



A Newsletter for the people of New Market UMC



New Market UMC

Vision Statement

New Market UMC Strives to build and empower disciples for Jesus Christ

Mission Statement

New Market UMC encourages faithful discipleship for Jesus Christ by participating in Prayer, the Word, Worship, Fellowship and Service.

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The LORD is my shepherd;



Of all the lyrics we share as God's people, no words may be more familiar or powerful than those above. With this first stanza of the beloved 23rd Psalm **we claim God as our Shepherd, our leader, our provider, our caregiver, and our protector.**

This year as we journey together through the season of Lent we will follow the passages of the Shepherd's psalm. For these six weeks leading up to remembrance of Christ's death resurrection, we will be reminded of who Christ our Shepherd offers to be for us.

As we invite the Lord to be OUR SHEPHERD our lives can be guided from the wilderness of lonely wandering to the fullness of living under the Shepherds care.

We look forward to sharing this Holy Journey with each of you!

Pastor Jenny & Pastor Scott

Highlights of our journey, "In the Shepherds Care"

Lent Sermon Series begins: February 14th and continues for 6 weeks through March 13th

We encourage you to make worship a priority each week of Lent.

If you must miss our regular service time consider attending one of our sister churches services. The 8:15 service at Mt Carmel is a powerful way to begin your Sabbath with the Lord especially if other obligations will fill the rest of the day. Fairview Chapel has a wonderful evening service at 7:00pm that provides an opportunity to close your day and begin the new week with prayer and centering.

Lenten Schedule:

*For a complete list and description of Lent and Holy Week activities see page 2

Fat Tuesday Breakfast for Supper at Mt. Carmel 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 10th – 7 p.m. at New Market UMC

Palm & Passion Sunday, March 20th

Holy Thursday, March 24th

Prayer & Communion Services at 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. - Mt. Carmel Sanctuary.

"Simple Supper" in the 2nd floor Great Room at 6 p.m.

Good Friday Service, March 25th - 7:00 p.m. at New Market UMC

Easter Sunday "I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever!!"

Make sure to pick up your Lent Calendar



LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fat Tuesday Breakfast for Supper at Mt. Carmel 5:30 – 7 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 10th – 7 p.m. at New Market UMC

Ash Wednesday is one of the holiest days of our Christian year. This is a day for recognizing our need for God's salvation. We come like dust, fragile and marred by sin, trampled on by the world. In grace God receives us, claims us with his mark upon our foreheads, and redeems our lives for His service. Through these holy and ancient rituals we make a right beginning for the holiest of seasons.

Services in community with our preschool families are also offered at 8:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. during the day on Wednesday in the New Market sanctuary. All ages, including children, are welcome.

Palm & Passion Sunday, March 20th

“Yeah Thou I Walk Through the Valley” This powerful service will follow Jesus' from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem through the valley days of his Passion which lead to his death upon the cross. This is a powerful and important service for the entire family. The service includes Palms, Prayer, & Communion.

Holy Thursday, March 24th

**Prayer & Communion Services at 5 p.m. & 7 p.m. - Mt. Carmel Sanctuary.
“Simple Supper” in the 2nd floor Great Room at 6 p.m.**

This year Christ's last night will be experienced differently in our parish. Rather than feasting on our covered dishes we will eat a meager meal of rice and beans. This meal is traditional fare for the people who our mission team will serve this summer. Meager fare is appropriate and will remind us of the significance of Christ's last meal. With the other flavors simplified the sweet wine and fresh bread will be the center of the night. We invite you to join us in the Great Room at Mt. Carmel at 6pm to share fellowship and food prepared by the fellowship and mission teams. Donations will be accepted and will benefit our mission teams travels this summer. You are encouraged to choose the hour before or after the meal for your prayer and communion time.

Join us before the supper at 5 p.m. You can choose to share the guided prayer journey in the sanctuary or on the prayer trail. The journey will come together at 5:40 p.m. for Last Supper Communion in the sanctuary.

Join us after the supper at 7pm in the sanctuary for Last Supper Communion. After communion worshipers can remain in the sanctuary or go to the luminary lit prayer trail for a guided prayer journey.

Good Friday Service, March 25th - 7:00 p.m. at New Market UMC

Easter Sunday “I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever!!”

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service this year at Fairview Chapel!!

11:00 a.m. Traditional Easter Celebration



Parish Missions Page

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." –Peter, 4:10

2016 Lent Mission Focus

For the six weeks of Lent we invite our congregations to join together in a season of living simply in order to save resources for missions. The missions we will support together are:

Imagine No Malaria - This mission of the United Methodist Church is steadily eradicating the deadly disease from the continent of Africa. Every \$10 donation purchase a bed net which will protect a family from disease carrying mosquitos. In addition our gifts provide education for disease prevention, research and medication. As a side benefit INM helped play a huge role in the defeat of Ebola and in on going health related efforts.

Our First Parish Young Adult Mission Trip - In a nation where young adults are leaving the church, we are seeking to engage and support our young adults as they seek to keep the faith and serve on Christ's behalf. Our offerings will help our team of 17-30 year olds travel to Puerto Rico this summer to serve among our brothers and sisters there.

Opportunities to give:

The collections on Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Sunrise Service (at Fairview) will benefit these missions.

"Milk Money"- Each church will distribute Lent calendars and plastic "Milk Money Jars" at the services early in Lent. The calendar gives you ideas for how your family can sacrifice during Lent to allow space in your budget for giving to mission. Each time you choose to live simply you can place the money saved in the milk jug and return it on Easter Sunday.

Clothes for Campers is returning this April & May - Save your old clothes, towels, and linens! You can donate them, receive tax credit, and support a week of summer camp!

Hope 4 Kids Update:

75 children at 5 schools in the East Frederick and New Market communities are receiving packs each weekend. 1,094 packs containing 4,416 pounds of food have been sent home so far this school year!

Our churches have given GENEROUSLY! Through December, total Parish and Lion's Club giving is **\$14, 478.42**. This far exceeds our adjusted budget of \$10,989.84 after adding more children, more protein, and more long weekends. Abundance will be put towards next year. THANK YOU!

Our churches are serving GENEROUSLY! 79 volunteers of all ages have served in a multitude of roles so far this school year! THANK YOU!

Leadership Opportunity: The Rathmells will be stepping down from our leadership role in Hope 4 Kids at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. If you are feeling called to a leadership position in this ministry, contact KarenOhlrich@yahoo.com 301-882-7502 or CarrieJean.Rathmell@comcast.net 240-285-7413.

WINTER PACKING DATES: In the case of winter weather, check for the possibility of cancellations. Following the winter weather policy, evening packing will be rescheduled if FCPS is closed. Call the church or check the website for weather status on Sunday packing dates.

Monday, February 8 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the New Market UMC Schoolhouse

Sunday, February 21 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Mt Carmel UMC Basement – Childcare provided.

Wednesday, March 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the New Market UMC Schoolhouse

Sunday, March 20 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Mt Carmel UMC Basement – Childcare provided. –

Light packing - only packing one week of packs.



Deepening the Roots of All Ages

Children Are Growing in Faith at Sunday School!

9:30 a.m. Please sign your children into their classrooms.

Preschool- Preschool room near the nursery/office door.

1-2 grade class – Preschool room near the kitchen

3-5 grade class- Education building kitchen

Kids will start in their classroom, join together to share how their week went and sing some songs and then return to their classrooms for Bible stories, games, crafts and more.

Adult Small Groups

Basic Bible 101

Sundays - 02/21 – 03/06 & 03/20
In the Ed. Bldg. immediately following the worship service.

Disciple 1

Wednesdays 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. –gathers in the Ed. Bldg. kitchen

Men's Support

Thursdays 7 p.m. –Bible Study group in the Ed. Bldg. kitchen

Choir

Thursdays 7 p.m. –meets in the Ed. Bldg. library around the piano



**February 17th & March 16th
@ 1:30 p.m.
Come one, come all!**

Everyone is invited to a wonderful day of fellowship and fun on Game Day, **1:30 P.M.**, on Wednesday, at the New Market "School House." Games start at 1:30 and the first session ends around 3 P.M. but ongoing fun and fellowship can continue on that afternoon. Last month we had a great time with a variety of games. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.



Senior High Sunday School -This group will meet every other Sunday immediately following the worship service at 11:00, the next studies will be held at the same time (Immediately following the worship service) on 02/14, 02/28, 03/13 & 03/27 in the Ed Building kitchen. Lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Scott for more information.

Did You Know?



Souper Sunday! Sunday, February 7, 2016

There are never enough potlucks, so to solve that problem, please join us for Souper Sunday, right after the 11:00 a.m. service to relax in fellowship and anticipation of Super Bowl 50 (don't worry, you will be home in plenty of time to enjoy the game!)

Bring a covered dish or crockpot of soup and your favorite sports team memorabilia to decorate your table. Drinks and paper products will be provided by the Outreach Committee.

VALENTINE'S PARENT'S NIGHT OUT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016



This is the weekend to take your sweetie out to dinner. So drop off the kid at the Schoolhouse for an evening full of games, crafts, singing, movies and a pizza dinner, all under adult supervision.

WHEN: Saturday, February 13, 2016

*WHERE: Historic Schoolhouse at New Market United Methodist Church
5501 Old New Market Road, New Market, MD 21774*

TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Children from ages 3 to 11 are welcome

(There's always wiggles room for older or younger siblings)

Please preregister online: <http://www.newmarketumc.com>

Senior Saint Potluck

March 13th immediately following the 11 a.m. church service

Potluck after Sunday service to celebrate the senior saints in the congregation – anyone 65 or older does not have to bring anything. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.



Make sure you stop and visit Mrs. Marilyn every Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring along the kids or the grandkids for story times at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Winter Weather Policy

The following procedure will be used for the cancelation of church meetings, events, office hours and church services for the winter of 2016. Church meetings, events and office hours during the weekday will follow the Frederick County Public School closings. If Schools are closed for the day or have early dismissal due to inclement weather all scheduled activities will be automatically canceled for that day and evening. During the weekend all activity and service cancelations will be posted by 8 a.m. via the two following venues. You can call the church office (301)865-3530 where a message will be posted if there are any cancelations or you can log onto our web site, www.newmarketumc.com, the closing notice will be on the rolling scroll on the main page.

Rained Out

Our organization uses RainedOut to inform you about cancelled events, changed plans, new directions, and more. RainedOut delivers our urgent alerts to you as a text message or email.

Text NMUMC to 84483 to receive alerts from our church. For email alerts go to www.RainedOut.com

Knitting - Interested in learning how to knit or crochet? Or are you already an expert? We have started a group of people who are interested in knitting or crocheting as a ministry. Please contact Kathy Ginsburg at [301-639-4144](tel:301-639-4144) or Katherine.ginsburg@fcps.org for more information.

Dinner and Fellowship with 2, 4, 6, or 8

will be organized at the **Senior Saint Pot Luck**,

Sunday, March 13th right after church in the Schoolhouse

Please attend and help us decide days and weeks for the spring of 2016.

Dinner and Fellowship with 2, 4, 6, or 8 are round-robin-potluck dinners with others in our New Market UM church community held once a month this Spring in April, May, and June. We usually have two different days available, a Sunday afternoon and a ??? evening.

You can host in your home with a potluck, you need only make the main dish, (everyone else brings the other foods) or host at a restaurant Dutch treat. We'll also ask if you'd like to bring children or Host with children. AND if you'd like to host, how many you can fit around your table? ☺ Forms will be at the Senior Saint Pot Luck or in the folder on the bulletin board at the back of the church starting March 13th.

Karen Ohlrich at karenohlrich@yahoo.com organizes the "dining tables" in time for the host to get in touch with the folks dining in each group a week ahead.



United Methodist Women



Circle of Friends

Marilyn Fritz has kindly agreed to lead the Circle of Friends while Thelma undergoes chemo. If you have any questions please contact Marilyn at 240-405-4614.

Saturday, February 20th 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. there is a joint Circle of Friends/LIFT Agape meeting in the Schoolhouse. LIFT will do the Call to Prayer and the self-denial program. Everyone is asked to bring either a fruit, cheese or bread platter.

March Meeting -

Sister In Faith's Spring Event – Saturday, April 16th 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Featuring Valorie Burton – She is a Christian life coach. She has a weekly blog that looks very interesting. Check her out on valorieburton.com

There is limited parking so we will be carpooling from church to Montgomery UMC on Rt. 80. It is a very worthwhile day to join with many other women. You will come away inspired from listening, meeting others, and singing with the praise band.

L.I.F.T. (Ladies In Faith Together) is a gathering of women which support each other and share our faith through fellowship, prayer, study and laughter and we get to enjoy great snacks!

We meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Education Building on the following dates. At each meeting we share in a devotional and discussion led by one of our ladies while enjoying refreshments.

**Monday, February 8th
Wednesday, March 9th**

Monday, April 11th
Wednesday, May 11th

For more info email Thersa Dowling at thersala@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

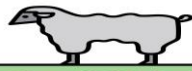
Sunday Worship Time 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	2 Kinderdance 11:45 - 1 p.m. (Schoolhouse) Trustees 7 p.m. (Ed. Bldg.) Outreach 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	3 Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m.	4 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir 7 p.m. Mt. Men 7 p.m.	5	6 Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
7	8 Hope 4 Kids 5 - 6 p.m. (Schoolhouse) LIFT 7:30pm (Ed. Bldg.) Cub Scouts 1628 7 - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	9 Kinderdance 11:45 - 1 p.m. (Schoolhouse) LET Team Meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	10 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.	11 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir 7 p.m. Mt. Men 7 p.m. 7 p.m.	12	13 Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Boy Scouts 1 - 3 p.m. (Schoolhouse) Parent's Night Out 5 p.m.
14	15 Happy Valentine's Day! Senior High Sunday School Amped Youth Group! 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	16 No School Council Meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	17 1:30 p.m. Game Day!! Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m.	18 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir 7 p.m. Mt. Men 7 p.m.	19	20 Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Circle of Friends/LIFT (Agape) 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Schoolhouse)
21	22 Bible 101 Hope 4 Kids 4:30 - 6 p.m. (Mt. Carmel) Amped Youth Group! 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	23 Kinderdance 11:45 - 1 p.m. (Schoolhouse) Fairview Meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	24 Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m.	25 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir 7 p.m. Mt. Men 7 p.m.	26 Men's Bowling 8 p.m.	27 Library 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Baby Shower (All Day) - schoolhouse
28	29 Senior High Sunday School Amped Youth Group! 4:15 - 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)				

February Birthdays:

Charlene Bishop	02/05
Lisa Miller Burroughs	02/12
Greg Gaver	02/14
Caleb Clawson	02/22
Scot Morrow	02/28
Edward Plasket	02/28
William Plasket	02/28
Angie Pickett	02/28
Ryan Pickett	02/28





MARCH

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Bible 101 Amped Youth Group! 4:15 – 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Kinderdance 11:45 – 1 p.m. (Schoolhouse) LET team meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Hope 4 Kids 6 – 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse) Disciple 6:30 p.m. LIFT 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Ed. Bldg.) AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir 7 p.m. Mt. Men 7 p.m.		Library 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Saving Time Begins Senior Saint Potluck Senior High Sunday School Amped Youth Group! 4:15 – 5:50 p.m.	Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Kinderdance 11:45 – 1 p.m. (Schoolhouse) Council meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Disciple 6:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. Game Day!! AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir 7 p.m. Mt. Men 7 p.m.	Youth High School Impact Trip through Sunday Boy Scouts 7 – 9 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Library 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
First Day of Spring Palm Sunday Bible 101 Hope 4 Kids 4:30 – 6 p.m. (Mt. Carmel) Amped Youth Group! 4:15 – 5:50 p.m.	Spring Break Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)		Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m.	Holy Thursday 5 & 7 p.m. (Mt. C) Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse)	Good Friday Service 7 P.M.	Library 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
27	28	29	30	31		
Happy Easter	No School Cub Scouts 1628 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Kinderdance 11:45 – 1 p.m. (Schoolhouse) Fairview meeting 7 p.m. (Schoolhouse)	Disciple 6:30 p.m. AA 7 p.m.	7 p.m. Boy Scouts (Schoolhouse) Choir 7 p.m. Mt. Men 7 p.m.		

March Birthdays:

Tim Summers	03/02
Luke Summers	03/06
Elaine Davis	03/06
Walt Russell	03/09
Daniel Cooper	03/16
Rita Crandall	03/20
Dawn Zimmerman	03/20
Ross Boyd Padilla	03/20
Michael Crandall	03/22
Sharon Coleman	03/22
Laura Gaver	03/23
Susan Summers	03/28
Linda Siglin	03/29

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February 7

Lay Reader: **Matt Plasket**
Ushers: **Kevin Hart, Luke Summers**
Greeter: **Arlene Craig**
Acolyte: **Ethan Hart**
Nursery: **Cat Lugez**
Counters: **Sue Wood, Walt Russell**
Close Out: **Cat Lugez**

February 14 – Happy Valentine’s Day!

Lay Reader: **Toni Carnahan**
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**
Acolyte: **Kasey Barboza**
Nursery: **Marilyn Fritz**
Counters: **Nick Wood, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Glenn Anderson**

February 21

Lay Reader: **Doris Ashbaugh**
Ushers: **Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary**
Greeter: **Carolyn Geary**
Acolyte: **Kobe Duncan**
Nursery: **Brandie Kellogg**
Counters: **Patty Robinson, Walt Russell**
Close Out: **David Robinson**

February 28

Lay Reader: **Glenn Prichard**
Ushers: **Tim Summers, Susan Summers**
Greeter: **Susan Summers**
Acolyte: **Luc Lugez**
Nursery: **Marilyn Fritz**
Counters: **Sue Wood, Toni Carnahan**
Close Out: **Timmy Summers**

February 10th – Ash Wednesday Helpers

Readers:
Marilyn Fritz
Sharla Worley
Marcie Jenkins

Ushers:
Glenn Anderson
Lori Anderson

Greeter:
Lori Anderson

Acolyte:
Lilly Hart

Nursery:
Donna Clawson

Counters:
Patty Robinson
Nick Wood

Reminder

February Meetings:

Outreach Meeting –
Tues. Feb. 2nd at 7
p.m. in the
Schoolhouse

Trustees Meeting –
Tues. Feb. 2nd at 7
p.m. in the Ed. Bldg.

LET Meeting – Tues.
Feb. 9th at 7 p.m. in
the Schoolhouse

Council Meeting –
Tues. Feb. 16th at 7
p.m. in the
Schoolhouse

Fairview Meeting –
Tues. Feb. 23rd at 7
p.m. in the
Schoolhouse



March 6

Lay Reader: Joyce Boyd
Ushers: Mike Grenier, Barbara Zimmerman
Greeter: Julie Grenier
Acolyte: Lilly Hart
Nursery: Erica Jaworski
Counters: Patty Robinson, Walt Russell
Close Out: Mike Grenier

March 13

Lay Reader: Timmy Summers
Ushers: Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary
Greeter: Carolyn Geary
Acolyte: Ethan Hart
Nursery: Donna Clawson
Counters: Toni Carnahan, Sue Wood
Close Out: Cat Lugez

March 20

Lay Reader: Susan Stevens
Ushers: Kevin Hart, Andrew McCollum
Greeter: Melinda McCollum
Acolyte: Kasey Barboza
Nursery: Cat Lugez
Counters: Nick Wood, Walt Russell
Close Out: Sue Wood

March 27 – Happy Easter!

Lay Reader: Richard Riley
Ushers: Tom Geary, Carolyn Geary
Greeter: Carolyn Geary
Acolyte: Kobe Duncan
Nursery: Kelly Herzing
Counters: Patty Robinsons, Toni Carnahan
Close Out: Timmy Summers

Stephen Ministry

New Market UMC and Mt. Carmel UMC recently became involved in Stephen Ministry. This one-to-one lay caregiving ministry is named for Stephen, one of the first seven laypeople called by the early church to assist the apostles in caring for others.

Stephen Ministry is truly ministry— service to others, caring for others in Jesus' name, doing the work that God has both called and gifted his children to do. Do you feel a calling to care for others who are hurting? Do you desire the personal joy that comes from sharing Christ's love with people? In the next few months, our Stephen Leader Team will begin training some of the members of our congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, speak to one of our trained Stephen Leaders – Pastor Scott Clawson (240-409-8119) or Sharla Worley (301-514-0306) or contact the church office at either Mt. Carmel or New Market. You can also read more about the ministry by visiting www.stephenministries.org

Daily Reminders:

Most important in life – **Jesus**
Most beautiful attire – **Smile**
Greatest asset – **Faith**
Most powerful force – **Love**
Worst thing to be without – **Prayer**

March Meetings:

**Outreach Meeting –
Tues. March 8th at 7
p.m. in the
Schoolhouse**

**Trustees Meeting –
Tues. March 8th at 7
p.m. in the Ed. Bldg.**

**LET Meeting – Tues.
March 15th at 7 p.m. in
the Schoolhouse**

**Council Meeting –
Tues. March 22nd at 7
p.m. in the
Schoolhouse**

**Fairview Meeting –
Tues. March 29th at 7
p.m. in the
Schoolhouse**



FOCUS – As we begin a new year lets focus on what we can do, NOT on what we can't. I have to laugh now at all the things I wished I could do. I'm sure we've all, at times, wished we could have some talent other people have.

What is it that you really like to do and is a natural thing for you? Are you musical? My Mom was very musical and loved to play the piano and organ and she shared that ability. My sister-in-law Betty also plays beautifully and has shared that talent many times. It always tickles me when I think about the duets Mom played with Nick. My Mom did everything fast and it was no exception when she played with Nick. He, bless his heart, had a time keeping up with her being he was on the organ but he did it graciously, and she so enjoyed that time.

God gifted us to help and care for the body of Christ and beyond. There's nothing like the joy and peace you receive when you share your talent with others and they share theirs with you. Don't ever think you are not needed. We may not realize the lives we've touched in simple ways because we shared our talents. When I worked at the nursing home and groups came in at Christmas to sing carols, residents who showed no recognition towards anything had tears coming down their faces and you knew that something deep in their soul was unlocked.

In Max Lucado's devotional book, "Grace for the Moment", volume II he wrote, "*When you do the most what you do the best, you put a smile on God's face.*" Oh my gosh, a smile on God's face, what a joy to think about!!

Thank you for letting me share my thoughts with you. I believe in my heart that God encouraged me to write these articles so I know we work together to do it.

May your New Year be full of joy!

Marilyn Brooks

Marilyn is a regular contributor to the newsletter. She was the secretary at NMUMC for many years and has always enjoyed writing. She currently resides with her daughter and son-in-law in Ashland, VA and hopes to one day meet all of you.



Upcoming Services at Fairview

Every Sunday evening at 7 p.m., the church features different pastors and lay speakers from both the United Methodist church and other denominations.

Join us for this great winter line up!

February 7th
Rev. Ruth Aukerman from Glade Valley Church of the Brethren

February 14th
"Sing to the Lord A New Song"
With vocalist/ instrumentalist
Robert Peiera

February 21st
Elder Huey Brown
El Shaddai Congregation

February 28th
Rev. Dr. Ladelle Brookes & Choir
Asbury UMC

March 6th
Rev. Sue Koenig & Handbell Choir
Graceham Moravian Church

March 13th
Lay Servant Elaine Canonico
Middletown UMC

March 20th – Palm Sunday
Pastor Jennifer Smith
Mt. Carmel UMC

March 27th – Easter
"He Lives! Alleluia! Christ is Alive!"
Rev. Paul Leatherman
Edgewood / Sam's Creek Church of the Brethren

Joint Missions 2016

February 2016

Live Simply so that others may simply live!

Imagine No Malaria & Young Adult Mission -
Ash Wednesday offering Lent Calendar & Milk Jugs

March 2016

Holy Thursday "Simple Supper" prepped by Mt. C
fellowship team, served by Young Adults

Good Friday offering

Sunrise Offering at Fairview Chapel

April 2016

Young Adult Mission trip & Camperships

Clothes for Campers

Youth/Young adult Auction

April 24th 12 p.m. (youth group)

2nd Street and Hope - 23rd

Scouting Sunday-NM only

May 2016

Clothes for Campers

Inviting donations

Volunteer Drive

June 2016

2nd Street & Hope - 25th

