



Deep Roots

~ Visible Grace

A newsletter for the family and friends of

New Market United

Methodist Church

January and February 2023

Be Thou Our Vison

18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18 KJV

18 If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

Proverbs 29: 18 The Message

At the end of last year and into the new John Lennon's song, So This is Christmas, has been swirling around in my head for one reason or another. When we think of the year that has just passed almost all of us will have mixed emotions, the good and the bad all crammed together in 365 days. In this newsletter we offer a look back on 2022 for New Market UMC and to look forward with hope and optimism of what the Lord will accomplish in our midst in the coming years. And so, we've had Christmas, and what have we done? Another year over and a new one just begun. NMUMC has accomplished much in just one year. We purchased the Fossett property to add future expansion space, worship attendance in January 2022 was 15 Children in Sunday school, 19 worshippers at the 9:30 service, and 44 at the 11:00 service. This past Sunday, January 8th, 2023, there were 38 children in Sunday School, 48 worshippers at the 9:30 service and 70 at the 11:00 service. All our outreach events (egg roll, Trek and Treat) grow larger each year. The UMW, LIFT, and choir, are in different stages of a growth spurt. God is good and as we continue to be faithful with our gifts, presence, prayer, and service, I believe we will continue in this pattern.

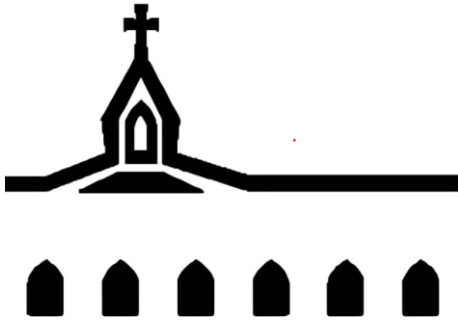
And so that was Christmas: I hope you had fun. The near and the dear ones. The old and the young. A very merry Christmas. And a happy New Year. Let's hope it's a good one. Without any fear!

1 John 4:8 reminds us that we are not to live in fear of the future. We must trust that God is faithful and will provide for any steps we make to further the Kingdom of God. This year NMUMC will be praying for discernment, investigating possible scenarios for new ministry spaces, dreaming, and sharing updates on current ministries and possible new ministries. Please come join us in the journey as we live into Jesus' greatest commandment, Go! Make disciples everywhere!

Pastor Scott

17 This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4:8



New Ministry Center Update

NMUMC leadership teams would like to invite and encourage everyone to attend a congregation wide Vision Team Meeting on Saturday Jan 28th at 10 am in the sanctuary. This meeting is mandatory for all ministry leaders and essential for everyone who is interested in having input on continuing and new ministry spaces for all our buildings. This will be the last open meeting on the discernment, planning, and implementation, of the feasibility of expansion of ministry and buildings at NMUMC. At the end of this meeting, you will have a choice to be active on the New Ministry Center Team or just a supporter. If you have questions or concerns about this discernment process please contact the church office and Pastor Scott will schedule a visit with you.



New Market Town Cemetery Update

The process for taking ownership and maintenance of the New Market Town Cemetery is proceeding along. There will be a vote by all lot holders on Sunday January 15th at our sanctuary to affirm the transfer of ownership. Transfer paperwork has been created and after the vote will come to NMUMC leadership to review. If you would like more information or have questions, contact the church office and they will put you in contact with one of the cemetery trustees.

COME JOIN THE DREAM TEAM



Men's Breakfast

Join us on February 4th at 8:00 am in the schoolhouse for men's fellowship, a short devotion and great food. All men of any age are invited.

Technology Tidbits



Did you know if you take pictures of a special event at church, you can upload those pictures to our website for all to see? Whenever, there is a special event a special link will be created for that event and be sent out in the announcements. We miss documenting so many events if there is not a designated photographer on site, like Trunk or Treat this last year when the web master was on vacation. You all can help preserve those events through the pictures you take. The link below is still active for the Children's Christmas play, if you have some fun pictures you would like to upload. Also, it is important to let the church know if you are having a special event that is not mentioned in the weekly announcement, so a special link can be created for your photos on the church website. It truly is an easy process but if you need assistance, please just ask Patty or David Robinson.

[Click Here to upload picture of the Children's Christmas Play](#)



New Market Children's Ministry

Be a lamp, a lifeboat, or a ladder!

What a fun year for the Children's Ministry at New Market! The kids were busy performing at both services with our annual Christmas pageant and everyone got a well-deserved during the Christmas break. We are now back into full swing, if your children have not had a chance to join us on Sunday mornings please stop by and see what all the fun is about!

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

Youth Field Trip- January 22nd

All youth are invited to join us as we travel with Pastor Jay to the African American Museum located in Washington D.C. We will serve lunch immediately following the 11:00 service and will depart for the museum at 12:30. We plan on arriving back at the church around 5 or 6 o'clock. Contact Kate Hanson to attend and receive your release form. kate@tkhanson.net



Children's Pageant 2022

New Market

Sunday school on Sunday Mornings

All Children's Sunday schools are held in the Education Building

Infant to 3 years Nursery

4-5 years Miss Marilyn

1st and 2nd graders Miss Donna

3rd to 5th graders Miss Toni

6th- 12th grade Miss Kate in the historic yellow schoolhouse.

If your child is attending Sunday school and you do not have them registered please provide Donna Clawson with your contact information.

Declawson16@gmail.com

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 or 301-418-0863.





WHEN: February 21, 2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHERE: New Market Schoolhouse

All are welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact

Carole Zimmerman



Ash Wednesday Services

There will be four opportunities to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday this year. All services are in the sanctuary.

February 21st @ 2:30 pm during children's chapel.

February 22nd @ 11:15 am and 2:30 PM during children's chapel.

February 22nd @ 7:00 pm Parish Ash Wednesday Service.



For those of you who know or even heard of Roger VanLaan and were unable to attend his birthday party, below is the beautiful speech he gave on December 10, 2022 –

HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Well. This is quite a night. It is humbling to have so many of you here tonight to help celebrate this milestone with me. First, to everyone who helped put this together, but especially Jim and Ginny, thank you. I said, at my 90th, that people should mark their calendars for tonight, and I think it really did take ten years of work to put this together. There's been a constant stream of chores and assignments, phone calls and emails, over the last several months, and I'm sure that more of you than I even know have been recruited to help with one task or another. Thank you all.

Finally, I want to thank each of you for making the trip. Whether you traveled across the pond, across the country, or across the street, your being here tonight is a gift that means more than I can say.

We've all heard that it takes a village to raise a child; well by the time you reach one hundred, it takes a small city.

I wouldn't be here tonight without the help and support of this group of people, whether it's family, neighbors, the church community, or the ever-expanding circle of friends that ebb and flow around us all. So much of our lives are defined by the people with whom we choose to spend our time, and I have been luckier than most in those choices.

It's impossible to reflect on 100 years without talking about the changes marked by that stretch of time. As much has changed, the important things have largely stayed the same. Whether people are driving horses or driving tractors, we still have farmers working every day to feed their communities, even if those communities are bigger and more global than ever before. Whether the technology of the day is telegraph or space travel, we're still trying to make connections and build community. Whether we're sending letters or snapchats, our messages are similar - what did you do, how was your day, did you see this, I miss you.

It's easy to focus on the negativity lately, the way the country and world seem to be at odds with itself, and even families are fractured with rifts and strife. However, the message I want to give you all is that there is more constant than change, more good than bad, and that we can choose which we effect. Our

values define us and our communities. At 100, I offer you that Faith and Family, Imagination and kindness would be a better use of our energy and offer us better returns for the future than the constant state of bitterness and disrespect that we seem to have found ourselves in lately. The times and trappings may change, but these values allow us to navigate a steady course despite the changing landscape.

The Sinclair family likes to sing their awful "birthday dirge" instead of the traditional version, and I know many of you have suffered through the "tears and sorrow fill the air, people dying everywhere" lyrics. At 100, that feels more true than I'd like to admit, so nights like this where we can celebrate happy events become more and more important. Let's focus on the celebrations and the successes, on the values that we want to be constants through the ages.

If we are defined by the people, we spend time with, it is my privilege to be here with all of you. Tonight, I can sincerely say it's a HAPPY BIRTHDAY, but I can also say it's been a mostly happy century, and I wish that same happiness and fulfillment for each of you.



Category	November 2022	December 2022	Total for 2022
Deposit Total	18,819.47	104,364.56	488,784.02
Regular Offering	15,131.50*	27,324.99*	230,691.85*
Building Fund	1,620.00	69,159.50	83,009.37
Building Rent		200.00	1,622.80
Christ's Carpenters		775.00	1,011.86
Community Care/Food Pantry	910.00	250.00	3,160.00
Fossett Property	100.00	100.00	117,557.00
Holiday Flowers	325.00	56.00	1,118.00
Hope 4 Kids	25.00	175.00	2,380.00
Memorial Fund		475.00	3,600.00
Misc. Income-IRS refund		53.07	In misc. income for year
Miscellaneous Income			1,979.14
Missions (CrossRoads)	50.00	2,961.00	3,011.00
Missions (Ukraine)			550.00
Organ Fund		150.00	1,900.00
Outreach (Samaritan's Purse)	160.00		160.00
Parsonage Rent		2,100.00	25,200.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	380.00	580.00	3,380.00
Pre-School Rent			8,175.00**
Preventive Maint.-solar lights	117.97		In misc. income for year
Upper Room		5.00	83.00
Vacation Bible School			195.00
Online Giving Totals	1,632.04	2,086.54	18,376.75
Regular Offering	1,577.40*	2,050.10*	17,999.00*
Poinsettias	25.44		25.44
Online Fees	29.20	36.44	352.31
<p>*Offering Needed to Meet Monthly Budget Goal in 2022: \$20,918.25 Monthly Goal not met in November; exceeded in December Total Offering Needed to Meet Yearly Budget Goal: \$217,549.80 Yearly Goal was met!</p>			

**4th quarter rent not yet received

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United Methodist Women

Circle of Friends – 2nd Tuesday - **(NEW TIME)**

12:30 to 2:30 pm

Ladies in Faith Together – 2nd Monday – 7-9 pm

See the fun the Circle of Friends ladies had at their most recent meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 15th – Sanctuary – New Market Cemetery Co. Annual Lot Holder Meeting – 1:30 pm
 - January 16th – Schoolhouse – H4K Packing – 6:00 pm
- January 29th – Sanctuary and Schoolhouse – Eagle Scout Ceremony – 3:00 to 5:00 pm
 - February 4th – Schoolhouse – Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 am
- February 13th – Schoolhouse – Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT) – 7:00 pm
 - February 14th – Schoolhouse – Circle of Friends (COF) – 12:30 pm
- February 21st- Schoolhouse - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – 6:00 pm
 - All of below Ash Imposition services are held in the sanctuary
 - February 21st @ 2:30 pm during children’s chapel.
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- January 17th – Ed Building Kitchen – Full Church Council – 7:00 pm
- January 28th – Ed Building Kitchen – 10:30 am
- February 7th – Ed Building Kitchen – New Market Trustees – 7:00 pm
- February 8th – Ed Building Parlor – Stephen Ministry – 6:00 pm
- February 24th – Ed Building Kitchen – Fairview Trustees – 7:00 pm
- February 27th – ZOOM – Finance Meeting – 7:00 pm

Goodbye 2022



Baptism's



Hello 2023

God First In All Things

Be Kinder

Stop Trying To Control Everything

GET IN
SHAPE

Walk In YOUR
Image

Turn
Everything
Over To
God

GOALS

Pray Regularly

To Be Better With Family

More Time With God

Serve As
God's
Wills

Read The Bible Everyday

Be At
Church
On
Time

Guard
My
Tongue

Make
More
Friends

Keep
Balanced

Regular
Checking
On Loved
Ones

Find Something To Feel
Helpful To Others

Spend More Time In Scripture

More Devotional time

Be a Better Person

BE
HEALTHY

Get Rid Of What I
Don't Need



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Mission Statement: New Market United Methodist Church encourages faithful discipleship for Jesus Christ by participation in Prayer, the Word, Worship, Fellowship and Service.

**We are on the Web:
Newmarketumc.com**

If you have any special events or meetings coming up in March or April, now is the time to submit the information via the church email:

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