

February Events!

February 1st -
Super Bowl
Sunday Sub Sale
Pick Up

February 5th
and 20th-
Women's
Morning Out

February 6th -
Praise Band to
Play at
Sudlersville UMC
Coffee House

February 13th
Movie Night

February 14th
VIM Pancake
Breakfast

February 15th
Fellowship Hour
Between Services

February 16th-
Volunteer's In
Mission Meeting

February 28th
Middle School
Dance

The Messenger

Centreville United Methodist Church



February 2009

Newsletter

Reverend's Remarks by Pastor Mark Farnell



If you've been in the parsonage lately you would notice we play the radio all the time. Our genre is mainly Christian radio. We enjoy the music, but recently I have been listening to some great teaching. These teachings have caught my attention because for the last three to four weeks the theme has been about protection! In January I attended our Conference Youth Rally held in Ocean City, MD and the first night we were there one of the bands paused long enough in between songs to speak about – you guessed it, protection! Is God really there to protect us? Can God be our security and refuge in times of peril? "Where does our help come from?" Psalm 121 says: *"I lift up my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."*

To me Psalm 121 is one of the most comforting passages of scripture. It must have been a great source of comfort for weary travelers to be reminded of God's protection as they went forth. The writer of Psalms 121 helps us to understand that when trouble comes we must not look to anything or anyone for protection, except the Lord as our source! There were dangers that awaited them on many fronts. They had reason to fear. They longed to feel the same safety and protection that we still long for in our world today, leaving us to ask the same question the Psalmist did, "Where does our help come from?"

Psalm 121 was written to remind God's people how he protects them in times of danger and gave them reason to praise God's holy name. We can recognize that our help and protection comes from God. God knows our going and coming. God's hand is upon our lives. It doesn't matter where we have been or where we are going in our lives; God has his hand on all of us. The same promises of protection and safety God offered to the travelers in Psalm 121, God still offers to us today. In spite of all our defenses, we need God's protection now more than ever. Trust in God to help deliver us from unseen dangers. "Where does our help come from?" It comes from God our refuge and strength; a very present help in the time of trouble.



50th!!!! ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

March 22, 2009

2:30 pm

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall

RSVP to the church office by March 1

410-758-4349

Share our history with the Bishop, Superintendent, past pastors, our choirs, children, youth, and see rooms of memorabilia. Buy a celebration t-shirt, take a car decal, spread the word of our 50 years!

CELEBRATION T SHIRTS!

There will be a display soon of celebration t-shirts for you to purchase for approximately \$11. The shirts will be white with a small design on the front upper left side and a larger celebration design on the back all in red, black, and white. The shirts will come in all sizes. They will be fun to wear and to use to share the word about our church! Look for the display and get your orders in soon.

Photos and Memorabilia for our Celebration

I am in need of many photos, [etc. to](#) display for our anniversary. Please look through your photos and share them with us. Weddings and other special times would be wonderful to share. Put your name and phone # on the back and we promise to get them back to you. Thanks so much~Ann Harlan 410-758-4349

WOMEN'S MORNINGS OUT LUNCH & WORKSHOPS FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY

On Thurs. Feb. 5th at 9:30am and Friday Feb. 20th there will be Women's Morning Out gatherings to help with our anniversary celebration preparations while we have fellowship. Lunch will be provided following out work at 11:30 and fun. The gatherings will be held in Fellowship Hall. Please call Ann Harlan for more information at 410-758-4349. Please join us for fun and fellowship!

Evangelism by Ann Harlan

Evangelism is a noun that means “the preaching of the gospel”

Bear Ministry

There are lots of bears around the church and in the room across from the library. Most are tagged and ready to be delivered to those who need a bear hug. We have received many lovely cards and letters telling of how these bears are ministering to others. Please feel free to use one to help give our love and prayers to someone in need. We can use old fabric ribbon to tie bows around the bears' necks. Spread the Word with our bears!

Lenten Prayer Room

The room across from our library will be once again transformed into a prayer center for Lent. It will be a place where you may go to experience prayer quietly using different centers and methods. There will be a communion table with consecrated communion containers for you to use also. Please help yourself to this center which will be available through the Lenten season. If you did not experience this prayer center last year please take time to use our room during any church hours.

Helping Hands and Hearts

If you are making a casserole or soup this winter, make an extra container. Label the ingredients on top, and add a note or prayer if you would like to, and place it in our freezer's second shelf to be used for those in need of a meal. If you know someone who needs a meal to help them through an illness, sorrow, or new baby etc. please take one and let Pat know the persons name. It is wonderful to have some home made cooking to warm hearts in need.

Interested in Home Groups?

In February we are beginning our much anticipated Home Groups.
Heard a lot about them? Have questions? Would you like to join?

Call the Church office and sign up.

Home Groups are a time for support and accountability.

MOVIE / DATE NIGHT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009

7:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



POPCORN - DRINKS – FELLOWSHIP

FREE MOVIE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

What started as a movie has become
AN ONGOING MOVEMENT:
A BLOCKBUSTER FILM...
A BEST-SELLING DAILY MARRIAGE BUILDER....
SMALL GROUP AND COUPLES' STUDIES...
AND MANY OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP BUILD
STRONGER MARRIAGES

At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never Leave Your Partner Behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb must face his toughest job ever...rescuing his wife's heart.

Volunteer Photographers Needed!



We are in need of photos from events that take place at Centreville United Methodist Church, or with Groups from CUMC in 2009. These photos will be used on the website and in a Special "Year in Review". So please bring your camera and snap photos of people having fun and fellowship in 2009!

- Baptisms
- Flea Markets
- VIM Pancake Breakfasts
- Dinners
- MYF Events
- ASP
- Movie Nights
- and much, much more!



Capture images of the events that are held at and with groups from CUMC in 2009 for all of us to enjoy!

Guess Who!!! By Pastor Mark

Last month's mystery person was Samantha Lansinger!

This month's mystery person grew up in the Centreville area, and he graduated from Centreville High School. He spent 24 years in the Air force, and had the wonderful opportunity to travel all over the world. Then he worked for Friel Lumber Company until he retired. He spends his time now making model boats which he sells at various shows. He has been a member of CUMC for 20 years. Can you guess who this person is?

Volunteers In Mission by Larisa Thomas

Saturday February 14th is the next Pancake Breakfast. Treat your sweetheart or yourself to pancakes, sausage, and eggs along with a little bit of fellowship. We will serve breakfast from 8-10:30 AM. We are raising funds for the Appalachia Service Project trip in April. \$5 Adults and \$4 Seniors/Children.

February 16th at 7 PM is the mandatory training for the VIM Appalachia Mission trip on April 2nd-5th. There are still 2 openings for participants with this hands-on mission work. It is truly an uplifting, enriching, and wonderful fellowshiping opportunity.

We are also still looking for volunteers to help provide dinners for QAC winter shelter on Kent Island. We have the dates available for April 9-11. It is easy to serve, and the guests are always very appreciative. The signup forms are on the VIM bulletin board across from the church library.

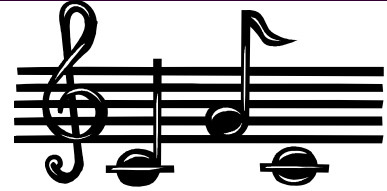
The next meeting is February 16th. All are invited to be the hands through which God can work! You can also contact me at Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com or 410-758-2144.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By Larisa Thomas

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning for Vacation Bible School! For those who do not know every aspect of my life, I returned to work full time this year. Unfortunately, this does not allow me to handle everything for VBS this year. We need a recruit! Since I do find VBS an experience that has immensely rewarded me spiritually, I am willing to handle the organization and would be glad to still perform the opening and closing each night. What we would need is either 1) someone willing to split the duties of director and be responsible for the human resources (recruiting and training) or 2) someone willing to assume all of the director duties. Now is the time to start planning, so get in on the ground floor! Please prayerfully consider this and contact me at Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com or 410-758-2144 for more information.

Music Notes by Nancy Cook



Speak To One Another With Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs.

Ephesians 5:19

What a wonderful September beginning as all our musical ministries groups are singing, playing, and ringing the glorious sounds of our faith!

You are invited to join one or several of the following opportunities for making music:

WEDNESDAYS - 6:30 PM - Cherub Choir - Ages 2 through Grade 1
6:30 PM - Youth Choir - Grades 2 through Grades 8
7:00 PM - Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAYS - 6:00 PM - Tintinnabulators - Grades 3 through Adult
(Music Reading Required)
6:45 PM - Joy Bells - Experienced Bell Ringers
(All bell positions are filled at this time)
* 7:50 PM - Adult Choir - High School Juniors through age 90

SUNDAYS - 4:00 PM - Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

* A Special Note: The Adult Choir is seeking persons who have sung in high school or college. NO MUSIC READING IS REQUIRED, just a love of singing and of serving the Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 22nd 2009

2:30 PM

50th Anniversary Celebration of our Church

Will Include the

ALUMNI CHANCEL CHOIR

If you would like to participate in the choir on that day, please **RSVP** to

cooksings@verizon.net or 410-758-2502.

Music and details will be sent to you.

**PRAISE BAND TO SING AT SUDLERSVILLE UMC
COFFEE HOUSE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
7-9 PM
COME AND JOIN US IN SUDLERSVILLE!**

VISUAL IMPROVEMENT IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



You may have noticed that we have a new edition to Fellowship Hall. Our new overhead projection screen debuted on Sunday, January 18th! Thanks to the funding from the Trustees and the hard work of Greg Torchio and Mike Connolly. Coming soon, with the goal of being installed by February 13th Movie Night, we will also have a new projector. These technology upgrades will benefit the Praise Service each Sunday as well as other activities held in Fellowship Hall.

Coming Soon to the CUMC Website....

Sunday's Sermons

Coming soon to the Centreville United Methodist Church website—Pastor Mark's weekly message. With the recent purchase of the new digital recording unit, we will be able to post each weeks message. You'll be able to download and listen on your computer, your iPod, or any other MP3 device. Look for this new service in February!

United Methodist Women by Barbara Erickson

The UMW thanks the trustees for providing storage space for our sewing supplies. To better Blankets and Bags we are now working on scarves and caps for chemo patients. We sent 60 Art Bags with Morgan Edwards on her Mission Trip to Egypt and 125 School Bags will go with Nancy Cook on her Mission Trip in February. Lap ropes and bibs have also gone to Hospice and Corsica Hills.

Due to illness, the flue bug, our service at Corsica Hills was cancelled in January at Corsica Hills Nursing Home; however, we were able to serve the Coffee Hour in January between the services on the 3rd Sunday. We encourage everyone to come out and join our church family on the 3rd Sunday of the Month between services (from 9:45-11:00 PM) for Coffee Hour. Next month, the Youth Group will be serving Coffee Hour on February 15th.

We would like to thank Sue Murdoch for leading us in a Christmas Workshop, and we would like to thank the Murdoch family for serving the United Methodist Men three times! We are looking forward to the "Sweetheart Night" dinner in February, served by the Youth Group!

Our Tuesday morning workshops continue, and we welcome anyone who would like to join us and help us with our many missions projects.

In February, we will be preparing our Valentine Gift Bags for our Senior Members. We are in need of tissue paper, soap, lotions, and dental hygiene items.



Anyone interested or able in helping with the serving of Communion, please call Stacy Strotman at 410-482-2279.

Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 14th from 8-10:30 AM

Treat your Sweet to pancakes, sausages, and eggs.

\$5 Adults

\$4 Seniors & Kids

Benefits the VIM

Appalachia Mission Trip



From Sunday School by Laura Phillips

Confirmation Classes begin February 8th and will meet each Sunday through May. Anyone in 7th-12th grade that has not joined the church is welcome to join these classes. Pastor Mark will be instructing this class that will meet from 4:00-5:00 PM each Sunday.

Our Sunday School continues to grow, and we are excited to see the amount of children and adults that join us each week. In our Kindergarten-1st grade class, the children have been busy learning The Lord's Prayer, and will present it to the church during the 11:00 service in February. Barbara Meeks and the members of our Puppet Ministry entertain children each month with a puppet show. Now that our renovations are complete, it would be great to see the return in the Easter Egg Hunt that we used to have each year. If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact Laura Phillips at 410-758-2288.



ASP Mission Trip

Preparations Begin!

Please keep the following youth and adults in your prayers as they continue to prepare their hearts and minds for their week of mission this coming summer:

Caroline Phillips
Becca Phillips
Andrew Thiesse
Katie Hammer
Sam Lansinger
Brooke Dean
Emily Smith
Rachel Connolly
Barry Ebersole
Richard Phillips
Stacy Strotman

Erin Murray
Lauren Murray
Daniel Thiesse
Caleb Hammer
Caitlin Mendez
Dana Seman
Casey Strotman
Larry Morris
Tina Connolly
Ken Laing
Katie Laing

New Recycling Program!

During the next year, the youth will be collecting old usable cell phones (cannot be damaged!) and empty ink cartridges. The youth will receive money for each item recycled, so bring in your E-Waste for us! Collection buckets can be found throughout the church! We are no longer collecting aluminum cans because it is no longer profitable. Thanks!

ASP Trip Sponsors Needed!

Fundraising for our mission trip began in January with our 5th Annual Sub Sale, and we thank all those who were able to support us with your purchase.

The total cost for this trip is \$11,000, and each youth is responsible to find sponsors to cover their \$200 individual fee. If you are willing and able to sponsor even a small part of this cost, please see any of the youth listed.



CENTREVILLE YOUTH MINISTRIES

Middle School Dance



Where: At the Centreville United Methodist Church.

When: Saturday February 28, 2009
7:00-9:00 PM

Who: Everybody in grades 6-8

Help Support

Centreville Youth Ministries

Cost is **\$5** a person. Cheap Snacks For-Sale!

Proceeds Benefit
Youth Mission Trip
in June!

Join us for Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 15th, 2009

**Following the 8:45 Service through the Beginning
of the 11:00 Service!**

Hosted by Centreville Youth Ministries

**We encourage 8:45 folks to stay late and for the
11:00 folks to come early so that we can all
mingle in Fellowship together!**

Hospice of Queen Anne's Needs You!

Rev. Phyllis Radlinski, the Spiritual Care Coordinator for Hospice of Queen Anne's asked us to share the following article with you to share what it means to care for God's earth and God's children, which includes those in Hospice Care.

Hospice is looking for members to help plan for the Spiritual Care of their patients. If you would like more information, please contact Phyllis Radlinski at 443-262-4100.

By Rev. Phyllis Radlinski

One day this past week, there was a slight drizzle when I awoke. Some time later, I happened to glance out my window to behold a most beautiful sunrise. It was accompanied by a surprising rainbow—the sign of God's covenant with the Earth. As I was driving to the Hospice Center that same day, I saw two eagles eating their breakfast in a field off Bennett Point Road.

When I drove home from the Hospice Center, there were deer in a field along Route 301. I hurried home and ran down the steps to my husband's home office to tell him about what all I had seen and there just three feet from the window was a hawk standing on the ground, and of course I yelled, "Look at the beautiful hawk," and it quickly flew away. What an amazing world God created and gave to us as our home!

In Genesis 1:8, God gave humanity "dominion" over the earth; and we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. As we enter a new year, I hope you will join me in reflecting on what it means to care for God's earth, and for the most delicate of God's children—which includes those in Hospice care. Shouldn't we ask—What can we do so that people everywhere, not just those in Hospice care, will be able to see the beauty of sunrises, birds, and animals; and enjoy the promise of the rainbow?



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Sunday Church Schedule

8:45 AM - Praise Service with Nursery Available
9:45 - Sunday School for Ages Pre-School through Adult
11:00 AM - Traditional Service with Nursery Available

5:30-7:30: Middle School MYF (Grades 6-8)

6:30-8:30: High School MYF (Grades 9-12)

Calendar available online at www.centreville-umc.com.

Fellowship Hour will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month between both services in Fellowship Hall.
Mark your calendars for February 15th!