OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER









NEW MARKET UMC

FALL NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. Colossians 1:10

There is a misconception that the ministry of the church takes the summer off. Although it is true that our Sunday School teachers, choir members, H4K team, and others who take the summer off to rest and replenish, ministry still happens and is alive and fruitful.

We still preside over funerals and weddings, hold men's breakfasts and Bible studies, and meet with Generosity and VAL teams. Annual Conference is attended, prayer emails and sermons get written, hospital and home visits are still made, and fellowship events take place. Council, Trustees, SPRC, and finance teams still meet as necessary. Fund balance reports are sent to the conference, HUB gatherings are planned, VBS is held, teacher breakfasts are made, and the 24/7 pantry gets filled. All of these activities happen because of many dedicated individuals.

As I look at that list, summer is a busy time. Now we are entering fall, a time when, in theory, ministry resumes with full vigor. There are many blessings as we head into fall. We have most of our regular Sunday School teachers returning and a new generation (Kasey and Ben) willing and able to step in to lead children in learning the Gospel story. H4K is gearing up for another successful school year feeding children in our local schools. Choirs will be singing, handbell choirs will be belling, children's plays will be written and designed, fellowship events will be offered, our community event, Trek or Treat, will be held, and the list goes on and on.

I invite you to pray and discern where God is calling you to serve in one or more fall ministries. It may be a current ministry or one that is swimming around in your head. We would love to hear where God is directing you to be in ministry this season.

There are plenty of exciting things happening at New Market this coming fall. In this newsletter there are updates on the New Ministry Center, and you will be invited to participate in the third phase of our capital campaign.

Buckle your seatbelts, NMUMC; it certainly is going to be a bumpy, spirit-filled life as we live into the call of Jesus, our Christ, to proclaim the Good News to the world.

Pastor Scott



New Market Elementary
Teachers' Breakfast

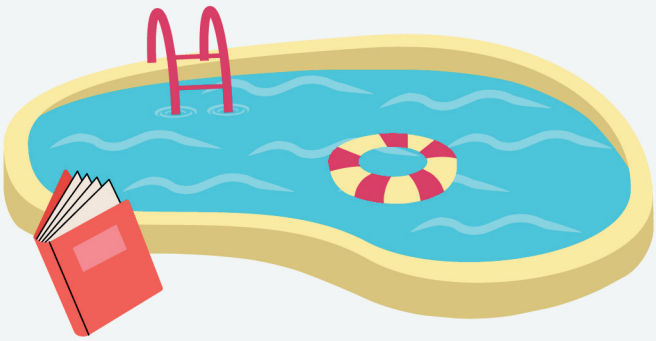
FROM THE PASTOR'S HOT TUB AND POOL

I thought it would be interesting to share my reading list for the summer. Most of this reading was accomplished with a round float around my body and walking in the pool to get my exercise. I think reading all genres is important to a well-rounded worldview.

My first pool book of the summer was the super light reading (kidding) of ***The Hundred Years' War on Palestine*** by Rashid Khalidi. The book is a comprehensive analysis of the century-long campaign against Palestinians by the Zionist Movement and Israel as told by a Palestinian family that experienced it through the years. I thought it was essential to understand any long-term conflict by educating oneself as much as possible on each side of the issue. I have some thoughts if ever you would like to sit down and discuss it. Call me anytime.

My first hot tub book was ***Working the Angle***s by Eugene Peterson. American pastors, says Eugene Peterson, are abandoning their posts at an alarming rate. They are not leaving their churches and getting other jobs. Instead, they have become a company of shopkeepers, and the shops they keep are churches.

I decided it is always a good thing to check oneself alongside other effective pastors. What I found was that I needed to attend to some spiritual disciplines that I had let slide. The acts of prayer, reading scripture, and giving spiritual direction to others were good reminders of how effective ministry happens.



My hot tub resource book, ***And God Spoke to Abraham,*** was written by one of my favorite preachers and theologians, Fleming Rutledge. Her insights on preaching the Old Testament with New Testament eyes were always helpful in developing meaningful and substantive sermons.



My next two pool books are my favorites and find myself returning to them time and time again. ***The Best American Short Stories of the 20th Century*** and Ray Bradbury's ***Fahrenheit 451***. Both, I have read a total of three times. The latter, written in 1953, is a prophetic lens into the current culture we now exist in and the former just solidifies my love of the short story in general, which is why I also have Flannery O'Connor, ***The Complete Stories,*** on my Kindle—she is slightly weird but brings the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ hidden in her stories to me in a different way.

WHAT ARE YOU READING AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY?

CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING WORSHIP

October 4 | Proper 22- "And God Spoke!"

Isaiah 5: 1-7 Exodus 20: 1-20 **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

October 11 | Proper 23- "See! This is our God"

Isaiah 25: 1-9 Philippines 4: 1-9 **CHILDREN'S SABBATH**

October 18 | Proper 24- "Equity"

2 Corinthians 8: 1-15, Mark 12: 33-38 **GENEROSITY SUNDAY**

October 25 | Proper 25 "Happy Are Those"

Leviticus 19: 1-2,15-18 Psalm 1



November 1 | Proper 26- "Wading the Water"

Joshua 3: 7-17 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

November 8 | Proper 27- "Choose This Day"

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 Matthew 25: 1-13

November 15 | Proper 28- "Like a Thief"

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30

November 22 | Proper 21- "These People"

Exodus 17: 1-7 Philippians 2:1-13 **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

November 29 | First Sunday in Advent

Guest Preacher- Susan Stevene





FRESH START

Come join Pastor Patty and/or Pastor Scott Clawson Robinson – at 8:15 AM, every Sunday for our 30 minute service with acoustic guitar music, sketching prayers and communion.

Fairview Chapel
6802 Boyers Mill Road New Market, MD 21774



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us at 9:30 for Children, Middle School and Adult
High School Youth

All Children-Youth classes will be held in the Education Building

Adult classes will be held in the Schoolhouse

Sunday School Note: our children's Sunday School classes will be joining the worship service for communion on October 4 and December 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 3:15- 5:30 PM

Trek or Treat

PARADE & CANDY ROUTE

OCT 24

DONATIONS OF CANDY CAN BE LEFT AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY ON OCTOBER 11TH AND 18TH OR DROPPED AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ON TUE., WED., OR THUR. BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 4:00 PM BEFORE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22.

CALENDAR & HAPPENINGS

Coming Up:

World Communion Sunday: October 4
Lucy Louise Summers Baptism

Charge Conference Vote: October 10 | 9:00 AM Damascus UMC

Children's Sabbath: October 11

Circle of Friends Begins! October 12 at 12 PM

Fiesta Friday: October 16 | 5:00 PM | Schoolhouse (setup begins at 3:30 PM)

Generosity Sunday: October 18

Trek or Treat: October 24 | 3:15 PM

Daylight Savings Time:
Fall Back an Hour: November 1

All Saints Sunday: November 1

Care Team: November 2 | 5:00 PM | Ed. Building Kitchen

Kick Off to the Holidays: November 15 | 1:00 PM | Dutch's Daughter

Thanksgiving Day: November 26

(Potential) 5th Sunday Potluck: November 29 | after worship (Setup at 10:00 AM)

Every Month

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Schoolhouse (~~October 3~~, November 7)

Circle of Friends: 12:00 PM | Schoolhouse (October 14, November 10)

Hope4Kids Packing: 6:00 PM | Schoolhouse (October 14, November 10)

Finance Meeting: 7:30 PM | Zoom (October 26)

Every Month cont.

Trustees: 6:00 PM | Ed. Buidling (~~October 6~~, November 3)

Stephen Ministry: 6:00 PM
Ed Building
(October 13, November 10)

SPRC: 7:00 PM | Ed. Building (October 13, November 10)

Council Meeting: 7:00 PM | Ed. Building (October 20, November 17)

Every Week:

Sunday School | 9:30 AM | Ed. Building and Schoolhouse

9:30 AM Choir Practice | Mondays | 5:30 PM | Ed. Building

Morning Bible Study | Tuesdays 10 AM | Sanctuary

Zoom Bible Study
Wednesdays | 7 PM | Zoom

11 AM Choir Practice | Thursdays | 6:30 PM | Ed. Building

Christian Believers Session | Saturdays | 10:00 AM | Ed. Building Ktichen

Every Other Week:

Bible 101 | Wednesdays
6:00 PM | Ed. Building
(10/7, 10/21, 11/4,)

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP TEAM

New Event -- Fiesta Friday,
October 16, 5-6:30 PM
Taco Tuesday (which was held on Tuesday) has been re-branded as Fiesta Friday since it will be held on a Friday.
Menu: tacos, lots of toppings, ice cream sundaes, and beverages.
Thanks to Sean Robbins for agreeing to again fix the meat mixture.
A Free Will Offering will be requested, and a Bake Table will be available.
A sign-up sheet will be posted to assist us in planning.

November 15 – Kick-off to the Holidays Brunch, 1:00 p.m. @ Dutch's Daughter Restaurant
With the increase in food prices during the past year, it is no surprise that the cost of the brunch has increased this year – to $60/person which includes tax and gratuity.
All those who attended last year felt the cost ($55) was justified due to the NUMEROUS food offerings, the service, the ambiance, and the fellowship opportunity.
A sign-up sheet will be posted in late October.
Payment: cash or check only; no refunds.
Money will be due to Elaine Nicholls by November 12.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 1

We invite everyone to bring in photos of your loved ones who have gone on to be with the Lord. If you would like their name to be placed in the bulletin, please email the office by 10/26.

YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

Every Sunday – 9:30 AM
High School - ED Building Kitchen - Kate Hanson
Middle School - Ed Building Library - Susan Stevens

Youth Group Special Events
October 4 - Service Project and Bonfire
October 11 - Youth Sunday (where youth take over the church service at NMUMC) both 9:30 and 11am services
November 21 - Washington DC trip to a The Native American History Museum
December 5 - New Market parade float, and later Youth Group Live Nativity during the NM tree lighting

YOUTH SAVE THE DATES

January 16-17 - Lock In (Tentative)
February - Snow Tubing at Christmas
in March - Field Trip to Frederick County Transfer Station
April - Camping Trip to Cape Henelopen State Park
May- Float Trip on the Monocacy RIver

CHILDREN'S SABBATH: OCTOBER 11

This is a favorite day of our Sunday school kids--when they take over the Worship Service from Pastor Scott.

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

VAL TEAM UPDATES

The latest update on the Feasibility Budget for the construction of the New Ministry Center has been received and will be presented to the VAL (Visualizing Abundant Life) Team later this month.

In October of 2025 we received budget numbers that were estimated according to current costs in the construction industry. The amount of that Proposed Budget was $2,977,757.98.

As the engineered drawings were nearing completion our construction manager, Phil Gamble of Commercial Building Contractors, was able to invite trades to start applying real bid numbers to various parts of the project. The new Proposed Budget that was received in August 2026 is $3,118,871.53.

The largest increase in costs is for the HVAC system. The code now contains more costly freon requirements. The team is diligently working to begin design and permit reviews. The goal is to have shovels in the ground by June 2027.

GENEROSITY TEAM UPDATES

The Generosity Team is in the pre-planning stages for kicking off the 3rd and final phase of the Capital Campaign, that will fund the remaining amount needed for construction of the New Ministry Center. More information will be distributed on the third Sunday in October.

The current amount needed to fully fund the New Ministry Center is $502, 907.00

The team would like to invite those who have not pledged to consider how you can support this ministry with your financial donations. For those who are opposed to pledging, we ask if you could increase your weekly giving to the General Budget to sustain the ministries that are already in place. For the New Ministry Center to become a reality, we need every person who participates in the life of NMUMC to become involved and invested. We thank everyone who has faithfully given and those who are discerning how their contributions might fit into their financial picture for the coming year.

UPDATE ON THE SALE OF THE PARSONAGE/SCHOOLHOUSE

The Church Council and Board of Trustees are still in the exploration stage of entertaining an unsolicited bid to purchase the Schoolhouse/Parsonage. There are many factors that will weigh in on this decision, and your leadership wants to explore all options.

The parsonage renter was offered first right of refusal and has indicated that she does not want to purchase the property but would like to continue renting. The interested bidding party has agreed to continue to rent the parsonage. The church would be renting the schoolhouse from the proposed new property owners until the New Ministry Center is built. The proposed selling/transfer date for the property, if all parties agree, will be in April of 2027. If your leaders accept the bid, it will come before all members of NMUMC for a Church Conference vote. If you have questions or concerns, be sure to share those with the trustee chair (Anthony Bishop), Council Chair (Melinda McCollum) or Pastor Scott. The 2027 Church Conference Votes to build the New Ministry Center and on the Sale of the Parsonage will be held in May of 2027

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

FIRST MEETING:
OCTOBER 13 AT NOON

Circle of Friends, which is the New Market United Methodist Church's branch of United Women inf Faith, will hold their first meeting after the summer break on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM in the New Market Historic Schoolhouse. The hostesses for the meeting will be Alice Crutchley, Patty Robinson, and Toni Carnahan. We invite and encourage all ladies of the church to come and join us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLIN ECCLESTON!



Collin is a longtime member of Cub and Boy Scout Troop 628 and a member of New Market UMC. Collin's Eagle Scout project was to design, build, and install a platform for a kayak/canoe launch dock located at Lake Linganore.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Zoom Bible study meets at 7:00 PM

The class will continue the study started last Spring, "Not Guilty—Be Free to Experience God's Love," by Brian and Candice Simmons. This is a devotional study on the Book of Romans.

You can jump in at any time.

If you are interested and need a book, let Patty Robinson know—240-441-1170.

HOPE4KIDS

Hope4Kids is a weekend food program that started in 2012. It provides a weekend food package to children in our community. School staff identify the needs of these children. Every week, a pack of food is sent home with the child to ensure they have a consistent source of nutrition on days they do not receive school meals. Meals are packed the second Tuesday of every month during the school year. This is a great service ministry for all ages.

Those schools served are:

- **Deer Crossing Elementary School**
- **New Market Elementary School**
- **New Market Middle School**
- **Oakdale Elementary School**
- **Oakdale Middle School**
- **Oakdale High School**
- **Blue Heron Elementary School**

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Nov-March | Drop-off in Sanctuary

We are collecting warm weather clothing (coats, sweaters, scarves, gloves, etc.). Contact Susan Stevens for more info: 240-277-2581

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

All scheduled in-person activities, including church meetings, events, and office hours during the weekday, will automatically cancel if schools close for the day or have an early dismissal due to inclement weather.

During the weekend, all activity and service cancellations will be posted by 8 AM via the following venues. We will send out a church-wide email with information, or you can visit our church website (www.newmarketumc.com) and find the information at the top of the page.
If you are not connected to the internet, please inform our church office, and you will receive a call if there is a cancellation.

OUR THANKSGIVING BASKET SIGN UP

See the list below:

Cooked Turkey (3)
Canned Green Beans (6)
Cream of Mushroom Soup (3)
Crispy Mushroom Toppers (3)
Canned Corn (6)
Canned Yams (6)
Bag of Marshmallows (3)
Instant Potatoes (3)
Canned Cranberry Sauce (3)
Stuffing Mix (3)
Macaroni & Cheese (3)
Pumpkin Pie (3)
Can or Jar of Gravy (3)
Single Use Pan (3)

CHRISTMAS IN NEW MARKET PARADE AND LIVE NATIVITY | DEC 5TH

1 PM: The parade is the same route as last year. We ask that Sunday School and preschool parents park in the Fosset lot at church (grass area across from the main parking lot); signage will be provided. Parents should park by 12:00, and the wagons will promptly depart from the lot at 12:30 pm.
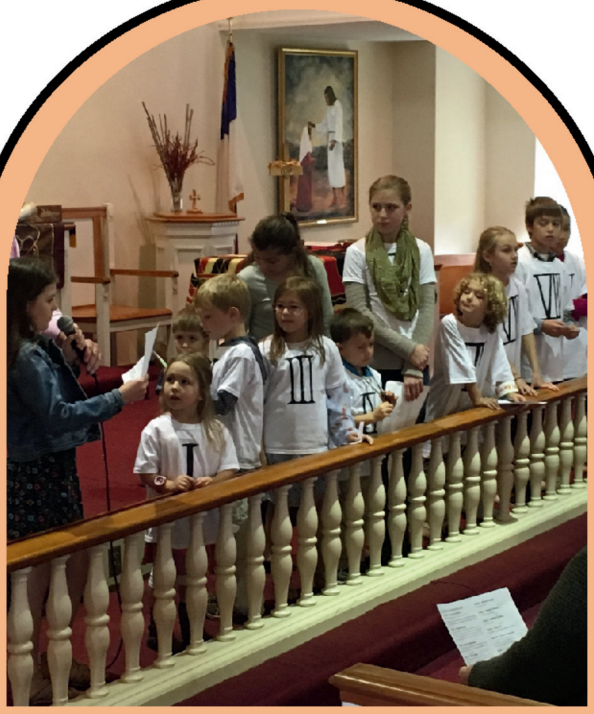
12:00-4:00 PM: Mrs. Claus' Story Time, Craft Time, Whie Elephant and Baked Goods Sale—Schoolhouse.
(Donations for the bake and white elephant sale should be brought to the Schoolhouse on Friday, December 5th, from 10 AM until the afternoon, or Saturday, December 6th, from 9 to 11:30 AM in the Ed Building kitchen. Bag cookies (6 per bag) and brownies (3 per bag). Be sure to note if baked goods contain nuts or peanut butter.

JESSE TREE

We will be providing Jesse Tree gifts to local families again this Christmas. Tags describing the family's needs will be available on the tree the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Pick up a tag from the nearby Jesse Tree and return the listed item, unwrapped, with the tag attached, by December 6th.

New Market UMC Children's Ministry

October



Children's Sabbath 2017

Fall Into Sunday School!

October is going to be a busy and exciting month for Sunday School!

October 4 – Communion Sunday The Sunday School children will come to the Sanctuary to receive communion with the congregation.

October 11 – Children's Sabbath This is the Sunday when the children take over the Sanctuary from Pastor Scott! The kids will lead both the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. We understand that not everyone is able to stay for both services, but we truly appreciate everyone who can stay.

October 24 – Trunk or Treat The church will host Trunk or Treat, and the Sunday School will be helping with games and crafts. We're looking forward to a fun evening for everyone!

Advent Shut-ins and College Packages

The Sunday School children will also make special items to include in the Advent packages the Care Team sends to our shut-ins and college students. It's a wonderful opportunity to share some love and kindness with members of our church family. We have a lot happening this month, and we're excited to see our Sunday School children participate each Sunday, serve, and share their gifts with our church community!

Family Ministry Moment

Helping kids connect with God in the middle of everyday life—turning ordinary sights into quick, natural conversations with God. Play "I Spy God's Goodness" in Nature and creation:

Examples:

- Point to a leaf or a blade of grass and talk about how God made plants grow.
- Point to a pet or bird and discuss how God cares for every animal.
- Look up at the sky or clouds and thank God for the big, beautiful world

Mark Your Calendars!

November 1: K and up recieve communion
November 29: Advent wreath making in Sunday school
December 5: New Market Chirstmas Parade
December 13: Children's Christmas Pageant
December 28: No Sunday School
January 3: It's A New Year Party!

If you have questions about Children's Ministry at New Market UMC contact Donna at declawson16@gmail.com

WORSHIP HELPERS | OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
10/4/2025 (Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Kate Wright		Lay Reader	Angie Cole
		Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab
10/11/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Children's Sabbath	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Children's Sabbath
		Lay Reader			Lay Reader	
		Usher/Greeters			Usher/Greeters	
10/18/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Chris Berry		Lay Reader	Riley Family
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
10/25/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Krista Romagnoli		Lay Reader	Kate Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeters	Carole Zimmerman

Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
11/1/2026 (All Saints Sunday and Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop		Lay Reader	Sarah Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Kocher Family		Usher/Greeters	Angie Cole
11/8/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Berta Lafoon		Lay Reader	Doreen Bass
		Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Elaine Nicholls
11/15/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Beth Peterson		Lay Reader	Kasey Barboza
		Usher/Greeters	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab
11/22/2026 (Christ the King)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Amanda Berry		Lay Reader	Cindy Naugle
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
11/29/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Ryan Robbins	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Joanne Robbins		Lay Reader	Jane Leffel
		Usher/Greeters	Sean Robbins		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz

Christmas Eve volunteers are needed for 4 PM, 6 PM, and 8 PM.
There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary,
or you can email the church office: hometownchurch@comast.net

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SOME OF YOUR NMUMC MEMORIES



































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