



DEEP ROOTS VISIBLE GRACE

June 2020

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

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” – [Isaiah 6:8](#)



Here am I. Send me! It is the call story of Isaiah, of Bishop's, Elders, Local Pastors, Missionaries, Lay Servants and if the Spirit is really moving, entire congregations. These words can stir up a bevy of emotions, joy, delight, fear and trembling, uncertainty if you will be able to live up to others expectations and more demanding live up to you own. At the end of this month we send Patty on her way to pastor her first church. This is a cause for celebration and for grief. Celebrating Patty's call and knowing that we will miss her in the choir, at VBS, Bible studies and a host of other servant leadership that she does. As I said last Sunday at our first Tailgate Church, God is always grooming new leaders. How is God grooming you? How are you connecting in deeper ways with God and listening, like Samuel, deep in the night for your name to be mentioned? God's word tells us that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. All you have to do is look out your front door to see the mass of humanity that may or may not be lost sheep, just looking for a shepherd. In Matthew 9:35-38 where Jesus talks about the harvest, the scriptures tell a few key words on who Jesus is. ³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ **When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** Jesus sees and upon seeing, Jesus has compassion for the harassed and helpless, and is that not all of us? The next verse is my prayer, for our church and the Church universal. ³⁷ **Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”** Pray for the workers to come. Patty has done and will do tremendous ministry wherever she goes. I pray that the Lord is working on each and everyone of our hearts to move us to a life-long commitment in ministry for the Lord. So that we all can say with assured hearts: Here am I. Send me!

Pastor Scott





How to say Farewell via Vacation Bible School

As you all know Vacation Bible School became my passion and challenge in my years at New Market UMC, so I am going to say Farewell using VBS curriculum, but you have to figure out which one (please excuse the cadence of my rhyming).

It was in 2008 I first arrived at New Market in a terrible state, but was immediately wrapped in the loving arms of God's embrace.

I was fed by the spirit and grew healthier and hardy and before you know it I was ready to **PARTY**.

In 2009 our little church was struggling, but we managed to survive with a bit of financial juggling.

What a **WILD** year it was in 2010 with one preacher leaving and another to begin.

Getting ready to celebrate our 210th anniversary in 2011 made me moan, but my sweet little church in New Market was feeling like **HOME**.

2012 was my first mission trip; my dry walling work Oh, what a wreck! Boy what wonderful group of folks on that **TREK**.

2013 new robes for the choir, the singers were bubbling like a fountain, yet so much still to do feels like we are climbing **MOUNTAINS**.

2014 we took the Road to Bethlehem, to view the Lord's **PROMISE**; you can bet your bottom dollar I am no longer a doubting Thomas.

Trunk or Treat 2015 man what a **BLAST**, and oh yeah, a tour of New Market to visit the past.

Retirement year for me in 2016, training to be a Stephen Minister was like climbing Mt. **EVEREST**, but the joy, hope and smiles of those helped what a wonderful and bountiful harvest.

2017 the Lord's work at New Market is **MIGHTY**, with VBS, a picnic, journey and a pastor receiving a citizen award all nice and tidy.

2018 Certified Lay Leader work done, my call is beginning to make me dig **DEEP**, many say Patty you should be a pastor, yet I continue to drag my feet.

2019 God said Patty, I am knocking at your door, and you need to be my servant unless you want to hear me **ROAR**.

2020 no VBS but next year we will be back with **BEYOND** and I know the children's laughter will make you feel fond.

I hope you had fun with my little trip down memory lane and I will let you know the answers before I go. So many words I want to say, but they are stuck in my throat behind the huge lump. I came, I healed, I made so many friends, I laughed and cried, I grew, I drove Nick crazy in choir and Pastor Scott crazy with my organization, I learned hand and foot, so many absolutely great times, but this letter could get ten pages long if I continue with all that I have learned and experienced at New Market United Methodist Church. I am sitting here crying my eyes out as I type up this farewell, but it is better that I do so in private, because I am an ugly crier.

Know that I will work hard in the Lord's name at Taylorsville and take so much of what I have learned at New Market with me. I leave with my prayer that you all take really good care of that beautiful little church with all the warm and wonderful people who make it the best of places. God has to have a special place in His book for what has happened at the church over the last 219 years and my little chunk of 12 years is just a speck in that book, but what an amazing chapter in my life.

Love you all - Pastor (almost) Patty

Weekly Outdoor Worship Continues This Sunday, June 14th and For the Rest of the Sundays in June.



We are pleased to announce that beginning this Sunday; New Market will be able to offer weekly worship in two forms.

1. **We will begin weekly outdoor worship in the New Market Parking Lot.**

Come worship our creator, redeemer, and sustainer in the beauty of God's outdoors. You will grow through scriptures and preaching, engage in prayer with opportunities to share your joys and concerns, share in weekly communion, (bring your bread, crackers, juice boxes, grape juice in a container, dixie cups, whatever works for you and your family every Sunday) and listen to a variety of hymns.

Notice our Outdoor Service Times: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00

a.m. Worshipers will park in every other space. You can remain in your car with the windows down. As you're comfortable we encourage you to bring a lawn chair and sit near your car. Some have made the back of their van or SUV into a play area for kids. We love your creativity. All worshipers are asked to wear masks and maintain at least 6 feet of social distance. Both services will be identical each week so pick the best time for your family.

Help us plan for you by **by reserving your space for June 14! June 21! June 28!**

If there is rain on any Sunday, outdoor worship is scheduled, we will cancel it and all worship online. Cancellations will be communicated through email, and the website.



2. **We will continue online worship for all of those who feel safer at home and for those who live at a distance or are traveling.**

We love you and we are so glad to be able to connect with you in your living rooms as you do the hard work of staying home and staying safe. We look forward to the day when there are treatments for Covid-19 that allow you to return to in-person worship. In the meantime, you get the full worship experience every Sunday.

Prayer Concern Text Line 240-409-8119

Pastor Scott will receive prayers of celebration and concern on Sunday mornings "live" during church hours. Those worshipping on-site and

from home can text their prayers. Prayers will be lifted up by the live worshipers on Sunday morning and shared in the Wednesday prayer Email. We celebrate this way to connect our online and on-site communities. If a prayer comes up during the week feel free to text it in!!



Saying Hello to Rev. Jay Blake

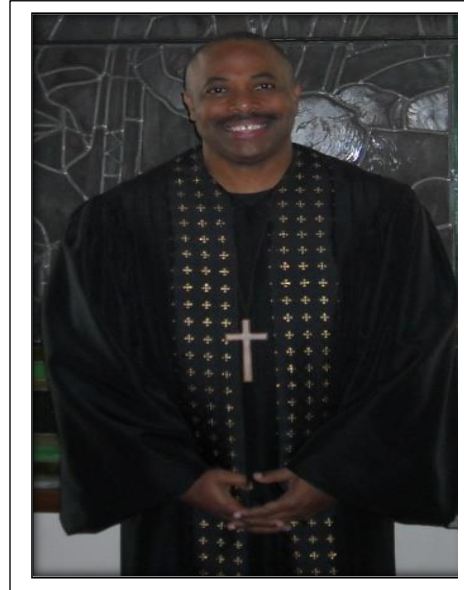
We officially welcome Rev. Jay on July 1st. Because of COVID-19 safety protocols, we cannot welcome him with hugs and meals. Rather, the Leadership Equipping Team asks that the congregation flood him with cards of welcome that are mailed to the church (9411 Baltimore Rd., Frederick, MD 21704). If you are able, include a gift card from a favorite Frederick restaurant and share why it is your favorite. Rev. Jay's first service with us will be on Sunday, July 5th. Both online worship and drive-in worship (9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.) will be available that day.

Hello, Hello, Hello to my Mount Carmel Family,
Blessings and Shalom to all of YOU!!!

Romans 1:10-12: ¹⁰ asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

I am so looking forward to serving together with you *for such a time as this*. I am excited about all that the Holy Spirit is going to do through us and in us. In the words of Country Music Superstar Carrie Underwood, "Jesus Take the Wheel," and steer us where you need us to go!

In Excitement, Love, & Joy
Pastor Jay



Pastor Transition Guidelines from the Baltimore Washington Conference

- ❖ Returning to a Previous Appointment: As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to effect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.
- ❖ Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor. This policy is ongoing and doesn't have an expiration date.
- ❖ Several weeks prior to concluding a pastoral appointment, a pastor shall inform all members of the church of this policy by printing sections one and two verbatim in either a pastoral letter to be sent to each member or a church newsletter to be sent to each member and encourage them to support the policy by their prayers and actions.

Home safe Team

Churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference are following local government directives and are not meeting on-site for worship until it is safe to do so in accordance with BWC's re-entering well process.

Our Home Safe Team meets weekly to prayerfully discern the safest ways for us to share physical space again. We take into account guidelines from the CDC, Bishop Easterling, and Governor Hogan so that we can do our best to minimize the impact of COVID-19.

In the coming weeks, we are gradually having gatherings outside and we ask for your cooperation in following guidelines every time you are at the church. **We continue to refrain from all indoor worship, small groups, meetings, preschool programming, and gatherings of our New Market and Mt. Carmel congregations.** We own this action as our responsibility to help minimize the impact of COVID-19. . See below for in-person guidelines we must all follow.

Safety Guidelines for Phase One of Re-entering New Market Grounds and Building

1. Please take your temperature at home. If it is registering out of your normal range, please stay home. If you have a fever, feel ill, or feel you are at high risk for COVID-19, please stay home and worship with us online.
 2. Please wear a mask from the moment you leave your car until you return to your car.
 3. Please maintain 6 feet of physical distance from all those that do not live in your home.
 4. Please refrain from all physical contact including handshakes, hugs, etc. Air hugs are great!!
 5. Please wash your hands with soap and water or utilize hand sanitizer every time you enter our building.
 6. Please ensure that children 5th grade and younger are always accompanied by an adult who is mindful of their physical distancing and hand/face hygiene.
 7. Please only one person (or family) in each bathroom or elevator at one time.
 8. To facilitate social distancing, please park in the open parking spaces (every other space is closed).
- We know that each family has developed it's own guidelines for their family based on their needs. While on our property, we appreciate everyone's cooperation following these precautions to keep our community safe. Please know these guidelines may be stricter than mandated. Our priority is your health.

RE-ENTRY DECISION TREE

1. Has our Re-Entering Well Task Force created a plan for safely conducting in-person gatherings that includes our unique values and context (e.g., the cultural, social and emotional aspects of the congregation)?* (bwcumc.org/re/entry)

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually and complete your discernment process before proceeding.

2. Is a significant percentage of our congregation able or willing to meet in person in Phase 2?

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

3. Do we have a sustainable amount of all supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, etc.) needed to safely gather in-person?

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

4. Have all our teams received adequate training to implement the plan well?

If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

5. Does our local (county government) allow us to gather?

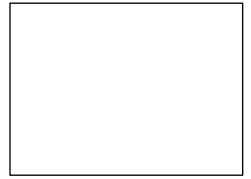
If yes

If no, continue gathering virtually until the objective is met.

Re-enter your building for in-person gatherings while adhering to all local government restrictions

*Congregational values, such as hospitality and concern for vulnerable church members, may lead the congregation to continue to delay re-entering the building for on-site worship, even if it is technically safe to do so using this decision tree. The discernment of congregational leaders, using holy conferencing, should be communicated clearly so that church members can understand the why, what, and how of essential ministries as their church continues to make disciples and transform the world, all to the glory of God.

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with all of God's people. Come be a part of our faith family.

Upcoming Online Events for July

Stay tuned in July as Miss Donna will be setting up through the BWC Camping Ministries a online camp experience. We are excited to share new online opportunities for young people this summer!

The men's group will start meeting virtually in July via Zoom every Wednesday at 6 p.m. If you are interested in this Bible study opportunity contact Pastor Scott to be included on the email list.

Daily Devotions Discussions

Join Pastor Scott every Friday starting in July for discussions on the week's daily devotions every Friday at 10 a.m. There will be a link available on our website and on an email sent out in late June.

VBS

Due to Covid concerns and Patty accepting the pastoral leadership at Taylorsville UMC, NMUMC leadership has decided to postpone this years VBS, To Mars and Beyond, till next summer. There will be VBS opportunities at Mt. Carmel in July for those who are interested. The information to signup is on the Mt. Carmel website.

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