

JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER



NEW MARKET UMC SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S NOTE

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

As I write this, our Gospel lectionary reading is focused on Luke 9:51-62. In this passage, Jesus is relating some hard truths about what it means to be a follower of Him. One person has the desire to proclaim, "I will follow you wherever you go." And this is Jesus' reply: "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

These statements are confusing until you start to break them down. All of us deeply desire to have a roof over our heads, to know where our next meal will come from, and to know that our homes will make us feel comfortable. I believe that Jesus is relaying to those whose desire is to follow His teachings and practices that it will cost you something. Probably, most of all, your material comforts and things.

It is a natural desire of humanity to want to be comfortable. We have been perfecting comfort for centuries. Our pews are padded, our sanctuaries are conditioned for consistency of temperature, and the sermon messages are designed to be easy to swallow. And yet, Jesus calls us into opportunities of uncomfortableness. He calls us to move from our comfort zones.

because he has a new place and paradigm. He wants us to move toward him. If you had to depend on others' kindness to sleep in safety every night, could you imagine how much your faith in God would grow? to rely on the goodness of others so that you can be fed and hydrated?

In the past few weeks, volunteer needs have been listed in our communications. There are opportunities for you to serve in your local church, become involved, and step out of your comfort zone from consumption to action. And yet, the response has been unsettlingly quiet. You all have gift sets and skills that can be utilized in all phases of life. On the next page, you will find a list of opportunities to serve. Please consider getting a little uncomfortable as you volunteer for one (or more) of these ministries. You can be a blessing to others while being blessed yourself.

Pastor Scott, 240-409-8119

Opportunities to Serve

VBS, August 4-8, 6-8 p.m. -- Leaders and Helpers needed.
Contact Donna Clawson at 301-418-0863

Outreach -- Trunk or Treat (10/25) and Easter Egg Roll (TBD). Contact Pastor Scott

Name Tag Organizer -- 2 hours/month anytime after communion Sunday. Contact Pastor Scott

Finance Team-- Two more members needed.
Contact Carole Zimmerman at 240-215-7083

Care Team -- Weekly card writer (cards provided).
Contact Pastor Patty Robinson at 240-441-1170

H4K Food Order Leader --
Contact Tonia Bennett at 443-472-8382

Trustees -- Two female volunteers needed.
Contact Anthony Bishop at 240-405-2378

Sunday School teachers and volunteers.
Contact Donna Clawson at 301-418-0863

UPCOMING WORSHIP

July 6 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost- "Joyful Reaper"

Psalm 30, Galatians 6: 1-10 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

JULY 13-27: 9:30 AM SERVICE ON THE FOSSETT PROPERTY

July 13 | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost- "Gladly Bearing"

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14, Colossians 1: 1-14

July 20 | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost- "Stand By Me"

Amos 8: 1-12, Colossians 1: 15-28 **(Special Music by Eric Corbin)**

July 27 | Seventh Sunday after Pentecost- "Abounding"

Colossians 2: 6-15, 16-19

August 3 | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost- "Set Your Mind"

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23, Colossians 3: 1-11 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

AUGUST 10-31: 9:30 AM SERVICE ON THE FOSSETT PROPERTY

August 10 | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost- "Desire a Better Country"

Psalm 33: 12-22, Luke 12:32-40

August 17 | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Guest Preacher

August 24 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost- "If You..."

Isaiah 58: 9b-14, Psalm 103: 1-8

August 31 | Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost- "Blood From a Turnip"

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16, Luke 14: 1, 7-14



Coming Up:

Generosity Meeting: July 16 | 6:00 PM |
Pastor's Office

Care Team Meeting: August 4 | 5:30 PM |
Ed. Building

Vacation Bible School: August 4-8 |
6:00-8:00 PM All Buildings and Church
Grounds

Vacation Bible School Ice Cream Social:
August 8 | 6-8 PM (Prep at 5:00 PM)

Care Team Meeting: August 11 | 5:30 PM |
Ed. Building

Church Council: August 19 | 7:00 PM | Ed.
Building Kitchen

Finance Meeting: August 25 | 7:30 PM |
Zoom

Organ Guild: August 27 | 1:00 PM |
Schoolhouse

Every Month

SPRC: 7:00 PM | Ed. Building
(July 7, August 12)

Trustees: 6:00 PM |
Ed. Building (July 1, August 12)

Every Week:

Scripture to Life Bible Study |
Tuesdays | 10 AM | Sanctuary

Disciple Bible Study |
Saturdays | 10 AM | Contact
Nick Wood for more info

History Center Meeting | Ed.
Building | Mondays | 9:00 AM
AND Fridays | 1:00 PM
(excluding July 4th)



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

AUGUST 4-8 | 6-8 PM

Register online or contact Donna Clawson for more info
declawson16@gmail.com | 301-418-0863

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

VALET PARKING NOW AVAILABLE AT 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

The NMUMC Trustees are aware of the challenges experienced by our limited-mobility congregants to access handicapped parking. This issue will be addressed as the site plan for the New Ministry Center is developed. In the meantime, the option of valet parking for these individuals is being added. To use this option: pull up to the front steps or the handicapped ramp of the sanctuary and turn on the vehicle's flashers. An attendant will park your car after you exit the vehicle and will coordinate a pick-up time with you.

Thank you for your patience as we try to improve all aspects of our ministry campus.

SUMMER GIVING

The Finance Team is very grateful for the continued generosity of the congregation by supporting not only the ministries at New Market UMC but also contributing generously to our special ministries.

The team would like to remind everyone that ministries continue—even during your summer breaks and vacations. We encourage everyone to continue to give faithfully even though you might not be present at our services. We ask that you consider making up for missed donations when you return to join us in worship.

Options for giving include: cash, check, or by online donation that can be found on the NMUMC webpage.

VAL TEAM UPDATE

It is with great excitement that the Val Team voted unanimously to hire Commercial Building Contractors to provide Development Management assistance for the final design stages of the New Ministry Center. Phil Gamble, the owner, provided information on how his company's services could benefit the team with design and cost efficiency. He is now preparing an in-depth cost analysis to determine what the cost of the New Ministry Center will be as currently designed. The team is also developing strategies to provide efficient handicapped parking.

With the growth projected in the next ten years, the team thought it would be helpful to inform the congregation of the new developments planned within the town limits of New Market and the surrounding area. A total of 3,094 new homes/families in the next 10 years!

The developments currently approved are:

New Market Main Street (South side of Route 144 next to the park) -- 42 homes

Lawson's (West end of town) -- 27 homes

England Acres (behind Food Lion, 55+ community) -- 537 homes

Cherry Run (next to Crickenberger and Green Valley roads) -- 800 homes

Cromwell (Lake Linganore Center, 55+ community) -- 488 homes

West Winds (Gas House Pike) -- 1,200 homes

Our goal is to build a New Ministry Center that fulfills the ministry and space needs of the current congregation and prepare for the new residents who will be our neighbors.

A LITTLE MORE INFORMATION

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

What's Coming Up

- **August 8:** An ice cream social will be held the last evening of Vacation Bible School, weather permitting. Come join the fun!
- The **5th Sunday Potluck** scheduled for **August 31 is cancelled** since that date is part of Labor Day Weekend.
- A new food and fellowship activity has been added to the calendar this year: **Taco Tuesday on October 7** from 6-7 PM.
- Our last activity of this year is a Kick-off to the Holidays scheduled for **November 15** from 1-3 PM. More information to follow.

2026 Activities/Meals

If you would like to suggest an activity or a menu item for a 5th Sunday Potluck, please see a member of the Fellowship Team (Alice Crutchley, Jane Garner, Linda Kornreich, Melinda McCollum, Cindy Naugle, Elaine Nicholls, Linda New, Krista Romagnoli, Carole Zimmerman) before September 28 so your suggestion can be considered when planning next year's schedule.

Committee Membership

Interested in joining the Fellowship Committee? See Carole Zimmerman; see Elaine Nichols for information on the Funeral Luncheon Committee.

CONFERENCE NEWS

As of July 1, 2025, New Market UMC is no longer a part of the Frederick District of the Baltimore/Washington Conference. The conference has redistricted and renamed all districts to better serve the churches within it. NMUMC is now a member of the Lakes District. Eliezer Valentin-Castanon, our previous District Superintendent, has transitioned to become the superintendent of the Reservoir District.

Our new superintendent is Jim Miller. Jim lives in New Market, so we may see him somewhat often, or maybe not. There are 97 churches in his district. We look forward to this new opportunity and welcome Jim as our new shepherd. NMUMC has also been designated to be a part of the Mt. Airy Area Hub, which includes the following churches:

- Araby, Frederick, MD
- Calvary, Mount Airy, MD*
- Clarksburg, Clarksburg, MD
- Marvin Chapel, Mount Airy, MD
- Mount Carmel, Frederick, MD
- New Market, New Market, MD
- Prospect, Mount Airy, MD
- Wesley Chapel, Frederick, MD

WE look forward to sharing new and old ministries with our sister churches.

VBS DECORATING PREPARATION

Wednesday, July 9, 16, and 23 | 6-8 PM | Education Building. Come and help us create Egypt!

WORSHIP HELPERS | JULY & AUGUST

Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
7/6/2025 (Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Michelle Matusiak		Lay Reader	Cindy Naugle
		Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab
7/13/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Ryan Robbins	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Chris Berry		Lay Reader	Jane Leffel
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
7/20/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Krista Romagnoli		Lay Reader	Zimmerman
		Usher/Greeters	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
7/27/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Liam Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Charlene Bishop		Lay Reader	Riley Family
		Usher/Greeters	Shawn and Riley Kocher		Usher/Greeters	Carole Zimmerman
Date	Time	Position	Name	Time	Position	Name
8/3/2025 (Communion Sunday)	9:30 AM	Acolyte	David Knight	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Berta Lafoon		Lay Reader	Kate Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Anderson Family		Usher/Greeters	Elaine Nicholls
8/10/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Brooke Rudge	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Beth Peterson		Lay Reader	Sarah Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Lafoon Family		Usher/Greeters	Andy Jakab
8/17/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emma Roeder	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Ben Hanson
		Lay Reader	Amanda Berry		Lay Reader	Linda New
		Usher/Greeters	Melinda McCollum		Usher/Greeters	Naugle Family
8/24/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Wyatt Turner	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Sarah Hanson
		Lay Reader	Kate Wright		Lay Reader	Lily Hanson
		Usher/Greeters	Bishop Family		Usher/Greeters	Margie Matz
8/31/2025	9:30 AM	Acolyte	Emery Kocher	11:00 AM	Acolyte	Kasey Barboza
		Lay Reader	Susan Smith		Lay Reader	Doreen Bass
		Usher/Greeters	Shawn and Riley Kocher		Usher/Greeters	Carole Zimmerman

Only if the outdoor services are moved indoors



SOME OF YOUR NMUMC MEMORIES





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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