

New Market Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School – 10:00 A.M., Education Building
Fellowship – 10:45 A.M., Fellowship Hall
Worship – 11:00 A.M., Sanctuary
Song Leader: Jerry Tignor
Pianist: Donna Tignor
Youth Celebrant: Susan Faulk

Happy New Year!!

Kim Mitchel sends her greetings on page 3!

Thank You!

Thank you to **Evie and Gary** for worshipping with us!

Thank you to **Joyce Mallory** for serving as Sunday School hostess!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let's pray for the people in São Paulo, Brazil, and Istanbul, Turkey, recovering from violence during New Year celebrations.

Hesta Farrow is in the hospital. Let's pray for health and recovery for Hesta and stamina for caregiving for her husband, Hershhal, and her caregiver, Julie.

Let's also keep Kim's daughter in prayer who is continuing her recovery from surgery in September. Kim and Ralph Mitchel can use our prayers, since they're still in the moving process.

Some of our members will be on the road. Let's pray for safe travels.

Let's pray for the continuing recovery of Alan Jones' 2-year old granddaughter, Caroline Jones, who was diagnosed with cancer in November 2015. Caroline is at home and doing OK.



Upcoming Events

January 8

Session Meeting (rescheduled from Jan. 1)

January 15

Family Luncheon

Sunday School Hostesses

January

8 Beverly Watson
15 Velma Crumrine
22 Donna Tignor
29 Laura Faulk

February

5 Marie Marlin
12 Beverly Watson
19 Joyce Mallory
26 Donna Tignor

Thanks to Joyce Mallory for our Hostess List, and thanks to all who serve in this important ministry of hospitality.

Please keep the Woods family in your prayers. Both Jim and June are still getting through serious illnesses. Please keep their daughter, Lynn, in your prayers, as she is handling the care of her parents.

Let's pray for Brad Hall as he goes through his career transition.

Please remember Eli Miller and his daughter, Debbie Miller Hall, in your prayers. Eli is still in decline, and Debbie manages his care.

Please join us in our prayer for new members, new ways of serving our neighbors, and new ways of bringing Christ's joy to one another.

Community Outreach

HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS! Velma Crumrine reports that our food offerings have been good, and that the food bank has been proud to receive them. Times are hard and needs are great. We receive items year-round in the box near the entrance to the fellowship hall. Our special food collection day is the third Sunday of every month, in conjunction with Family Luncheon. The food pantry's most needed items are canned soups and canned tomatoes. Other items often requested are boxed macaroni and macaroni and cheese dinners, rice, peanut butter, instant pancake mix (the kind that requires only water), and Bisquik or similar products. There is a box for pantry items in the fellowship hall. Velma Crumrine is faithful in carrying the collections to the Community Food Pantry at the Methodist church.

PLEASE LET US KNOW of good works being done in and for our church. We don't want them to go unnoticed.

Community Announcement

Attention all **Pokémon Go** players! New Market Presbyterian Church is a **PokéStop**! Come by to play the game; stay for the fellowship and service! (Please enjoy the game *outside* of the Sanctuary and Education Building.)

2017 Session Members

Please let a session member know of any special needs or ministry opportunities in our extended church family or in the community.

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Church Announcement – From the Pastor!

To the New Market Family,

What a wonderful worship time we shared today as my first day as your new pastor. The theme was Epiphany! We talked about the human and divine side of Christ and God's gift to us of his son. There was beautiful music, candle lighting and shared communion. God was smiling at New Market.

I will be settling in in the next few weeks and would like very much to visit with each one of you to get to know you better. Be listening for a phone call to arrange when I can come visit.

It will take a while to get settled and will be looking to all the family of God for information in these first few weeks. It takes a village to raise children and it takes a team to be a church. Thank you in advance for your patience. If you have anything that is on your heart that you would like to share or discuss I'd love to meet you for coffee and talk. Please feel free to reach out.

Right now, my phone number is 240-731-4699. This will change in a week or so, so this is a temporary number.

Happy New Year and blessings on your week!

Pastor Kim Mitchel

Church Announcement – From the Newsletter Editor

Dear Family and Friends,

New Market Presbyterian Church is overjoyed at receiving our new pastor, Kim Mitchel! As communication with our church and our community is an exciting venture she will engage in soon (see her above note), Kim's weekly emails to everyone will take the place of the weekly newsletter.

Blessings and Happy New Year!

Beverly Watson
New Market Presbyterian Church Ruling Elder and Newsletter Editor

Church Announcement – Sermons in the Coming Weeks

Sermons for January

- Jan 1 Epiphany: Fully Human Not Just Fully Divine
- Jan 8 Baptism of Jesus
- Jan 15 Who is the Man called Jesus?
- Jan 22 Jesus Begins His Work and Calls the Fisherman
- Jan 28 TBD

Sermons for February

Introducing a Sermon Series on Love

- Feb 2 Love of God
- Feb 5 Love of Self: Discipleship part 1
- Feb 12 Loving your Christian Brothers and Sisters: Discipleship part 2
- Feb 19 Love of Neighbor: Sometimes the *Other*.
- Feb 26 TBD

For Next Week

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, January 8, 2017, the Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

- **First Reading** Isaiah 42:1-9
- **Psalm** 29
- **Second Reading** Acts 10:34-43
- **Gospel** Matthew 3:13-17

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

- ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
- ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
- ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”