

April Events

April 10 th-
Spring Clean– Up
8:00 am– Noon

April 11 th-
Friendship
Sunday

April 17th - **CYM**
Yard Sale and Pit
Beef Sale and
VIM Bake Sale
6:30 am

April 18th -
Coffee Hour
After Both
Services

April 24th -
Camp Pecometh
Day 11:00 am -
3:00 pm

April 28th -
UMM Men
Chicken BBQ

April 30th -
Middle School
Dance 7:00 p.m.

The Messenger



April 2010

Newsletter

Reverend's Remarks for April 2010

"Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who has been crucified. He is not here; He has risen!" Jesus has risen; Jesus is alive, and the tomb of Jesus is empty. What an awesome promise this holds for all of us. I hope this Easter season the promise of Jesus' resurrection from the grave brings great joy and peace into your life.

Dear Abby tells the story of a young man from a wealthy family who was about to graduate from high school and the parents promised him a car. Father and son spent months looking at cars; they finally found the perfect car. The evening before his graduation, his father handed him a gift wrapped Bible. The son was so angry that he threw the Bible across the room and left the house in a fury. They never saw each other again. As a matter of fact, it was his father's funeral that brought him back home. As the son spent time going through his father's possessions he came across the Bible his father had given him. He opened it to find a cashier's check, dated the day of his graduation in the exact amount of the car they had chosen together.

I can't help but to wonder how many people do the same thing to God. They throw away the wonderful promise of Easter because it sounds too good to be true, or they don't understand it. We are taught, "if it's too good to be true, it probably is." Well, Easter is a reminder that not only does God make great promises but he has the ability to follow through on them, *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."* (Hebrews 10:23). The promise of Easter is we believe because the world could not stop the inevitability of God's plans for the redemption of all humankind. Jesus is alive; our sins can be forgiven, and he wants a relationship with us. The cross couldn't hold him, the tomb couldn't contain him, and the burial clothes were unnecessary. God has made thousands of promises in the Bible, but the promise of Easter is so important because Jesus still talks, loves, and heals today. May the Easter promise of God's redemptive plan found in his son Jesus, find a place in your heart and change your life forever. Happy Easter!

Prayer Thoughts.....by Bonnie English



Thankful Hearts.....

Happy Easter, Everyone! What a joyful time it is to celebrate the victory over sin, death and the grave through the resurrection of our Wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! This is one of many Holy Days in which to be thankful. Where would we be without the Birth, Ministry, the willing, Sacrificial Beating and Crucifixion of Christ, the Son of Man - all to give us the opportunity to have a personal relationship not only with Him, but also to be reunited back to our Heavenly Father to enjoy His fellowship throughout all of eternity. I believe this Lenten season has been very special for all of us and **a BIG THANK YOU to Pastor Mark** for the wonderful, eye-opening Lenten Bible Study!

There are so many things to be thankful for, many of which we don't recognize and this can lead us into trouble because it can lead to an unthankful heart, of which I for one have developed over the years. This is what I would like to share with you, my loving Church Family. You know how you can read Scriptures over and over again and SUDDENLY they JUMP OFF the page at you? This is what the Lord has revealed to me through the prayers of many for me (for which I am truly thankful!) due to health issues. I, like so many of us have been battling over health, emotional, financial, and any other issue you can think of. As I have been praying for over 30 years about some of these things, I found myself grumbling, murmuring and complaining to the Lord. At one time I went in a deep depression - it got that bad. Recently I was led to an article speaking to the subject of "An Unthankful Heart". What an eye-opener. Doing further Scripture referencing, I pray this will help many of you as it has me. **James 3:6, 8 (NKJV)** tells us, *"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature (existence); and it is set on fire by hell... With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God ."*

Paul, talking about the children of Israel wandering in the Wilderness warns us not become like them, **(1 Corinthians 10:6-10) especially verses 9-10** states, *"nor let us tempt (test) Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor murmur, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed by the destroyer, (refer to: Revelation 9:11) whose name is Abaddon, in Hebrew and Apollyon, in Greek. Lesson learned: by being critical, murmuring and complaining to the Lord, I opened myself up to the legal right for Satan to attack me further. I allowed him to try to destroy me, even though I confessed sins, put the Spiritual Armor of God on daily, prayed and believed for healings!!! What we say, think and believe is truly an awesome responsibility and requires serious consideration!! The solution: Philippians 4:6-8, **"Be anxious for nothing, (emphasis mine) but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things."** And one last Scripture, Hebrews 13:15, **"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."** It took me over 30 years to finally get this revelation of these Scriptures, especially the last one. **No matter what we go through, we need to continually offer up the sacrifice of praise – even though we don't feel like praising – because it is the good fruit of our lips – to give thanks to Him!***

Vacation Bible School



Monday June 21st - Friday June 25th
6:00-8:30 PM.

Get ready for the journey of a lifetime! Come feel the sea spray in your face and hear the winds in the sail as we experience the deep rolling waters of God's Love. Set sail with us this summer into Group's High Seas Expedition.

3 Months Away – Volunteers are Needed!

We need some fun-loving and God-loving adults to lead the snacks, games, crafts, Bible stories, and adventure theater, open, close, and coordinate the crew leaders (using the easy instructional books provided). We are also going to need plenty of **excited spirit-filled young adults, or adults of any age**, to steer the children through the adventure. Without our awesome volunteers, we can not touch our children's hearts! Please call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email larisa.thomas@centreville-umc.com ASAP.

Volunteers in Mission

Bake Sale – We will be having a bake sale on Saturday, April 17th along with the Youth Yard Sale and Pit Beef Sale.

Rebuilding Together (formerly called Christmas in April) – Our church will be participating April 24th to help repair a house by Crumpton. If you are interested, please sign up on the VIM Bulletin Board.

Thank You Shelter Volunteers! We have wrapped up our last volunteer shift at the Homeless Shelter in March. Our gratitude goes out to all the volunteers who volunteered their time to staff the Shelter or provide meals for it. You have reached out and helped those who needed it.

Next Meeting – April 19th. 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.

Evangelism

Tea Honoring Mother's Day May 2nd!!!!

Please join us by honoring your mother or another special woman in your life: daughter, granddaughter, God mother, aunt etc. by coming to the tea/bridal fashion show at **3pm May 2nd**. We will have our Tea in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments, games, the fashion show, favors, fellowship, and door prizes. We will also have a special place for girls to bring their dolls for tea. Tickets are on sale now in the office and after church for \$4 a person. Much of the proceeds will go towards our Back Packs for Kids food program. Join us for this wonderful occasion!!!!



Food Pantry Finds a New Home

Thanks to the trustees and the work of Bill Strotman we now have our closets organized and the Food Pantry is all in one big closet near the Fellowship Hall. There is lots of room and many shelves so we are ready for any donations! Personal care products are most welcome; shampoo, hand soap, tooth paste, baby food, Pampers, and always meats, cereals, etc. Thanks to all who have given so much! Please place donations in that closet and bless you for your help!!!

Bear Ministry--Give a Bear to Show you Care!!!!

The bears and other stuffed animals you see around the church are for anyone to use to give to someone who needs some cheer. Our bears are now in the small closet near the front men's bathroom. Help yourselves and help others to know our love and the love of Christ.

United Methodist Women

- The United Methodist Women are a very active group here at Centreville United Methodist Church and we would like to invite anyone who is interested in what we do to please come out to a Pizza Party on Tuesday, April 20th in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Linda McCabe @ 410-758-2641 if you will be attending.
- Last month we took a tour of Hospice and met with the staff. It was a very interesting and informative tour. We are very sorry that you missed it.
- We are now working on layettes for the babies to be sent to UMCOR, but we still need help with cutting, turning, pinning, pressing and sewing. Also needed for the layettes are cloth diapers, diaper pins, infant gowns, undershirts, and sweaters that open in the front. All donations will be appreciated.
- Bonnie English has taken lap robes, bibs and walker bags to the nursing home in Sudlersville and June Clark has taken chemo turbans to the doctors offices in Easton.
 - Our "Women of the Bible", bible study will resume on Tuesday, April 12th @ 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.
 - We would also like to thank VIM for serving the UMM in March and Dukes Sunday School class for serving them in April.
 - We have some items on display in the Fellowship Hall for the Camp Pecometh Day Auction but if you would like to bid on them now you can.
 - Also coming in July is the School of Missions.
 - Best Wishes for a bright and dry spring.

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Trustees Notes

The Parlor

The Parlor is defined by Webster's dictionary as a place used for conversation or reception of guests: a private reception room. In the mid 19th century private homes often had a parlor described as a "sacred" place where weddings or funerals may be held. The newly decorated Parlor of the Centreville United Methodist Church is such a place; a room for the waiting bride, a quiet room for the grieving family or a private room for mother and baby. Please stop by and visit our Parlor and take note of our special additions. A beautiful counted cross stitch angel on loan from the family of Ann Baird hangs on the far wall. The Egyptian patchwork presented to the church by Morgan Edwards from her mission trip to Cairo in January 2009 that says, "Praise be to God." Ann was instrumental in helping to redecorate the Parlor along with Joan Dawkins and Pam Edwards, trustees of the church. The Trustees hope this room will provide comfort and hope to all who visit.

Coffee House



CUMC is in for a treat on **Friday, April 23rd** from **7-9 PM** when the jazz/blues band from Wilmington, Harps to Halos, comes to sing during a Coffee House sponsored by the Youth Missions Team. \$5 entrance fee includes coffee and sweets. A separate offering will be taken for Harps to Halos to continue their own mission work in the Wilmington area. Check them out on Facebook!



Middle School Dance

April 30th

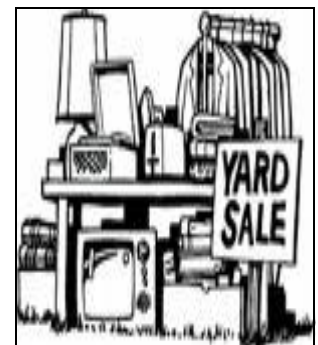
7-9 PM

\$5 Entrance Fee

\$1 Pizza and Snacks

Chaperones are need, please call
Katie Laing if you are able to help
410-758-6939

Yard Sale Youth are hosting their annual Yard Sale on Saturday, April 17th from 7 am-1 pm. Donations are needed to make this possible. Please drop off donated items from 6-8 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, April 14-16th. If you need assistance or need items picked up, please call Ken at 443-262-2449.





Picnic Tables Will Be Available!

As part of the training for our ASP Trip, the youth build Picnic Tables as a way to work with their team, learn how to use various hand tools and power tools, and accomplish a task together. This year, we will have 6 teams – and 6 Picnic Tables will be made. We still have 3 picnic tables left. If you would like to purchase a picnic table this spring, please contact Ken or Katie Laing at 410-758-6939 or at kttodd1@yahoo.com. Each table is \$150 (which basically just covers the cost of the supplies.) These tables will be exactly like the picnic tables in the back of the church by the playground. We will be making these tables on May 15th and delivery is available.



Pit Beef/Bake Sale



Youth Missions Team and the Volunteers in Missions will be having a Pit Beef and a Bake Sale during the Yard Sale on April 17th. Bake Sale will be open all morning. Pit Beef will be sold from 10-1. It's best to preorder your sandwich, which comes with chips and a soda for \$7. To preorder, please call Richard Phillips at 410-758-2288 or see any of the youth attending the trip. They each need to sell 10 sandwiches! Thanks for your continued support!



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Come Join Us!

Pecometh Day

Saturday, April 24, 2010 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Activities include the 4th Annual Live Quilt and Silent Auction which begins at 11:00 a.m., Food Tent, Music, Hayrides, Carnival and Open House Tours. All proceeds from the day's activities will benefit our Campership and Capital Funds. Please come out and bring the whole family for a day of fun. For more information contact Ann Ashe @ 410-556-6900 x 100.



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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 April 18.