

# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2011



“There was a father who had two sons...” Have you heard this story before? We often call it the story of the Prodigal son because we misunderstand the word prodigal to mean wayward. In reality the word prodigal means “recklessly generous, to give until you have nothing left.” When Jesus tells the story he is interested first in the father who gave everything to demonstrate his love to his sons. Likewise Jesus is concerned for both of the boys: the one who returned home after time away from the father and the one who stayed home but failed to appreciate the constant love of the father.

This October we will share a Homecoming season in which we hope to experience and share the grace of our “Prodigal God”. We will seek to become through hospitality and genuine grace a safe place for each other and the community. A house of grace where those who have never experienced the love of God can be welcomed home, where those who have been in church all their lives can experience the love and grace of God in a life changing way; and where those who once attended our church but have been away for a while to come home for a warm welcome.

Our sermon series will be based on the familiar and beloved parable in Luke 15. We will seek to incorporate the intellectual theology found in Timothy Keller’s book “The Prodigal God” along with the powerful and often forgotten Methodist theology of grace. Prepare to be invited, enlightened, and changed! The topic is fresh and powerful for skeptics and devout believers alike so bring all of your friends and neighbors.

We are looking forward to sharing a beautiful Homecoming season with each of you.

Pastor Jenny & Pastor Scott



- 4 Trustee's meeting 7pm schoolhouse  
Finance Committee 7pm
- 5 Youth group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg
- 6 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30pm
- 8 Change the World-Youth Event  
(Great Day of Service)
- 9 Change the World-Adult Event  
(Great Day of Service)
- 10 Columbus Day  
Scout 628 fundraiser 3-9pm at Foster's Grill
- 11 SPRC meeting 7pm schoolhouse  
UMW circle of friends 12:30pm
- 12 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible Study 7pm Ed Bldg
- 13 UMW hosts the BOCC schoolhouse 11am  
Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30pm
- 14 Wedding rehearsal sanctuary 6pm
- 15 UMW outing to Strawbridge Shrine-leave  
9:30 am from the church parking lot  
Wedding sanctuary 1pm
- 16 Baby shower schoolhouse 2-6pm
- 18 Council meeting 7pm schoolhouse
- 19 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg
- 20 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30pm
- 21-23 Harvest of Hope mission trip Greta Glen  
Retreat center Lebanon, PA
- 24 Charge Conference 7pm Mt Carmel
- 25 Ministry teams night 7pm  
Newsletter deadline
- 26 Youth group 6:30-8:30 pm at Mt. Carmel  
Bible study 7pm Ed Bldg
- 27 Scouts 628  
Choir 7:30pm
- 29 Crock pot cook off 5:15-6:30pm  
Worship Service 6:30-7:30pm at NMUMC  
Refreshments and games 7:30-8:00pm  
Trunk or Treat 8:00-8:30pm NMUMC  
parking lot
- 30 Homecoming Sunday 11:00am service  
and potluck lunch after

**We are grateful to announce that our Sunday school is staffed and growing. We would love to welcome children, youth, and adults to join us 9:30am-10:30pm for learning and community. We are in need of volunteers for the nursery. If you are willing to cover one Sunday each month please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church or contact Julie Grenier at 301-865-4267.**

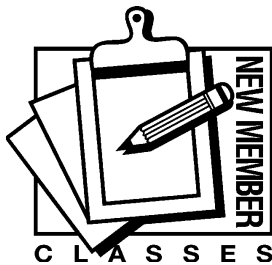
**All ages are invited to join us for Sunday school: 9:30a.m.-10:30a.m.** We have a class for every member of the family. We hope you will all join us to grow in faith!

**Birth-Kindergarten** will meet weekly in the nursery for faith formation lessons and play.

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders** will meet weekly in the large room in the education building for lessons, games & activities.

A **middle school and senior high school** class will be offered in the School House. The group will begin together for fellowship and split into two groups for age appropriate faith formation lessons.

The **adult** class will meet in the Education Building Kitchen for study, fellowship & prayer!



### 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 OCTOBER

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

Our first mission will go to **World Communion Sunday** which is on October 2, 2011. 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 minorities pursuing various avenues of ministry.

We have expanded our October mission to include **our own office at NMUMC**. We have a critical need for a **new computer package** (computer, software, and printer). Our current equipment is extremely inefficient and inadequate. We would like to raise \$1500 to replace the outdated equipment that cannot accommodate our anticipated increasing new efforts in communication and publicity. We feel that our exciting new vision for NMUMC can be more efficiently advanced with better tools. So you have a choice this month. Please give prayerful consideration to making a contribution, and then designate which one -- or both -- of these causes you wish to support.

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### **Change The World- Great Day of Service on October 9<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a fun and community changing day of service! Sign up for how you would like to serve on bulletin board in the back of the church or call the church office. We will contact you to let you know what to bring.

Home Repair Mission: Worship at 8:30am at Mt. Carmel and then join Ted Carlson for a day of home repairs at a neighbor's home. How much difference can be made in a day? That's up to you!

After noon projects: Worship at 11:00am at either church and then join us at Mt. Carmel for a crock pot lunch. At lunch you will have the opportunity to receive a "Good Neighbor Bag" made by the Mt. Carmel UMW for those who are homeless and in need. Following lunch 1:00pm-4:00pm we will offer the following projects:  
Plant a welcome garden for the new neighbor back the lane. Project leader Pastor Jenny  
Plant the cross and flame in tulips in front of Mt. Carmel church. Project leader Karen Fischer

Let us know of other neighbors who could use yard work or other help!

**\*\*The NEXT BIG YOUTH EVENT is the Big Day of Service - October 8th, 2011\*\***

**We have room for 2 more youth, so if you are interested, see Mr. Corey or Pastor Scott at Youth Group- cost is \$29.**

Read the details on the website for this amazing opportunity to serve in our local community! Make checks payable to "MCUMC" and put "Big Day" in the memo portion of the check. Here is the Facebook link to RSVP:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=151164824974468> and here is the link to the day's itinerary:

<http://www.thebigdayofservicing.com/locations/fall-2011/frederick,-md>

#### **Schedule**

7:00am Check in  
Harry Grove Stadium ([click here for map](#))  
8:00am Kickoff Rally!  
8:30am Depart for projects  
12:00pm Lunch & devotions  
3:00pm Block Party Celebration  
4:30pm Depart for home

### **Strawbridge Shrine Outing**

The United Methodist Women would like to invite the congregation to tour the Robert Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor on Saturday, October 15. We will meet in the parking lot of the church at 9:30 and drive over to the Shrine in time for a special tour of the site at 10:15. After our tour we will go to lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Robert Strawbridge is one of Methodism's patron saints. He was a Methodist preacher born in Ireland who emigrated to Frederick County between 1860 - 1866. Soon after his arrival in America, he began preaching and traveling from Delaware to Virginia converting people to Methodism. The Strawbridge Shrine on the edge of New Windsor is dedicated to preserving the history of his ministry.

If you are interested in this tour, please contact Linda Siglin at 301-865-1746. I would like to know by Monday, October 10, so that I can make arrangements with the tour guides and the restaurant. I am looking forward to seeing everyone - youth, parents and older folks. We'll have plenty of drivers for those of you who prefer not to drive.

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at New Market United Methodist Church

5:15-6:30pm Harvest Pot Cook off: Come sample and all of our members best recipes and fill up on your top choices. Vote for your favorite by making a coin or cash donation in the jar next to your favorite pots. All of the proceeds will go to help dig a well at a children's orphanage and build a women's educational center in Zimbabwe. Indoor and outdoor seating will be available weather permitting. If you are willing to cook up a hot pot of goodness please sign up on the bulletin board by the sanctuary door or call the church office by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

6:30-7:30pm Worship with the princesses and monsters for this evening contemporary family service. We will seek to discover: Who are we in Jesus? Dare we take off our masks to show our true selves? All are welcome! Bring all the kids in the neighborhood to worship in costume.

7:30-8:00pm Refreshments and games for the kids in the School House while adults decorate their cars, trucks, busses, and tractors (what will you bring?)

8:00-8:30 Trunk R Treat in the parking lot. Kids go trick or treating car to car trading smiles for candy and goodies! A sign-up sheet for car decorating is on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary but feel free just to show up as well!

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### **Homecoming Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

Quilts on the Altar, Cider in the pot, warm friendships all around! Join us for a beautiful Homecoming Sunday. We will share worship with special music and a slide show of our churches past and presence at 11:00a.m.. Worship will be followed by a covered dish meal. Fried chicken, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Also please consider who in our congregation has not been present for a while and invite them to join you for this special homecoming.

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### **Men's Small Groups**

The men's small groups on Monday (at New Market, education building @ 6:30pm) and Saturday night(at Mt. Carmel after the service, 7:45pm) will continue at the same times with a new study "Quite Strength" by Tony Dungee. Contact Pastor Scott for more details.

***This & That!***

**Doing** - I like what President Kennedy said in his inauguration speech, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." I think we can go a step further and say, "": Ask not what your church can do for you - ask what you can do for your church. And, of course, the church is not brick and stone but flesh and blood - men, women and children gathered in community.

There are so many hurting and confused people out there who don't know Jesus. What are we doing to bring Him to them? I personally feel it's not just inviting them to church but how we act out in the world every day. We can't sit in church on Sunday professing we love Jesus and not bring Him out into the world around us. I have to say that there are times I'm not very loving and I ask the Lord's forgiveness and help in changing me. Some people are easy to help and love where others aren't but they are probably the ones that need it the most. The Lord reminded me that we all came into the world as innocent babies.

We are God's hands, ears, eyes and mouth. I'm sure you've heard this before but we have two arms, two ears, two eyes and one mouth. I have such a hard time when I hear people verbally throw Jesus at people like a ball against the wall - instead of touching a heart it bounces back.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18 NIV

Blessings, Marilyn Brooks

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### **Change of address:**

**Mary Cole c/o  
Glade Valley Rehab & Nursing Center  
56 W. Frederick Street  
Walkersville, MD 21793**

**UMW NEWS**

**Circle of Friends**

Eleven of us were happy to be crowded around the Ed. Building table for our September meeting and to welcome Marilyn Fritz, Peachy Phelps and Nell Gannaway.

How exciting it is to have the kitchen cabinets installed at the Schoolhouse. Through yard, bake and Bonnie Mohr card sales and donations, the Circle of Friends have been able to purchase the stove and paint and just recently purchased a refrigerator, microwave, cabinet knobs and a step stool for the Schoolhouse kitchen. We thank all of you that helped us with these projects.

Mabel, Pacia, Joyce, Carolyn and Thelma enjoyed taking a cake and drinks to Polly and Don Petersen and celebrating Polly's birthday on September

15. Barb, Joan, Marilyn, Joann Russell, Toni, Linda and Thelma will help Kathryn Lake celebrate her birthday on September 28.

October 13th the Circle of Friends will host the Central Maryland Board of Child Care Auxiliary to a Brunch/meeting at the Schoolhouse.

The October 11th Circle of Friends meeting will be at Barb Zimmerman's home with Linda Siglin giving the program on Robert Strawbridge and Barb will do the cards for Our Friends to Care For. Please note the write up by Linda Siglin on the Robert Strawbridge Shrine tour which we will be doing on Saturday, October 15. This is open to all in our congregation and Parish.

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## UMW Evening Circle

The UMW Evening Circle is alive once again! We had a break for several months but recently resurrected our group. Our kickoff meeting in September was hosted by Cat Lugez and Brandie Kellogg with ten members in attendance. After an evening of fun and fellowship we agreed to continue meeting on a monthly rotation. Our October meeting will be held at the Crandall home. If you are Interested in joining the UMW Evening Circle please contact Melinda McCollum at 301-695-6229 or [msmccollum@verizon.net](mailto:msmccollum@verizon.net)



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## Youth Group Update

Mud, mud and more mud. Our youth that attended the Awakening Christian Music Festival over the September 23<sup>rd</sup> weekend, had a chance to see how sin, like mud, tends to bog us down and suck us in. Despite the rain, the mud, stuck vans, mile walks from the parking lot, uphill both ways, we did not have one complaint from our youth, the leaders were a different story. We had a great time fellowshiping and enjoying loud heart pumping music written to the Glory of God. The bands Reily, Family Force 5 (the lead singer sang from a hamster ball that was rolled around by the crowd for the last song, COOL!) and of course Toby Mac. We stayed overnight at the Leesburg UMC fellowship room and managed to leave it as we found it in spite of the mud. A special thanks to Mindy and Kurt for waking up early Sunday morning and cleaning the shuttle vans for Sunday service.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

- Oct 8 Big Day of Serving in Frederick City
- Join other youth from the county to improve Frederick City
- Oct 14 Movie night at MC, To Save a Life Join us after the Saturday night service for movie and popcorn
- Oct 23 It's Tailgate Time (fundraiser) The congregation is invited for a tailgate party immediately following the 11:00 service at Mt Carmel. Pastor Scott will drive a shuttle van from New Market and back.
- Oct 29 Trunk or Treat at New Market
- Nov 16 Thanksgiving Party at NM schoolhouse Youth families are invited to share a meal and fellowship
- Nov 18-20 Alive Middle School Retreat Registration deadline is Oct 17<sup>th</sup> \$65 Ocean City

## Young, Young, Adult

If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, single and looking for a community to grow in your faith, try out our young adult small group immediately following the Saturday Night Service. This is an informal approach to scripturally addressing the joys and challenges that young adults face everyday. There is recreation time to follow, basketball or volleyball in the gym. Join us for the Saturday Service at 6:30 or come to the small group that starts at 7:45 in the loft.

## **Courageous Movie**

September 29 is the opening weekend for the movie "Courageous". The four week sermon and small group study was based on resources provided by the movie's creators. We encourage everyone to plan a movie night and invite some friends before the movie leaves the theatres. Invite your small group, your neighborhood, ministry teams that you serve, new and treasured friends that you worship with. Let's join together as the "Body" to bring the "Courageous Living" series full circle. Your small group sessions will be open to all to discuss and share how the movie and series has impacted your Christian walk.

## **Salvation Army Stockings**

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New Market United Methodist Church will offer support to the Frederick Community by participating in 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 16. 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 and guidelines for filling them. 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.

