

## October Events

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- 10/7 Word  
Communion Sunday
- 10/7 Youth ASP  
Interest Meeting
- 10/9 Methodist Men
- 10/13 Charge  
Conference
- 10/21 New Member  
Reception
- 10/24 Chicken BBQ
- 10/27 Fall Bazaar
- 11/1 Women's  
Morning Out

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# The Messenger



October 2007

Newsletter

## Pastor's Paragraphs by Rev. K. Wayne Grier

Our new program year is off to a great start! We've had a wonderful response to our September Open House. Many new faces have been seen around the church at Sunday School and Worship. Our new Sunday School rooms have been filled, some to capacity, and I've noticed many smiles on the faces of those who work in our renovated kitchen. It has been a delight to see how everyone has worked together so well over the last several months to make our addition and improvements a reality. My personal thanks and appreciation to all!!



I am sensing a renewed spirit among us, an excitement and joy about being a part of Centreville United Methodist Church. Indeed, we have good reason to be proud of our accomplishments, and good reason to give God our thanks and praise. Now, we must face the question, "Where do we go from here?" We can easily fall prey to the notion that we can now "kick back" and take it easy for awhile. After all, there's been a tremendous investment of our treasure, our time, and our labors to see the new addition and renovations completed. It's easy to think "break time," but do we really want to lose the momentum?

I ask that because there's more building to be done! I'm not speaking now about brick and mortar building, like we've just completed. No, I'm speaking about spiritual building. I'm speaking about the kind of building we need to do regarding the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God. I'm speaking about us building a fellowship where love for God and love for one another is practiced, and not just preached. I'm talking about us building a fellowship where God is worshiped and Christ is served and where the Holy Spirit empowers and truly leads. I'm talking about the hard work of keeping our focus on why we exist as a faith community: to make disciples for Jesus Christ, and to grow as disciples to His praise and glory. Together, let us continue to build!

## Stewardship Campaign by Debbie Cimba

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“Build it and they will come.” These are the familiar words from the movie, *Field of Dreams*, where one man’s dream turned a farmer’s field into a baseball diamond. The players came out to play and the town folks came out to cheer them on.

So it is with our church! God has allowed us to build our addition, so that we can accommodate the growing number of children and adults who desire to learn of Christ’s love and experience His inner peace. As a congregation, we have generously supported the addition by recognizing that our church is helping to fulfill Christ’s proclamation to “Go into all the world, and spread the gospel to the whole creation.”

As we look to the start of our stewardship campaign here at CUMC, realize that people who give to the church and other charitable causes are not motivated primarily by guilt or obligation. The top three reasons that people give generously to the church are:

- 1). Commitment to Christ
- 2). Desire to support the church’s programs
- 3). Belief that giving is a spiritual matter and that generous giving benefits one’s spiritual life.

Two of the top three reasons are related to spiritual life, rather than programs of the church. While almost everyone has a deep commitment to the needs of our church, it’s important to remember that the most important reason for giving relates to our own spiritual lives.

Prayerfully consider how you are best able to serve Christ with your financial gifts. Let your giving reflect that God is the source of all things. Remember that God will greatly enrich your spiritual life if you willingly share your resources with him.

For more information, visit [www.centerville-umc.com](http://www.centerville-umc.com).

## Evangelism by Ann Harlan

### Women's Morning Out: November 1st

Our Women's Morning Out will be held on Thursday, November 1st, this time because of the October Bazaar and Thanksgiving coming at the end of both months. We are flexible! The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Lynn Knight who is a lawyer here in Centreville and the daughter of Connie and Bob Wilson. She will speak to us about women's legal issues. It should be an interesting and helpful talk. Come and enjoy fellowship, food, prayers, door prizes, and games as well. Call Ann Harlan for more information and if you need child care or a ride to be able to join us. We look forward to sharing time with all of you.

### Welcome Reception for New Members: October 21st

The Evangelism Committee would like to invite everyone to a light lunch reception on October 21st in Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 AM Service, at about 12 PM. We would like to gather to welcome any new members and visitors to our church. Please put this on your calendar and come to visit and welcome everyone.

### Charge Conference by Rev. Wayne Grier

The annual meeting of our Charge Conference will be held this year at the church on Saturday, October 13th, beginning at 4:00 PM. Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Bill Sterling, will preside. This annual meeting is for the purpose of receiving reports, setting goals, and electing officers for the coming year. It also helps us as a church to review where we've been during the last year, and where we hope to go in the coming year. All members and friends of the church may attend the Charge Conference; however, only members may vote on the matters to come before the body.

*Centreville United Methodist Church strives to be a Christian fellowship where Jesus is Lord and the Gospel is proclaimed. We welcome all who seek the love of Christ in their lives. We will nurture all through spirit-led ministries of worship, teaching, caring and support.*

## Sunday School News! By Fran Comegys

### Operation Christmas Child A project of Samaritan's Purse

It's that time of year again to help those in need with the Operations Christmas Child shoe boxes. This year Franklin Graham's mission is to help the people in North Korea.



A message from Franklin Graham:

It's estimated that 240,000 houses have been destroyed or damaged by Korea's worst floods in decades. In one of the world's hungriest nations, a large portion of this year's crops have been washed away. The threats of waterborne diseases and famine loom ahead.

The fact that the floods weren't in the headlines only underscores the needs. North Korea has no diplomatic relations with the United States or most of the world-nowhere to turn for help. We were told this is the **first time an American-flagged plane has flown directly from the U.S.** to Pyongyang since the **Korean War**. Praise God for opening the doors!

We are asking for shoes boxes to be brought in now so we can hand them out in the Sunday School classes. If you have time, wrap them in Christmas paper. Please place them in the room that says "Sunday School" across from Jim's music room.

I will post more information on the bulletin board in the hall area next to the Library. Please feel free to come to the church between the hours of 9:00am-3pm to pick up a shoe box with the information inside on what to pack and other information about the mission. God bless everyone that answers that call!!

*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

### Puppet Ministry by Fran Comegys

We performed our first puppet show for the children, and it was a success! The children learned how we should follow Jesus in all that we do. We perform this during Sunday School time, which takes about 10 minutes.

If anyone would like to help in anyway, please contact Barbara Meeks at 410-758-5427.



## Classes Begin! by Fran Comegys

The first day of the Grand Opening of our new Sunday School rooms went off like clock work. God really blessed us in the efforts to make more room for our children as well for the community. There were 105 children in Sunday School and 45 people in the adult classes. The Sunday School teachers were very excited and surprised to see such an attendance! We were looking for more chairs just to seat everyone!

The Bible tells us to go out and bring them in. Pray that we can be an outreach for our community.



Sunday School Children and Adults Enter the newly completed Sunday School Rooms after a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 9th!



Students in the 4th and 5th Grade Sunday school Class



## Attention Parents: A Sunday Morning Opportunity by Pam Edwards

Finding Balance in Discipline, Protecting the Spirit, Compliant vs. Defiant are just several of the topics to be covered in a new class at Centreville United Methodist Church. This new class, taught by Pam Edwards, Guidance Counselor, and Susan Morris, School Psychologist, will tackle topics vital to raising children today. The program, Your Child: Essentials of Discipline, by Dr. James Dobson will offer workable advice on how to effectively discipline children and lead them with confidence in a Christian environment. This program is for parents of children of all ages. The class will be meeting monthly during the normal Sunday School time, 9:45-10:45. More information, dates, and topics will be posted!

**World Wide  
Communion  
Sunday is  
October  
7th!**

**Don't miss  
"Reflections  
on Amazing  
Grace!"**



**Calling All  
Music and  
Drama Folks!  
We need  
your help!  
Read to find  
out how!**



## Music Notes! By Jim Telepchak



For those of you who thought you missed your chance: Due to conflicts with school activities, The CUMC Chancel choir was forced to move "Reflections on Amazing Grace" to World Wide Communion Sunday which occurs on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Chancel Choir is currently rehearsing for this during the first 45 minutes of our normal choir rehearsal (Thursday evenings 7:30pm). We hope you'll join us for this moving tribute.

Ding Dong Ding .....I Don't hear bells. We've had no congregational response in our search for tintinnabulators. If you are interested please contact Jim Telepchak and let him know. We've got a wide variety of music for all ages and skill levels. Shoot Jim an email at: [cumcmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:cumcmusic@yahoo.com). Maybe it's time for a beginning handbell group!!!!

The Contemporary Praise Team is looking for all types of wild folk that may have interests in the following areas: Singing, instrumental music, Sound tech, arts and graphics, and drama. If you have a few spare minutes during the week, I'm sure we can fill them up for you. Contact Jim Telepchak for more info.

It's never too early to be thinking about Christmas, and this year is no exception. I'm not the kind of person to spread rumors, but, I heard that this year's Christmas Cantata is unbelievable. There are plenty of parts for all types of singers, instrumentalists, aspiring thespians and tech people. If you enjoyed working with us last year, perhaps you'll make plans to join us in late October for rehearsals. Watch the church bulletin for more information or contact Jim Telepchak to find out how you can become involved.

**Centreville Youth Ministries:  
"Say What??" Worship—Honor—And—Trust**  
By Ken Laing



One month done, yet it feels as though we haven't started! Well, as I write this we kind of haven't. We had our annual kickoff potluck dinner with some new faces again. We also went to the pot luck dinner for Wes Davis that was held at the church. Our first regularly scheduled MYF meeting was held on September 23rd!

For those of you who were unable to make the kick off dinner, or those not involved directly with CYM, following is a list of details regarding news about our Youth Programming:

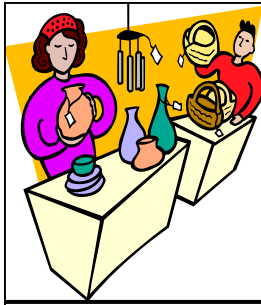
- \*CYM is now open to 6<sup>th</sup> graders too!!
- \*Typical Meeting times are 5:30pm-7:30pm for Middle School and 6:30pm-8:30pm for High School! We will have a meal and meeting together from 6:30pm-7:30pm.
- \*Calendars have been distributed- but we have many more!! Make sure you have yours so you are aware of the event and meeting schedule!
- \*The theme of Youth Rally 08 is - *Whatever- Col. 3:23.*
- \*We are in need of adult volunteers!!!! Please contact Ken if interested! The youth need you!

**KEEP YOUR  
EYES OPEN—  
SPAGHETTI  
DINNER  
TICKETS  
WILL BE  
AVAILABLE  
SOON!**

If you know of any youth in Queen Anne's County that you feel may enjoy being around other Christian youth, please get them here! This year we have lots of powerful events planned!

*CYM exists for the youth of Queen Anne's County, regardless of school, church, faith, or faith journey to praise God and Jesus. CYM will do this with our fellowship together, our ministry to believers and non-believers, our missions and service for the community, and through our continued efforts to become stronger in our faith and better disciples.*

**Want to go to ASP Next Summer?  
Then Plan to Attend an Informational Meeting on Sunday, October 7th  
at 11:00 AM in the Middle School Sunday School Classroom!  
Interested Chaperones Also Should Attend!!!**



**October 27th**  
**9:30-1:30**  
**Fall Bazaar!**  
**Don't Miss it!**

**Chicken Salad Sale:**

**Thursday,**

**October 4th!**

**Pre-orders due to**

**Church Office by**

**Sept. 28th.**

**To place order, call**

**410-758-0868**

## United Methodist Women

### Fall Bazaar by Ruth Ann Walls

The United Methodist Women are hosting the Annual Fall Bazaar/First Craft Show on Saturday, October 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This year marks a departure from the traditional bazaar format and will feature a wide variety of CRAFT VENDORS. The vendor list includes Lia Sophia Jewelry, Longaberger Accessories, Mary Kay, Cakes by Andrea, Arbonne Health Products, Avon, Scrap Booking, Cookie Lee Jewelry, The Bag Ladies, Face Painting, Dried Flowers/Herbs, Inspirational/Children's Books plus many other vendors. Items to support the scholarship fund will also be available for sale.

The traditional bake sale will feature many delicious cakes, pies, candies and other goodies. If you want to contribute to the bake sale, contact Rosanne Phillips, 410-758-0349.

Luncheon will also be available featuring our famous vegetable beef soup, ham/chicken salad sandwiches and delicious desserts. Anyone who wants to make a monetary donation to help cover the luncheon cost should contact June Clark, 410-758-1706, or Connie Wilson, 410-758-0882.

This event is the major fundraiser for the UMW. Please support it. Come early, check out the many vendors, socialize and enjoy lunch with your friends.

### Altar Flowers

by Ruth Ann Walls



Flowers are on the altar each Sunday. If you want to help in this special way To remember or to honor someone Just give us a call and it will be done!

Rosanne Phillips 410-758-0349

Ruth Ann Walls 410-827-4588

### Donations

Every year at this time our account reads \$0. We depend on Fall and Spring Chicken Salad, Bake Sales, the Bazaar, and the Methodist Men's Chicken BBQ proceeds for the giving of our scholarships in May. If you choose to make a donation during the year, please mark your check "C.U.M.W. Scholarship" or put above mentioned in the "memo". Many thanks for your support. You can contact any committee member for more details: Marion Lieby, Barb Thompson, Linda Palmatary, Doris Conley, Joyce Downes, Susan Klepper and Connie Wilson.

## U.M.W Update by Barbara Erickson

Look, Look and see our new kitchen! The U.M.W. have worked hard, long, and thoughtfully on this new, fresh addition to our church fellowship and it will be a while to be completely organized. Also, if using the facility, please check the bulletin board in the kitchen for some guidelines. Thank you to a church member for the donation of a great ice tea maker! Our thanks to the Building Committee and those who put up cabinets in the kitchen! Larisa Thomas has volunteered to prepare labels and stamps for recycling. Thank you!

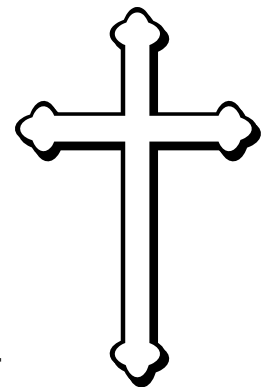
October will find us very busy - sewing, retired teachers, UMM and Lions club dinners. All of us are busy planning for our annual Fall Bazaar. We hope you will join us for our lunch and early seasonal shopping!

December 1st will be a Volunteers in Mission Breakfast AND Children's Shopping! Mark your calendars so that your children can secretly shop in order to give Christmas Presents.

## Volunteers in Mission

### Winter Haven by Larisa Thomas

Last year, CUMC was able to help for the first time with the Queen Anne's County Homeless Shelter, called Our Haven. Being one of the larger churches, we have been asked to take on more volunteer dates. As we found out last year, this was not hard volunteer work; it just requires a small slice of time. The trainings will be held on Tuesday 10/30 at 7 PM and Sunday, 11/18 at 2 PM. Both will be held at Kent Island UMC. Our volunteer dates are January 3-5, January 31-February 2nd, February 28 - March 1st, and March 27-29th. We will be doing Thursdays 6 PM - midnight, and 6 PM - Midnight and Midnight - 6 AM for Fridays and Saturdays. There are signup sheets at the back of the church for specific shifts. In the next newsletter there will be information about food donations which will not have to be as extensive as last year. This is a wonderful opportunity for members to invest some of time in their own community to make a difference. Any questions can be referred to Stacy Strotman at 410-482-2279.



## Methodist Men: Chicken BBQ Tickets!



The Methodist Men will be cooking up a storm on Wednesday, October 24th for our annual Chicken BBQ. This year, **ONLY 600 tickets** are available, so you need to get your tickets early to ensure that you will be able to enjoy 1/2 a chicken with applesauce, baked beans, and dessert! Each ticket is \$7 each, and any of the Methodist Men would be happy to sell you one.

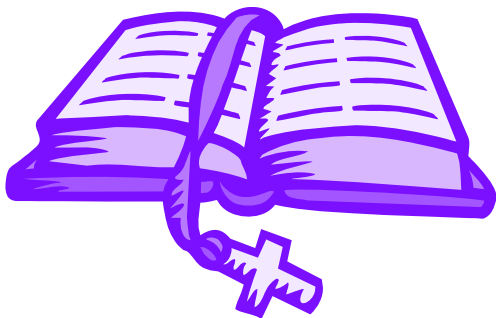
If interested in helping with the event, please contact Lester Downes at 410-758-1847. Help will be needed throughout the day to cook chicken, box up the meals, and pass them out to ticket holders!

The Methodist Men will meet for their monthly meeting and dinner on the second Tuesday of the month, October 9th at 6:15 PM. All men of the church are invited to join us!

## Women's Bible Study by Shelly Graves

Please join us for the Beth Moore Bible Study, "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." Through this study you'll come to appreciate the super natural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in joining so I can have the books ordered on time. Cost for the books is \$20 each and the session is 10 weeks. We will be meeting on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM beginning on October 2nd. Any questions or to reserve your spot today, please contact Shelly Graves at 443-321-8749 or 443-370-8753. Hope to see you there!

## Twenties and Thirties Bible Study??!! By Katie Laing



If you are somewhere in your 20's or 30's and looking for a bible study group, then maybe we can help! We would like anyone interested in such a group to please contact Katie or Ken Laing at 410-758-6939. The dates and times will be decided by the interested group! (Maybe even just once or twice a month to get started!)

## Camp Pecometh Update! By Katie Laing

Camp Pecometh completed another great summer serving 1445 campers through 75 great summer staff members! Many of our own youth attended camp this summer, and we hope even more will attend in the future.

Pecometh has hired a Development Director, Rev. Dr. David Buchanan, who actually spoke at church in August when Pastor Grier was on vacation. David is highly interested in talking with anyone who was a former staff member—from ANY decade! Part of his position is to organize a Staff Alumni Group. You can contact David through Camp Pecometh at 410-556-6900.

Please note these following dates for your future calendars:

**Volunteer Day - Saturday, April 12, 2008**  
**2nd Annual Pecometh Day - Open House, Quilt Auction,**  
**Silent Auction on Saturday April 19, 2008**

Pecometh is having a 2nd Annual Quilt Auction, and they will be in need of quilt donations - old and new quilts are needed! They also need quilt buyers! The Silent Auction will also need donations! Please consider helping this worthy cause! All benefits assist the camp in providing Camperships!

## A Successful Plunge by Larisa Thomas

Vacation Bible School was quite an event this year. We turned CUMC into a water park so we could 'Take the Plunge' into Jesus. We sang, learned water-themed Bible stories, made crafts, snacked, and played games. This year we again had upbeat live music, complete with guitar players balancing on surf boards. Over 125 children attended, in addition to our 20 'Park Guides' (teens who helped out).

A huge personal thanks to all the people who donated supplies and/or their time. Without you, we could not have accomplished it! CUMC really was able to reach out to the children in our community and touch some lives.

### Church Committees and Ministries:

#### Church Council:

Larry Morris  
410-758-2131

#### Finance Committee:

Henry Covington, Sr.  
410-758-2247

#### PPR Committee:

Jerry Thomas  
410-758-2144

#### Trustees:

Henry Covington, Jr.  
410-758-2247

#### Sunday School

#### Superintendent:

Fran Comegys  
410-758-1421

#### Evangelism Chair:

Ann Harlan  
410-758-4349

#### Fellowship Hour:

Arlene Hyde  
410-758-8638

#### Music Ministry:

Jim Telepchak  
410-758-0868

#### Youth Ministry:

Ken Laing  
410-758-6939

#### Volunteers in Mission:

Robin Pilli  
410-758-1126

Larisa Thomas  
410-758-2144



## New Members: **Bill and Charlotte White** by Ann Harlan



Welcome new members, Bill and Charlotte White! Bill and Charlotte live very close to church—in fact, they live right next to the parsonage! They have lived there for about 30 years, and they are happy to become members of our church.

After both lost their spouses, a minister introduced them to one another, and they have been together ever since. Married for 30 years, they have 7 children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren between them.

Charlotte was born and raised in Delaware near Harrington where she graduated from Harrington High School. She worked after high school for the FBI for several years and then for Playtex in Dover for 24 years. She has also sold real estate for Century 21 here in Centreville. She is retired now and enjoying time with her family.

Bill was born and raised in this area and was a farmer with his father for much of his early life. Then he became a waterman with his father. He worked as a waterman fulltime, especially doing clamming for many years, and he still has his boat although he has since retired. Now he makes wooden replicas of many of the Bay work boats. The boats are beautifully crafted and exact.

We are so happy to have the White's as members of our congregation!

## Prayer and Quiet Time

Beginning on Sunday, October 7th, from 6:30-7:30 PM, the Sanctuary will be open to anyone seeking a quiet place to pray or meditate. We will pray for the needs of our church, community, and world. Prayers may be silent or spoken. Come as often as you can. Leave refreshed and strengthened for the week ahead.



## Centreville United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

**“Help carry one another’s burdens, and in this way, you will obey the law of Christ.”**

### Galatians 6:2

We are very blessed to have a wonderful group of Prayer Warriors within our church who are there for you whenever you need prayers. If you have a prayer request that you would like passed through the prayer chain, please contact any of the folks on the following list. We will pass the request on to the rest of the chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Jim Starkey at 410-758-0669.

#### Prayer Chain:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Jim Starkey*                    | 410-758-0669                 |
| 2. Dianne Cimba*                   | 410-758-3909                 |
| 3. Melinda Bain *                  | 410-758-4711                 |
| 4. Herb and Phyllis Boone*         | 410-758-1573                 |
| 5. Carol Crawford*                 | 410-758-6783                 |
| 6. Ann Harlan*                     | 410-758-4349                 |
| 7. Emily Parry*                    | 410-758-1291                 |
| 8. Phyllis Johnston & Greg Torchio | 410-758-0037                 |
| 9. Sandy Anthony                   | 410-758-0713                 |
| 10. Katie and Ken Laing            | 410-758-6939                 |
| 11. Fran Comegys                   | 410-758-1421                 |
| 12. Barbara Meeks                  | 410-758-5427                 |
| 13. Susan Murdoch                  | 410-758-1444 or 410-758-0308 |
| 14. Danielle Wilson                | 410-758-1512                 |
| 15. Karen Murray                   | 410-758-1849                 |

Names with an (\*)  
are folks that are  
available during the  
work day.

### Nursery Coverage for BOTH SERVICES!

Nursery attendants are now available during both the 8:45A.M. and 11:00 A.M. services. The nursery is covered by one adult and one youth. If you would like to help with the nursery, please contact Fran Comegys at 410-758-1421.



### Newsletter Articles:

Send newsletter articles for November to [newsletter@centreville-umc.com](mailto:newsletter@centreville-umc.com), or place in the newsletter box in the library! Articles are due by November 20th! Please email articles as a Word Document. Please make sure articles are newsworthy for the church or else they will have to be approved by the church council.



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## Church Schedule

8:45 AM - Praise Service with Nursery Available

9:45 AM- Sunday School Classes for All Ages

11:00 AM - Traditional Service with Nursery Available

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Middle School Youth Group (6-8 grades)

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

**Membership Classes** will be held on the third Sunday of every month at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in becoming a member or if you want to know more about our church, please join us at this time.

Calendar available online at [www.centreville-umc.com](http://www.centreville-umc.com).