



## April Events!

April 4-6 - High School Youth Retreat at Camp Pecometh

April 9th - Methodist Women's Meeting at 1:30

April 24th - Women's Morning Out at 10:00 AM

### For more Details:

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## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS by Rev. Wayne Grier

As I compose these paragraphs, it is Easter Sunday evening. Reflecting on the day, I cannot help but feel a sense of gratitude to God for the blessings of a wonderful Easter. There should be no doubt among us that Jesus lives! His presence was surely experienced at the worship services of the day. From the sunrise service at Mill Stream Park, to the Praise Service, to the Traditional Service, the Lord was surely among His people this day.

In this Easter season it is good for us to remember that we are blessed with a wonderful church and wonderful people. Such was surely evidenced today. God is accomplishing His will through the gifts and graces of the members and friends of Centreville United Methodist Church. As Pastor, I realize that, for some, the church doesn't seem to be accomplishing very much, or moving forward fast enough, or growing enough for their expectations. But, as Pastor, I also realize that a lot of good, Kingdom-building things are happening at CUMC. God is, indeed, in our midst, and those who are serving Him faithfully in this place and through this congregation are bearing the fruit to prove it.

All of us have good ideas of what the church should be doing. It's easy to believe that "my" idea or "your" idea is the "perfect" one for the church. It's easy to criticize the church and fault others. What we need to focus on, I submit, is not the things on which we differ, but on the One who binds us together in one purpose, one ministry, one unity. Our risen Lord and Savior is the One who has called us to follow Him. Our risen Lord and Savior is the One who commands us to love one another as He loves us. Our risen Lord and Savior promises to be with us, to pray for us, and to help us, in the Holy Spirit's power, be His church and do His will. With His presence, with His prayers, and with His help, we will continue to the work of the Lord, and bear the fruit of His promises. God bless!

## **Centreville Youth Ministries by Ken Laing**

### **Youth Missions Thank you!**

As I write, we are planning our Art Action for March 29th, and we pray it will be a huge success. We thank all of you who have supported us through any or all of our various fundraisers, and are very excited that we have raised the \$10,000 needed to take our 20 youth volunteers and 8 adult chaperones to Letcher County, Kentucky at the end of June! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we complete our team building activities and prepare our hearts and minds for the work ahead of us this summer.

### **CYM Yard Sale Coming Soon!!!!**

Spring Cleaning? Piles of your "junk" to get rid of? Keep Centreville Youth Ministries in your mind and save your junk to be another's treasure at our Annual Spring Yard Sale. This year, our yard sale will be Saturday, May 10th, along with the VIM Pancake Breakfast. The Yard Sale will open at 7:00 AM—1:00 PM. Plan to drop off your yard sale items on May 7th, 8th, or 9th from 6-8 PM. Proceeds from the Yard Sale help our general funding account which helps us serve others in the local community and helps with costs of Youth Rally '09! Happy Shopping!!

### **High School Retreat Weekend**

All High School Youth are invited to attend our High School Retreat Weekend at Camp Pecometh April 4-6th. We will be staying in the cabins and cooking out. We will also be doing various service projects for the camp as they begin their own winter cleanup routine. Throughout the weekend, we will also be focusing on the cross through our studies and discussions.

Interested youth need to let Ken know ASAP! 410-758-6939  
Cost is \$30 for the WHOLE WEEKEND! Sign up Today!

**United Methodist Women** by Barbara Erickson

Thank you to all who have contributed squares for the Camp Pecometh Quilt Auction Quilt. Time has run out for this year, but we hope to have it quilted for the 2009! We did complete a large king sized Red, White, and Blue with Twinkling Stars quilt as well as the "How do You Get to Camp Pecometh" lap quilt that has been on display in Fellowship Hall. The Auction is April 19th at 11:00 AM.

We have also made a recent contribution to the Samatricen Fund. In June, we will honor our fathers with a contribution to the Building/Mortgage Fund. We have begun plans for the Fall Bazaar. We have purchased a new Sewing Machine, and are using it to help with our various outreach missions. We are also looking forward to the Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast where we will have a craft table.

Join us April 9th at 1:30. Our guest speaker will be Nancy Cook speaking about her recent mission trip. Also, on Tuesdays, we meet for Blankets/Bibs and Bags and Prayer Shawls. Join us even if only for an hour!

**WOMEN'S MORNING OUT** by Ann Harlan

APRIL 24 10AM-11:30AM

On April 24th the Women's Morning Out in the fellowship hall will feature a speaker from Adkin's Arboretum. We will work on finishing three more blankets for the Linus Blanket Project, enjoy refreshments, a prayer circle, favors, a newsletter, and a door prize. It is a wonderful time to fellowship while helping create a blanket for a needy child. Please call for a ride or questions, Ann Harlan 410-758-4349. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Vacation Bible School** by Larisa Thomas

July 7-12th from 6:00-8:30 PM

Looking for My Special Core! What a great vacation Bible School we have planned! The Power Lab is an exciting way to learn and live some of the awesome miracles of the Bible. I need some fun-loving and God-serving adults to help lead the snacks, games, crafts, singing, drama, decorations, registration and other stations (using the easy instructional books provided), who will be the core of Power Lab. Please call me, Larisa Thomas, at 410-758-2144 or email [larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net](mailto:larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net) ASAP so we can start the Power flowing!



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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).