

NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2011



Service Opportunities

Frederick Rescue Mission

Thank you to all the people to came out on January 17 to serve lunch at the Frederick Rescue Mission. Our team included Melinda, Andrew, and Allie McCollum, Susan and Luke Summers, Ben and Zach Grenier, Cathy Gamble, and Stephen and Leslie Fauconnet. It was a great experience for all! We are planning new dates to go and help at the Mission. Please contact the church office if you would like to join the group.

Mission Garden

The Youth Sunday School class had a great discussion with Mr. Roger Van Laan on Jan. 23 about beginning a vegetable garden this spring to benefit the Frederick Rescue Mission. Roger has generously offered space in his garden for this project. He spoke to the kids about the concept of gleaning and we read the story of Ruth and Boaz in the Scriptures. Giving advice from his years of experience, Roger helped the students each choose a crop that will thrive and be useful to the Mission. Further plans will be made as the planting season approaches. Participation from the congregation is welcomed. Contact the church office if you are interested in helping one of the youth with their crop or in planting one of your own.

Harvest of Hope Retreat

The next Harvest of Hope Retreat in Gretna Glen, PA will be Oct. 21-23, 2011. This is an intergenerational event open to participants age 10 and up. You will spend some time gleaning apples and potatoes and maybe some corn, as well as time in worship and large and small group study time and games. There is also free time to enjoy the beautiful camp area and get to know other folks on the retreat. Accomodations are a lodge and heated cabins. Cost is \$75.00. Last year's group included Roger VanLaan, Toni Carnahan, Cathy and Justin Gamble, and Stephen and Leslie Fauconnet who would all be happy to give you more details about this educational and inspiring experience. Contact the church office to sign up.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT NMUMC

- 1 Trustee's meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 2 Groundhog Day
Beginning Ballet Class 6:30-7:30pm
Bible study 7pm
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 3 Scouts 628
Scout Leader Meeting 7pm Ed bldg
Intercessory prayer group 7pm Kitchen
Choir 7:30pm
- 5 Baby Shower schoolhouse 1-5 pm
- 6 Scout Sunday service & reception
- 8 UMW Circle of friends 11:30am Ed Bldg
SPRC meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 9 Beginning Ballet class 6:30-7:30pm
Bible study 7pm
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 10 Scouts 628
Intercessory prayer group 7pm
Choir 7:30pm
- 12 Valentine's Parents night out 5-9pm
schoolhouse \$7 per child
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 Church Council meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 16 Beginning Ballet class 6:30-7:30pm
Bible study 7pm
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 17 Scout 628
Intercessory prayer group 7pm
Choir 7:30pm
- 20 Birthday Party schoolhouse 3-5pm
- 21 President's Day
- 22 Outreach committee meeting 7pm
Newsletter deadline
- 23 Beginning Ballet class 6:30-7:30pm
Bible study 7pm
Prayer & Meditation 8pm
- 24 Scouts 628
Parents meeting-incoming scouts
Intercessory prayer group 7pm
Choir 7:30pm
- 27 Ben Grenier Eagle Scout ceremony-
Afternoon sanctuary and schoolhouse



OUR MISSION FOR FEBRUARY IS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HFHFC is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing by building simple, livable homes for low-income, hard working families in our community. They have an open-door policy and welcome all who desire to be part of our work. Since 1995, Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County has built or renovated 25 homes. Concerned and motivated people from all walks of life have come together to make Habitat homes a reality in Frederick County. Churches, businesses, and individuals volunteer to support Habitat's mission. They raise funds, build homes, work with partner families, and help with administrative work. Volunteers are the heart and soul of Habitat.

Currently, HFH is building a duplex located on Madison Street in the City of Frederick. One of the homes is going to be HFHFC's first Women Build project. (Habitat International started the Women Build program in 1998 and has since empowered women in their communities to build more than 1,650 homes within 30 countries around the globe.)

The Women Build partner (homeowner) comes to Frederick with an incredible story of surviving Hurricane Katrina. Deborah Gilbert comes from Eastern New Orleans. Living in an apartment complex when the hurricane hit, she picked up what she could carry and walked with many of her neighbors to the University of New Orleans to find relief. Deborah's journey began by foot, then bus and plane to arrive in Maryland in hopes of a better future. Deborah now begins a new journey, the journey of home ownership and a place to call her home. Deborah has a strong faith in God and realizes that this is part of God's plan. She has been waiting patiently for her home since early 2007; her faith has carried her through the wait and now the excitement and joy.

The second half of the duplex will become home to Marialva DeMatos and her two teen aged daughters. Marialva is from Brazil and became a very proud American citizen just a little over a year ago. She is employed by Health Families Frederick and works with Spanish speaking clients from the Heartly House, advising them on Childhood nutrition. Marialva has plans for an organic garden in her back yard and wants to teach her new neighborhood about organic gardening and simple ways to be "green." This will be her way of giving back to the community and volunteers who will help build her home. She is an accomplished photographer and is an ardent supporter of our earth.

You can help make these dreams come true. Please contribute to NMUMC's mission offering any time in February.

P.S. Did you know that HFHFC operates the ReStore Home Improvement Center, a place where you can buy new and used building materials, home improvement items, and furnishings at a fraction of retail costs. The ReStore (new location: 622 North Market Street) is a bargain hunter's dream store. All materials are donated by local building contractors, suppliers, businesses, and individuals. This means usable materials can be recycled, keeping them out of local landfills while money is raised to build more homes.

THIS & THAT!

Praying - Do you have days when you feel like your prayers are going nowhere or your mind runs away onto something besides praying like the chores you need to do or if at night time you get so sleepy your mind gets fuzzy. Actually that's not a bad way to go to sleep but maybe it would be better to let God speak to us - sort of like a father reading to a child as they drift off to sleep. Of course we want to pray also at other times. I do best in the morning but like I've said before there are also those instant prayers that come straight from your heart.

The Bible tells us not to give up asking, (Luke 18:1-8) but you pray for something for a long time and wonder if it is doing any good and then one day something happens and you just know it's an answer to prayer. I believe God has an agenda and everything works together which may take a long time. It often is not answered like we think it should be but better and we stand amazed! And thank God He doesn't always say "yes" to our requests. I like what I read in Our Daily Bread, "People may mock our message but they are helpless against our prayers," so keep on praying and remember it is a two-way conversation.

Blessings, Marilyn Brooks

FOR FEBRUARY



Philip Selby	2/6
Alicia Young	2/10
Lisa Burroughs	2/12
Greg Gaver	2/14
Scot Morrow	2/28
Edward Plasket	2/28
William Plasket	2/28



Youth Sunday School

The youth Sunday school class meets in the school house every Sunday at 9:45. We are currently studying Extreme Faith: 12 Radical Young Believers from the Bible Who Changed Our World. During the hour we study, share prayer concerns, encourage one another by discussing our faith, and enjoy refreshments. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come and bring a friend!



Volunteers are needed to help plan and staff our first ever Parents' Night Out to be held Feb. 12th from 5:00-9:00pm. This fun event is a service for our community and hopefully will introduce some new young families to NMUMC. If you have games, crafts or activities that young children would enjoy and/or if you would like to come and work the night of the event, please contact Leslie Fauconnet or the church office. Also be sure to mention this event to your neighbors and friends who have young children.



Eoin Richard Samuel Riley was born on January 16th, 2011.

Proud Parents: Kyle & Brigid Riley

Proud Grandparents: Sharon & Richard Riley

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!



Wednesdays, starting February 2 to continue for 4 weeks until February 23, 2011 – Beginning Ballet Classes.

Leslie Fauconnet, an experienced ballet instructor, will be offering a class for girl's ages 6 to 10, in the preliminaries of ballet. Students will learn floor exercises to improve flexibility and strength, loco motor exercises to work coordination and musicality, elementary port de bras and improvisation. The class will be held from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Education Building at Rt.874 and North Alley and is free of charge. Please register online at www.newmarketumc.com or call the church office at 301-865-3530 to have a registration form mailed. What a great opportunity to open up the world of dance for your daughters and at no cost!

SISTERS IN FAITH

What is it- An all day retreat at Montgomery United Methodist Church.

Date- Saturday, March 19, 2011

Time- 8:00am-3:00pm

Speaker- Jan Silvius

Topic- "Same life, New story"

Cost- \$25.00 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch

Please make checks out to Montgomery UMC and give to Thelma Gesling. The Registration deadline is February 27, 2011.

MESSAGE FROM THE LAY LEADER

In lieu of an article this month, I am going to let those of you who could not participate in the Crock Pot Cook Off have the opportunity to try some of the favorite dishes by inserting the winning recipe, as well as, some the runner ups – Bon Appetite!

Winner – Julie Grenier - Crock Pot Mac and Cheese

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. box of macaroni, cooked and drained
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups grated cheese
- 2 cups velveeta
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- salt and pepper to taste

Preparation:

Spray crock pot with nonstick spray. Mix all ingredients. Cook on low for 3 hours.

Second Place – Julie Grenier - Crock Pot Chocolate Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 package chocolate cake mix (any 2-layer size)
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1 pkg. instant chocolate pudding (I used a 3.9 ounce package)
- 1 small bag (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 c. oil (I substituted applesauce)
- 4 eggs
- 1 c. water

Preparation:

Spray crock pot with non-stick spray. Mix all ingredients together and pour in crock pot. Cook on LOW for 5 to 6 hours. Try not to lift the lid. Serve with ice cream.

Third Place – Patty Robinson - Slow-Cooker Brisket Sandwiches (recipe courtesy of Food Network Magazine)

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 5-to-6-pound first-cut or flat-cut brisket, cut into 3 pieces
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 cloves garlic, smashed and peeled
- 1 12-ounce bottle stout beer

- 4 stalks celery, cut into large pieces
- 2/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup tomato paste
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 brioche or other rolls, split open and toasted
- Coleslaw, for serving

Preparation

Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the brisket with salt and pepper, then brown on all sides, about 10 minutes, adding the garlic in the last 2 minutes. Transfer the meat and garlic to a 5-to-6-quart slow cooker. Pour the beer into the skillet and simmer 30 seconds, scraping up the browned bits from the pan; add the beer mixture to the slow cooker.

Nestle the celery around the meat and add the brown sugar, tomato paste, vinegar, mustard, soy sauce, bay leaves and paprika. Stir, then cover and cook on low 8 hours or on high 6 hours. Transfer the meat to a cutting board and let rest 10 minutes, then thinly slice.

Serve on brioche halves with coleslaw; drizzle with the cooking liquid.

Fantastic Runner up – Catherine & Luc Lugez - Chocolate-Almond Cake

Ingredients

- 1 cup of butter at room temperature
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 1 can almond filling – 12 oz.
- 2 1/4 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Beat butter and sugar in a large bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time with continuous mixing until blended. Stir flour, baking powder and salt until well mixed (can use mixer). Add almond filling and milk, beat until blended. Pour mixture into 2 8" round cake pans.

Bake 45-50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

Chocolate filling – (also can be served as custard). This makes filling for 3-4 cakes.

- 12 oz. semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 1 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 295 degrees

Bring cream, milk and cocoa powder to a boil, add chocolate morsels. Stir until chocolate morsels are melted and liquid is smooth. Whisk together eggs and sugar with a pinch of salt. Add warm chocolate mixture to eggs mixing vigorously. Pour mixture through mesh. Place mixture into 14 small or 7 large ramequins. Bake in a water bath for 30 minutes or until edges are set but center is still slightly wobbly – let it cool down.

When cake is cool, cut horizontally. Then place chocolate mixture between the 2 layers and also use it a frosting. Perform icing finish just before serving. – ENJOY.

Another fantastic runner up – Catherine Lugez - Quiche Lorraine

Ingredients

- 2 pie crusts (Pillsbury)
- 6 large eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups grated cheese (i.e. 1 cup cheddar + 1/2 cup parmesan)
- 1 1/2 cups of diced ham (or 1/2 ham and 1/2 turkey)
- Salt/Pepper to taste

Preparation

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In a bowl mix the eggs, sour cream, cheese, ham, salt and pepper. Place crust in a pie pan – prepare 2 pie pans. Split the mixture and pour into the 2 pie crusts. Bake for 40 minutes or until golden on the top.

This quiche can be served warm or cold. – ENJOY.



CALLING ALL PAINTERS!!!! Anyone who is interested in helping to paint the Schoolhouse Kitchen in February can contact Scot Morrow at 301-748-4847 or the church office at 301-865-3530.

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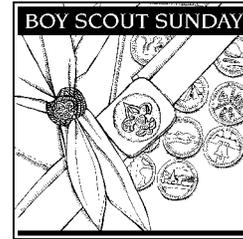
Thank you, Father, for putting us right where we are. Help us take whatever gifts you have given us and use it to make the world a better place. Help us to spread your love from where we are right now. Amen

As I read this prayer in my journal it reminded me of our UMW ladies that we are blessed with at New Market United Methodist Church. We have 21 involved in the Circle of Friends and 9 in the Evening Circle for a total of 30 ladies that are giving generously of their time, talents and money. With God's help, these are some of the things we accomplished in 2010.

1. Sponsored an outing to Hickory Bridge Restaurant and 27 went.
2. Sent cards monthly to our ten "Friends to Care For" and visited some. Bill Robey from our list died this year.
3. Took Edith Hunter to lunch for her 97th birthday.
4. Took birthday goodies to Polly Petersen, Katherine Lake and Mary Cole and helped them celebrate.
5. Some attended the District Prayer Breakfast and took children's books for an Indian Reservation.
6. Five attended the "Sisters in Faith" all-day retreat.
7. Headed up the Yard Sale, netting \$400 and some also helped with the Book Sale held the same day.
8. The June Picnic was held at the Schoolhouse this year for members and spouses and 23 attended.
9. Did the reception for the Confirmation Class.

10. Hosted and set up for the Homecoming dinner--did the hams, rolls and drinks.
11. Hosted a reception after the Thanksgiving Eve service.
12. Eighty cans of peas and corn and many cookies were collected for the Board of Child Care and 15 are Board of Child Care Auxiliary members.
13. Keep the Schoolhouse decorated seasonally.
14. Julie Grenier of the Evening Circle headed up the very successful Salvation Army Stockings at Christmas.
15. Did "Magic Reindeer Dust" packets for children that attended the Christmas Eve service.
16. Gave gifts to three babies that were baptized.
17. Initiated a weekly Monday "game afternoon" -- call 301-865-5514 if interested.
18. Paid our \$350 pledge to the District plus \$110 to Call to Prayer and \$115 to the World Thank Offering. These are District projects.
19. As community projects, we gave \$50 each to Habitat For Humanity, Religious Coalition, Frederick Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Hope Alive and the Frederick Food Bank, for a total of \$300.
20. We have approximately \$1,000 in our treasury for the Kitchen Fund.
21. Sent letters to state and national legislators signed by UMW and congregational members asking for improvements in the health and welfare of the working poor in our country.
22. Many of our members are volunteers for the following organizations: Food Bank, Hope Alive, Hospice, Linton Cold Weather Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, Habitat work trips, Weinberg Center, Hepatitis Clinic, Fire Auxiliary, Senior Citizen's Group, Harvest of Hope, Rescue Mission, Sports, Boy Scouts, School helpers as well as being on many of our church committees.

A big thanks to all of our UMW members and to the congregation for making this such a successful year. If you are not a member of either circle, we encourage you to become involved in the fellowship, mission projects and monthly programs of UMW by calling Thelma Gesling (301)865-5514.



On Sunday February 6th, 2011 we will be celebrating Scout Sunday. We will have a special worship service followed by a reception for all down at the schoolhouse. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this special day. In observance of Scout Sunday we will not have communion on February 6th but will have it the following Sunday on February 13th.