

**God is on the *MOVE!*
Exciting Things are Happening at New Market UMC**



Baptized in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

On Sunday December, 23rd we welcomed Quinlan Alexandra Wright into the body of Christ!

Quinlan is the daughter of Michael and Ashly Wright, the granddaughter of Nancy Barsocchini, and attends HOPE Community Preschool at New Market. Quinlan's godparents are Alexander Barsocchini and Alma Ramos. The Wright family recently moved into their new home on Main Street in New Market.

A Huge Welcome to NMUMC's Newest Members

Alice Bryant joined our community of faith on January 20th.

Alice came to us from a small town in South Carolina. She was a school teacher in Florida for 20 years. She moved to Spring Ridge to be near her son and three grandsons. Alice enjoys square dance club; she used to paint dried gourds for art markets and transported them in her red truck. She no longer attends the markets, but she still loves the red truck!



Kristen, Bryan, Colin and Brynn Eccelston will be joining our family on February 17th at the 9:30 a.m. service. Brynn attended our preschool and she and her brother are regular VBS fans. Make sure you welcome the Eccelston's the next time you see them!

If you are interested in joining the church or being baptized contact Pastor Scott at pastorscott62@gmail.com



Caroling for shut-ins.



The women's groups held a Thanksgiving offering.



Celebrating some February birthdays at the Souper Bowl fellowship.

A Letter from Pastor Jenny: A Call to Prayer for the Church

¹³ Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ...¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Matthew 16:13,16-18

Eight months ago, I set an alarm to go off every afternoon at 2:23 p.m. This time corresponds with the date of the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church, scheduled for February 23rd-26th in St. Louis. This gathering of delegates, representing the global UMC, will seek to set a path forward for our denomination to select an approach toward resolving our 30-year debate regarding human sexuality. Each day at the same time my phone begins to chime a call to prayer which challenges me to stop what I am doing and pray. I thought I set the alarm to discipline myself to pray regularly for the church, but God has given these daily "interruptions" unexpected significance.

The chimes are relentless. They have the audacity to sound anywhere, regardless of what I am doing. Each time they ring they cause me to become aware of my surroundings. The bells rang...

- during preschool chapel and I prayed with 30 little ones that the church would "be there" for them.
- through the silence of abiding with a hospice patient in the last hours of life.
- while I was on the phone with a young adult considering suicide.
- during a meeting with school officials debating the future of Hope After School.
- as I prayed with a family for a loved one going into surgery.
- on Christmas Eve as we unlocked the doors for worship.
- yesterday as Elizabeth was baptized at the YMCA.

The chimes just keep sounding and as they do, I am reminded of the power of the church and the mission we share. East Frederick and New Market is more hopeful; loving, God-fearing place because our churches are present. The world is being redeemed by the hospitals, clinics, after school programs, preschools, soup kitchens, rehab centers, small groups, worshipping communities, youth groups, and one-on-one praying relationships that the "church" brings into the neighborhood. Though evil advances and seeks to destroy and disrupt God's purposes, the Holy Spirit continues to transform lives and claim souls so that we, like Peter, can claim faith in Christ and be about God's work in the world. (Acts 2:38) Though darkness seeks to strangle the truth, we live out Christ's promise-- *"the light shines in the darkness and darkness will not overcome it"* --(John 1:5) --with 1000 little victories. Though differing convictions over important matters seek to divide us, the pressing need for the ministry we share pulls us together.



This February, we, your pastors, join with the global Bishops of the United Methodist Church in calling all Methodists to pray. We invite you to set a chime on your phone for 2:23 and allow a call to prayer to interrupt your day. We believe there is spiritual power in all of us praying together at the same time. This demonstrates our unity and our commitment in being the church. If we can imagine this practice from God's perspective, we see Methodists of every time zone sharing in a great relay of prayer that could continue nearly unbroken for 28 days. That feels significant when we remember what our God said to the Israelites, *"I have heard your prayers, your cries have reached me, so now I am coming to deliver you."* Exodus 3:7-8

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Our church yearns for deliverance. While many local congregations thrive in their communities, our denomination is on the verge of unraveling and losing our missional power as our energy is directed to debate and procedure. The Special Session of General Conference is an opportunity for delegates from around the world to attune their spirits, minds, and souls to God's eternal Word. As Jesus reminded Peter in the passage above, the truth does not come from human logic alone, but the truth is revealed by God. Therefore, our prayer work is significant. We pray for a powerful movement of God's Spirit that leads the church towards greater unity and missional focus. Uncommon creativity and miraculous surrender of individual agendas will be required for the church to emerge from this Conference with greater clarity. When we see in our culture the division and senseless waste of energy that this ideological "log jam" creates, we wonder if there is a way forward. Thanks be to God who is in the business of doing the impossible so that the *"gates of Hell will not prevail"* (Matthew 16:18) and the light will continue to shine!



Last summer at Mt. Carmel and New Market we prayerfully shared in detail the conversation from General Conference focused on ordination, marriage, and human sexuality and offering paths going forward. The possible paths forward, with minimal revisions, remain consistent with what was presented last summer. A summary of the conversation can be found on our website at www.hopemtcarmel.org. In March, our pastors and leadership will be diligent in sharing information and leading our congregations in any discernment the outcomes invite. In the meantime, let us continue to center ourselves in prayer and serve in community with the church.

With eternal hope,

Pastor Jenny, Pastor Scott, Pastor Helen, Pastor Ed

An Invitation to Fast...

"Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting." Daniel 9:3

For centuries those seeking God's direction have turned to prayer with fasting. Going without food (or other things like technology, alcohol, etc.) has proved to be a way that we attune ourselves to the Lord and learn to more fully depend on God for wisdom and provision. As the needs of food preparation, purchase, consumption, and clean up, are eliminated space emerges for focusing on the Lord. We invite any who feel called to join the Methodist fast from sun up to sun set on Fridays. As you experience hunger pray for the future of the church. Consider the physical and spiritual hunger our church is called to address. Our fasting commitment will begin Friday, February 1st and continue through the season of Lent, with our last fast being held on Good Friday, April 19th.



Stephen Ministers Are Here to Care – New Training Class Begins March 3rd!

Are you (or someone you know) going through a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, stressed or experiencing a crisis? You don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find out more, please talk with one of our pastors or Sharla Worley (sharlaworley@juno.com; 301-514-0306). You may also contact the New Market Church office (301-865-3530).

Our Stephen Ministers are here to care!

Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Several local churches are combining to provide training classes that will meet once a week from March 3rd through June 30th. Most training sessions are Sunday evenings from 5:30-8:00 p.m., but there are Saturday morning/afternoon sessions in place of five of the Sunday sessions. To be a part of this class, you must apply by February 4th. Please contact one of our pastors, the church office, or Sharla Worley to get more information and/or to obtain an application.

Our Children and Youth Ministry is GROWING!

Come and join the fun!!



Sunday School Schedule

9:15-9:30 a.m.: Gathering Time in the preschool room
9:30- 9:45 a.m.: Large Group Worship
9:45-10:20 a.m.: Kids will break into age appropriate classes
10:20-10:30 a.m.: Snack time



In November we got to help with communion!



The kids sing one Sunday every month! They are working on a special song for February 17!



Waiting to go on "stage" for our Christmas Pageant!

Confirmation 2019!!

Every other year our parish offers a confirmation class for 6th-12th graders who are eager to explore their faith and who wish to consider becoming members of the church. Confirmation is an opportunity to ask questions and consider a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This year Pastor Jenny and a team of volunteers will offer 10 classes on Wednesday evenings (approx. two per month from January-May). The confirmation journey will also include a retreat and several adventures.

To sign-up contact the church office or contact Pastor Jenny for more information at crazymethodists@comcast.net.

ROCK
Youth Retreat

When: February 8-10, 2019

Where: Ocean City, MD

Cost: \$125

What: An awesome weekend filled with fun and worshipping our Lord!

Open to students 6-12th Grade!

Needed: Chaperones! Please contact Pastor Ed if available.



A weekend
food
program

Hope 4 Kids Paint Fundraiser (Painting with Friends by Tammy)

February 11th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
at The Upper Deck in Mt. Airy
(237 S. Main Street)



Most people can't wait for the weekend. Kids at risk of hunger can't wait for it to be over. One in five kids eat meals at school during the week but are without access to affordable, nutritious food on Saturday and Sunday. The consequences are much more than a growling stomach. Hunger can cause many physical health problems. It can also shorten a child's attention span, lower their IQ, and keep them from making good grades. To ensure those kids in our community have full bellies over the weekend, Hope 4 Kids sends them home on Friday with a bag full of satisfying and nutritious food.

Join us on February 11th at The Upper Deck in Mt Airy to help raise money for the Hope 4 Kids program, try your hand at painting a fun picture, or just enjoy a nice meal. **15% of the paint night and restaurant purchases will go toward Hope 4 Kids!** Just \$35 a painter....cash at the door or credit card ahead of time. Register online through New Market Facebook, email the church office, or pay at the door.

If you are interested in learning more about this local mission, please contact Caryn Gilbert at caryn.a.gilbert@gmail.com or stop in to one of our upcoming packing dates.

At **New Market**, packing will be on **Tuesday, 2/19** and is held in the yellow school house at 6 p.m. At **Mt. Carmel**, packing immediately follows the 11 a.m. service on **Sunday, 2/10** and is held in the church basement.

This is a great time of prayer, service, and fellowship. All ages are welcome.



Reporting on the financial status of NMUMC for end of 2018 is a joy!!! Thanks to you we finished the year in the black (+4216)! Building and preschool rent raised more than was expected and identified giving was **record breaking** and **we knocked our debt down by a third!** Below are some details showing our accomplishment in 2018

- 2018 Total Giving-----\$251,348.00
- Missions:
 - Hope 4 Kids----- \$4,404.00
 - Home Giving Missions -----\$4,670.00
 - Camp Joy, World Vision, 2nd Street and Hope, Jesse Tree-----\$485.00
- Building Fund-----\$2,845.00
- Memorial Fund-----\$4,550.00

IMPROVEMENTS:

- Roof/gutters for Schoolhouse Kitchen-----\$8,985.00
- Topographical Survey to assist with ADA compliance-----\$3,200.00

DEBT REDUCTION

Category	Totals		
2018 Beginning Mortgage Balance	\$143,739.00		
Mortgage Principal Donations	\$23,176.00		
Mortgage Principal Payments	\$9,303.00	Excess from \$2100.00	Monthly Rent Payment
Base Mortgage Payment	\$15,896.28	\$9,568.00	Principal
2018 End of Year Mortgage Balance	\$101,692.00	\$6,328.28	Interest
Total Debt Reduction	\$42,047.00		



Circle of Friends

Ladies Groups at New Market



A Special Invitation to All Ladies of the Congregation,

You are invited to an Agape Feast hosted by our LIFT (Ladies In Faith Together) group, on Saturday, February 9, from 11am -1pm, at the church schoolhouse. We will join together in fellowship, prayer, and mission.

UMW Circle of Friends:

United Methodist Women "Circle of Friends" – Our next meeting will be on Saturday, **February 9th**, at 11:00 a.m. as we join LIFT for Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Please mark your calendar. We hope you can come!

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together):

The December meeting of LIFT was full of fun and mission. We had a Christmas cookie exchange (YUM!!) and put together stockings full of baby products for Birth Right in Frederick. Each stocking also contained a car seat "lovey" handmade by our Fellowship with a Purpose knitting/crochet group.

Our next meeting will be a change from our Monday night meeting. We will be hosting the Agape Feast on February 9th at the schoolhouse from 11am -1pm.



LIFT Ladies prepare stockings for Birthright

If you would you like to get to know and support other Women?

Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT), the UMW evening group, meets the second Monday of each month at 7p.m. in the Education Building kitchen. If you would like more information on this group, contact Kathy Ginsburg (kathyginsburg1106@gmail.com) or Donna Clawson (declawson16@gmail.com) To learn more about the knit/crochet group, Fellowship With A Purpose, contact Arlene Craig (arlenemcraig@gmail.com).

The Circle of Friends, the UMW daytime group, meets the second Tuesday of each month at in the Schoolhouse. If you would like more information on this group contact, Marilyn Fritz at 240-405-4614.



Lunch with A Pastor at the Derby!

Looking for an informal environment where fellowship and relationships can be shared? Have questions you would like to explore with the pastor and other adults? Just looking for some company to share a meal? In the New Year our pastors will take turns joining you for lunch on the last Tuesday of each month. Details about each month's lunch will be provided in the bulletins and e-announcements. You can sign up on the bulletin board or just meet us at the restaurant.

February's lunch is with Pastor Scott

February 26th

11:30 a.m.

The Derby in New Market

Below is the ministry lineup for 2019. Please take the time to look for which committee(s) you are on and what ministry team(s) you are designated in. Please take time to review the list below. If you are on a team that you feel does not fit your spiritual gifts, please call the office so we can update the lineup.

Thanks, LET/SPRC Team

Church Council - 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Schoolhouse - 7:00 PM

Chairperson	Melinda McCollum	Recording Secretary	Kathy Ginsburg
Certified Lay Servant	Patty Robinson Richard Stonebraker	Fellowship Chair	Julie Grenier
Lay member to annual conference	Patty Robinson Richard Stonebraker	Worship Chair	Nick Wood
Finance Chair	Tim Summers	Treasurer	Thersa Dowling
Financial Secretary	Dan Cooper	UMW Chair	See Circle of Friends and Ladies in Faith Together below
SPRC/LET Team	Joe Shaw, Chair	Circle of Friends	Marilyn Fritz
Sunday School Representative	Donna Clawson	Ladies in Faith Together (LIFT)	Kathy Ginsburg, Donna Clawson
Missions Chair	Anthony and Charlene Bishop	Trustee Chair	Greg Zimmerman
Outreach Chair	Patty Robinson	Communications	Sharon Coleman
Fellowship with a Purpose	Kathy Ginsburg		

Board of Trustees - 1st Tuesday of every month at the Education Building

Chairperson	Greg Zimmerman	Co-Chair	Richard Stonebraker
Secretary	Cat Lugez		
Class of 2019	Shawnee Shaw	Jeff England	Richard Riley
Class of 2020	Anthony Bishop	Steve Medellion	Mary Lou Bernota
Class of 2021	Richard Stonebraker	Cat Lugez	Greg Zimmerman

SPRC/LET Team - Every other month on Tuesday starting March 12th at the Education Bldg.

Chairperson	Joe Shaw		
Class of 2019	Joe Shaw	Carole Zimmerman	Arlene Craig
Class of 2020	Missy Cooke	Willie Hipkins	
Class of 2021	Ann Winters	Joyce Bartz	Lauren Cottrell

Finance Team - Every other month on Tuesday starting January 2nd at the Schoolhouse

Chairperson	Tim Summers	Dan Cooper	Carole Zimmerman
Yearly Auditor	Thersa Dowling	Patty Robinson	Susan Mautz

Chair Outreach	Patty Robinson		
Chair Fellowship	Julie Greiner		
	Donna Clawson	Kathy Ginsburg	Susan Stevens
	Nick Wood	Brenda Lawson	Toni Carnahan

Mission Team			
Chairperson	Anthony Bishop	Charlene Bishop	Susan Stevens

Called to Care Team			
Co-Chair	Susan Stevens	Temp Co-Chair Patty Robinson	
	Carole Zimmerman	Brenda Lawson	Carolyn Geary
	Arlene Craig	Nick Wood	Dan Cooper
	Barbara Zimmerman	Alice Bryant	Kathy Ginsburg

Nursery Team			
Erica McAdams - PAID STAFF		Ashley Wright	
Marilyn Fritz	Thersa Dowling	Shawnee Shaw	Lauren Cottrell
Cat Lugez	Donna Clawson	Brandie Kellogg	Patty Watson
Kelly Herzing	Erica Jaworski	Missy Cottrell	Susan Mautz

Sunday School Team			
Children's Teachers	Marilyn Fritz	Toni Carnahan	
Alternates	Cat Lugez	Joyce Boyd	
Superintendent	Donna Clawson		
Youth Teachers	Greg Zimmerman		
Adult Teachers	Nick Wood	Patty Robinson	Susan Stevens

Ushers/Greeters - 11:00 a.m.			
Head Ushers	Tom Geary	Carolyn Geary	
Alternates	Tim Summers	Susan Summers	
	Carole Zimmerman	Greg Zimmerman	Kevin and Nicole Hart

Ushers/Greeters - 9:30 a.m.			
Head Ushers	Lori Anderson	Glenn Anderson	
Alternates	Melinda McCollum	Cat Lugez	

Greeters Only 11:00 a.m.			
Arlene Craig	Thelma Gesling	Barbara Zimmerman	
Charlene Bishop	Joan Price		

Greeters Only 9:30 a.m.			
Susan Mautz	Melinda McCollum		

Acolytes			
Ethan Hart	Lilly Hart	Luc Lugez	Kasey Barboza
Kobe Duncan	Coraline Jaworski	Lily Coleman	Laurel Coleman

Counters			
Toni Carnahan	Carole Zimmerman	Walt Russell	Nick Wood
Sue Wood	Susan Mautz	Patty Watson	Patty Robinson (alternate)



Worship Helpers Needed - Get involved by volunteering to help at the 9:30 or 11 a.m. services. Readers, ushers, greeters, and nursery volunteers are needed. We are trying to establish a once a month rotation. If you are interested, or would like more information on the duties, please contact Pastor Scott.

Sunday Worship Times 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Calendar Key: MC = Mt. Carmel SH = Schoolhouse S = Sanctuary Ed. B = Ed. Bldg. Ed. BK = Ed. Bldg. kitchen L = Library ND = Newsletter Deadline					1	2
					4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 11 a.m. Private Party (SH)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Souper Sunday 2:30 – 5 p.m. Daisies (SH)	6 p.m. Cub Scouts (ED) FPU 6:30 p.m. (SH)	6 – 7:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Trustees (L) 7 p.m. Outreach (Ed. BK)	 <i>AA 7 p.m. (SH)</i>	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	ROCK! 4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	10:30 a.m. Agape Feast (SH) 5:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out (SH)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Scouts Sunday 12:15 p.m. Hope 4 Kids (MC) 2:30 – 5 p.m. Daisies (SH)	6 p.m. Cub Scouts (ED) FPU 6:30 p.m. (SH)	Circle of Friends 1 – 3 p.m. (SH) 3:40 – 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SH)	 <i>AA 7 p.m. (SH)</i>	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
12 p.m. 5 p.m. Private Party (SH)	President's Day No School FPU 6:30 p.m. (SH)	6 p.m. Hope 4 Kids (SH) 7 p.m. Council (Ed. BK)	 <i>AA 7 p.m. (SH)</i>	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)	4 – 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir practice (SH)	Library 10 a.m. – 1p.m.
24	25	26	27	28		
12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Usher/greeter Training 2:30 – 5 p.m. Daisies (SH)	6 p.m. Cub Scouts (ED) FPU 6:30 p.m. (SH)	11:30 a.m. Lunch with Pastor Scott at the Derby 3:40 – 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (SH) 7 p.m. Fairview (Ed. BK)	 <i>AA 7 p.m. (SH)</i>	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Choir (L) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK) 7 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)		

February Birthdays

Charlene Bishop	2/05	Edward Plasket	2/28
Lisa Miller Burroughs	2/12	William Plasket	2/28
Greg Gaver	2/14	Angie Pickett	2/28
Caleb Clawson	2/22	Ryan Pickett	2/28
Scot Morrow	2/28		

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February Newsletter
New Market United Methodist Church
We serve Christ in the world and the community as we share His love
with all of God's people. Come be a part of our faith family.



9:30 & 11 a.m.
Services at
New Market United
Methodist Church
5501 Old New Market Road,
New Market

Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Worship Calendar

February 3rd – Communion Sunday – “Visible Signs, Inward Grace”

February 10th – “Fasting”

February 17th – “Uppercase F-aith”

Receiving new members: Eccleston Family

February 24th – “Discipleship”

Usher/Greeter Training 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

March 3rd – Communion and Transfiguration Sunday – “Holiness”

March 6th – Ash Wednesday – NMUMC – 7:00 p.m.

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