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New Market United Methodist METHODIST MESSENGER

DECEMBER
2022

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Dear Friends,

Have you ever listened to old Christmas carols like "Here We Come A-Wassailing" or "Deck the Halls" and thought, wow, for being old-fashioned, these songs sound practically as secular as "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?" (Let alone something like "The Boar's Head Carol," which you still find on albums of "old English" Christmas music.) Well, the fact is that early in America's history Christmas was a rowdy holiday which the populace spent with very little reverence for the birth of Christ. It was so rowdy and irreverent, in fact, that at one point it was even banned.

An article on History.com puts it like this:

Christmas in the 1600s was hardly a silent night, let alone a holy one. More befitting a rowdy spring break than a sacred occasion, Christmas revelers used the holiday as an excuse to feast, drink, gamble on dice and card games and engage in licentious behavior.



This didn't go over well in Puritan New England. The Puritan leadership already disliked Christmas on theological grounds. The day itself is not biblically based (nothing in scripture lets us know even what time of year Jesus was born, let alone a particular day). In addition, even then it was well known that Christmas had been a way of Christianizing such pagan Winter solstice holidays as Saturnalia. In 1659, the patience of Puritan leadership ran out, and Christmas was literally banned.

For the next hundred and fifty years, though Christmas was still celebrated privately in America, it was not widely recognized publicly. Cultural influences in the 1800s changed that (Washington Irving and Charles Dickens, for instance), but even today there are people who still feel that Christmas is a non-biblical holiday which shouldn't be celebrated.

Looking back on what Christmas once was in our early history, let's reflect on what it has become in our own day. In popular culture, Christmas is little more than a day off and an excuse to eat well and exchange gifts. To many, it is more a day for worshipping commercialism than Christ. We in the church must be at the forefront of changing this attitude. Let the church take Christmas seriously and make it a day of worship and reflection, meaningful giving and sincere gratitude. If we do this, we can help the wider culture see the day in the way they should: as something sacred.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, December 8th & 22nd from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

8:00AM 1:00PM

The Blood Drive will be at New Market UMC

101 East Main Street in the Fellowship Hall

For more information call Judy Welliever, 366-2111, or to schedule your time slot to donate please use the blood drive link below or call: 1-800-632-4722

https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/150495

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Dixie Ruggles

Usher

Jamie & Marci Welliever

Liturgist

4th	Dixie Ruggles
11th	Sheila Chadd
18th	Marcia Shaw
25th	Marci Welliever

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec 4, 10:45AM

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, Dec 7, 7:00PM

United Methodist Men's

Sunday, Dec 11 Christmas Party
No Meeting Wednesday, Dec 14

Administrative Council

No meeting in December

PRAYER REQUEST

- Marjorie Bowman
- Dick Chadd
- Jameson Dolan
- Dolores Farley
- Ken Harlan
- Larry & Louise Hulse
- Luke Hurt
- Sue Kinman
- Betsy Newton
- Gerald Rasmussen
- Norma Sillery
- Joan Vessel
- Madonna Watson's
grandson & wrestler
- John & Karen Wilbur
- Dave Williamson
- Ukraine Crisis
- Wisdom for our church's future

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Dave Finch, Browns Valley Christian Church Pastor

Our church sent a donation of \$209 to UMCOR to help with the relief from Hurricane Ian.
Thank you to everyone who donated.

All are welcome to the

New Market Methodist Church

Christmas Eve

Candlelight

Service

Saturday, December 24, 9:00pm

BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

October 30

Sunday School Attendance: 21
Sunday School Offering: \$ 5.00
Worship Attendance: 26
Sunday Offering: \$ 580.00

November 6

Sunday School Attendance: 16
Sunday School Offering: \$ 35.00
Worship Attendance: 21
Sunday Offering: \$ 745.00

November 13

Sunday School Attendance: 17
Sunday School Offering: \$ 33.00
Worship Attendance: 23
Sunday Offering: \$ 200.00

November 20

Sunday School Attendance: 17
Sunday School Offering: \$ 33.00
Worship Attendance: 29
Sunday Offering: \$ 562.00

November 27

Sunday School Attendance: 18
Sunday School Offering: \$ 13.00
Worship Attendance: 24
Sunday Offering: \$ 321.00

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Five women met in fellowship hall November 2, 2022. President Brooke Pike called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Sheila Chadd reported that she had sent the following donations last month: Heifer International, \$50; Through the Gate, \$100; Women's Resource Center, \$100.

Correspondence: Heifer International sent a thank you for the recent donation.

Unfinished Business: Plans for the 50+ Thanksgiving dinner were finalized.

New Business: The December meeting will be changed to the 14th. Brooke will check with UMM to see if that will interfere with their plans. Arrangements are pending. The menu was planned. There will be a \$10 gift exchange for anyone wanting to participate.

Cards were signed for Sue Foy, Norma Sillery, Louise Hulse, Bev Reed, and Barb Runyon.

Chapter 12 of Laugh Again by Charles Swindoll was discussed. God's therapeutic process for all people who worry excessively is "Worry about nothing; pray about everything." People need to overcome their anxiety addiction and find time to laugh again. Three exercises to help people stay worry free are feed your mind positive thought, focus your attention on encouraging models, and find the God of Peace in every circumstance.

The meeting closed at 8:00 PM and table were set for Friday's meal.

NEW MARKET

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

New Market Baptist Church hosted this years Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening on November 20th at 7:00PM. Tony Thomas from the Christian Church, greeted the 21 people that were in attendance. Bill Pike from the Methodist Church read the scripture and Todd Randles from the Baptist Church gave the message. A special offering was collected for the Women's Resource Center of \$110.00.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men met on Wednesday, November 9th with five in attendance. After a time of sharing prayer concerns, there was a brief business meeting. Tom DeBusk reported that the account held \$2,112.92, which does not include payments for Halloween candy. A tentative date was set for the Christmas gathering of Sunday, December 11th. The group concluded with a discussion of issues facing the UMC and our local church.

NEW MARKET

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The volunteers that helped with our 32nd annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19th were amazing. The food donations, cooks, servers, cleanup crew and delivery teams were all appreciated so much. A special thank you to the Southmont FFA kids, what a huge help. Over 440 meals were served at the church or delivered to our community. The free will offering we received will be used for the REINdear Program and to help our community.

Christmas Word Find

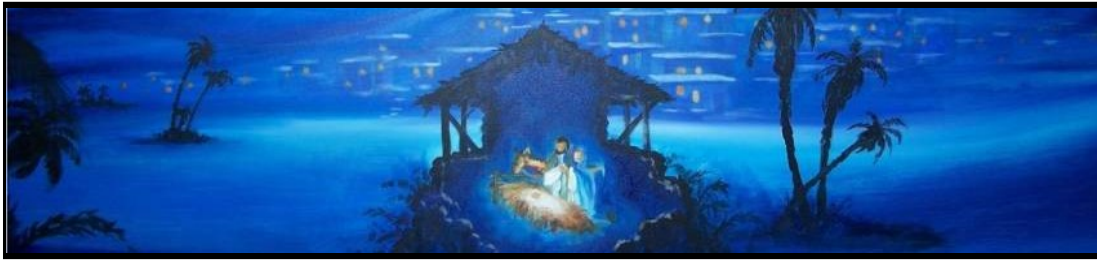
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D	J	E	D	K	Q	Y	S	V	S	W	T	E	K	Q

JESUS	HAY
MARY	ANGEL
JOSEPH	FAITH
WISEMEN	HOPE
MANGER	LORD
CHRISTMAS	CAMEL
FRANKINCENSE	STAR
NATIVITY	MYRRH
BETHLEHEM	SAVIOR
SILENT NIGHT	DONKEY



23rd Annual New Market Community Thanksgiving Dinner

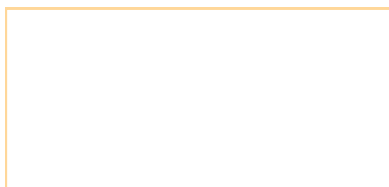




December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Holy Communion Angie Staggs Birthday	5 Prayer Time 4:00PM Greg Hunt Birthday	6	7 UMW Meeting 6:00PM	8 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM Luke Hurt Birthday	9	10 Blood Drive 8:00AM-1:00PM
11 UMM Christmas Party 5:00PM	12 Prayer Time 4:00PM Sue Foy Birthday	13 Brenda Hunt Birthday	14 No UMM Meeting Ryan Staggs Birthday	15	16	17
18	19 Prayer Time 4:00PM	20	21 No Ad Council Meeting	22 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 9:00PM
25 Christmas Day	26 Prayer Time 4:00PM	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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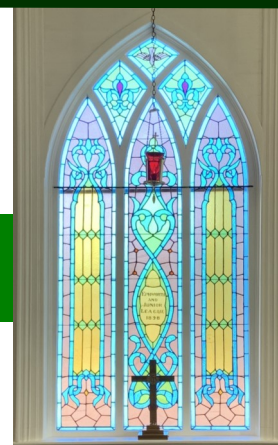


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Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Gathering: 10:45 AM



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Find Us On Our Website!

Just go to www.newmarketumc.org or google New Market United Methodist Church Indiana
If you have any thing you would like to put on the church website, pleas contact Rachel Welliever