

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR NOV/DEC 2011



A Note from Pastor Jenny:

In a few days I will be packing my bags again. This trip is not to visit family or contribute to our missions abroad, rather this trip is a Homecoming of unusual proportion. The plans began with a Grandmother's dream. "The only thing in this life," she began "which I dreamed of doing and have not done is walk in the Holy Lands." How can a granddaughter say no to that! So, I'm off to follow Jesus' journey from the stable in Bethlehem to the temple of Jerusalem, from the shores of the lapping Sea of Galilee, through the River Jordan, and down the Via Delarosa to Calvary. I will walk with my Grandmother who has strengthened my faith for decades and my Aunt Judy who regularly gives me inspiration to sharpen my skills in interfaith dialogue.

My hope for this journey is that I will fall deeper in love with the scriptures by seeing the lands upon which they are set and deeper in love with the Savior by placing his life in the context of his home town. I look forward to returning to you with fresh stories, a decade of sermon slides, and new insight.

One of the most significant stops along the way will be at the Western Wall. This wall is a remnant of the ancient wall that surrounded the Jewish Temple's Court. The wall has stood as a testimony to the wisdom of the builders and tenacity of their God since the second temple period in 19 BCE. For centuries pilgrims have been coming to the wall for prayer and placing written prayer in the cracks of the walls. On November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> we encourage you to come to worship as you will be given an opportunity to write your prayer. I will carry your prayers to Israel and place them in the cracks of the walls. The morning message on that day will remind us that often it's the "cracks" in life that bring us closer to God. Please keep me and the boys in prayer while I am away Nov 10-18.

\*Mt. Carmel congregation for pastoral care and concerns please contact Pastor Jason

\*New Market congregation for pastoral care and concerns please contact Pastor Scott

**"Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."**

—Albert Schweitzer



It will be at New Market United Methodist Church Wednesday, November 23, 2011 @ 7:30pm. Join us for an evening of giving thanks to the One from whom all blessings flow. A reception hosted by the New Market Circle of Friends will follow in the school house.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

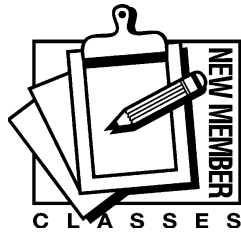
—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV



**November 24, 2011  
Happy Thanksgiving to all!**

## Visionaries Needed

One of our "call to action goals" that was approved by church council in October, is to turn the balcony area into a coffee house style gathering area. This area will be used for small groups, as a gathering area for pre worship coffee, and as alternate worship seating for the new contemporary 9:30 service and for the traditional 11:00 service. If you are interested in creating the vision for repurposing this space, please contact Pastor Jenny or Pastor Scott.



### New Members Class:

Are you interested in becoming a member of Mt. Carmel UMC or New Market UMC? If so we invite you to join us for the fall new member's class. This three session class will provide you with the opportunity to make friends with other new people, get to know our pastors, and learn about the beliefs and ministries of our church and denomination. We will begin with both churches together and then split into church specific groups. Nov 6 (at New Market), Nov 13 (at New Market), Nov 20 (at Mt. C) all sessions will run 3-4:30pm. Childcare can be provided. To sign up contact your church office.

### Confirmation

Confirmation is an opportunity for all teens 6th-12th grade to learn about the Lord, explore their faith, and make personal decisions about their faith journey. The confirmation experience will begin in January. If you or your teen is interested, please let your pastor know or contact your church office.



### PRAYER & FASTING

Every Wednesday we invite you to dedicate your lunch hour or another hour during your day to prayer. The pastors will be fasting and praying on Wednesdays. You can pray wherever you are, at work, home, school, or in the community. We will provide prayer focuses in the bulletin each Sunday and send an email prayer list on Tuesdays. We will have on our list, prayers for other churches in the parish and they will be praying for us. This will unite us as a body and link us together to the power of God.



### FOR NOVEMBER

**& Birthdays  
Anniversaries**

<b>Maxine Watkins</b>	<b>11/1</b>
<b>Catherine McLaughlin</b>	<b>11/2</b>
<b>Ron Hunter</b>	<b>11/3</b>
<b>Glenn Prichard</b>	<b>11/7</b>
<b>Joan Russell</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Justin Gamble</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Mary Lou Bernota</b>	<b>11/20</b>
<b>Cathy Gamble</b>	<b>11/22</b>
<b>Harry Free II</b>	<b>11/26</b>
<b>Melinda McCollum</b>	<b>11/28</b>

Happy Anniversary to Dave & Evelyn Gaver!



### FOR DECEMBER

**& Birthdays  
Anniversaries**

<b>Paul Goebel</b>	<b>12/1</b>
<b>Glenn Beard</b>	<b>12/1</b>
<b>Marsha Zimmerman</b>	<b>12/1</b>
<b>Joyce Boyd</b>	<b>12/3</b>
<b>Edie Loveland</b>	<b>12/11</b>
<b>Ben Grenier</b>	<b>12/19</b>
<b>Alex Morrow</b>	<b>12/22</b>
<b>Karen Wood</b>	<b>12/25</b>
<b>Phil Gamble</b>	<b>12/26</b>
<b>Hypatia Selby</b>	<b>12/31</b>

## UMW NEWS

### Circle of Friends

If you haven't seen the Schoolhouse kitchen, be sure and drop by to see the beautiful cabinets and flooring. What a pleasure it was for the Circle of Friends to recently host a brunch/meeting for the Board of Child Care Auxiliary and to have a true kitchen to work in. We are so grateful to Scott Morrow, Pastor Scott, Mike Grenier, and his Scout helpers, Milt Siglin and Mary Lou Bernota for whatever work they did.

It was a real joy to visit with Mary Cole and Katherine Lake recently and help them celebrate their birthdays and to also visit with Jean Zimmerman.

Linda Siglin presented an outstanding program on Robert Strawbridge along with a video at our October meeting.

She also arranged a tour of the Strawbridge Shrine which was a real treat for the nine attendees.

The November 8th meeting will be in the home of Toni Carnahan. Joyce Boyd will give the World Thank program and Pacia Selby will do the cards to Our Friends to Care For. For any info you want about U.M.W., please call Thelma Gesling at (301)865-5514.

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### ACOLYTES NEEDED!

**WE ARE IN NEED OF ACOLYTE BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 3 AND UP. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SEE MIKE GRENIER.**

### ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

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9:30 Adult bible study, Sunday mornings, in the Education building kitchen, join us for a 4 week advent bible study starting Nov 27, co led by Pastor Scott and Nick Wood. New adult bible study in the balcony. Join us for a new small group starting Nov. 20th at 9:30 Sunday mornings, if you are not currently engaged in a small group we welcome you to try out an advent study co led by Pastor Scott and Nick Wood. This group will continue in the new year with alternate studies.

### Kitchen Shower

Since we have our wonderful new kitchen, there are some items that we could use. A "Kitchen shower" list is posted at the back of the church. Please put your name by the item or items you'd like to donate. Please bring the items to the Ed bldg kitchen with your name on it -Thanks!

## Men's Ministry

### Monday night Men's Study

The Men's Monday night Bible study at New Market is growing and will be a constant, evolving study. Men please join us at 6:30 pm every Monday.

### Men's 2/7 Navigator Invitation

Alan Melling's Testimonial:

"What struck me most about Navigators is that it provides an intentional and structured Biblical framework for examining, assessing, and building your relationship with Christ, all firmly rooted in the Word. It suggests concrete tools and helps build life-long habits that can help you embrace the work of the Spirit in your life as a believer. Highly recommended for anyone feeling called to take that next step on the road towards Christian maturity."

We are currently seeking men from New Market and Mount Carmel who are interested in becoming "rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" Col. 2/7. We now have 5 men who have completed series one of the 2/7 Navigator sessions and they are ready to disciple other men who have a desire to grow deeper in their faith. This is an eleven week commitment with about one hour of prep time and hour and a half session times. We can meet you in your homes or at church, whatever is needed to accommodate your busy schedules. Contact Pastor Scott if you are interested.



**Daylight Savings Time ends-Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 6<sup>th</sup>.**

*THANK YOU*

**Thank you to Barb Stephen for the beautiful fall wreaths on the church doors. Thank you for always making sure our church looks perfect!**

***This & That!***

Foot in the mouth! I know, it sounds like some kind of disease, but it's something we're all guilty of. Haven't you blurted out something you wish you could bring back? My Dad always use to say to me, "Think before you speak!". That's why I love this short poem from the Women's Devotional Bible - NIV.

Don't look now Lord!  
I don't want you  
to see me  
standing here with  
my big foot  
crammed in my mouth.  
Don't worry, child.  
If I didn't love you  
just as much with your  
foot in your mouth,  
I'd hardly get a  
chance to love you.

I think that speaks for itself! Aren't we blessed to have such a God of grace who not only forgives us but helps us become more as He would have us be, and little by little our words come from a heart of love!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone,  
Marilyn Brooks

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM**

**IF YOU HAVE A SERVANT'S HEART FOR VISITING SHUT-INS, THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING, NEW VISITORS, AND THOSE WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, WE HAVE A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CARING HEART. TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY PASTOR SCOTT. THIS TEAM WILL ALSO BE SENDING CARDS TO GRIEVING FAMILIES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHS IN OUR COMMUNITY, THOSE BAPTIZED AT NEW MARKET AND MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY PRESENT IN WORSHIP. THIS IS A GREAT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE THAT IS COMFORTABLE WITH VISITATION AND THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY, WHO CAN MONITOR VARIOUS NEWS OUTLETS AND REACH THE COMMUNITY WITH A NOTE OF KINDNESS. CONTACT PASTOR SCOTT IF INTERESTED.**

On behalf of the youth leaders and the youth we would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the youth fundraiser "Tailgate Party". We were blessed with great fall weather and charcoal grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. We raised \$1,088 dollars that will support the initial outlay of monies for registration for the middle school "Alive" retreat in November and provide some much needed youth ministry upgrades. We currently are enjoying 30 middle and senior high youth attending the Wednesday night gatherings. The youth attending are from New Market and Mount Carmel churches and many from our surrounding community. A note to the youth, keep inviting your friends. If any adults are interested in joining in youth ministry our growing numbers could really use your support. We are looking for another snack coordinator to help in the rotation of feeding our hungry youth. Extra pairs of hands and eyes are needed so all the ministry stations can be available to our youth (basement pool table and youth loft). Contact Corey Schoo, Nicole Harden or Pastor Scott if you are interested. The youth are currently brushing up on bible basics and just plain having fun.

#### Upcoming Events:

October 29<sup>th</sup> Trunk or Treat at New Market UMC  
November 16 Thanksgiving Pot Luck, Families invited to join us in a Thanksgiving Feast  
November 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> "Alive" Middle School retreat Ocean City

(Registration closes 11/4)

November 23 No Youth Group  
December 21 Christmas Party  
December 31 Soul Surfer New Years Eve Lock in, starts with worship at 6:30, Soul Surfer movie at 8:00, New Years watching the ball drop in the great room party. Families are encouraged to attend the lock in. 8:00 am New Years Day breakfast 10:00am pick up.

### **Young Adult News**

The Young Adults (18-35) of Mt. Carmel and New Market UMC will be starting a new book study for the months of November and December. The book we will be reading is "Dirty Word" by Jim Walker. The book focuses on redefining church and Christianity for today's world and how we can live out our faith in our lives. The schedule for the meetings is below. Starting in November we will be meeting at Mt. Carmel UMC in the loft. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Jason. Hope to see everyone there! [Jnshank084@yahoo.com](mailto:Jnshank084@yahoo.com)

Tuesday November 8th, 7:00- Pizza Dinner in the loft at Mt. Carmel  
Tuesday November 22nd, 7:00- Dirty Word study. Loft at Mt. Carmel  
Tuesday December 6th, 7:00- Dirty Word study. Loft at Mt. Carmel  
Tuesday December 20th, 7:00- Dirty Word study. Loft at Mt. Carmel

We are planning to share a beautiful journey toward Christmas and the Christ child this year! Mark your calendars now to keep Jesus the center of your Christmas.

### **Sunday, November 27 Advent Wreath Making 4:00pm**

At New Market School House  
The advent wreath is a beautiful centerpiece to help keep the Light of Christ at the center of your home this advent season. We have room for 20 people and the cost is \$10.00 to participate. Join Rita Crandall in making one for your family.

**Sunday, December 4 11:00am Special Children's Sabbath!** Bring your children, teens, and the whole family to watch our sanctuary be transformed into Bethlehem and our children into a nativity cast. We will discover that the Christ Child is eager to be received by all of us.

**Sunday, December 11 12:00pm Church Family Christmas Lunch & Caroling.** Bring a pot of soup or a salad to share in the school house after worship. Then join us as we break into teams to share the love of Christ with shut-ins and friends in the community.

### **Christmas Eve Services, Saturday, December 24 New Market UMC**

Experience the peace and joy of a hometown Christmas.  
6:00pm & 8:00pm Candlelight Family Services

### **Christmas Day Community Service, December 25 10:00a.m.**

Between the packages and the feast join us to worship the Christ Child. This service of lessons and carols will be shared by New Market and Mt. Carmel at New Market UMC. Make a note of the special time!!!

### **New Years Eve Community Service, December 31 6:30pm**

Our youth ministry team will lead a worship service at Mt. Carmel UMC to help us end 2011 and begin 2012 with our eternal God! All are welcome.



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### **MISSION OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER**

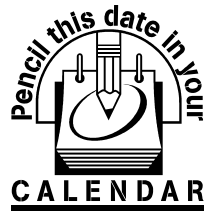
**This month's mission offering will go to the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs. They have been serving residents in need in Frederick County for over 28 years. The Religious Coalition is the largest provider of emergency financial assistance outside the government. Our church directs clients in need to the coalition office located in Frederick. Every year there is an increase in clients and a decrease in resources.**

**In addition, they work with food banks throughout Frederick County. The Coalition also manages the largest homeless shelter in Frederick County; The Alan P. Linton Emergency Shelter. The Religious Coalition needs our financial and volunteer support. They also encourage donations of supplies such as coffee, sugar, detergent, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, paper cups, paper towels and toilet paper for the shelter. Any questions or to volunteer, please call the Religious Coalition at 301-631-2670.**

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### **MISSION OFFERING FOR DECEMBER**

**This month's mission offering will go to the Board of Child Care. Their ministry of serving is rooted in a strong Christian foundation based on Wesleyan traditions. This ministry of serving is constantly changing to meet the needs of today's troubled children and families. Our church is part of the Central Maryland District of the Board of Child Care who helps foster care and birth families in our community. We donate the canned corn and peas for the Thanksgiving baskets every year and we also donate the cookies for our district in early November. We will also be filling the little red cardboard Christmas stockings again this year for the Board of Child Care. Please consider giving this month to a wonderful mission that helps those right here in our community. A little kindness goes a long way!**



## NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saint's Day  
Trustee's meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 2 Youth group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg
- 3 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30pm
- 6 Daylight savings time ends-turn your clock back 1 hr  
All Saint's Day remembrance service 11:00 am  
New Member's class 3-4:30 pm NM schoolhouse
- 8 Election Day  
SPRC meeting 7pm schoolhouse  
UMW circle of friends 12:30pm
- 9 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg
- 10 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30pm
- 11 Veteran's Day  
New Market Garden Club am schoolhouse
- 13 New Member's class 3-4:30 pm NM schoolhouse
- 15 Council meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 16 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg
- 17 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30pm
- 18-20 Middle school Alive Youth retreat Ocean City
- 20 Christ the King Sunday  
New Member's class 3-4:30 pm Mt. Carmel  
New adult Advent Bible study 9:30 am Sunday  
in the balcony
- 23 Thanksgiving Eve community service 7:30 pm  
Reception after in schoolhouse
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 27 First Sunday of Advent  
Advent wreath workshop 4:00 pm
- 29 Ministry teams night 7 pm schoolhouse
- 30 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg

### NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED!

We are in need of additional nursery helpers. If interested, please see Julie Grenier.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30 pm
- 4 Children's Sabbath at 11:00 am service
- 7 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt Carmel  
Bible study 7 pm
- 8 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30 pm
- 10 Schoolhouse rented-Christmas party 4-7pm
- 11 Soup/Salad lunch after church  
Christmas caroling to shut-ins
- 13 UMW Christmas party 12:30 pm
- 14 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt Carmel  
Bible study 7 pm
- 15 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30 pm
- 21 Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt Carmel  
Bible Study 7 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve Services at 6:00 & 8:00 pm
- 25 Combined service with Mt Carmel 10:00 am  
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
- 28 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm  
Bible study 7 pm
- 29 Scout 628  
Choir 7:30 pm
- 31 New Years Eve Community service 6:30 pm  
at Mt Carmel

"There shall be an eternal summer in the grateful heart"  
-- Cecilia Thaxter

### Salvation Army Stockings

Filled stockings will have to be turned in by Sunday, November 27. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (301)865-4267 or by email at [mombenzach@aol.com](mailto:mombenzach@aol.com). The filled stockings will go to help the needy children in Frederick County have a little bit brighter Christmas this year. Thank you so much for your support of this project.