

MARCH / APRIL NEWSLETTER



NEW MARKET UMC EASTER NEWSLETTER

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Hope

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.- Romans 15: 13

I used to be a winter person. If there was snow falling, I had the utmost desire to be in it, sliding down it, molding it into a ball to throw at unsuspecting passersby. Now, I am very content to watch from the window . . . to be a passive observer. My wife, Donna, loves winter, loves snow, reads a snow book every year to hasten the days when the white stuff will fall -- for her, hopefully, in droves. I am okay with winter, but once one snow fall has come and gone, I am ready for spring. For me, spring is always pregnant with hope. As the hymn states: "in the bulb there is a flower" . . . hope.

As we enter the month of March we know that even if snowfall does come the crocus will push its burst of color through the coldness. Even if a cold front would whisk through the region, the tulips and snowdrops will remind us that we are not far away from days of longer sunlight and warmer weather. In every season of our life, we are on a pilgrimage toward deeper relationships with each other and with God.

Spring is a season of expectation for me. I anticipate what new and unexpected blessings God has for us and for His church. I anticipate gathering around altars and tables with all of you to share our hopes, fears, and doubts with each other. I anticipate meeting our Capital Campaign goal and moving on to the next phase of building a place that will be safe, accessible, and open to the entire community that surrounds us. I anticipate new pilgrims finding a home at New Market UMC where they can feel safe, welcomed, and heard.

These are very large hopes, but are we not in a perpetual season of hope? It will take a miracle to see many of these hopes come to fruition, but are we not in the miracle business? My hope and prayer for all of you, my fellow disciples of Christ, are that we can move as one people of God in one direction forward into the unknown blessings that God has already laid out for us on distant horizons, just waiting for us to have the courage, the resolve, and the perseverance to obtain.

Pastor Scott

UPCOMING WORSHIP

ALL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AS WELL | SERVICES ARE AT 9:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

March 1 | Second Sunday in Lent - "Time To Make the Donuts"

John 5: 16-24, John 10: 1-10

March 8 | Third Sunday in Lent - "Perseverance"

Psalms 129, 2 Corinthians 11: 21b- 33

March 15 | Fourth Sunday in Lent - "My Hope is Built On?"

Psalms 130, Psalm 23, Romans 8: 22-28

March 22 | Fifth Sunday in Lent | Guest Preacher: Pastor Patty Robinson

"Taking Your Spiritual Pulse" - Psalm 51: 1-13, Colossians 3: 1-17

March 29 | Palm Sunday

"Blessed Community" - Psalm 133 and 134 Matthew 21: 1-11

April 1 | Holy Thursday- See More Information on page 2

April 2 | Good Friday Service at 7:00 PM

April 5 | Easter Sunday

"Do Not Be Afraid" - Matthew 28: 1-10 Acts 10: 34-43

April 12 | Second Sunday of Easter

"Boundary Lines" - Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9

April 19 | Third Sunday of Easter

"Walk the Walk" - 1 Peter: 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35

April 26 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Alma! Check Your Battery" - 1 Peter 2: 19-25 Psalm 23



Coming Up:

Care Team: March 2 | 5:30 PM | Ed. Building

Fairview Church Services begin: March 8

Confirmation Class: March 1, 8 | 7:00 PM
 Field Trip to Grotto Lourdes: Mar. 15 | 1:00 PM

SPRC: March 10 | 7:00 PM | Ed. Building

IGNITE Youth Conference: March 20-22

Community Easter Egg Hunt: March 28 |
 10:00 AM | NMUMC

Holy Thursday Joint Stations: April 2
 4:00 PM | Mt. Carmel UMC

Joint Good Friday Service: April 3 | 7:00 PM |
 Sanctuary

Joint Easter Sunrise Service: April 5 | 6:30
 AM | Fairview Chapel
 Sunday services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM |
 Sanctuary

Pasta Dinner: April 17 | 5:00 PM |
 Schoolhouse

Finance Meeting: April 20 | 7:30 PM | Zoom

Every Month

Men's Breakfast: 8:00 AM | Schoolhouse
 (March 3, April 4)

Circle of Friends: 12:30 PM | Schoolhouse
 (March 10, April 14)

Hope4Kids Packing: 6:00 PM |
 Schoolhouse (March 10, April 14)

Every Month cont.

Stephen Ministry Supervisory
 Meeting:
 6:00 PM | Sanctuary (April 14)

Church Council: 7:00 PM
 Ed. Building (March 17, April 21)

Trustees: 6:00 PM | Ed. Building
 (March 3, April 7)

Every Week:

Sunday School | 9:30 AM | Ed.
 Building and Schoolhouse
 Adults in the Schoolhouse and
 Children in the ED Building

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal |
 Mondays at 6:30 PM | Ed. Building

Tuesday Morning Bible Study |
 Tuesdays | 10 AM | Sanctuary

Bible 101 | 6:00 PM | Ed. Building
 Wednesdays starting March 18 at
 6:00 PM

Pastor's Meeting | Every Thursday
 10:00 AM | Pastor's Office

11 AM Choir Practice | Thursdays
 6:45 PM | Ed. Building

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Our first activity of the year, **Game Day**, was held on Saturday, January 24, from 2 to 4 PM. Twenty individuals enjoyed games, good food, and fellowship.

What has become an annual event – the **Shrove Tuesday Dinner** – was held on February 17 and enjoyed by 66 attendees. As always, there was lots of food and many opportunities for fellowship.

We are pleased to welcome **Hannah Horton** as a member of the Fellowship Committee. We discovered that Hannah likes to stay busy and has a great sense of humor!

Mark your calendars for other activities in 2026:

Friday, April 17 – Pasta Dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Menu: the Fellowship Committee will provide salad, beverages, and various types of pasta dishes. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the end of March for attendees to bring vegetables, bread, and desserts.

May 31, 5th Sunday Potluck after the 11:00 worship service. The menu is: picnic foods – hot dogs and sloppy joes, rolls, and beverages will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. A sign-up sheet will be posted in early May for attendees to sign up to bring a salad/fruit, vegetable, or dessert.

Tentative -- August 7 to provide an ice cream social at the conclusion of Vacation Bible School. Menu: peaches, chocolate syrup, ice cream, whipped topping. Join us for the VBS closing program, and then enjoy some ice cream!

August 30, 5th Sunday Potluck after the 11:00 worship service. Menu: sandwiches and salads. The Fellowship Committee will prepare platters of sandwiches made with assorted cheeses (American and Swiss) and meats (ham, turkey, beef). A sign-up sheet will be posted in early August for attendees to bring vegetables, salads, and desserts.

Sunday, November 15: Kick-Off to the Holidays at Dutch's Daughter Restaurant, 1:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to enjoy delicious food that none of us has to prepare! A sign-up sheet will be posted in October. Payment must be received in advance.

Tentative – November 29, 5th Sunday Gathering between the 9:30 and 11:00 services – at the Schoolhouse.

HOLY THURSDAY- APRIL 2

Joint Stations of the Cross with Communion
Mt. Carmel UMC
4:00–6:00 PM (Drop in)

GOOD FRIDAY- APRIL 3

Joint Good Friday Service
New Market UMC
7:00 PM
Pastor Scott, preaching

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

NMUMC FOOD PANTRY “WISH LIST”

The following items are currently on my “wish list” for our small pantry.

- Canned tuna/chicken
- Peanut butter
- Jelly (strawberry or grape)
- Instant oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Small fruit cups or applesauce

Please drop off donations to the Ed. Building or in the back of the Sanctuary

Alternatively, the below would also greatly benefit the pantry:

- Donate money to the pantry
- Donate gift cards for local food stores to be distributed to needy families by Pastor Scott

Please keep in mind all items donated should be nonperishable and not past the expiration date.

Any questions or comments can be directed to me through email:

greenlee06@comcast.net

Thanks! Margie Matz

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME BY POPULAR REQUEST

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME AFTER EASTER. THE FIRST SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026, AND CONCLUDE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026.

The second session will begin in September after the summer break; dates are to be determined. Pastor Patty Robinson will be leading the study. We will study the book of Romans—see summary below:

Not Guilty: Be Free to Experience God’s Love
Dive into Romans and watch God’s love set you free. Shame. Failure. Sin. They leave mankind with a verdict: guilty. Have you been trusting in your works or feeling continually crushed by sin? Your story does not end there. Christ paid the price, and a new verdict has been rendered: not guilty! It’s time to relinquish every heavy burden of sin and guilt to God.

As you examine the powerful, freeing book of Romans through this devotional commentary and study guide, you will

- rediscover the joy of your salvation
- surrender all self-righteousness
- stop striving to please God or earn his love
- return to the simplicity of the gospel of grace
- silence the accusing voice of shame
- experience acceptance by God.

Understand the true grace of the gospel that releases God’s power and peace into your life.

A sign-up sheet will be put in the back of the sanctuary starting Sunday, March 22nd. However, you can also contact Pastor Patty at pattyrob16@msn.com or call 240-441-1170 if you want to participate. I look forward to getting back together with all of you and experiencing the joy of this deep dive into the beautiful Book of Romans by studying the messages from Jesus, through his apostle, Paul.- Pastor Patty

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GENEROSITY TEAM

The response to our Generosity campaign has been promising, but we still need help from those who have not responded. We are quickly nearing the March 31st deadline of the Capital Campaign to fund the New Ministry Center. Your Generosity Team needs to know whether you are able to financially commit to the project at this time. Starting the week of March 8, team members will be reaching out to those who have not yet returned a Commitment Card. We encourage everyone attending worship at NMUMC to prayerfully reflect on how they might contribute to completing this project in the upcoming year.

BIBLE 101

WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM IN THE ED. BUILDING

Pastor Scott will be hosting an in-person study on Wednesdays at 6 PM in the Ed Building that will start with the first chapter of the Bible, Genesis.

VAL (VISUALIZING ABUNDANT LIFE) BUILDING TEAM

Much work is going on behind the scenes: assembling information required by the permitting offices of the Town of New Market and Frederick County. The stormwater management proposal for the site has been submitted to Frederick County, and we are replying to the comments generated by that submission. Our professionals (Shawn Benjaminson, civil engineer; Donna Rosano, architect; and Phil Gamble, building project manager) are in the Schematic Design Phase of the project (mechanical and electrical systems, etc.) and plan to submit our final plans to the Town of New Market in April. Small Committee Teams (Kitchen Team, Preschool Team, etc.) are in the process of developing more detailed designs with the architect. Please keep this project in your prayers.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Volunteers are needed during the event from 9:30 AM-Noon:

- hide eggs
- man the tables
- (play games with the kids).

If interested, please sign up at the back of the church or contact the church office.

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION



FRESH START RETURNS MARCH 8

8:15 AM EVERY SUNDAY

As of Sunday, March 8th, the Fresh Start service at Fairview Chapel will be starting up again. Our service begins with acoustic guitar music. We are blessed with three talented musicians: Randy Granger, Lauren Hill, and Eric Corbin. The three musicians rotate Sundays, and they are amazing.

Service Time: 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM (approximately 30 minutes) Location: Fairview Chapel 6802 Boyers Mill Road New Market, MD 21774



Join Pastor Scott Clawson, Pastor Patty Robinson, and Certified Lay Minister Susan Stevens (like the musicians, we rotate schedules too) for a service that is just a bit different. All are welcome!



Easter Flower Order Form

Please complete this form and place it, along with your check made payable to NMUMC with "Easter Flowers" designated in the memo line, into the offering plate by **March 15th**

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Given By: _____

(\$15) Easter Lily _____

(\$27) Hydrangeas* _____

(\$11) Hyacinth* _____

(\$11) Tulips* _____

There is no choice of colors this year*



Easter Services

APRIL 2, 2026

Holy Thursday Stations: 4-6 PM at Mt. Carmel

APRIL 3, 2026

Good Friday Service: 7:00 PM

APRIL 5, 2026

Easter Sunrise Service at Fariview Chapel- 6:30 AM

Easter Service at NMUMC- 9:30 and 11:00 AM



Community Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 28 | 10-NOON

EASTER EGG HUNT, GAMES, FUN
AND MORE!

WORSHIP HELPERS | MARCH & APRIL

MARCH

Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
3/1/2026 (Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Beth Peterson		Lay Reader	Linda New
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Kocher Family		Usher/Greeter(s)	Naugle Family
3/8/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader			Lay Reader	Sarah Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
3/15/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Amanda Berry		Lay Reader	Doreen Bass
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeter(s)	Carole Zimmerman
3/22/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Chris Berry		Lay Reader	Kasey Barboza
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeter(s)	Elaine Nicholls
3/29/2026 (Palm/ Passion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Susan Smith		Lay Reader	Cindy Naugle
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeter(s)	Andy Jakab

APRIL

Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
4/5/2026 (Easter Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Chris Berry		Lay Reader	Jane Leffel
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeter(s)	Naugle Family
4/12/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Krista Romagnoli		Lay Reader	Vincent Pakenham
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Kocher Family		Usher/Greeter(s)	Margie Matz
4/19/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop		Lay Reader	Carole Zimmerman
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeter(s)	Andy Jakab
4/26/2026	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Berta Lafoon		Lay Reader	Riley Family
		Usher/Greeter(s)	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeter(s)	Elaine Nicholls

BY THE NUMBERS, DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

BY THE NUMBERS

Deposit Total	93,086.87	48,367.32	89,681.72	December
Regular Offering	23,065.37	15,812.32	36,895.22	Total Offering: 3,586.12
Building Rental		225.00		Regular Offering: 2,036.95
Fellowship			501.00	Online Fees: 49.17
Food Pantry	246.50	50.00	50.00	New Ministry Ctr. 1,500.00
Holiday Flowers	58.00		49.00	
Hope 4 Kids	465.00	340.00	345.00	
Memorial Fund		1,275.00	300.00	January
Misc. Income	111.00		20.00	Total Offering: 1,962.63
New Ministry Ctr.	61,557.00	26,955.00	43,885.00	Regular Offering: 1,931.95
Organ Fund		150.00	150.00	Online Fees: 30.68
Outreach	3,384.00		451.00	
Parsonage Rent	3,150.00	3,150.00	3,150.00	
Pastor's Discret.	1,050.00	410.00	430.00	February
Preschool Rent			3,067.50	Not available until 3/1/26
Youth Ministry			388.00	

More on the By the Numbers information in 2025 and 2026

- The 2025 Weekly Budget Goal was \$5,503.92 and is \$5,862.53 in 2026.
- The Weekly Budget Goal funds the operation of the church (programs, salaries, utilities, insurance, maintenance, etc.).
- In 2025, the Regular Giving Monthly Budget Goal (# of weeks in the month x the Weekly Budget Goal) was met in January, February, March, May, June, July, September, October, and December, but not in April, August, or November.
- Regular Giving in 2025 totaled \$307,387.69 . . . \$21,183.85 more than what was needed to meet the budget.
- In January 2026, the Monthly Budget Goal WAS NOT MET. There was a \$5,705.85 shortfall due, in part, to the fact that no services were held on January 25 due to inclement weather.
- In February 2026, the Monthly Budget Goal WAS MET – and, without the figure for Online Giving, exceeded the needed amount by \$13,445.10.

Commitment Cards to show your support for the New Ministry Center

If you have not already done so, please complete a Commitment Card – indicating your pledge toward financial support or that you are unable to give financial support at this time – so an informed decision can be made by March 31, 2026, as to whether this project can proceed.

**Your continued giving to support the ministries and programs of
New Market United Methodist Church,
as well as your commitment to assist in funding the
New Ministry Center is greatly appreciated.**

**2025 INCOME AND EXPENSES /
2026 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS APPROVED BY CHURCH
COUNCIL**

BY THE NUMBERS

Budget Line #	Account Name	2025 Income	2025 Expense	2026 Budget Estimates/ Allocation
INCOME ESTIMATES				
300	Offerings/Donations	316,036.64		310,000.00
305	Preschool Rent	12,170.00		12,270.00
306	Parsonage Rent	27,975.00		37,800.00
307	Building Rental	1,914.55		1,000.00
310	Interest Income	20,165.91		16,000.00
315	Miscellaneous Donations	611.00	500.00	0
320	Merchant Processing Fees		418.96	-550.00
332	Memorial Donations	2,567.00	14,412.00*	
333	Organ Fund	2,050.00		
340	Community Care			
341	Food Pantry	1,161.50		
345	Pastor's Discretionary Fund	12,921.00	5,631.68	
350	Christ's Carpenters			
355	Hope 4 Kids	6,445.00	6,038.00	
360	Missions	1,589.00	578.00	
378	New Ministry Center	372,443.18	18,850.00	
380	Hospitality Team	500.00	176.94	
EXPENSES				
401	Pastor Compensation		112,008.92	119,878.00
402	Secretary		15,450.00	15,600/16,068**
403	Music Director		11,000.04	11,330.00
404	Nursery Care		3,165.00	5,020.00
405	Custodian		5,178.00	5,178.00
408	Payroll Taxes		2,661.68	3,400.00
409	Payroll Processing Fees		352.94	450.00
411	Laity Training			100.00
412	Annual Conference		301.78	800.00
413	Lay Minister Support			150.00
416	Holiday Flowers	2,131.48	1,719.50	0
417	Guest Speakers			300.00
418	Guest Musicians			600.00
419	Choir Supplies		57.75	400.00
420	Instrument Maintenance/Repair		310.00	600.00
421	Worship Supplies	3.88	899.20	1,500.00
423	Flowers/Decorations		101.84	500.00
426	Adult Sunday School		105.00	250.00
427	Children's Sunday School	20.00	734.19	700 Supplies, 200 Snacks

**2025 INCOME AND EXPENSES /
2026 BUDGET ALLOCATIONS APPROVED BY CHURCH
COUNCIL CONT...**

BY THE NUMBERS

428	Study Groups	10.00	331.36	400.00
429	Youth Ministry	3,568.12	4,148.32	1,500.00
430	Vacation Bible School	96.93	1,632.66	1,500.00
431	Outreach	5,084.00	6,596.66	1,100 @ Pastor, Chair
432	Fellowship	2,937.30	2,580.90	700.00
433	Called to Care	20.00	154.71	200.00
Budget Line #	Account Name	2025 Income	2025 Expense	2026 Budget Estimates/ Allocation
436	Office Supplies		1,511.74	2,000.00

*Families were contacted and gave their permission that the donations in memory of their loved ones be used to establish an Endowment Fund.

**Salary increase will be addressed by the SPRC Committee in June.

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**STAYING
WARM AT
NMUMC**





NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

New Market United Methodist Church encourages faithful discipleship for Jesus Christ by participation in Prayer, the Word, Worship, Fellowship and Service.



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