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~ Visible Grace

*A newsletter for the family and friends of*

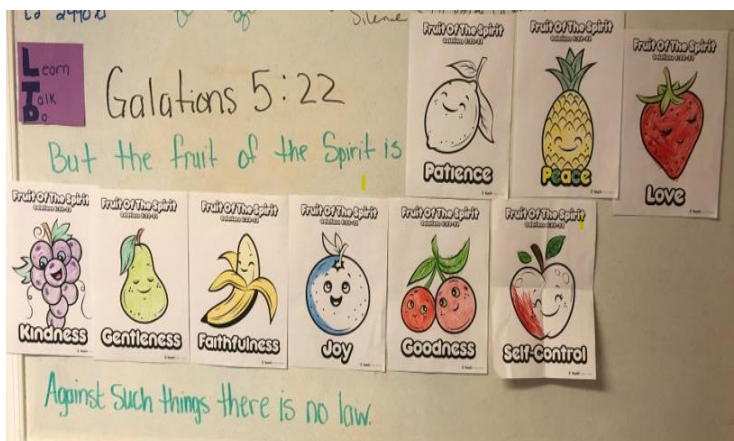
**New Market United  
Methodist Church**  
May and June,

## Shalom

<sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. - John 14: 27

Peace. Wouldn't that be great? No more mass shootings. No more name calling. No more hate. No more violence. No more war. Peace! Shalom! We live in a world that desperately seeks peace but is unwilling to accept the practices that would enable that peace to exist. The definition of practice is as follows: the actual application or use of an idea, belief, or method, as opposed to the theories relating to it. We love the theories of Jesus. Love your neighbor, care for your enemy, not only see the outcast but also to engage, take care of the foreigner, the poor, the widow, the orphan amongst you. These are all great theories to talk and preach about, but if we do not practice them in our daily lives then they are the noisy gonging bell that Paul talks about, more of an annoyance than an announcement. That is what discipleship is all about, disciplines, practices put into action, daily. This is what Jesus means when he says "come and follow me". Not just to say that you are a follower of the way, but that in all things you act in ways that Jesus taught us to act. What would the world look like if all that professed Jesus as Lord would live their life according to his lordship? Forget the world for right now, what would the church, just our church, look like, if we emulated Jesus the Christ in all of our thoughts, deeds, and words?

I now share my office with Donna's Sunday school class. Not having enough space to make young disciples is a good problem to have. As a result of this, there are daily reminders for me left on the white boards and on the hangings of posters. If only we could approach all areas of our life with the faith, trust, and love of young Sunday School kids! On my whiteboard right now are lovely-colored drawings of the fruit of the Spirit and how by practicing these fruits we can experience peace, Shalom



The practice of tolerance. The practice of mindfulness. The practice of patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, goodness, self-control. Putting those practices into the daily motion in our lives is a discipline that leads to more than peace, they will lead to wholeness, not only for yourself but everyone you encounter. They will lead to joy. They will lead to love. They will bring us peace, Shalom.

As we begin to discern and seek wisdom for expanding our ministry spaces, we will need to keep these practices in mind. Change can be concerning, frightening, and exciting all at the same time. There will be many deep conversations that will need to take place as we plan and discern together how to best serve this church and the community we serve. Let's remember to bring the spirit of peace to all conversations.

**Shalom Pastor Scott**

A message to the Congregation from a brave, sweet lady.



Dear New Market UM Church Family,

Thank you so much for your unending prayers, kind phone calls, and beautiful cards and notes over the last few months. I feel blessed to be supported by such a loving church family. Your support and the Good Lord's grace is getting me through each day.

In Christian Love,  
Thelma Gesling



Seventy-one individuals from New Market, Mt. Carmel and Fairview Chapel enjoyed a delicious meal of pancakes, bacon, sausage, breakfast casseroles, fruit, monkey bread and assorted beverages at our first Shrove Tuesday Dinner on February 21. *Thank you* to all those who helped make this first Shrove Tuesday Dinner a success.

**What is Shrove Tuesday?** Shrove Tuesday is the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and is generally a time of fasting, abstinence and repentance. During Lent, many followers give up something. Pancakes are traditional in a number of European countries because eggs, sugar, and fat, commonly forbidden during the Lenten fast, are used up so they will not go to waste; hence the day is also known as Pancake Day or Pancake Tuesday. The French translation for Mardi Gras is "fat Tuesday".

Mark Your Calendars for upcoming Fellowship Committee opportunities

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| April 30, Sunday | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Deadline to sign up is this Sunday, April 23  |
| May 22, Monday   | Spaghetti Dinner, 6-7 p.m. in the Schoolhouse. Menu: spaghetti w/plain sauce or meat sauce, salad, bread, beverages, cookies.<br>Congregation members are asked to donate items for a bake table.<br>A free will offering will be taken for the dinner, as well as for bake table items to enjoy at home. |



## New Ministry Center

### **I've Been to the Desert with a Team with No Name**

Your leadership is still amid discernment as to the name and mission statement of the former Vision Team. In the coming weeks we hope to have these important pieces of the puzzle come together. Until then, the ministry expansion team would like to keep the congregation updated on their progress and items that need lifted up in prayer.

We held a meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Discernment questions were discussed amongst the team. There were 20 team members present. The team consists of ministry leaders (Sunday School, Bible Study Groups, Choir etc., Hope 4 Kids), Preschool representatives, and those interested in expanding the ministry spaces for NMUMC. Minutes for the meeting are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

We listed the ministries that currently take place in the Schoolhouse. The questions were raised about the sufficiency and the insufficiency of that space. The pros for the Schoolhouse is that it is paid for, it houses all of our outside (girl scout troops, AA, etc.), and is adequate for some of our inside groups (UMW, pot lucks, Adult Bible study). The cons were the lack of any legal parking, the need for more storage for H4K, kitchen is not commercial, The Boy Scouts have grown out of our space and meet at the Grange and the Schoolhouse, and the space was not large enough to host the last 4 funerals held at the church.

The Education Building's pros were: It is paid for, houses two preschool classes daily, office space is adequate. Cons were: the Sunday School has outgrown the space (the youth need to meet in the SH and a class meets in the pastors office), the choir has outgrown there space also, the bathrooms are not adequate to handle large numbers at one time (choir rehearsal before church, preschool, funerals), storage and the shared pastor's office were also discussed as inadequate.

The Sanctuary pros were: it is paid for, historic space, technology. The cons were: no legal handicap parking and access, no water or bathrooms, no gathering space, and storage.

All ideas and dreams brought to the committee are explored until they are exhausted or thought to be viable options. There was a discussion of approaching the town to close our portion of North alley for better and safer access to the Sanctuary and the Ed Building and Sanctuary. These discussions are currently still in progress.

The NMUMC leadership team is in the process of negotiating the transfer of the town cemetery to NMUMC. The transfer of the town cemetery property would not be completed until our discernment on a new ministry space behind the sanctuary is complete.

The team welcomes all inquiries and discussions. Please keep the team in your daily prayers. If you would like to talk to a team member please contact the church office.



## New Market Town Cemetery Update

The New Market Cemetery Company trustees and New Market United Methodist Church representatives will be meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the finalization of the transfer of the cemetery to the care and management of the church.

The major talking points at this meeting will be:

- Provision of obtaining title insurance
- Review of lot holders agreement
- Member of the new cemetery board
- Placement of cemetery entrances

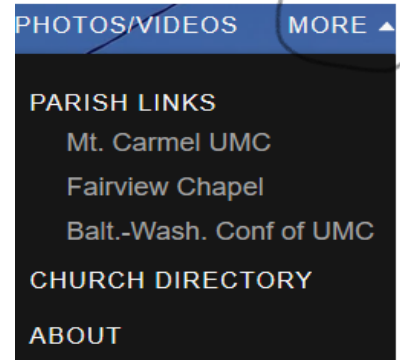
## Technology Tidbits



I know many of you have seen the hard copy of the directory and are not crazy about your current picture – guess what, if you are computer savvy, you can delete that “not so good picture” and upload a new one – below are the instruction.

**Upload a photo.** Click “Change Photo,” then “Upload New Photo.” Click “Choose A Photo,” size it so that it fills the box, and select “Save.”

You can find the online directory from our website – by hitting the “more” link on the home screen – (let us know if you need help – or you email the church your favorite picture and it will be uploaded for you.)



## **Graduation Sunday**

Do you have a child or grandchild achieving a graduation milestone this year? We would like to celebrate all graduates during the Sundays in the month of May. Please contact the church office if you have a graduate that we can celebrate and if they might be able to join us during one of the services in May.

## **Bob Burdsall's Tomato Stand Is Open**

It is time for Bob's annual Tomato plant sale. These are plants grown from seed with loving care from Bob and Barbara. There are 14 varieties, and they are only \$1 per plant. You can get them from Bob's front yard at 6028 Linganore Road.

## **Mt. Carmel Golf Tournament**

Holly Hills Country Club

July 31

*Brochures are available in the church building. Help us spread the word!*

Please go to the website to find registrations, sponsorship forms, and our tournament brochure.

The Golf Tournament committee seeks members and volunteers to contact sponsors and businesses for silent auction items.

If you would like to help or need more information contact Rene at [r.ciampaglia1212@gmail.com](mailto:r.ciampaglia1212@gmail.com)



Be a lamp, a lifeboat, or a ladder!

## New Market Children's Ministry

It is hard to believe that there are only 7 Sundays left for our 22-23 Sunday School Year! We have had an incredible year sharing the love of God with your kids and showing how all of us, no matter our age, can be a lamp, a lifeboat, or a ladder for the world and especially those around us each day.

I hope all the kids will be able to take part in our Sunday School Celebration on June 4. This is a chance for the teachers to celebrate your kids.

### Sunday School Celebration

June 4  
9:30am

At the 9:30am service we will celebrate the Sunday school kids and share a special song. The children will then return to their classrooms for our last class.

At the 11am service we would like to share our song at the beginning so if the kids are able to stay for that short time it would be very appreciated.

### Food Truck Party!! Vacation Bible School

July 31-August 4  
6-8pm

Register NOW at  
[myvbs.org/nmumc](http://myvbs.org/nmumc)

### Flat Jesus

Summer is coming and that means it is almost time for Flat Jesus!

Flat Jesus is inspired by the book written by Jeff Brown. Just as Flat Stanley has helped children with literacy and geography, Flat Jesus helps them stay plugged into our shared biblical messages.

The Flat Jesus Project is simple: each student gets their own paper cutout of Jesus to take with them on their summer adventures. You'll encourage them to take photos of their Jesus as he walks with them—helping them keep Jesus at the forefront of their minds.

In the past years, Flat Jesus has visited the ocean, California, Puerto Rico, and France with our kids. He has helped do laundry and dishes and been with them while they play sports and visited the Dr.

The kids will be making their Flat Jesus during our May classes.

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.



# Youth Group News and Happenings



During this youth group season, we have chosen to do intensive immersive experiences. In March we visited the Flight 93 Memorial. The youth had the opportunity to witness the events of 9/11 and to listen to voice recordings of Flight 93 on that fateful day. They were able to also walk the grounds and visit the Tower of Voices. This trip opened many opportunities to talk about religion, extremism, and challenged us to really discern what it means to sacrifice and to love our neighbor.



## **4/29- Museum of the Bible**

Leave the church parking lot at 12:30 pm and return at 6 :00 pm

## **5/21-Scripture Rock -**

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

## **6/6/25-7/2- Teen Quest- mission work at ranch in PA**

## **7/16-7/22- Mission trip to Philadelphia**

More information is available. Please contact Pastor Scott if you are interested.





Category	February 2023	March 2023
Deposit Total	\$24,608.01	\$25,214.28
<i>Regular Offering</i>	<i>\$16,800.02*</i>	<i>\$17,542.28*</i>
Building Fund	750.00	1,906.00
Christ's Carpenters	1,170.00	200.00
Coffee Ministry -- Rhizza		130.00
Community Care – Food Pantry		290.00
Fellowship Team – Shrove T Dinner	349.00	
Holiday Flowers -- Easter		735.00
Hope 4 Kids	75.00	125.00
Memorial Fund	1,490.00	250.00
Misc. Income – Preschool vacuum reimb.	169.99	
Misc. Income – Honor/Robinson's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.	200.00	
Organ Fund	150.00	300.00
Parsonage Rent	2,100.00	2,100.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	120.00	360.00
Study Books	20.00	51.00
UMCOR – Syria/Turkey	1,214.00	1,225.00
Online Giving Totals	2,205.43	2,647.99
<i>Regular Offering</i>	<i>2,165.60*</i>	<i>2,593.78*</i>
Online Fees	39.83	54.21
Holiday Flowers -- Easter		40.00
Online Fees		1.50
<b>*Offering Needed to Meet Monthly Budget Goal: \$23,431.05</b>		
<b>Monthly Goal not met in either February or March</b>		

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.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APRIL

- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Bible Museum Trip – 10:00 am – Meet at Church Parking Lot  
Youth will meet in the afternoon.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck – 12:15 p.m. – Schoolhouse

## May

- May 6<sup>th</sup> – Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – Schoolhouse
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Outdoor Service starts – 9:30 am – Church Parking Lot
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Youth Trip – Lovely Lane UMC - Leave after second service return at 5 pm
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner – 6:00 pm. – Schoolhouse

## June

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – Schoolhouse
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup> - Youth Camping Retreat Eastern Shore, trip to beach. leave at 5 pm on Friday return at 3pm Sunday.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Early Morning Service – 8:15 am – Fairview Chapel
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – Walt and Joan Russell's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 11:30 am to 2:00 pm – Schoolhouse.



- Children's Sunday School – last day June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Adult Sunday School – last day June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Choir – last day June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday Night 7:00 pm Bible Study – last day June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday Morning 9:00 am Bible Study – last day

(No worries – you all will be given plenty of notice when we all start up again!)



**The meetings below are special, in other words not regularly scheduled. To see the regularly scheduled meeting see calendar on the church website.**

**May**

May 7<sup>th</sup> – New Market Cemetery – Ed. Bldg. Kitchen – 12:30 pm

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Team – Schoolhouse – 3:00 pm

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Piano Tuning – Sanctuary and Ed. Bldg. – 1:15 pm

**June - None**



You are going to get an answer to that prayer starting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, the parking lot services will be starting again.

**NOTE:** If there is the slightest hint of rain, the service will be held inside.

Also, every first Sunday for communion, the 9:30 service still be held inside.

Get you camp chairs ready!



# New Market UMC Vacation Bible School 2023

July 31-August 4

6-8pm

Register now at  
[myvbs.org/nmumc](https://myvbs.org/nmumc) or  
use the QR code



## Worship Helper Schedules for May/June 2023

**(If any of these times do not work out for you – contact the office)**

Month	Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
<b>M a y</b>	5/7/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Chris Berry		Lay Reader	Cindy Naugle
			Usher/Greeters	Lafoons		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	5/14/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Kristen Eccleston		Lay Reader	Richard and Sharon Riley
			Usher/Greeters	Andersons		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	5/21/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
			Lay Reader	Bryan Eccleston		Lay Reader	Rowland and Linda New
			Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	5/28/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop		Lay Reader	Kasey Barboza
			Usher/Greeters	Bishops		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
Month	Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
<b>J u n e</b>	6/4/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Berta Lafoon		Lay Reader	Marilyn Fritz
			Usher/Greeters	Lafoons		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	6/11/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
			Lay Reader	Beth Peterson		Lay Reader	Lily Hanson
			Usher/Greeters	Gearys		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	6/18/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
			Lay Reader	Melinda McCollum		Lay Reader	Doreen Bass
			Usher/Greeters	Andersons		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys
	6/25/2023	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 PM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
			Lay Reader	Michelle Matusiak		Lay Reader	Carole Zimmerman
			Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Bishops or Gearys

## Three Services – Are we Crazy?

Summer is the time of year when flexibility is needed to support everyone's worship needs. Well, do we have an answer for you!

Starting June 4, 2023, at Fairview Chapel there will be a new 8:15 am service. The service will be 45 minutes long, so all of you who have summer plans or sports can be on your way early, with a bit of the loving Lord's blessing in your ears.

Pastor Scott and Pastor Patty will be overseeing the service, which will include lots of praise music, a message of how we love the Lord and more of where our loving Jesus tell us to go – pray for it.



### Fairview Chapel

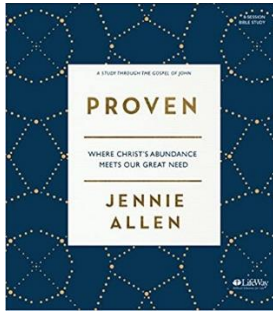
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### Is it time for a new T-Shirt?

Below are some ideas with Pastor Scott's "Shalom" logo  
(be gentle, I am not a graphic artist)





**New 7:00 pm Bible Study Starting in May  
“Proven by Jennie Allen”  
“When Christ’s Abundance Meets our Great  
Need.”  
You don’t have anything to prove.**

“Too many of us walk through life feeling as if we don't measure up. We always seem to thirst for more. We think if we could only work harder or be better, we could be enough. But the truth is, we will never be enough. And thankfully, we don't have to be.”

Starting Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm, Patty Robinson will be starting the final evening ZOOM Bible study for this worship year. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the church or sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary.



*From  
Susan Stevens*

We explore the Lectionary with a deep look into scripture. Join us for study and rich discussion of what it means to be on the journey of transformation God has for each one of us. Currently we are examining the Easter season which is about "living into the new reality of the resurrected Christ. The shocking news that death is not the end of the human story takes some reorientation to begin to understand the implications of such a profound truth. So, Eastertide is where we let this knowledge wash over us, and we begin, with joy, to embrace this new way of living." I Peter says it this way: "By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3 NRSV). This series allows us to explore this hope and to know it well enough to recognize it when we encounter it in our own communities." from Discipleship Ministries

## ***Happy birthday to you!!!***

May 2	Patty Robinson
May 4	Will Berry
May 24	Mary Maley
May 30	Evelyn Gaver
June 3	Carol Ann Rowe
June 6	Scott Clawson
June 6	Allie McCollum
June 29	Lura Wright



From Susan Stevens

### **Certified Lay Minister Cohort**

In Module 2 this past spring our in-depth study covered four sections: Leading Worship, Preaching/Sharing Faith, Discipleship Ministries, and Caring for a Congregation. Faith sharing is something we are all responsible for as we go into the world. You are an instrument of God's grace. Be aware of God's leading in your life as you make yourself open to be an instrument through which God leads others.

**May God's deepest blessings be yours in your service in Christ's love.**

**Bible Gateway - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you**



*New Market*  
United Methodist Church



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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](http://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:**

**[Hometownchurch@comcast.net](mailto:Hometownchurch@comcast.net)  
or give us a call: [\(301\) 865-3530](tel:3018653530)**

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