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New Market United Methodist METHODIST MESSENGER

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NMUMC Men's Lenten Breakfast, Sunday, March 5th 8:00AM in Fellowship Hall

Dear Friends,

As Christians around our world undergo persecution, it is worth remembering how many have suffered and even died for the sake of their faith throughout the history of Christianity. Martyrs, through their courage and conviction, can be role models to us.

We have an amazing, first-hand account from the early days of Christianity to remind us of this long history of struggle. 1,820 years ago this month – on March 7, 203 – a small band of believers were put to death in the North African city of Carthage. Among them were two women whose names have come down to us in history as great saints of the church: Perpetua and Felicity.



These women were from very different backgrounds. Perpetua, 22 years of age, was a noblewoman and well-educated. Felicity, probably a teenager, was a slave. However, both had become Christians, and both had been arrested for adhering to that faith. In addition, Perpetua was nursing a baby, while Felicity was eight months pregnant.

In a remarkable document, Perpetua provides us with a first-hand account of their treatment in prison, as well as of the believers' remarkable faith in the face of certain death. She recounts a prophetic dream she had in which she knew she would have to face the devil himself. She also records that Felicity, whose execution was being postponed until she gave birth, did give birth early, allowing her to die with her family of believers, and not alone.

At the end of Perpetua's prison diary, another writer provides us with an account of what happened on the day of execution. The male prisoners were killed by wild animals while the crowd cheered. The women, however, though tossed and trampled by a wild heifer, were put to death by the sword, at the order of Emperor Septimius Severus. The entire spectacle had been a part of his birthday celebration.

To the very end, Perpetua, Felicity, and the others with them held fast to their faith in Christ, acted as examples of that faith, and showed no fear or cowardice to their abusers. They died as martyrs, sure of the reward of eternal life. May we share in their courage as we struggle in our own broken world today.

Blessings,
Pastor Bill

Pastor's Office Hours:

Thursday, March 9th & 23rd from 6:30-8:30PM or by appointment

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Prayer Meeting

Mondays, 4:00PM

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00PM

50 Plus Luncheon

Friday, March 3, 12:00PM

Holy Communion

Sunday, March 5, 10:45AM

United Methodist Men's

Sunday, March 8, 7:00PM

Administrative Council

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00PM

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Greeter

Kelly Clifton

Usher

Marcia & David Shaw

Liturgist

5th Kelly Clifton
12th Rhett Welliever
19th Lori Hedrick
26th Dan Welliever

BY THE NUMBERS

ATTENDANCE & GIVING UPDATE

January 29

Sunday School Attendance: 19
Sunday School Offering: \$ 5.00
Worship Attendance: 28
Sunday Offering: \$ 270.00

February 5

Sunday School Attendance: 18
Sunday School Offering: \$ 110.00
Worship Attendance: 26
Sunday Offering: \$ 710.00

February 12

Sunday School Attendance: 21
Sunday School Offering: \$ 27.00
Worship Attendance: 30
Sunday Offering: \$ 470.00

February 19

Sunday School Attendance: 16
Sunday School Offering: \$ 31.00
Worship Attendance: 27
Sunday Offering: \$ 481.00

PRAYER REQUEST

- Airey
- Mike & Marjorie Bowman
- Dick Chadd
- Sally Dill
- Jameson Dolan
- Dolores Farley
- Lizzie Fisher
- Ken Harlan
- Mike Hopkins
- Larry & Louise Hulse
- Sue Kinman
- Chelsea Leonard
- Baby Samuel Leonard
- Gerald Rasmussen
- Ruthann
- Norma Sillery
- Kristy Lowe Sowder
- Billie Ann Thomas
- Joan Vessel
- Ukraine Crisis
- Syria & Turkey Earthquake
- Wisdom for our church

*Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Sam Bayless * Connie Cleek * Natalie Brown*

OUTREACH

We have been collecting monetary gifts for the local FISH organization for this past month. Linda Cherry, FISH president, said they are serving between 30-35 families a day, four days a week and can barely keep up with their needs. She said any vegetable or fruit in a can is needed as well as boxed mixes (mac and cheese, hamburger helper, etc). Soup and crackers are needed also. Fresh fruit is welcomed also. The pantry hours are 3:00-5:00pm Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 9:00-11:00am on Wednesday. It is located behind St. Bernard Catholic Church in a small building at 1306 E Main Street, Crawfordsville. You can drive around the parking lot right to the building. Thank you for any donations you can give.

We will be collecting money for UMCOR in March to aid the Turkey/Syria earthquake victims. You may give your donation to Judy or if you want, you may send your money to UMCOR/Global Relief, P.O. Box 9068, New York, New York. 10087-9068. Put the advance number 982450 on your check. Thank you.

We collected 21 units of blood at our church blood drive on February 11th. Thank you all that donated.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men met on February 8th with five in attendance. Tom DeBusk provided refreshments, read a devotion, and also provided the treasurer's report, which was unchanged at \$2,112.92. Dan Welliever reviewed plans for the group's 2023 meetings. The Lenten breakfast date was set for Sunday, March 5th at 8:00 a.m. The next meeting will take place on March 8th. Larry Hulse will act as host and the group will fill Easter eggs. Bill Pike suggested that we all be thinking of a new name for the group going forward. After a lively discussion of James 2:14-26, Larry Hulse closed the meeting with a prayer.

DISAFFILIATION UPDATE

At the February 15th Church Council Meeting, the board voted to continue with the disaffiliation process with a vote of 7-0. The District Superintendent has been contacted with the results of this vote.

The contract from the conference for the disaffiliation included the costs that were much lower than the previous year calculation indicated and we have funds to cover this fee.

The next step from the conference will be a Charge Conference meeting scheduled sometime between March 1 and April 16, excluding Holy Week.

There are multiple steps for our church to complete as outlined in the disaffiliation contract. The committee is in the process of reviewing and assigning these tasks.

Please continue to be in prayer that our church is following God's will as we continue our faith journey in our congregation, community and beyond.

NEW CHURCH NAME

As part of the disaffiliation from the UMC, we must have a new church name. Per the agreement the only stipulation is "United Methodist" can not be in the name – United or Methodist can be, but not both words. Rachel Welliever is heading up the sub-committee to come up with the new name.

At the February 19th worship service, the process for finding the new name was announced. Index cards were distributed in the bulletins and included in baskets at the front and narthex areas of the sanctuary. Also, name suggestions may be submitted via email to the church at nmwcumc@att.net. You may submit as many names as you want until March 12th. At that time all submitted names will be accumulated and the congregation will pick their top 5 choices. The committee will then review the top 5 finalists and choose the name.

NEW MARKET UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Opening: Four women met February 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in fellowship hall. President Brooke Pike called the meeting to order.

Unfinished Business: The 50+ for March 3 was planned:

New Business: Cards were signed for Sue Foy, Norma Sillery, Louise Hulse and Connie Cleek.

Dixie reported that the FISH food pantry is serving between 30-35 families a day, four days a week and can barely keep up with demand. The church is collecting money for FISH in February and any food that people want to donate. Brooke was given permission to purchase two or three boxes/flats of canned fruit and vegetables when she goes to Aldi's in the next two weeks as a donation from the UMW.

February 17 will be the day to wash the white tables and chairs in the classrooms and fellowship hall. Anyone who can, may come at 9 A.M. and work and anyone who cannot come at nine may come at 5:00 P. M. and finish what the first group started. The first group will indicate what tables/chairs are done. Bring your own cleaning supplies.

The group then discussed chapter 13 of the study book, Laugh Again, by Charles Swindoll. Everyone is growing older but not necessarily growing up. People need to control their attitudes and with God's help, move toward maturity. Several ways to express maturity were discussed. Paul showed maturity through being affirming, flexible, confident, and contented. Philippians 4:11-15 Laughter is connected to staying involved with people. "Living is not a spectator sport. No one, at any price, is privileged to sit in the stands and watch the action from a distance. Being born means being a participant in the arena of life....."

Closing: Brooke closed the meeting at 7:55 P.M. The March meeting will be either the first or second Wednesday, according to Brooke's work schedule. The program will be announced later.



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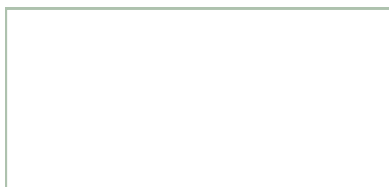
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March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1 UMW Meeting 7PM</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 50 Plus Luncheon</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5 NM Men's Lenten Breakfast 8AM</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>6 Prayer Meeting 4PM</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 UMM Meeting 7:00PM</i>	<i>9 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12 Daylight Saving</i>	<i>13 Prayer Meeting 4PM</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15 Ad Council Meeting 7PM</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 St Patrick's Day</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20 Prayer Meeting 4PM</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23 Pastor's Office Hours 6:30-8:30PM</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27 Prayer Meeting 4PM</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	

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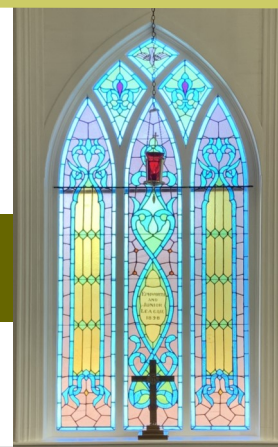


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COME WORSHIP WITH US

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



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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