# NEW MARKET UMC NEWSLETTER FOR FALL 2012



Strong Faith & Strong Families: Series begins September 9<sup>th</sup>

"14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name... 16 And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all

the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3

I recently received a card from my grandparents. The picture on the front was of a tree who's roots stretched as deep into the earth as the branches reached for the heavens. The picture was a powerful reminder of who we are at our core. We are individuals called to support and spiritually nurture our families and community. We want to be strong enough to love, heal, support, and empower our children, grandchildren, parents, and community. Still we know that if there is a place our faith and character is tested it is at home. Some of us fear that our branches will break or fail and we will lack the patience, wisdom, and strength needed to live up to the call.

Like the mighty oak or the flexible willow we are only as strong and resilient as our roots. We cannot give what we have not first received. This fall our worship life will center around our churches desire to be a source of strength and guidance for each who enters. We feel especially called to nourish you and empower you to live out your faith in your family and community. Our messages will draw deeply from the scriptures. We will also be pulling from and sharing insight gained from experts and examples in the areas of marriage, forgiveness, parenting, grandparenting and relationships. Through our teaching during worship and in our daily devotions we hope to help strengthen your roots so that you can strengthen your family.

Invite another to grow along side you! Bring your brother, sister, mother, father, son, daughter, or next door neighbor to share in the "Strong Faith: Strong Families" journey.

We are looking forward to growing with you!

Pastor Genny & Pastor Scott



#### Choir year ready to begin

The time has come for members of the choir to start practicing Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and serving once again as the voice of the congregation, after a pleasant summer that gave choir members the opportunity to sit with their families in church.

Our fall startup is also an ideal time to join the choir. We're just starting the music year, we're expecting some new members, and you'll know as much as everyone except our most veteran singers. We sing some contemporary music and that will continue this year, along with our ongoing mix of anthems.

The choir meets in the sanctuary from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and practices in the sanctuary at 10:30 Sunday mornings at every 11 a.m. service.

There is no audition to join. We don't require a remarkable voice or the ability to read music. The only requirements are that you enjoy singing, enjoy being around other people who enjoy singing worship and praise music, and want to be involved weekly with some really uplifting words and melodies.

Anyone will be welcome at our first practice at 7:30 p.m. August 30.



#### FOR SEPTEMBER:

Polly Petersen 9/15 Julie Grenier 9/19 Katherine Lake 9/28

#### FOR OCTOBER:

Ruth Meyers	10/5
Lisa Gaver	10/15
Zach Grenier	10/16
Mike Gaver	10/24
Delaine Hobbs	10/24
MaryLee Matthews 10/29	
Ann Winters	10/31
Alex Beard	10/31



#### MISSION OFFERINGS FOR SEPT AND OCT

#### September's mission offering will go to the Frederick County Hospice

Hospice was founded to offer compassionate support to terminally ill patients and their families, and to those who are grieving. The program has grown in size and scope, but the focus remains the same: to honor each person's journey through illness or grief with dignified care, compassionate support and gentle guidance.

## October's mission offering will go to World Communion

World Communion Sunday is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students to help equip them to transform the church and communities. "Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving." (Acts 20:35 CEV) Please give generously!

#### **Hands-on Mission Opportunities**

Would you like to help **prepare and/or serve dinner** at the Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA) Dining Hall the **third Saturday every other month?** Mt. Carmel does this and we at New Market can join them. We can donate something from that month's menu or be a server. Donations should be delivered to Mt. Carmel by 4:00 PM or to the FCAA kitchen after 4:30 PM. Servers should arrive at 4:30 PM at the food kitchen and plan to stay until 7:00 PM. Please call Tom Fischer of Mt. Carmel (301-964-8811) for more info and to sign up.

Join the fun at **Trunk or Treat and Chili Cook-Off!**Sunday, October 28, 2012 5:30 Chili Cook Off
6:30 Trunk R Treat

Decorate your car and bring candy! Invite all the kids in your neighborhood to our safe event in our NMUMC parking lot. There will be games and prizes. Also, enter your best chili recipe, or just enjoy the flavors of the competetitors and vote for your favorite chili entry. "Vote" donations will help provide safe water and food to our children's mission center in Zimbabwe and here in Frederick County. Mt. Carmel will join us, so the competition could be mighty! "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22 KJV) Come lend a hand!

#### **Harvest of Hope**

This event is a weekend long experience including gleaning (harvesting remnants of crops for donating to soup kitchens and homeless shelters), worship, study of Biblical teachings about hunger and fellowship. It will be October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Camp Easter Seals in New Castle, VA. Ages 10 and up are encouraged to participate. The cost for this event is \$75.00 per person which covers lodging and food. Please call Cathy in the church office if you are interested.



The **Foodbank Program**, operated by the Frederick Community Action Agency, provides a three-five day supply of food to families and individuals who are facing an economic crisis and cannot afford to buy their groceries. The FCAA foodbank serves between 300 to 400 households each month ranging from very lowincome families who use the foodbank on a regular basis to moderate-income families who are facing a financial crisis and need temporary food assistance. Our foodbank box is at the back of the sanctuary. But too often it is empty. We challenge the congregation to fill the box on the **first Sunday of each month.** Perhaps you could "raid your pantry" or buy some extra nonperishables so we can help those in need. Those who receive this food are truly grateful. Thank you to all who give so generously!



#### THIS & THAT

Living out the Word - The other day I was watching the news on TV and got real upset again over the way our country is headed that I was yelling at the TV (hope my neighbor didn't jump!) I find I do this more and more. I know the first question someone would ask me, "Why watch the news?" I have curtailed it some but feel how will I know what's going on? There had to be another way to deal with this.

In the book of James (1: 22-24) it tells us to not just hear the word but also live it. So... I asked the Lord to help me see the way He does. It's taken me many years but I finally realized that I don't have to try and change on my own but be fully willing and God will work it in me - what a joy and relief! I grew up with a temper (maybe it was the red hair) but I want God to work through me His way. He lead me to Psalm 37, which I read quite often in these hectic times. It tells us not to be bitter, angry or rage (which is what I was doing at the people on TV) and that He is ultimately in control. Has he finished with me on this problem - no - but I'm on the way.

I like what I read recently in "Our Daily Bread": "What you are speaks so loud that the world can't hear what you say; they're looking at your walk, not listening to your talk; they're judging from your actions every day." That's my philosophy in a nutshell and God forgive me when I mess up!

Blessings to all, Marilyn Brooks



#### Ministry Line Up

The following is a list compiled from the Spiritual Gifts Survey; if your name does not appear on a list and you would like to be included or is on a list not in your gift set, please contact Cathy at the office and she will add or remove you. Thank you!

Nursery Help Donna Clawson, Cat Lugez, Brandie

Kellog, Julie Grenier, Rita Crandall,

Doris Nilson, Marilyn Fritz

Lay Leaders Patty Robinson, Kevin Hart,

Lay Readers Barbara Zimmerman, Summers family,

Alex Beard, Sharon and Richard Riley, Hillary Moore, Toni Carnahan, Linda Siglin, Joyce Boyd, Kevin and Nicole Hart, Glen Pritchard, Rita Crandall,

Marilyn Fritz

Greeters Jeanne Beard, Tom and Carolyn Geary

(ushers), Gene and Ruth Myers (ushers), Tim and Timmy Summers (ushers) Susan Summers (greeter), Mike and Ben Grenier (ushers), Julie Grenier (greeter), Rob and Heidi Wilhelm, Barbara Zimmerman (greeter), Kevin and Nicole Hart (ushers), RJ Grenier (usher), Toni

Carnahan (greeter)

Acolytes Thomas Grenier, Jonathan Grenier,

Ethan Hart, Luke Summers, Zack Grenier, Andrew McCollum

Counters Toni Carnahan, Linda Siglin, Patty

Robinson, Walt Russell, Nick Wood,

Matt Plaskett

Care Visits Doris Nilson, Thelma Gesling, Joan Price,

Marylyn Brooks, Joyce Boyd, Barbara

Zimmerman

Care meals Doris Nilson, Carolyn Geary, Hillary

Moore, Cat Lugez, Brandie Kellog, Donna Clawson, Nicole Hart, Linda

Siglin, Mary Lou Bernota

Care notes Mabel Heider, Hillary Moore, Ruth

Myers

Bulletin Board Julie Grenier

Mission Mary Lou Bernota, Sue wood

Thank you for offering to use your gifts to serve the Lord. If the Lord moves in your heart to serve in a new way please let your pastors know!

#### **Vision Team Summary**

On July 7<sup>th</sup> the Vision Casting Team for New Market met for their first meeting, we

asked ourselves important questions about ourselves; what is special about NMUMC, what does NMUMC have to offer the community and what do we value? The answers to these questions were not surprising. What is Special about NM? Friendly, accepting, welcoming, inviting, feels like home, support, family. What do we have to offer? Historical, small groups, choir, personnel pastor attention, schoolhouse, ample parking, large Sanctuary, VBS, untapped talent. What do we value? God, worship, individual (everyone is a child of God), service, love, fellowship, sermons, generosity, outreach, well-constructed service. With these values in mind the Vision Team set out to establish a 5 year plan for ministry. A lot of progress was made in the first month of meetings. In this August newsletter you will find schedules for the Outreach events (programs that invite the surrounding community to participate), Fellowship events (programs for fellowship within the church community), Sunday School and small group schedules and the needs for new small groups and leaders.



### VISION TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1) To offer the highest quality traditional service possible.

When the VT looked at what services were currently offered in the community they realized that we were bookended by two very strong contemporary worship services (Damascus Road and Monocacy Valley) the worship style neither of these church's offer is traditional. The VT recommended to Council to offer a strong Traditional 11:00 service and when that service reached a sustainable 80% capacity (4 months straight of 80 attending or more) then a 9:30 Traditional second service would be started. Council voted to close the 9:30 Contemporary service but added if an interest in a contemporary band ever surfaced at NM that an alternate service time would be considered.

Worship Team Recommendations approved by Council

In order to make a more orderly flow to worship, to give Nick more visibility, and to make room for new choir members the Worship Team

recommended that the choir area be moved to the right hand side of the altar, the organ would move into the left hand side where the choir currently sits (the organ back would face the altar), the piano would move to the organ space and align with the same position as the organ. The choir would come to the front of the altar to sing the anthem and then join the congregation in the front pew.

In order to create more space on the upper altar for Baptism's and Communion the Worship Committee recommended removing the lectern with the bible on it, the bible and microphone would move to the preaching lectern, the scriptures would be read from there. The communion table would be placed where the removed lectern now is and the Baptismal font would go at the left side of the altar and would change places with the communion table when a Baptism is scheduled. The constant presence of the communion table on the altar is a solid reminder that we are a people of the Word and Table.

# 2) To effectively reach the New Market community with outreach and our presence within the community.



Outreach events: (anyone wishing to volunteer for individual events contact Patty Robinson) 09/22/12 Historic New Market UMC Open House (during the LHS parade)

10/27/12 Trunk or Treat and Crock pot cook-off 12/16/12 Lunch with Santa and Nativity walk about

02/03/13 Scout Sunday

03/24/13 Palm Sunday neighborhood walk, Easter Egg hunt



Fellowship events: (anyone wishing to volunteer for individual events contact Julie Grenier) 08/26/12 Sunday school Kick Off Party

(between Sunday school and service)

09/30/12 5th Sunday Pot luck

03/17/13 All Saints Day Celebration

05/13/13 Mother's Day Celebration

06/02/13 End of School Party (between Sunday school and service)

06/16/13 Father's Day Celebration



The New Market UMC is still in the formulation stages. The vision for the library is not of the conventional type. Here are some of the ideas; there will be books available to borrow on the honor system, there will be story hours for children of the surrounding community's each week, one woman's book club that will meet once a month, a tutor ministry of our retired teachers (the library will have contact numbers available to the neighboring schools whose children are in need of free tutoring), Senior game day. If you would like to be involved in this new ministry or would like to offer your services as a tutor please contact Marilyn Fritz.



#### 3) To offer those communities' within our walls, Boy Scouts, AA, and the "55" and overs relationships that lead to discipleship.

You can be involved in this vital ministry that will connect the Scouts of Troop 628 to their sponsor church. There is a minimum training requirement. If you would like to be a merit badge mentor for the Boy Scouts please contact Julie Grenier, you can find the list of merit badges at www.scouting.org/meritbadges.



NMUMC would like to start a Widow/Widower Support Ministry, if you are gifted in the area of leading small groups please consider volunteering for this ministry. Contact Pastor Scott if interested.

The Vision Team realized to make Worship, Sunday School and small groups a success they needed to look at the spaces these programs were held in, they discerned what essential upgrades were needed to the facilities and to prioritize which upgrades were to be accomplished first.



In order for these ministry's to be effective the following upgrades to the grounds were suggested.

- 1) Central heating and cooling for the education building (SS and library)
- 2) Paint the sanctuary (invigorated worship space)
- 3) Fenced Playground (SS and library)
- 4) Handicap Bathroom Schoolhouse (AA, Boy Scouts, Better rental possibility)
- 5) Parking Lot Resurfacing
- 6) Addition to Ed Building

By September Vision Team will have proposals for the above improvements and a time line for completion. If you have any questions on the Vision Team recommendations, please contact a member of your church council or Pastor Scott.



#### Sunday school 2012-13 Starts August 26th

Join us after Sunday school on the front patio for a kickoff celebration before the 11:00am service

9:30-9:45 Gathering music with prayer for all groups (nursery through high school) 9:45-10:30 Individual classes Nursery Nursery room Pre/Kinder Main Area Elem 1-5 Main Area Mid/ High S Upper room Video Music Study Adult Kitchen Thelma Alt Adult Schoolhouse 9:45-10:25 P Scott Men/Women Small Group(starts Sept. 9th)

There is an opening for SS Superintendent, duties include taking attendance, collecting SS offering, scheduling teachers and substitutes, approving curriculum, and arranging snacks at 10:30, Contact Pastor Scott or Melinda McCollum

"Letters from Dad" A joint venture for the NM and MC men. "The Big Question" If God were to take you home today...what would

vour wife and children hold in their hands for tomorrow that would let them know that they were the treasures of your life? You are invited on a journey... a journey to leave a legacy of Faith, Hope and Love through the lost art of letter writing. You will learn to write things and say things you have always wanted to say but didn't know how. You will leave treasured letters of love that will be read long after your gone. You will build deep and lasting relationships with other men in the group. You will store in letter form, the only 3 things that remain: Faith, Hope and Love. Please join us for a BBQ cookout at the NM Schoolhouse on September 11th at 6:30pm. "Letters from Dad" is a total of 4 sessions at the NM Schoolhouse on Tuesday's (10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/20) at 7:00pm. For more information contact Bob Burdsall at 301-663-8733.



DISCIPLE II GROUP

DISCIPLE II WILL BE STARTING ON SEPTEMBER  $5^{\rm TH}$  2012. PLEASE JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7:00PM IN THE ED BLDG KITCHEN.



IF YOU ARE A GREETER, USHER, OR ACOLYTE THERE WILL BE A SHORT REFRESHER COURSE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE AUGUST  $26^{\mathrm{TH}}$  SERVICE.



Youth Group Canoe trip on the Monocacy River meet at Mt. Carmel UMC parking lot at 8:00am if you are interested. We will return around 1:00pm.



**UMW Circle of Friends** 

Fellowship—a time of sharing love and friendship with others.

Christians have a very special fellowship with God and his people. This well describes the U.M.W. "Circle of Friends". Fellowship is their specialty, but they are also a very caring group that sponsors and contributes much to New Market U. M. Church. Many of these ladies were V.B.S. volunteers, they recently visited Falling Waters Board of Child Care facility which our church supports in their many projects. They've hosted many memorial luncheons and church events, visit "Our Friends to Care For" and send them cards monthly.

Recently they had a fun outing to Mrs. K's Restaurant. After a summer break, Carolyn Geary will be hosting our September 11th (Tues) 12:30 pm meeting and Carolyn will also be giving the program. All ladies of New Market U.M. Church are invited to attend and become members. So, mark your calendar for September 11th and be a part of the planning of events for this fall and 2013. New ideas are always welcomed. We also sponsor a "Game Day" each Wednesday at 12:30 pm. Check the bulletin to see where "Game Day" is or contact Thelma Gesling (301)865-5514 or Carolyn Geary (301)865-4388 for more information about "Circle of Friends" or "Game Day".

There are about ten ladies that are interested in an evening circle, but a leader is needed for this group. If you feel you are being "called" for this leadership, please contact Pastor Scott (240)409-8119 or Thelma (301)865-5514.

#### **Upcoming meeting dates:**

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm at the home of Carolyn Geary Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm at the home of Thelma Gesling



September

- 3 Labor Day
- 4 Trustee's meeting 7:00pm
- 5 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel Disciple II class begins 7:00pm
- 7 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 9 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
- 11 UMW circle of friends meeting 12:30pm at Carolyn Geary's home "Letters from Dad" Men's group kickoff BBQ NM schoolhouse 6:30pm SPRC/LET meeting 7:00pm
- 12 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 13 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 16 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
- 18 Church council meeting 7:00pm
- 19 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 20 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 22 NMUMC historic Open House (during the LHS parade)
- 23 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
- 25 Ministry teams/Outreach meeting 7:00pm
- 26 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 27 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 29 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck lunch
- 30 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am



There will be an Adult Sermon series study starting September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:45-10:30am in the Schoolhouse.



October

- 2 Trustee's meeting 7:00pm
- 3 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 4 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 5-7 Harvest of Hope mission trip-Camp Easter Seals New Castle, VA
  - 7 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am World Communion Sunday
  - 8 "Letters from Dad" session 1 7:00pm NM
    Columbus Day
  - 9 UMW circle of friends meeting 12:30pm at Thelma Gesling's home SPRC/LET team meeting 7:00pm
- 10 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 11 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 14 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
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- 18 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 21 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
- 23 "Letters from Dad" session 2 7:00pm NM
- 24 Youth Group 6:30-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel Disciple II class 7:00pm
- 25 Scouts #628
  Choir practice 7:30-9:00pm
- 27 Trunk or Treat/Crock pot cookoff
- 28 Adult sermon series study 9:45-10:30am
- 30 Ministry teams/Outreach meeting 7:00pm
- 31 Halloween



#### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated items or helped with VBS this year. We could not have done it without you!