

THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church January/February 2006 – Electronic Version

YOUTH MINISTRIES UPDATE!

Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale - Our Methodist Youth will be selling 12 inch Italian subs for pick up on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th, between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. All subs must be pre-ordered to ensure the correct quantity. Subs are \$7.00 each, and will be sold before and after both services beginning next week, January 15th, through the 29th. You can also call Katie and Ken Laing to order, 410-758-6939. All proceeds will support the youths' ASP Mission trip in July.

BLACKWOOD FAMILY GOSPEL SINGERS

The Blackwood's are a legendary family that has won 8 Grammy Awards, 27 Dove Awards and 5 all American Music Awards. We are very fortunate to be able to host a performance on Saturday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. Tickets are \$21.00 each and may be purchased at the box office 410-827-5867, or for our congregation thru our church office. This performance is being held to benefit our Building Fund. We hope to have a sell out. Please help us to achieve our goal...

In conjunction with our Blackwood Family Gospel Singers performance, we are publishing sponsors in the program booklet:

Business sponsors	\$25.00
Friends of the Church	\$10.00

Contact Dick Phillips 410-758-0349 to be included in this special event.

DRAMA TEAM

Looking for a way to get through the winter doldrums? Join the Drama team. Monthly dinner meetings, fellowship, and fun while preparing for the worship message. Call April Sharp at 410-758-0615 for details.

A BANNER BEE

Put February 1st on your calendar if you are free from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to help make beautiful banners for our church. Come to the church fellowship hall to enjoy fellowship, coffee, and some treats as we create together. No need to know how to sew. I will have everything ready to put together. Please call Ann (410)758-4349 if you will be able to attend or email at annielh@atlantibb.net

COMING EVENTS!

February Dates:

Feb. 11 - Pancake Breakfast - Fellowship Hall @ 8 a.m.- VIM
Feb. 11 - Blackwood Family – Chesapeake College - 7 p.m. Building Fund

April Dates:

April 26 - Chicken BBQ – UMM

May Dates:

May 18 - Chicken Salad and Bake Sale - UMW

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is off to a great start this fall with an average of over 100 being taught the word of God. The two adult classes are highly attended and still growing. Let’s spread the word to our neighbor and families and invite them to church. We do need more part-time support for our teachers on Sundays. Please contact Fran Comegys if you would be able to help. Pray for great things to happen in the New Year!

PLANNING SESSION CONTINUES!

We have achieved much in our strategic plans for 2005, and now is the time to work on the next five years. So, please set aside the date of Monday, January 30th (6-8 p.m.). A Strategic Plan meeting will take place to discuss, revise and fine tune our church’s goals for the next five years. If you attended in May 2005 you won’t want to miss out on this meeting! This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship, good food, and good ideas. As in the past, this will be a potluck supper, so when you attend bring a dish to share! Refreshments will be provided. Questions and RSVP: Linda McCabe (410) 758-2641.

THE CHURCH NURSERY

January is the month I make up the volunteer schedule for the rest of the year. I will be calling people with tentative volunteer dates. We always need a few more hands, so anyone interested in volunteering 2 Sundays a year, please call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (VIM)

VIM is planning our annual **Valentine’s Pancake Breakfast**. It will be held February 11th from 8 am until 11 am. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, and sausage. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children. So treat your sweetheart to breakfast! All proceeds will be used toward our Appalachia Service Project trip in March.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION - Continued

Our **Appalachia Service Project** is March 30th to April 2nd. We will be returning to help work on homes in the Jonesville Virginia area of Appalachia. There is still room for a few more adults or young adults. If you are interested, please let Larisa Thomas know ASAP. The final meeting is scheduled for February 24th at 7 pm in the library. All who are going on the trip should attend.

VIM is organizing another group to work on the **Christmas in April** project in our area. The date is set for April 29th. So keep the date open. We are still in the process of getting the actual applications. We will let you know when they come in.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

To date we have not been able to schedule our morning Bible study, but please watch bulletin for these dates and Blankets, Bibs and Bags workshops. Our regular scheduled meeting is the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

In February we will be doing our Valentine’s Bags for our shut-ins. We are looking into the future – sponsoring a fall crab feast, our annual bazaar, and the Children’s Christmas Shop. Now is the time to start preparation for bazaar items and for children’s shopping - if you need ideas let us know! Also, if you wish to work on Bibs, Blankets and Bags we have supplies on hand and will be glad to get you started!

Please keep in mind that we always need chairpersons to help serve the Lions Club and the United Methodist Men. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

To have information included in The Messenger, please have all entries submitted to the Church Office no later than the 20th of each month. Thank You!