



Deep Roots

~ **Visible Grace**

A newsletter for the family and friends of

New Market United

Methodist Church

March and April 2023

40 Days

“40 days to leave your lovers”, that is what Lent is all about, it is not about eating fish on Fridays, although that helps us to remember that we are observing a Lenten period. It is helpful to abstain from chocolate, soda, snacks, tobacco, alcohol, pills, or gossip because in excess these things are harmful to our bodies, unhealthy to our lives and probably unhealthy for the people that we love . We give these things up because



they are affections, and if we are not careful our affections can be our lovers. These lovers tend to get in the way of the one we are to truly love. By the grace and mystery of our baptism, these 40 days we remember that we are betrothed to only one. On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent we do not bring to the altar our unsightly and debilitating habits, this season we bring to the altar ourselves, body and soul, and confess that we have not been very faithful lovers. And we come collectively to the altar as the church and confess, that as a body we also have not been very faithful lovers. But the fact of the matter is that most of us will flunk Lent. I have flunked Lent or as many years that I have been alive. That is not true, I grew up Presbyterian, so I did not even know what Ash Wednesday was, I thought it was just what Catholics did, until I became a Methodist.

So, in these 40 days, what would you like to fast from that competes for your undivided attention to God, family, and neighbor? In my own life I find myself buried in my phone during downtimes, rest times, waiting in the grocery store, etc. This Lent I am committed to fast from Facebook. I think what I see there impacts me negatively. Can I do it for 40 days? I am not sure, like I said I have flunked Lent so many times, but I would like to see if my perspective on the greater world changes. How about you? What are your unhealthy lovers? I think one of the top receivers of our affection is technology.

I am asking everyone to contemplate setting aside some time each week to be present with their family, friends, co-workers, fully present, to turn the technology off, and contemplate how much time technology might be stealing from our life. It may be for your family on Sunday afternoons to commit to no screens for a few hours and play a board game, you can break your fast with a movie that everyone loves. I know this will be a battle, but I believe it is worth fighting. I know the battle against technology may be futile but I think we all need to reset, repent, and be aware how much we are not present with those right beside us. I encourage you to find your place too fast. Whether that is from junk food, soda, or habits in your life that are stealing your presence in the now. I am aware that this will be a difficult journey for all of us, but the journey to the cross was made one step at a time in mindful obedience of our savior, where God made us fully aware of God’s glory, God’s grace, and God’s forgiveness.

Pastor Scott

Name Badges



The 1st Sunday of the month, Communion Sunday, is generally Name Badge Sunday. If you are attending NMUMC, there should be a name badge with your name on it. If not, please sign up for one on the clipboard by the name badges.

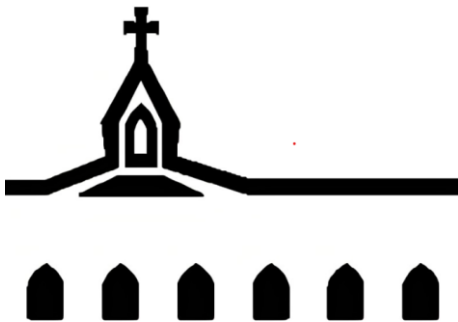
The name badges help Pastor Scott and the those assisting with Communion to easily call you by name when sharing the Lord's Supper.

There are currently over 200 name badges so rather than put out all 200+ they have been divided into the service you usually attend - the 9:30 or 11:00. If you attend, on an irregular basis, like most of the Sunday School students, your name badge would be in the "More" category. (The kids and teens have a sticker on their badges.) If you switch back and forth between services please get your badge from its usual service and then put it back.

The photo shows the 6 trays of badges.

Happy birthday to you!!!

March 1	Ashly Wright
March 2	Tim Summers
March 6	Luke Summers
March 9	Walt Russell
March 27	Jeff Maley
March 28	Susan Summers
April 8	Andrew McCollum
April 9	Jaxon Broadhurst
April 20	Stan Petrone
April 23	Callahan Wright



New Ministry Center Update

Since the last newsletters progress has been made in various areas of the new building project, but due to various reason the final Vision meeting has not been able be held, therefore we are repeating the communication below with the new date of the Vision meeting.

NMUMC leadership teams would like to invite and encourage everyone to attend a congregation wide Vision Team Meeting on Saturday March 4th at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.

Since the last newsletters progress has been made with 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 has progressed quite a bit over the last month or so. The lot holder meeting was held on January 15th and they voted to accept all the new Articles of Incorporation and new bylaws. The “Agreement Concerning Transfer and Perpetual Operation and Care of New Market Cemetery” was finalized by the cemetery trustees and handed over to the church in late January. The church trustees and council have both reviewed the documents. A local attorney is finalizing the church version of the transfer papers. Once the revised document is completed and given to the cemetery trustees to approve., there will be another lot holder vote to approve the transfer. Although, this is a time consuming process, everyone concerned wants the transfer to take place in a proper fashion, and that takes diligent oversight. 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.

Technology Tidbits



We has a special event last Tuesday, February 21 – The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, if you have any pictures to upload – below is the link:

[Click here to upload pictures of Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner](#)



Be a lamp, a lifeboat, or a ladder!

New Market Children's Ministry

It has been a busy year in Sunday school so far. Ms. Marilyn's class is growing and enjoying their new "Big Books" of Bible stories. Ms. Donna's class has been watching a new video from Saddleback Kids each Sunday about the life of Jesus (AhOh! Ask your kids what that is) and working on some memory verses. Ms. Toni's class is learning about each book of the Bible.

As a group, we are learning the Lord's Prayer, new songs, and making cards to send to members who are not feeling well. On the last Sunday of each month, we celebrate kids and teachers who have had a birthday that month with a special song and snack.

A Special Thank-you!

A very special Thank-you to all of the teachers helpers who are so important to our Sunday school each week. Ms. Tonya and Ms. Erica in the preschool and nursery. Ms. Heidi in the older elementary class and our subs Linda New and Erica Jaworski. We could not do it without the help of these women!!

Thank you to all the parents who donated snacks, which is an important part of our Sunday morning!

Lent and Easter

This Lenten season, we will talk a lot about prayer in our large group gathering. We will continue to work on memorizing and understanding the Lord's prayer. We will also be learning the symbols of Lent with a Lenten Tree, attending a baptism at 9:30 am on March 5, and going on a unique Easter Trail adventure.

On February 12, each child was given a felt heart to hide somewhere, just like a Frederick Rocks. If your child did not get one, be sure to let Ms. Donna know.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School
July 31-August 4

Stay turned to the next newsletter to see what our 2023 theme will be!!!

Annual Community Egg Roll!

April 1 at 10 am
New Market Grange

Hosted by New Market UMC. Hope to see you all there!

NEW 11 am Children's Church

On February 26 we will begin our 11am Children's Church. From 11-11:30am the kids will have a fun and active lesson and then get some play time in nursery with Ms. Erica.

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.



Youth Group News and Happenings



During this youth group season, we have chosen to do intensive immersive experiences. In January we visited the Museum of African American History. The youth had the opportunity to participate in interactive learning stations. Their favorite of the trip was sitting at the lunch counter. This trip opened many opportunities to talk about race and how all people are equal children of God. Please keep your leaders in your prayers as they help our youth navigate the complexities of our modern world.



3/26- Flight 93 Bedford PA-

Youth will leave from New Market UMC after morning Sunday school. They will be provided with a lunch from McDonald's on the ride. Return at 6 pm.

4/23- Scripture Rock -

Maryland Heights- Harpers Ferry leave after second service return at 5 pm.

5/21- Lovely Lane UMC –

Including Methodist historical sites around Baltimore. Leave after second service return at 5 pm

6/2-4th- Camping Retreat

Eastern Shore, trip to beach. leave at 5 pm on Friday return at 3pm Sunday.



**Fun Time in Youth Sunday School
on Valentines Day**

In February the youth had an opportunity to serve at the Shrove Tuesday Dinner.





Category	January 2023
Deposit Total	39,915.50
<i>Regular Offering</i>	30,176.50*
Building Fund	915.00
Building Rental	480.00
Community Care	200.00
Hope 4 Kids	75.00
Organ Fund	150.00
Parsonage Rent	2,100.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	310.00
Pre School Rent (4 th quarter, 2022)	2,725.00
Pre School Rent (1 st quarter, 2023)	2,775.00
Upper Room	9.00
Online Giving Totals	2,291.79
<i>Regular Offering</i>	2,250.40*
Online Fees	41.39
*Offering Needed to Meet Monthly Budget Goal: \$23,431.05 Monthly Goal met/exceeded in January	

Your continued, generous giving to support the ministries and programs of New Market United Methodist Church is greatly appreciated.

Reminders:

- Copies of the monthly Balance Sheets, Council Minutes, as well as the FY23 approved budget are in the wall rack at the back of the sanctuary. You are encouraged to take a copy home to learn more about what is happening at NMUMC.
- The cost of *The Upper Room* is now a part of the Worship budget. Donations are no longer being solicited for those using this daily devotional. Copies are located on the table near the stairs as you exit the sanctuary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

March 1st – ZOOM Lenten Study – 7:00 pm – He Chose the Nails Begins

March 12th – Sanctuary – Scout Sunday

March 26th – Youth Trip – Flight 93, Bedford PA – Leave after Sunday School

APRIL

April 1st – New Market Grange – New Market UMC Eggroll – 10 am to 12 pm

April 15th – Schoolhouse – LIFT and COF Agape Feast – 10:00 am

April 23rd – Youth Trip – Scripture Rock – Leave after 11:00 am service

April 30th – 5th Sunday Potluck – 12:30 - Schoolhouse

The wonderful Hope 4 Kids Mission – Just keep moving on!!!!



HOLY WEEK

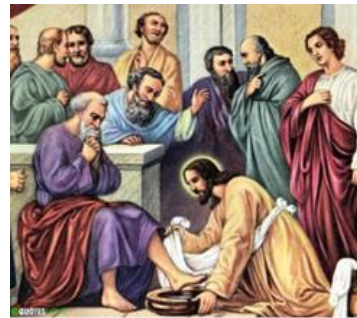


April 2nd – Palm Sunday – 9:30 and 11:00 am services - Children will be singing at the services



*April 6th – Holy Thursday –
7:00 pm*

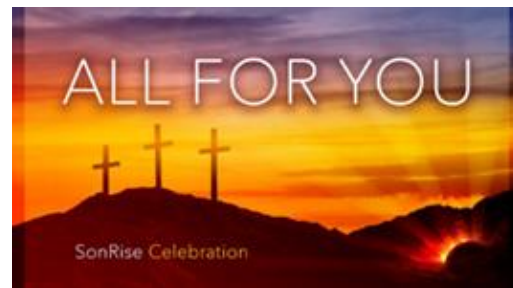
*Foot Washing Ceremony at
Mt. Carmel UMC*



HOLY THURSDAY



*April 7th – Good Friday
Sanctuary - 7:00 pm*



*April 9th - Sonrise Service
– 6:15 am at Fairview
Chapel*



*April 9th – Easter Sunday
Sanctuary Service – 9:30 am and 11:00*





MARCH

March 4th – Schoolhouse – Men’s Breakfast – 8:00 am

March 4th – Sanctuary – Vision Meeting – 10:00 am

March 7th – Ed Building Kitchen – New Market Trustee’s Meeting – 7:00 pm

March 8th – Ed Building Parlor – Stephen Ministry – 6:00 pm

March 13th – Schoolhouse – LIFT 7:00 pm

March 14th - Schoolhouse – Circle of Friends – 12:30 pm

March 20th – Schoolhouse – H4K Packing – 6:00 pm

March 21st – Ed Building Kitchen – Council – 7:00 pm

March 28th – Ed Building Kitchen – Fairview Trustees – 7:00 pm

APRIL

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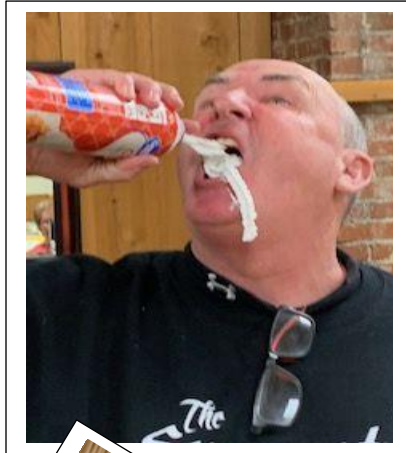
April 17th – Schoolhouse – H4K Packing – 6:00 pm

April 18th – Ed Building Kitchen – Council – 7:00 pm

April 19th – Deadline for May/June Newsletter Article Submissions

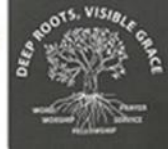
April 25th – Ed Building Kitchen – Fairview Trustees – 7:00 pm

Great Time at Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner





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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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