

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

As you know September, now past, was designated "Homecoming Month" and it was a wonderful success thanks to many of you. It truly was a team effort and so many people helped that it would be hard to list them all here. I simply want to thank all of you. We learned a lot. We learned what needs to be done next time and we learned what not to do. I'm looking forward to it being an even greater success next time.

This month, October, is designated as stewardship month for our church. During this month you will be presented a church budget for 2011 and be given the opportunity to pledge toward it. During my sermon on Homecoming Sunday I compared our church to a well that needed to be maintained in order for it to produce the life giving water our community needs. You and I are refreshed, encouraged, and strengthened by its ministries only because of the countless people who have come before us who have supported and maintained its ministries through giving. They fulfilled their responsibility as stewards enabling the ministry from which we have benefited. Now we are the stewards and the future ministry of this church depends on us. It depends on our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. Please prayerfully consider your financial gifts for the coming year. Your pledging response will determine, to a great extent, our ministry for 2011.

The budget you will be presented is our very best estimate as to what will be needed to pay our apportionments, maintain the buildings, pay the salaries and utilities, and maintain our education and outreach ministries. This is a bare minimum budget and there will be very little that can be trimmed without having a major impact on the churches ministry.

In asking for your pledge we are asking for your best estimate. We understand that things happen and often those who pledge are not able to carry through as intended. Don't worry, if you are unable to keep up with your pledge no one will be calling you or writing to you. Of course if you find that you are able to increase your pledge at some point by all means do so!

We will be very conscientious in providing you with an accurate picture of the church's financial needs. All we can ask is that you, the members and friends of NMUMC, make a conscientious effort to support those needs and ensure our continued ministry here in the New Market community.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of October there will be copies of the 2011 Budget available at the back of the sanctuary along with a personnel letter and pledge materials. This information will be mailed to those who don't pick up their letters. There will be a box at the back of the church where you can deposit your completed pledge. You can also mail it to the church or leave it in the offering plate.

We will be keeping you posted as to how the pledge drive is doing. If you feel during the course of the campaign, in response to the pledging activity, that you wish to increase your pledge that will be no problem – simply send in a corrected pledge. If you have any questions about what a certain line item includes please contact Tim Summers or myself.

Thanks, Mike



*"And let us not  
grow weary in  
well-doing, for  
in due season  
we shall reap,  
if we do not  
lose heart."  
Galatians 6:9*

## MESSAGE FROM THE LAY LEADER

### Songs

There is a song from back when I was much younger, that says something along the lines of "they paved paradise and put up a parking lot" and further goes on to say "you don't know what you have until it's gone". What made me think of this old song was my life during the recent summer months. Now I had a great summer, between the church activities and my family's personal population explosion I feel like I never stopped receiving God's blessings this year.

The summer began with June, which was for me a month of baby showers and Vacation Bible School. July was a new

grandson, another grandson turning one, a church picnic and one of my best friends got married. August and September were filled with advertising the Homecoming events for church, traveling to Virginia for a mini vacation at Williamsburg and finally four weeks in Kansas to help my eldest daughter await the birth of my fourth grandson. Coming up in October I have another quick trip to Tennessee planned.

The result of this great summer was I missed attending church for quite a few Sunday's. In fact, with my upcoming October trip, I have or will have missed eight Sunday's in a three month period. Now when you figure there are usually four Sunday's in a month that means I missed two full month's of church out of three. The result of that is, (not only do I have a lot of catching up to do on my giving), but I missed some wonderful services, events sponsored by the church and my church family.

I was torn between my church life and my personal life. I had worked on several projects for church and was actually anticipating "getting away from it all" with my trip to Kansas. Therefore, imagine my surprise when I became homesick "for it all". Whether it was tasks such as writing the newsletter article, or attending church meetings or just getting up and going to church – I missed it.

The church has had some rough times during all my traveling this summer, but after all, we are a family and I expect we will love each other and disagree with each other exactly like a family. Families deal with the good and the bad because that is just the way it is, you do not walk away and you do not give up (although a bit of pouting might be acceptable). You stay and make it work. I missed my church family with all their foibles, whether they were complaining (I promise I am working or getting the books moved) or complimenting whatever goes on in the church.

However, even with all of our warts, I truly do not know what I would do without the New Market United Methodist Church family. You are my brothers and sisters, my friends, my counselors, my guardians, and sometimes even my adversaries. All of the above defines my interaction with you and I am sure there are more roles I could have listed.

Last Sunday we sang the old hymn, "The Church is My Foundation" and you all are my foundation, along with God's love, I feel like my feet are firmly planted.

So even though, "These Boots Were Made for Walking", and in the future I know I will miss church services and activities, I am so grateful to know I can always return home to my "family".

God's Blessings on you all,  
Patty Robinson  
Lay Leader

- 3 World Communion Sunday
- 5 Trustee's meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 6 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 7 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm
- 12 UMW Afternoon circle 11:30am at Joan Price's home  
Charge Conference 7pm schoolhouse
- 13 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 14 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm
- 16 Ghost Walk
- 19 Church Council meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 20 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 21 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm
- 22-24 Harvest of Hope Retreat
- 26 Outreach committee 7pm schoolhouse  
Newsletter deadline
- 27 Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg  
Prayer & Meditation group 8pm
- 28 Intercessory prayer group 7pm  
Choir 7:30pm
- 30 Halloween party



**Charlie David Koch**

**Born September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**8lbs, 8oz 20 1/4" long**

**Proud Grandparents: Patty & Dave Robinson**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT NMUMC**

**THIS & THAT!**

**CHANGE - O my gosh we've heard that word a lot lately and I know change is inevitable, but the older I get the less I like it. I haven't figured out why the grocery stores have to change items around just when you know where everything is, or they make a new route in the road closing the old one which was perfectly good. Your sweet child turns into a teenager and you can't figure out who this person is.**

**Then of course there are those physical changes you go through when you age (who ever coined the phrase golden years was making a joke.) I have to say though that there are a few nuggets. I think you can accept who God made you to be and don't worry about what other people think anymore. Material things lose a lot of meaning, but family and friends are even more dear.**

**On a more serious note I've been so concerned about the path our government is taking us and sometimes I have to turn off the news because it is so upsetting. and I feel like I have no control. Then a phrase from Al-Anon comes to me, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." In other words you do your part and let God do His and pray for the wisdom.**

**Blessings, Marilyn Brooks**

### *THANK YOU'S*

Many thanks to all of you who prayed for me and sent many good wishes for healing for me and also for my daughter Mary Ann Baker. Both of us are feeling better and trying to get back to normal, everyday living. God Bless all of you for your thoughtfulness.

With Love,  
Mabel Heider

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and cards after the passing of Coy's brother, John. We appreciate your kindness.

Many Thanks,  
Joan Price

Thank you to Mary Lee Matthews, June Oden, Evelyn Gaver and Barbara Zimmerman for the delicious cookies you baked for the refreshments following the music concert on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can't begin to thank all of you for your support and concern after my heart attack and subsequent surgery. I am progressing, having had inpatient therapy at Hopkins and home therapy. Currently, I am in outpatient therapy at FMH.

Your calls, notes, cards and, most importantly, your thoughts and prayers are helping me toward a speedy recovery.

Barbara Stephen



### *FOR OCTOBER*

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Ruth Meyers       | 10/5  |
| Mary Cole         | 10/8  |
| Stephen Fauconnet | 10/10 |
| Kim Parker        | 10/10 |
| Loretta Ferguson  | 10/13 |
| Lisa Gaver        | 10/15 |
| Zach Grenier      | 10/16 |
| Mike Gaver        | 10/24 |
| Delaine Hobbs     | 10/24 |
| Edna Poole        | 10/27 |
| Josh Young        | 10/27 |
| Mary Lee Matthews | 10/29 |
| Ann Winters       | 10/31 |
| Alex Beard        | 10/31 |



### Harvest of Hope Retreat

This event is a weeklong experience including worship, study of Biblical teachings about hunger and gleaning (harvesting remnants of crops for donating to soup kitchens and homeless shelters). It will be October 22-24, 2010 at Camp Seltzer in Palmyra, PA and everyone 10 and up is encouraged to participate. The cost for this event is \$75.00 per person which covers your lodging and food for the weekend. There is still time to sign up - Please call the church office if interested.

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST

It's coming! The Central Maryland Youth for Christ "Big 36r" golf-a-thon is coming! Yes, on October 5 I will be playing 36 holes of golf in an effort to raise funds which will help support YFC's outreach programs for at risk youth, deaf teens, young moms, and middle and high school students in both Frederick and Washington Counties. As many of you know, our daughter Barbara Hanna works with the student led clubs in Frederick County, encouraging middle and high school students to reach out to their peers and bring the love of Jesus into their lives. She has been involved in YFC for many years, first as a member of the clubs and now as a mentor/leader. The premise of the "Big 36r" is to have 36 golfers play 36 holes each. Each golfer is asked to get pledges of \$36.00 from 36 people. I would be joyfully grateful to anyone who would like to pledge to my effort. You may pledge as suggested (\$36.00) or give whatever amount you'd like...all donations will help! This event is a time of fellowship and fun for a great cause which makes the aches and blisters worthwhile. Please prayerfully consider helping out.

Many thanks! Sue Wood



### OUR MISSION FOR OCTOBER IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Originally a Presbyterian observance, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America established a Worldwide Communion Sunday in 1940 as a global, interdenominational event. Prompted by the impact of WWII, the Methodist Church received an offering on this Sunday for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. It aided the work of the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (now UMCOR).

In 1971, the United Methodist Church changed the name of the observance to World Communion Sunday and redistributed the offering to support the Crusade Scholarship Program and the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries. In 1980, Chaplains and Related Ministries was moved to World Service funding but the World Communion Sunday offering continued to assist racial and ethnic minority persons pursuing various avenues of ministry.



**Early Worship- 8:30am**

**Fellowship time- 9:15- 9:45am**

**Sunday School- 9:45- 10:45am**

**Worship- 11:00am (Nursery available)**



Beautiful weather, joyful people and a delicious lunch prepared by Mary Lou made for a perfect setting for our UMW meeting after the summer break. We were most pleased to have Edith Hunter join us and welcomed her as a new UMW member. Many ideas were presented for 2011 and finishing touches were outlined for the Homecoming potluck lunch that our ladies are decorating for, as well as, doing the hams, drinks and rolls. Since we are now meeting at 11:30am, calling ourselves the Afternoon Circle is misleading. So, at our October meeting we plan to rename our circle.

Seven of our ladies had a delightful outing to Polly Petersen's and helped her celebrate her birthday. We took birthday goodies, but Country Meadows was having an ice cream social. So, after celebrating with Polly, she escorted us to that--yes, a bad diet day but surely tasty and fun. Katherine Lake's birthday is September 28 and we will be visiting and partying with her.

Some of our ladies will be attending a morning forum on "Human Trafficking" at Ashton UMC on October 16 and proceed on to the new Baltimore-Washington Conference Center for our District Annual Meeting. A new project started is "game playing". Each Monday at 12:30pm you are invited to the Ed. Bldg. kitchen for this. This was a suggestion and we're giving it a try. So, if you like to play games, join in. For UMW information call Thelma Gesling 301-865-5514 or Melinda McCollum 301-695-6229

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## CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

**The Outreach Committee has decided to support the Salvation Army's Christmas Stocking program again this year. It has been a very successful outreach project in the past, and I know many of us have had a great time buying all sorts of fun items to fill the stockings. If you are interested in filling one or more stockings, please sign up on the list in the back of the church by Sunday, October 1. The age groups range from birth to twelve years old for either girls or boys. You can choose who you want to shop for. I will pick up the empty stockings and hand them out in church with a list of suggested items to fill them and a list of the guidelines for filling them. Filled stockings will have to be turned in by Sunday, November 28. 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.**

**Thank you for allowing the New Market Garden Club to use your schoolhouse for our Flower show on Sept. 17-18. The facility provided the perfect set-up for our needs and we had an enjoyable and successful show. We understand that it is a very busy month for your church with the anniversary celebration and we truly appreciate your graciousness.**

**Patsy Ransem**

**New Market Garden Club**

Thank you to the New Market Garden Club for the generous donation they made to our church for the use of the schoolhouse for their meeting and flower show.

Thanks to everyone that donated funds for my Eagle Project. Thanks to all of you, I have raised over \$700.00, as well as gotten donations of money, discounts, gift cards, and building supplies from Parker, Cade and Large Inc., Lowe's, Walmart, Duron Paint, Long Fence and the Frederick Fence Co. I plan to start construction on the sign this month. Thanks again for being so supportive of my project!

Ben Grenier

Life Scout

Troop 628

