



# DEEP ROOTS VISIBLE GRACE

**December 2022**

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 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 revisiting C. S. Lewis's, "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. 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



### **Christmas Eve Worship Times**

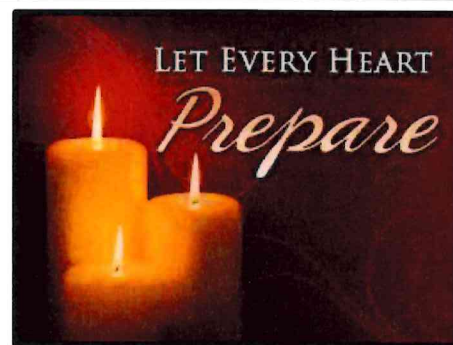
1 pm Children's Candlelight Service - Nursery Available

6 pm - Candlelight Service- Nursery Available

8 pm- Candlelight Service- No Nursery Available

You can also join Pastor Scott for a Christmas Eve communion service at Fairview Chapel @11 pm

(6802 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market, MD 21774).



### **Advent Worship Themes**

**November 27- Up to Restoration**

**December 4- Stand as a Signal**

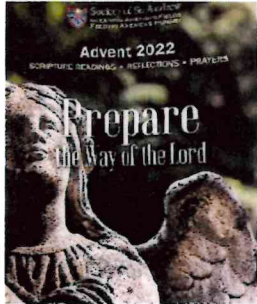
**December 11- Children's Pageant**

**December 18- Give you a Sign**



## **Advent Bible Study Opportunities**

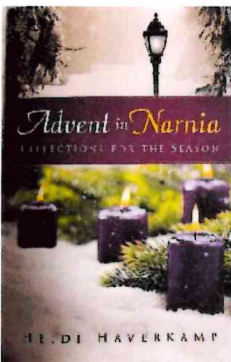
*Advent is a season of events and activities. We invite you to include in your Advent journey, time to study the scriptures, meditate, share in Bible study and fellowship so that you may maximize your understanding of the movement and guidance of God's loving Spirit throughout the Advent season.*



**Daily Devotional:** Be sure to pick up a free copy of "Prepare the Way of the Lord" from the church Sanctuary to use with your families and friends during Advent. This devotional will take the place of daily devotions provided by Pastor Scott and Pastor Patty during the Advent season.

**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.*

## **"Advent in Narnia- Reflections of the Season" Advent Study with Pastor Patty**



With its enchanting themes of light and darkness, temptation and sin, forgiveness, and hope- and even an appearance by Father Christmas- C.S. Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* naturally enhances the Advent season of reflection. As the reader anticipates the glorious coming of Christmas, *Advent in Narnia* inspires us to consider the holiday from a new perspective.

**Online Study by Zoom:** Wednesday's at 7 pm, starting November 30<sup>th</sup>  
To receive the Zoom link, contact Patty Robinson in the church office.  
Books are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

## **You Can Continue to Join One of These Ongoing Bible Studies**

**Tuesday Lectionary Study-** 10:00 am Sanctuary with Pastor Scott (no study 11/29)

**Saturday Morning Disciple Class.** 9-11:30 am. Contact Nick Wood 240-405-8860

**Sunday Morning's at 9:30 am** in the schoolhouse. Lectionary Study in the schoolhouse.



## Christmas in New Market Parade and Live Nativity December 3<sup>rd</sup>

**3 pm Parade-** The Sunday School and the preschool will have floats in this parade. **We are parking this year at the Grace Episcopal Church parking lot and loading onto the floats there. (5740 Green Valley Rd)** Please arrive by 2:00 pm. If you are interested in decorating the Sunday School float or riding on it, please contact Donna Clawson for more details. 301-418-0863

**4-6 pm Mrs. Clause Story Time** at our Schoolhouse. Craft Time and Baked Good Sale

### *Schedule of Activities:*

2-7 pm: New Market UMC bake sale, craft and white elephant tables, and Mrs. Claus in the Schoolhouse.

Donations should be brought to the Schoolhouse on Friday, 12/2 from 10 am until the afternoon OR Saturday, 12/3 from 9-11:30 am to the Ed Building kitchen. Please be sure white elephant items are clean. Bag cookies 6 per bag and brownies 3 per bag. Be sure to note if baked goods contain nuts or peanut butter.

**6-7 pm New Market Park- Live Nativity.** Everyone is invited to meet Pastor Scott at the church to costume up for the live nativity at 5:30 pm. You are invited to bring your furry friends to join us in the nativity.



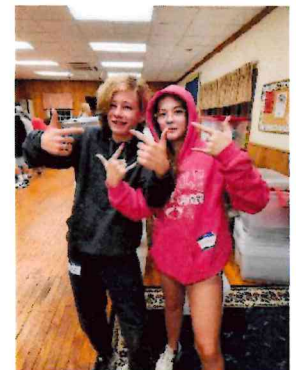
### Jesse Tree

We will be providing Jesse tree gifts to local families this Christmas. Pick up a tag from the nearby Jesse Tree. Each tag lists a gift for a local family. Please return the item **unwrapped** with the tag attached by December 11.



### Hope 4 Kids

Thank you to everyone who has helped us with this mission so far this year. If you would like to help with the packing, we pack each month on the fourth Monday from 6-7:30 pm in the New Market Schoolhouse. We have had a huge increase in requested food over the past month, so all help is appreciated and welcomed.





Be a lamp, a lifeboat, or a ladder!

# New Market Children's Ministry

What a fun season for the Children's Ministry at New Market! The kids are busy making Advent Wreaths, learning new songs, hearing the story of Jesus' birth, and preparing for our Christmas Pageant, on December 1. A highlight of our Sunday school year comes on December 3 when we get to participate in the New Market Christmas Parade, more details are below.

We are so thankful to have all of the parents faithfully bringing their kids each Sunday!!

## Christmas Pageant: December 18

We will perform the pageant at the 9:30am service and then again at the beginning of the 11am service. Kids can leave following the 11 am performance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Donna [declawson16@gmail.com](mailto:declawson16@gmail.com) or 301-418-0863

## New Market Christmas Parade December 3

The kids have decided that their float this year will look like the night Jesus was born with the kids enacting all the parts (except baby Jesus will be a baby doll for safety!)

Parents or grandparents are encouraged to ride the float with their children! All are welcome!

Everyone will meet at Grace Episcopal Church on Rte 75 at 2pm on December 3. After the parade, the float will return to Grace Episcopal.



## Children's Sabbath 2022



If you would like to be part of our teaching team or have any questions about our Children's Ministry, contact Donna Clawson at [declawson16@gmail.com](mailto:declawson16@gmail.com) or 301-418-0863.





## Circle of Friends

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 13th at 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. for the Christmas Luncheon. If you would like more information on this group, contact Marilyn Fritz at 240-405-4614.

## Ladies In Faith Together

L.I.F.T meets at the schoolhouse on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 7 pm. For more information Contact Heidi Arnold @ 301-514-3334. L.I.F.T.'s next meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup>.

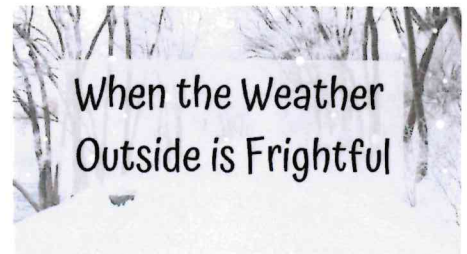


## Winter Weather Policy

*The following procedure will be used for the cancelation of church meetings, events, office hours and church services for the winter of 2021 - 2022.*

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 in-person activities will be automatically canceled for that day and evening.

During the weekend all activity and service cancelations will be posted by 8 a.m. via the following venues. A church-wide email will be sent out with information, or you can log onto our church website ([www.newmarketumc.com](http://www.newmarketumc.com)) and the information will be at the top. If you are not connected to the internet, please inform our church office and you will receive a call if there is a cancelation.



## Worship Times Christmas and New Year's Days

Since Christmas and New Year's Days are on Sunday's this year, we will only worship at 11:00 am. on these days. Christmas day will feature lessons and carols and the New Year service will feature prayers and petitions for the new year. There will be no Sunday School or nursery on these days.



## Financial News

Category	October 2022
<b>Deposit Total</b>	<b>33,290.18</b>
Regular Offering	22,733.32*
Building Fund	2,910.00
Christ's Carpenters	86.86
Food Pantry	300.00
Fossett Property – w/sewer refund	27.00
Fossett Property	100.00
Hope 4 Kids	325.00
Memorial Fund	1,410.00
Misc. Income – Living Well reimb.	350.00
Organ Fund	300.00
Parsonage Rent	4,200.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	400.00
Poinsettias	130.00
Upper Room	18.00
<b>Online Giving Totals</b>	<b>1,794.20</b>
Regular Offering	1,759.20*
Online Fees	35.00
<b>*Offering Needed to Meet Monthly Budget</b>	
<b>Goal: \$20,918.25</b>	
Goal Exceeded in October	

## Giving at NMUMC

On behalf of the New Market UMC Finance Team we would like to thank everyone for their faithful giving. We would like to remind everyone that you can place your offerings in one of the collection plates located at both sides of the rear of the sanctuary (we have chosen not to pass the plates after the pandemic) or you can give online on our website. Please be mindful that there is a processing fee online that you can choose to cover if you desire. **Your faithful giving supports the many ministries offered by NMUMC.**



## Giving Envelopes for 2023

If you would like to receive a box of envelopes for 2023, please notify Carole Zimmerman ([cgzimm@comcast.net](mailto:cgzimm@comcast.net) or 301-663-8217) by December 4<sup>th</sup>. In an effort to use envelopes that have not been used in the past four years, it may be necessary to assign you another number. Thank you in advance for your understanding

of this cost-saving measure. Please contact Carole



## Upper Room

Starting in January 2023 there will be no charge for those who use the Upper Room as a daily devotional. This expense will now be funded through the Worship Supplies budget.

