

# DEEP ROOTS VISIBLE GRACE

July / August 2019

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

## Three General Rules of Methodism

1. Do no harm.
2. Do all the good you can.
3. Stay in love with God.

Greetings Friends,

Ever since Annual Conference it seems as if my ministry life and personal life have been a blur. It started out with an unexpected funeral for Roy Lake that I was honored to preside over even though it meant I had to miss one day of Annual Conference. Almost immediately after leaving the uncertainty of events at Annual Conference I was blessed to join my daughter Hannah for a refreshing day at the Mother Earth News festival located at the Frederick Fair Grounds.



We had a great time admiring all the homesteading seminars, the back to basics workshops, all the things that interest us, but we are fairly certain we will never do. As many of you know, I have a problem with follow through . . . maybe someday I will raise that goat? It was that Saturday evening that I received the call from my brother that my Dad was unresponsive, and then a later call (as my entire family prepped to go to PA) from my Aunt Carly notifying me that my Dad had died.

In the ensuing days there was much comfort brought to us in edible form from all of my old acquaintances. There is great comfort in reconnecting old friendships -- some seemed as if we had never let off. There was also the comfort from our church family with your calls, texts and

emails (later cards) of your care, love and prayers.

There was also much stress that comes with these kinds of situations. I had to remind myself of Proverbs 3: 5-6, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all of your ways submit to him and he will make a straight path to follow.”* With all the uncertainty in our denomination, in life and in ministry, there is one constant, and it is that one constant that I choose to live my life and I pray you live your



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life. **JESUS IS LORD!** The Lord is in all the challenges that face us on a daily level. Romans 8:28 tells us, *“And we know in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called to his purpose.”* And I do love the Lord; when you love the Lord, well, ministry just happens. While I was away ministry still happened. I ministered to my family in PA as they ministered to me. Patty visited the Killian’s new baby girl, visited Mike Grenier in the hospital, visited care receivers and kept the ship afloat. The trustees met and laid out plans for the care of the church properties well into the future.



Patty and Sharon met with our sister church to plan for summer coverage, and our Called to Care team and UMW were busy with cards and visits. I had the blessing of returning to worship and praying over our graduates. To be effective and fruitful in ministry in our community takes the service, prayers, and commitment of the entire body of Christ and here, at NMUMC, you do it so well. It is an honor and a privilege to serve beside all of you. Let us continue to proclaim to serve the sovereignty of God by loving each other despite our differences. Three Simple Rules: Do no Harm, Do Good, and stay in love with God as one body with Christ as our head and Lord.



Pastor Scott Clawson



# Thank you

From Pastor Ed and family!

Sometimes God works in mysterious ways. We serve an incredible God who sometimes calls his servants to go places when they least expect it. God called Abram to leave his home country and go to the place that the Lord would reveal to him. God called Moses from a burning bush to go tell Pharaoh to let His people go! God called David to go fight a giant and become the next king of Israel. God called Jonah

to go preach to Ninevites. Jesus called the apostles to drop their nets and come follow after him. Jesus called Paul to take the gospel message to the ends of the earth. When God calls, his people can do nothing better than be obedient and follow.

For the past 18 months, I have had the joy of serving the youth and children of Mt. Carmel UMC. I have enjoyed every minute of youth group, Sunday school, mission trips, special events and many other young family events with the people of Mt. Carmel. It has been such a joy to me to walk alongside each of these young individuals and help them know our wonderful God even better! I am truly blessed and count it as such a joy to have served with each and every one of you.

As I have said to our youth before, we never know what God's plans are for our lives. Sometimes, God calls on us when we least expect it.



Through the leadership of the District Superintendent, Pastor Jenny and the Leadership Equipping Team at Mt. Carmel, I have been appointed as the pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church in Summit Point, WV. Yes, it will mean going home for me. Yes, I am excited. Yes, it is all a bit fast. Yes, I am in awe of God himself.

I am very excited to finish out the summer with Mt. Carmel by leading the Mission Trip to North Carolina, being a team leader at Camp Manidokan, and leading the Bible story piece of Vacation Bible School. I am extremely grateful and happy that Mt. Carmel will be teaming with me through the beginning of my ordination journey. Nicole and I love Mt. Carmel, and we will always hold this congregation close to our hearts and are looking forward to working together as a team by following Jesus in the world.

Pastor Ed





## Where Do We Fit in a Splintering Denomination? A Pastoral Letter

As your lead pastors we, Pastor Jenny and Pastor Scott, feel called in this moment to offer a word of leadership and care. We were both called to full-time ministry by an inescapable God who placed upon us a deep love for people. We are honored to do the work of the Lord and see on a daily basis how greatly we each need the love of God and the care of our church family.

At the end of May, we attended the annual meeting of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of our United Methodist Church. This conference fell at a moment in our denomination's life span where there is much division and concern. We feel it is important for our congregations to know that the future of the denomination is uncertain. Since the beginning, Methodism has been a church, more so than perhaps any other denomination, where people of broad convictions have united around our belief that Jesus is Lord. Our denomination and our churches are comprised of persons from many nations, cultures, languages, political affiliations, and experiences. We chose to focus our ministry in the UMC because we believe that spiritual maturity comes through being challenged, refined, and balanced by folks who are committed to the Lord, but don't always agree with us. At this moment, though, our diversity of thought has locked our denomination in debate and it is unclear if the UMC will find a path forward that is united. We believe it is the intention of all to seek holiness and justice, however, there are increasingly divergent visions for how this is lived out.

As many of you know, the General Conference of the global UMC which was held in February voted 438 to 384 to adopt the Traditional Plan. This plan tightened the restrictions against ordaining and marrying persons with same gender partners. This plan goes into effect January 1, 2020. At our Baltimore- Washington Annual Conference in May the clergy voted 285 to 77 and 315 to 47 to commission (as provisional pastors) and ordain (as tenured pastors) the full class of candidates recommended by the Board of Ordained Ministry. This class of 24 servants included two persons who are married to same gender spouses. Some have asked us, "how is this possible given the outcome of General Conference?" The answer is not simple. For many years, we (Jenny and Scott) voted and spoke out of our longing to move with the church and according to the Discipline of the UMC. After seeing the overly politicized processes of General Conference and the pain experienced by so many we, and many of our colleagues, determined that at this moment we must vote only our conscience.



We grieve that the vote of our Annual Conference, and many annual conferences this spring, reflects division in our church. However, we support the vote to ordain all persons who articulate a call from God to serve the church, who have sound theology, gifts for ministry, and evidence of fruit in kingdom work. We believe that each of us and each of our ministry settings are unique and God will call and gift us according to the work God calls us to accomplish. We believe it does harm and limits the spaces where the good news of salvation can be shared when we exclude persons with same gender spouses from ministry.

While we believe it is important in this moment for you to know our convictions, we offer you our word and commitment that we will pastor all people with grace and respect. We will listen to, pray with, and care for all of you with equal concern. We will not allow any in our care to be dismissed or misrepresented. We believe that at our core we each are seeking God's will and we are seeking to love each other as best we know how.

We believe prayer, scripture, and Bible study are our guides as we seek to find our way forward. For those interested in deeper conversation, we invite you to join us for a Bible study focused around these conversations at Mt. Carmel on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00 p.m. or Tuesday, July 9 from 9-11 a.m. or at New Market UMC on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m.

Even as our leaders at the global and local church level hold varied convictions, each are seeking to discern a possible path forward which will allow for vibrant ministry in the local church. This may involve finding a new way to live together in the midst of diverse convictions or may lead towards giving congregations the choice of which denomination they will affiliate with in the future. We will keep you informed as these conversations continue. Our pastors and lay leaders will be working with our church councils to lead a process in which the entire congregation will be involved in discerning the path forward.

We have great hope that Mt. Carmel and New Market will continue to serve the community in which we are placed and that we will love each other as God's beloved children. We actually have more hope today than yesterday that our churches are being refined and awakened to a new age of ministry.



You are in our hearts and prayers.  
Pastor Scott Clawson and Pastor Jenny Smith





# Our Children and Youth Ministry is GROWING! Come and join the fun!!



## Sunday School Schedule

### 9:30 a.m. Service:

**5 yrs. and younger:** Start in the nursery where Erica will have a story and activity to share and they can play with friends.

**K-5<sup>th</sup> grade:** All start in church with their family. Kids will be in church until after the Call to Worship, then will be dismissed to go to Sunday school. Parents will pick up their children from the Education Building.

### 11 a.m. Service:

**5 yrs. and younger:** Start in the nursery where Erica will have a story and activity to share and they can play with friends.

Older kids will stay in worship.

## Summer Children's Sunday School

*Do no harm. Do Good. Stay in love with God.* These are the three simple rules our kids will be talking about this summer.

The kids will learn about John Wesley, who made the rules the basis for the Methodist religion, and how these rules can be applied to our lives today. There will be crafts, service projects, games and fun.



## Flat Jesus is Back!!

Last year we started our "Summer with Flat Jesus" program and loved seeing all the fun you had. We had almost 100 pictures that tracked your adventures with Flat Jesus from Puerto Rico, France, California, and right here in Maryland.

You went swimming at the beach and in Lake Erie, saw Cirque du Soleil, took care of cows, went to camp, built forts, and even did laundry -- all while learning the important lesson that Jesus never leaves us!

Flat Jesus is inspired by the book "Flat Stanley" written by Jeff Brown. Just as Flat Stanley has helped children with literacy and geography, Flat Jesus helps children remember that Jesus is with us everywhere!

**How It Works:** Flat Jesus' are available in the back of the sanctuary. Take Him along on your summer adventures, near and far. Take a picture to share with our church family. Pictures will be shared on our church Facebook and church website. Please let us know where the picture was taken! Email pictures to [hometownchurch@comcast.net](mailto:hometownchurch@comcast.net).

If you do not want your kids pictures to be on social media, you can be creative in how you take the picture or just let us know not to post, but we still hope you will send it so we know all of the adventures this summer's Flat Jesus takes. If you have any questions, contact Donna Clawson at [declawson16@gmail.com](mailto:declawson16@gmail.com) or 301-418-0863.

**FOR MORE INFO. VISIT [WWW.NEWMARKETUMC.COM](http://WWW.NEWMARKETUMC.COM) OR CALL 301-865-3530**



**Hope 4 Kids** has had a wonderful 2018-2019 year. Our team of volunteers from Mt. Carmel, New Market and Fairview Chapel lovingly served weekend food packs to as many as 105 students at six local schools each week. A program like this takes many dedicated volunteers willing to place orders, pack food bags, pick up food, deliver to schools, and so much more. We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all who spent time, said prayers, and donated to the Hope 4 Kids Mission.

As we prepare for next school year Hope 4 Kids is in need of a new Overall Leader. This role is best filled with someone organized who likes to communicate with volunteers and school personnel via email, text, and, occasionally, phone. Some other tasks included in this role are:

- Email monthly reminders to all volunteers about upcoming packing dates
- Email regular Check-In with designated school staff
- Communicate Inventory and Order needs with Ordering volunteer
- Yearly schedule and menu planning/prep
- Communicate with church offices at New Market and Mt. Carmel for bulletins, newsletters, and email announcements
- Check in as needed with Hope 4 Kids finance and fundraising volunteers
- Presence at packings to work closely with site managers and other volunteers
- Communicate with community organizations about the Hope 4 Kids mission and facilitate volunteer times for their group (i.e. Girl Scouts, School Groups etc.)

If you feel led to serve as overall leader or in any other capacity with Hope 4 Kids, or if you would like to learn more about sponsoring a student for next year, please contact Caryn Gilbert at [caryn.a.gilbert@gmail.com](mailto:caryn.a.gilbert@gmail.com) or (815) 508-0047.



#### Circle of Friends

**The Circle of Friends**, the UMW daytime group, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the Schoolhouse. The meetings will resume in September. Enjoy your summer! If you would like more information on this group, contact Marilyn Fritz at 240-405-4614.

**LIFT** women's group is off for the Summer. Enjoy time with your family!

### *Ladies Groups at New Market*

*Would you like to get to know and support other Women?*



### **Teacher & Staff Breakfasts at Local Schools Mornings, August 26-30**

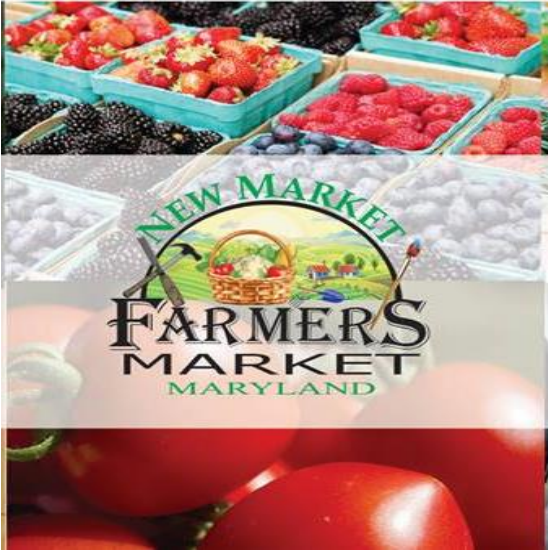
Hosting teacher breakfasts is our way of nourishing and supporting our local teachers and school staff. We are looking for site leaders and volunteers for each of these area schools: Oakdale Elementary, Middle, and High; Spring Ridge Elementary, TJ Middle.

If you are willing to serve contact Jim Stanker at [jim.stanker@yahoo.com](mailto:jim.stanker@yahoo.com)

Sign-up sheets for food donations will be posted in August.

## COME ENJOY A SENIOR MOMENT WITH THE NEW MARKET AND COMMUNITY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

If you are interested in joining this fun-loving group, we will be meeting the last Monday of each month at the New Market Grange on South Alley at 12 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. If you have any questions call Terry at 301-620-9906



### Market Location:

93 W. Main St. & 105 W. Main St.

Saturdays 9 a.m. – Noon

July 13, 27

Aug 10, 24

### For more information:

Email: [GreenTeamofNewMarketMD@gmail.com](mailto:GreenTeamofNewMarketMD@gmail.com)

Facebook: [@NewMarketFarmersMarketMD](https://www.facebook.com/NewMarketFarmersMarketMD)

[www.townofnewmarket.org/](http://www.townofnewmarket.org/)

## Youth and Adult Mission Team to North Carolina

**There are still openings on this team!!**

*Why not join the team and make a difference in someone's life this summer!!*

**July 7 -12**

### Interested in serving?

Rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders through 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to serve; the adult leadership team is complete. E-mail Pastor Ed at [pastored@hopemtcarmel.org](mailto:pastored@hopemtcarmel.org) for an information packet.

The team will help improve living conditions through projects like roofing, drywall repair, and will serve those impacted by hurricanes along the coastal areas of North Carolina.

## Mission Trip to North Carolina

Not everyone is able to serve on a mission trip, but everyone can pitch in to make the mission trip a success.

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, ten adult servants from New Market and Mt. Carmel will head to Newport, NC for a week of rebuilding homes.

The following is a list of needs to make the mission trip a success. There is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the sanctuary.

- You can sponsor one of the mission servants with your gift of \$150. You can place your sponsorship in the collection plate with 'Adult mission sponsor' in the memo.

The adult mission trip is providing our own meals. We are asking each church to provide the following items:

- 5 frozen breakfast casseroles
- 2 meatloaf's
- 3 frozen dinner casseroles
- 4 assorted snack bags
- 8 miscellaneous lunch meats

You can bring the meals to Mt. Carmel Church between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.



**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
<b>Church Office Hours:</b> <b>Wednesdays</b> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. <b>Thursdays</b> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	1	2 Trustees 7 p.m. (Ed.BK)	3  AA 7 p.m. (SH)	4 1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH)  7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)	5	6  Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
7  Youth Mission Trip	8	9  6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting	10  AA 7 p.m. (SH)	11 1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH)  7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)	12	13  Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
14	15	16  <b>NO COUNCIL MEETING</b>	17  AA 7 p.m. (SH)	18 1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH)  7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)	19	20  Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  10:30 a.m. VBS meeting (Ed. B & SH)
21  Camp Manidokan	22	23	24  AA 7 p.m. (SH)	25 1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH)  7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)	26  9 a.m. VBS set up (All Bldgs.)	27  Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  9 a.m. VBS set up (All Bldgs.)
28  1 p.m. VBS set up (All Bldgs.)	29  VBS (All Bldgs.) 7/29 – 8/2 6 - 8:15 p.m.	30  VBS (All Bldgs.)  <b>NO FAIRVIEW MEETING</b>	29  VBS (All Bldgs.)  AA 7 p.m. (SH)	<b>Calendar Key:</b> MC = Mt. Carmel SH = Schoolhouse S = Sanctuary Ed. B = Ed. Bldg. Ed. BK = Ed. Bldg. kitchen L = Library ND = Newsletter Deadline		

### July Birthdays

William Dowling	7/	Thelma Gesling	7/17
Richard Stonebraker	7/01	Arlene Craig	7/19
Jeanne Beard	7/05	Daniel Ashbaugh	7/20
Lauren Cottrell	7/13	Kaden Thomas Koch	7/20
Elizabeth Crandall	7/17	Luc Lugez	7/26

### Happy Anniversary!

Tim & Susan Summers	7/05
Richard & Sharon Riley	7/13



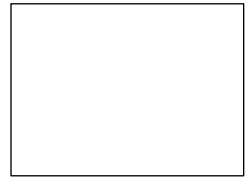


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4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
		Trustees 7:00 p.m. (Ed.BK)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)		Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
Adult Mission	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	7 p.m. SPRC/LET (Ed. BK)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)		Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
		7 p.m. Council (Ed.BK)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)		Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
		7 p.m. Fairview Trustees (L)	AA 7 p.m. (SH)	1:45 – 3 p.m. Kinderdance (SH) 7 p.m. Men's Study Group (Ed.BK)		Library 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		
<b>August Birthdays</b>								
Megan Shuey 8/03		Al Phelps 8/11		Peter Morrow 8/31				
Logan Michaels 8/04		David Robinson 8/13						
Angela Ashbaugh 8/05		Peyton Cottrell 8/17						
Carolyn Geary 8/06		Shannon Whitfield 8/20						
Doris Ashbaugh 8/09		Peachie Phelps 8/24						
David Gaver 8/10		Margaret Tollefson 8/27						
Timmy Summers 8/10		Glenn Anderson 8/28						

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*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.*

### **Did You Know?**

- Starting June 30<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Scott will be on vacation until July 13<sup>th</sup>. If there are any immediate pastoral concerns, please contact Pastor Jenny (240-409-4722) or Patty Robinson (240-441-1170).
- **Save the Date!** Sunday School kick off September 7<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 7 p.m. at Tree Trekkers located behind Pastor Scott's home. From 3 – 5 p.m. children and adults can enjoy the aerial obstacle courses while the less adventurous fellowship in the large pavilion. From 5 – 6 p.m. we will enjoy a potluck picnic and from 6 – 7 p.m. we will have a worship service with a praise band. Make sure to keep this date open!

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