spirit of Christmas. As you light the candles of your Advent wreath, reflect on the unbreakable gifts that God has given us: hope, love, joy, and peace. And remember God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ, who comes to us as a baby and leads us through all the days of our lives.

Sunday Morning's December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th at 9:30 a.m.

Advent: He keeps his promises. The king is coming. Jesus Christ has come and will come again. This is the hope of the Church whom He purchased with His blood. It is the eager expectation and desire of His people. His coming is our joy, for he is our treasure, our greatest good.

Thursday Evening's Men's Group December 5th, 12th, 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the New Market Ed building kitchen.

The King is Coming. Join Pastor Scott and the men of the parish as they connect the prophecies of the Old Testament to the fulfillment of the coming Messiah in the New Testament. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pastor Scott for more details- 240-409-8119



Advent Daily Devotional

Be sure to pick up a free copy of "Written in the Stars" in the Gathering Hall at church to use with your families during Advent.



Hope 4 Kids: This school year's first quarter has been an exciting one for Hope 4 Kids. Each month, volunteers at Mt. Carmel UMC prepare 63 packs of food for students at Spring Ridge Elementary and Oakdale Middle School, while New Market UMC prepares 21 packs of food for students at New Market Elementary, New Market Middle, Deer Crossing Elementary, and

Oakdale Elementary. That is 84 students in our local community that are being blessed by our Hope 4 Kids program!

Behind the scenes, more than 50 volunteers help each month to manage inventory, fundraise, order food, shop for additional items, deliver items to the schools, and, of course, prepare the packs. If you are interested in learning more about this local mission, please contact Christy Renken at

hope4kids.foodpacks@gmail.com or join us at one of our monthly packings. If

you would like to donate to Hope 4 Kids, simply drop a check or cash into the offering with H4K on the memo line. Donations can also be mailed directly to either church.

At Mt. Carmel, packing immediately follows the 11:00 a.m. service, in the basement, on Sunday 1/5/20 and Sunday 2/2/20. At New Market, packings are held on Tuesdays 12/17/19 and 1/21/20 in the Schoolhouse at 6:00 p.m. This is a great time of prayer, service, and fellowship and all ages are welcome.

Thank you not only to our wonderful volunteers, but to all of the donors that allow us to spread Christ throughout our beloved community through Hope 4 Kids. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



The following procedure will be used for the cancelation of church meetings, events, office hours and church services for the winter of 2019 - 2020. 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 cancelations will be posted by 7 a.m. via the following venues.

You can log onto our web site and the information will be on the top scroll. Our new online directory has the capability of communicating cancelations via emails and texts. In order to receive these communications it is important that all your contact information is updated in the directory. You can access our directory on our website at www.newmarketumc.com. The username is the first letter of your first name and your full last name, no spaces. The password is peace. If you are not currently in the directory, please fill out the Visitor Response card located in the pews or contact the church office 301-865-3530. If you have difficulty accessing the directory, contact David Robinson at 240-441-1171. If you do not have an email or texting capability, please contact the church office.

Congratulations to Patty Robinson!



Patty Robinson has been discerning her call to ministry for several years. In November she met with the Frederick District Committee on Ministry (DCOM) and was joyously and unanimously approved to continue on the process of becoming a Local Pastor. She has several steps to complete before she will be able to attend Local Pastor Licensing School in May of 2020. Keep Patty and her husband David in your prayers as they continue to walk this bold path.

Sunday School

a ministry preparing EXTREME disciples

Christmas Pageant! December 20

Last year the hosts of "Good Morning New Market" interviewed the animals of the manger this year we are going to take you back to that manger and explore the miracle that happened there.

**Parents we ask that if at all possible, this week the kids stay for both the 9:30 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. so the whole congregation can enjoy our Christmas Pageant.

Christmas in New Market Parade!! December 7 ~ 10 a.m.

Mark your calendars! It is time to start planning our float for the Christmas in New Market Parade. The kids are already planning how to decorate the float!! Plan on arriving at 9:30 a.m. and dress warmly.

AMPED Wednesday Nights

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays are a place for 6th - 12th graders to connect, play, eat, and grow closer to God. This fall we will be exploring "The Circle Maker", a story about a man whose life and community changed because he was determined to pray until God showed up! What would happen in your life if God showed up in a powerful way?

**Mark your calendars for
AMPED:**

October 16, 30
November 6, 20

Youth Sunday School
9:30 a.m. every week
We are here for you!

Preschool ages 3- 5 yrs. – Ms. Marilyn Fritz (Preschool room)
1st – 2nd Grade – Ms. Donna Clawson (Preschool room)
3rd – 5th Grade – Ms. Toni Carnahan (Ed. Bldg. Kitchen)
6th – 12th Grade – Kate Hanson (Pastor Scott's Office)



December Special Event is the AMPED Christmas Party

WHERE: Corey & Nicole's home

WHEN: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

DETAILS: Bring a \$10 wrapped gift for our gift exchange game. (the crazier the better)

Church bus will leave Mt. Carmel at 6pm, please RSVP to Michele Stine if you are riding our bus



Circle of Friends

Ladies Groups at New Market

Would you like to get to know and support other Women?



The Circle of Friends, the UMW daytime group, meets the second Tuesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. in the Schoolhouse. **The next meeting is December 10th at 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. for the Christmas Luncheon.** If you would like more information on this group, contact Marilyn Fritz at 240-405-4614.

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) - All meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and are held in the Education Building (where the preschool is) kitchen. The next meeting is December 9th. Please come and join us. If you would like more information, contact Donna Clawson at 301-418-0863.

Meal with the Pastors - Good meals, good people, and good prayers to start or re-start your day! This fall, the pastors invite you to join them around the table for a time of fellowship, prayer, question asking, and story sharing! We will alternate between breakfast and lunch to fit the different schedules of our people. All ages are welcome. The next meal is lunch at The Derby on December 17th at 11:30 a.m.

Update on the Coffee Truck

In November Patty and Pastor Scott attended a Ministry Hatchery seminar in Linthicum, MD. Their goal was to see if the ministry idea of operating a Coffee Truck that offered coffee and pie to the community wherever the community was gathering. The truck would be available at NMUMC events, community events, community practice fields in the evenings, etc. wherever large groups of people were gathering. The plan was to engage with the community with radical hospitality, kindness, and a trained listening ear that would ask the next pertinent questions to form deeper relationships.




The idea was well received and affirmed by both the leadership, the “shark tank” judges, and the other participants. The proposed name was also received with great passion. “A Cup of J.O.E.” (Jesus over everything). A side ministry connected to the project would be a pie making gathering that would be sold at the truck. This ministry would be for participants of all ages who would come together and bake pies at either the Grange or Mt Carmel (commercial kitchens). We came back invigorated and empowered and with some seed money \$700.00 by winning the proof of conception award. Our team, (Kate Hanson, Jodie Phillips, Patty Robinson and Pastor Scott) was encouraged by the Hatchery leadership to do several one offs (single events) this coming year. Our kick-off date is the Easter Egg Roll on Saturday April 11th, 2020. The team is currently working on coffee roaster selection, branding the name and domain name, researching borrowing the Lions concession trailer for the one off. Please keep this ministry in your prayers, if you would like to contribute to this new ministry- mark the memo line in your check Coffee Truck, if you are interested in joining the team or interesting in volunteering to serve on the truck or to make pies, please let Pastor Scott know.

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. 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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 st Sunday in Advent	10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)	6 – 7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SH)	5:30 – 6:50 p.m. Daisies (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)	7 p.m. Tree Lighting (Town of NM) and Live Nativity	10 a.m. Parade / Christmas in New Market Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2 nd Sunday in Advent 2:30 – 5 p.m. Daisies (SH)	10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. LIFT (Ed. BK)	12 – 2 p.m. UMW X-mas Luncheon (SH) 3:40 – 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. SPRC (Ed.BK)	Chapel 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)		Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 4 p.m. Christmas Concert
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3 rd Sunday in Advent 2:30 – 5 p.m. Daisies (SH)	10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. LIFT (Ed. BK)	11:30 a.m. Lunch with the Pastor at the Derby 6 – 7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Ed. B) 6 p.m. Hope 4 Kids (SH)	6:30 p.m. AMPED X-mas party (MC) 5:30 – 6:50 p.m. Daisies (SH) 7 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Ed. BK) 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)		Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Private Party 12 – 5 p.m. (SH)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4 th Sunday in Advent Pageant	10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)	Christmas Eve Services 6 & 8 p.m.	 MERRY CHRISTMAS			Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
29	30	31	Calendar Key: MC = Mt. Carmel SH = Schoolhouse S = Sanctuary Ed. B = Ed. Bldg. Ed. BK = Ed. Bldg. kitchen L = Library ND = Newsletter Deadline		Church Office Hours: Wednesdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursdays 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	
Potluck immediately following the 11 a.m. service	10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)	New Year's Eve				

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Marsha Zimmerman	12/01	Hannah Clawson	12/17	Karen Wood	12/25
Paul Goebel	12/01	Christopher Knight	12/17	Lily Sutherin (Coleman)	12/29
Joyce Boyd	12/03	Tom Geary	12/18		
Eleanor Corbin	12/05	Ben Grenier	12/19	Happy Anniversary!	
Eddie Loveland	12/11	Alex Morrow	12/22	Dan & Lorie Cooper	12/30
Alex Baughman	12/13	Linda Kornreich	12/23		



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 this year. However, we are ahead of last year’s giving for the January-October period thanks to your overall strong giving. Thank you!

Below you can compare giving in 2018 through October 31, 2019, as well as year-end goals.

Category	2018	2019	Budget Goal
Total Giving (Identified)	\$128,186.10	\$139,091.11	\$160,000.00
Loose Plate	\$2532.25	\$3547.75	\$4000.00

The mortgage debt has been reduced by \$36,720.77 during the last twelve months thanks to the many designated mortgage reduction gifts from you, as well as our applying the full rent payment from the parsonage. In past years some 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 budget 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.

As of November 7, 2019, the mortgage debt has been reduced to \$72,860.55. The original balance on this five year loan was \$177,871.02 in January 2016. This means that of the \$105,010.47 in principal that has been paid over the last almost four years, \$85,139.45 of it (almost 81%) was paid down in the last two years! The loan is due to be refinanced in February, 2021. If we want to eliminate that step and be debt free, a very strong commitment of giving from our church family will be needed. Once the goal of being debt free is reached we will be able to focus more on ministering to our congregation, community and missions.

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 Christmas.

Tim, Carole, Thersa, Patty, Dan, Susan and Pastor Scott



This year we will again hold Christmas Eve services at 6 and 8 p.m.

For both services to be a success we need the following positions to be filled. Contact the church office if you are able to help at one or both services.

6 & 8 p.m. - Lead Nursery Care (Erica is unavailable)

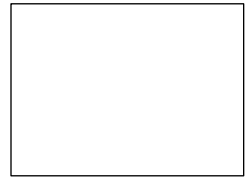
8 p.m. - Nursery Helper

8 p.m. - Greeter

6 p.m. – 1 Usher

8 p.m. - Parking Lot Greeter

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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.

Christmas in New Market

NMUMC will continue to play a major part in Christmas in New Market this year.

Dec. 6 from 5-8 p.m. - Joint Live Nativity with Simpson Chapel in their church lawn to coincide with the New Market Christmas Tree Lighting

Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. - Christmas Parade with a New Market Sunday School decorated float
11 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Mrs. Clause's workshop in the Schoolhouse

Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. - NMUMC Sanctuary - The Christmas Story in Word and Song
Featuring the La Camerata Nuove singers and Francisco deAraujo
(The choir that sang on Good Friday)

To guarantee a seat please email hometownchurch@comcast.net or call the church office (301-865-3530). We are wishing to offer this as an outreach to the community. It is important to know how many congregants and friends will be attending the 4 p.m. service.

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