



THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church April 2006

UNITED METHODIST MEN SPRING BBQ

On **Wednesday, April 26th** the UMM will hold their annual Spring BBQ. The menu has not changed...you will receive ½ of a BBQ chicken, baked potato, salad, home made dressing and a roll. Tickets may be purchased from any member and the cost is \$7.00. Your platter may be picked up in fellowship hall after 3:00 p.m.

EASTER WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Traditional
Good Friday - 7:00 p.m. - Contemporary
Easter Sunday - 8:45 a.m. - Contemporary
11:00 a.m. - Traditional

EASTER LILIES

Lilies will be displayed on the altar for Easter Sunday, April 16th. If you are interested in having a lily on the altar in "memory or honor" of someone, please call the church secretary, Pat, before Wednesday, April 12th. The church will be open to receive the lilies on Friday, April 14th until noon. Please pick up your lily after the 11:00 a.m. Easter Service.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

The UMW Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we will again this year offer scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications are available in the church office and are due on Monday, April 10, 2006. Anyone with questions regarding the application may contact Susan Klepper (410-758-1647) or Connie Wilson (410-758-0882).

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Visit our table at the VIM Mothers Breakfast - gifts for mom, the home and the coming summer. We still need your help for bags, blankets and Bibs - many are cut and ready for stitching! Watch the

bulletin for workshop days. Can't sew? Can you cut, tie a knot, turn, pin, clip threads etc. - COME JOIN US!

We also accept partial spools of thread, skeins of yarn or cotton fabric.

Recently we sent 30 wheel chair bags and lap robes to Corsica Hills Center. Do you know of anyone who could use a lap robe, bib or wheel chair or walker bag?

Pat Beecher attended our March meeting and told us about her recent trip to Hancock Co. Miss. Paul Gunther will supply us with a name of hospital, church or home in Hancock Co. for a one on one mission. This is in addition to preparing the needs for the summer migrant program. Your help is needed!!

Have you turned in your recipe for our cookbook? Can you make candles? These are two projects that are ongoing for our fall bazaar and we need your help!

Kitchen - Please do not leave open bags of food on the counters...Please wash any linens, including pot holders that you soil....and please dispose of open bottles left in the refrigerator. If we all work together our kitchen will stay clean..

EVANGELISM/ OUTREACH

Everyone has probably noticed the lovely name tag holder we now have on the table near the sanctuary. I want to thank Dick Phillips very much for making it for us. If there is anyone who needs a name tag please let me know or leave a note for Pat. Thanks to everyone who wears their name tags.

1. We have a new design for our Welcome Packet and for a church brochure. Both in still in the process of being printed and put together. The Sunday school classes will be making bookmarks to be added to the packets. We hope to have everything completed when the new printer arrives.

Here is a wonderful way of praying passed to me from Fran Comegys called "The Five Finger Prayer" As you put your hands together in prayer:

1. Your thumb is nearest to you, so begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".
 2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers, They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
 3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators, These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
 4. The next finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night.
 5. Lastly comes our little finger; the smallest of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you" Your little finger should remind you to pray for yourself now as you have prayed for all the others..
- May we all have a blessed Easter season.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

As I write these paragraphs, we are at the mid-point of the Lenten season. The spiritual journey with Jesus continues to beckon us, and the story of the cross draws ever closer and larger. Though the signs of spring (and new life) are evident—budding trees and shrubs, greening grass, daffodils and crocuses aplenty—it is still Lent. We must still wrestle with our mortality, and our sin, and the necessity of the cross. There is still "soul-searching" to be done.

However, I've noticed over thirty-some years of ministry that, more and more, there is a growing tendency among Christians to shy

away from "soul-searching." Soul-searching requires deliberate effort—prayer, Bible study, worship. These things take time, and in our busy lives, time is at a premium. So we do what is expedient. We live for the moment, forgetting about the eternal. We cater to the physical part of us while ignoring the spiritual part of us. We give greater value to things rather than faith. The imminent is valued more than the transcendent.

But it is still Lent. Listen to the cry of your heart to do the "soul-searching." It needs to be done! God waits for our prayers, waits to speak to us through the scriptures, and waits for our praise and worship. Oh, we may be ready for Easter. We may be eager to exchange the ashes upon our brow from Ash Wednesday, for the great joy and hope of Easter Day. But the road to Easter goes past Calvary! The joy and gladness of Easter Day grows out of the tears and sorrow of Good Friday. The story of our sin, which nailed Jesus to the cross, is only fully understood when Jesus rises from the tomb! Think on these things, and do your soul, your most valuable possession, a favor!

FIRST" WOMEN'S MORNING OUT" **APRIL 27th**

The Evangelism committee will be holding our first monthly "Women's Morning Out" on Thursday April 27th from 10:00-11:30 in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome and please bring a friend or two. We will have an area for children to play and someone to help supervise them so please come if you are a mother with small children. We would love any age!

Each month we will have a program or an event. This month Jean Kirby will demonstrate the wonderful art of making gorgeous outdoor pots. She has been planting and caring for the lovely pottings around Centreville Nat. Bank for years. We will also have refreshments and time for fellowship.

Please call for more information, Ann Harlan, 410-758-4349. I look forward to seeing all of you!

Vacation Bible School **June 25-30 2006** **6:00-8:30 pm**

We are looking for someone to head up the VBS program this year. I know there is a special person out there that would take on this responsibility. I have directed VBS with Diane and Brad heading up the music, for the pass 8 years and have enjoyed every year. The volunteers did an outstanding job. I couldn't have been more proud. But there comes a time to let others take over. This brings new ideals and different talents to be used for the Lord.

Please pray for His leading and call the church office and talk with Pastor Wayne if God should lay this on your heart. (410)758-0868

Thank You and God Bless!! 2 Timothy 3:15, 16

The Gifts and Talents Committee

This committee has taken on the project of getting the congregation to partake in the CUMC Spiritual Gifts Assessment. Our goal is to have the entire congregation complete the assessment by May 1, 2006.

Every person is gifted by God, Spiritual gifts are innate - inborn orientations that transcend skills or abilities. When we understand our spiritual gifts, we understand that certain aspects of our lives are natural, normal, and easy. No one has to work hard to use his or her gifts, though each and every gift can be developed and strengthened.

For most us, a handful of gifts will be evident at any point in our lives. In different situations, at various phases of our lives, new gifts may emerge as others recede. Spiritual gifts are from God, and God's spirit blows where it wills - what is strong in us today, may become secondary tomorrow. What remains constant is that we are gifted by God to use our gifts for the common good.

Please take a few moments to take the Spiritual Gift Assessment by either going to our website at www.centreville-umc.com and follow the directions by clicking on the Spiritual Assessment page or by requesting a paper copy through the church office. After you complete this assessment, please either e-mail your results to Jerry Thomas (Jerry. Thomas@e-futureconsulting.com) or to Pastor Grier at (Wayne. Grier@centrville-umc.com), or drop off a copy at the church office. This survey will only take a few minutes, but can

help identify where your skills and talents can be used in growing God's kingdom.

Finance Committee

Information is Year to Date, February 28, 2006

Assets:

General Checking:	\$15,261.32
Savings Accounts:	\$56,353.44
Building Fund-Cash:	\$582,834.02
Endowment:	\$12,050.39
Total	\$651,237.85

Revenues	\$53,157.66
- Plate, Pledges & Freewill are \$2498.80 above intentions	
- Plate, Pledges & Freewill are \$5972.20 lower than budget	
Expenses;	\$38,960.65
- Expenses are \$11,410.31 below budget	
Capital Fund Revenues	\$3,280.00
- Income is \$616.33 above intentions.	
Capital Expenses	\$981.38

Building Fund \$30,290.00

Plate, Pledges & Freewill

January had giving exceeding intentions by \$4516 and exceeding budget by \$191.

February had giving \$1768 below intended giving that created a \$5972.20 shortfall to budgeted revenues.

Year to date expense spending is below budget by \$11,410.31 that made up for the income shortfall. Funds from reserves were not required.

February's shortfall could be due to the Church being closed for one Sunday in February due to snow. March should show giving rebounding to the budgeted levels.

Building Fund-New Mortgage

The Building Committee estimates that \$1.6 million is needed for the project. A little over \$1 million will need to be borrowed.

When the three year building fund giving ends April 6, 2006, every member of the church is encouraged to continue giving and provide an intention estimate for the new Building Mortgage Fund that will start April 7,

2006.

A special church meeting was held March 12 with 136 attending who received letters of invitation to participate. Invitations were also sent to congregational members who were not at the meeting. Please return your intentions to the church by Sunday March 29. The total intention amount will be needed for the loan application. If you did not get an invitation, please contact the Church Office.

Hey Young Adults!!!

Looking for something to do?

Who: All young adults ages **18-28!!!**

What: Invited for an evening of fun, fellowship, and worship

When: Sunday, April 23, 6:00-8:00 PM

Where: Connection Community Church in Middletown, Delaware

Jami Smith, a national praise and worship leader will have her band at Connection Community Church. This event will feature music, message, and coffee!

Please let anyone you know who fits this age range about the event! It would be wonderful to have a good number of folks from the Centreville area attend. Car pooling is definitely an option. Ken and Katie Laing plan on attending, and would love for more folks to come with!

For more information contact Katie Laing, 410-758-6939.

Youth Missions Incorporated

Thanks You!

As we continue to prepare for our Missions trip, we thank you for your support in our Supply Sale. We still need to raise about \$2000 for our trip in July. Any and all support is truly appreciated!

Youth Missions Incorporated

Supply Sale...

In an effort to raise the remaining \$2000 needed to send 12 members on the ASP Summer Mission Trip, Youth Missions Incorporated will be having a Supply Sale. The sale will began on Sunday, March 19th, and will continue until our funds are raised.

What is a Supply Sale, you ask?

Exactly that.

You will be able to purchase "supplies" from our hardware store, and your purchase will be a direct donation towards the costs of our missions trip. For example, you can purchase a box of nails for \$10, plywood for \$20, or shingles for \$40. In return, you will receive a certificate that states your purchases, but also know that you are making a huge contribution towards the youth and their mission trip. The money raised will go directly towards the cost of the trip, and we thank you in advance for supporting us.

Camp Pecometh:

Celebrating 60 Years!

Starting in 1946, Camp Pecometh began its ministry of serving the youth in the Peninsula Delaware Conference. In the beginning, campers had to stuff their own mattresses with hay as part of the camping experience, and the counselors were all volunteers. There were two choices of programs, Riverside or Pioneer.

Now, in 2006, Camp Pecometh serves over 1700 campers a year, 80 members on the paid summer staff, and more programs than ever. There will be many events celebrating the 60th anniversary. In April, Camp Pecometh will host its annual Open House Weekend and 5k Walk for the Campers. The Open House is a time for any potential campers to have a tour of the camp and find out about the summer programs. The 5k Walk helps raise funds for Camper ships, scholarships given to children so that they can afford to attend summer camp.

In addition to these annual activities, Camp Pecometh is having a special 60th Anniversary Weekend open to anyone who wants to come and spend time at the camp. The weekend will be held July 14th-16th, and registration material is available at pecometh.org, or you can contact Pat in the office to receive a weekend pamphlet. Various activities including swimming, canoeing, camp tours, hay rides, archery, and kayaking will be available. A Galilean Service will also be held on Saturday evening.

Camp Pecometh **Summer Programming**

A big thanks to JuJu Pieteron for coming to spend a Sunday with us during the Sunday

Camp Pecometh offers numerous week long summer programs for all youth in the Peninsula Delaware Conference. Programs run for all ages from Kindergarten through the 12th grade.

Registration materials can be found in the church office, Fellowship Hall, or online at Pecometh.org.

CUMC Crop Night

That's Right Scrap Bookers and Stampers

Mark Your Calendars – Friday, April 21st!

Mark your calendars for a night of cropping, stamping, and fellowship. Sharon Murdoch, Creative Memories Consultant, and Katie Laing, Stampin' Up Demonstrator, will begin hosting Crop Nights at the church in Fellowship Hall once a month, beginning Friday, April 21st, from 6:00-11:00 PM. Bring your current projects to work on, or if you are a beginner, come and learn from those with experience! Bring your friends and a snack for yourself. A \$5 admission per person will be collected and donated towards the building fund. Contact Katie at 410-758-6939 if you have questions about the event.

The Thoughts Behind the "Elements"

As is the case, no two persons will ever perceive things in an identical manner. With this in mind, I thought I'd give everyone some insight into the reasoning behind the concept for the Praise Team's presentation of, "Elements of a Crucifixion".

For those with a more traditional mind set, the presentation may seem to go beyond the bounds of the sacred and venture into the realms of the profane. Let me continue this by saying the music is only one aspect of the presentation and, when placed in the very different context of being used to realistically describe the events of the day our Lord suffered and died, these songs begin to take on an entirely different and more spiritual meaning. Our goal for this presentation is to throw out a common thread, or.....maybe, a lifeline into that secular

School hour. JuJu works for Camp Pecometh on the full time staff, and brought a wonderful program to our youngsters full of music and Camp Pecometh excitement.

world that would allow us to bring people into the world of Jesus Christ.

The presentation, "Elements of a Crucifixion" will take place Friday April 14th, 2006, at 7:00pm, in the Centreville United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. We hope you'll invite your friends and family to this truly moving experience.

Mother's Treat Pancake Breakfast

Saturday May 13th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

\$5.00 Adults \$4 Seniors/Children

Give Mom a morning off and treat her out to breakfast!

Gift Baskets and other items will be for sale by the Methodist Women.

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CUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:30am Cherubs 4:00pm Band 5:30pm Youth 6:30pm MYF Daylight Savings-set ahead 1 hour	3 7:00pm Chorale	4 5:45pm Inst. Club 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Bells	5 7:00pm VIN Team 7:00pm Praise	6 7:00pm Rotary Adult Choir	7 6:00pm Rehearsal	8 4:00pm Wedding
9 9:30am Cherubs 4:00pm Band 5:30pm Grace Time 6:30pm MYF	10 7:00pm Chorale	11 5:45pm Inst. Club 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm UMM Bells	12 1:30pm UMW Team 7:00pm Praise	13 7:00pm Rotary Adult Choir 7:00pm Worship Service	14 7:00pm Worship Service	15
16 9:30am Cherubs 4:00pm Band 5:30pm "Set" 6:30pm MYF Easter	17 12:00pm Blood Bank 7:00pm Chorale	18 5:45pm Inst. Club 6:30pm Youth Choir 7:00pm Bells	19 7:00pm Praise Team	20 7:00pm Rotary Adult Choir	21 6:00pm Scrap-booking	22
23 9:30am Cherubs 4:00pm Band 5:30pm Grace Time 6:30pm MYF	24	25 5:45pm Inst. Club 6:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Comm. Meet 7:00pm Bells 7:30pm Church Council	26 3:00pm UMM BBQ 7:00pm Praise Team	27 10:00am Women's morning out 7:00pm Rotary Adult Choir	28	29
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