

February Events!

- 3rd -Sub Sale
- 9th -Pancake Breakfast
- 10th - Dr. Dobson Class
- 12th - Methodist Men
- 22nd - Coffee House
- 23rd - UMW Workshop
- 27th - Bible Presentation to 3rd graders
- 28th - Women's Evening out

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Meet the Staff of Centreville United Methodist Church!



Pastor Wayne Grier



**Pat Mock
Secretary**

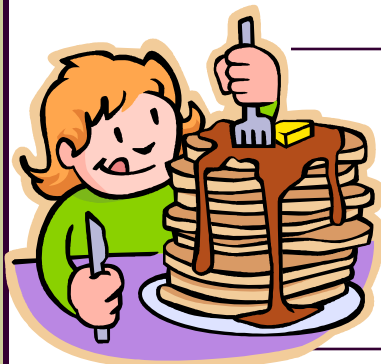


**Avis Wheatley
Pianist and Organist**



**Ken Laing
Youth Director**

Volunteer's In Mission by Larisa Thomas



Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast

Treat your sweetheart to our pancakes, eggs, and sausages. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children. Sponsored by Volunteers in Mission. Saturday, February 9th!

Christmas In April

The last Saturday of every April, teams of workers takeover Queen Anne's County. These volunteers repair and improve local houses for worthy individuals. Volunteers In Mission has put together a team from CUMC the last few years and made a difference in our area. We will need hand laborers, gofers, and a team captain (someone with experience to help list supplies and direct tasks). Anyone interested, especially a TEAM CAPTAIN, please call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email lari-sa97thomas@atlanticbb.net ASAP.

Our Haven Homeless Shelter

Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to help with Our Haven. We have people serving meals or helping staff the facility. Our first weekend will be February 1-2nd. Due to a grant this year, we do not need to have volunteers for the overnight shift. This grant really helps the smaller churches who had trouble staffing this shift. We still have a few 6 PM-Midnight shifts where we need a male volunteer. Also, we might be asked to supply some lunch items for the weekend we are working the shelter. Anyone interested, please contact Stacey Strotman at 410-482-2279.

Nursery Ministry by Larisa Thomas

The nursery is an important tool the church has in attracting and retaining new young members. Without the nursery, many parents would not be able to attend church. Due to Safe Sanctuary Practices, we need two people in the nursery at all times.

The 11 AM nursery has a paid attendant, Kelly Nelson, who is wonderful with the children, but we do need another person. It can be a teen or adult. We are just looking for 3 services a year. For those already volunteering, thank you, and we hope you can continue to help with this important service. Anyone else interested in helping out, please call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email larisa97thomas@atlatnicbb.net.



United Methodist Women by Barbara Erickson

The New Year is off to a running start! We have served the B.O.O.M. meeting morning snacks and the U.M.M. dinner, and we have had our first meeting of the year! We will begin our Blanket, Bibs, and Bags workshops on Tuesdays beginning January 22nd at 9:30 AM, and we also hope to add Prayer Shawls this year. If you can cut, pin, press, or use a sewing machine, come join us in fellowship. We can also help you learn, or you could take the projects home if you want.

Wednesday Feb. 13th there will be a meeting at 10:30 AM to prepare gift bags for our shut in, homebound Senior members, which includes 23 folks. If you have items for our bags, please let us know!

The UMW is open to all women of the church—come join us in our outreach!

Kitchen Notes by Barbara Erickson

- If using the church kitchen, please note information posted on the bulletin board.
- One stove is being replaced in 4 to 6 weeks, and there will be information posted about its operation.
- Please leave the door to the pantry open for the efficient operation of the freezer.
- Please take home, wash, and return any linens that you have used.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

By Harriet Caporin



Everything needs maintenance to run smoothly. Including marriage. You share your entire lives. Why not share a weekend?

A Marriage Encounter Weekend isn't your typical weekend. There are no distractions, no jobs, no children, and no chores. For this one weekend, you can be together and reflect on your marriage. A Marriage Encounter Weekend provides an environment where couples unite through communication, and find a deeper understanding of themselves and one another.

Upcoming Weekends:

United Methodist Worldwide Marriage Encounter - **FEB. 8-10, 2008** - Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit www.encounter.org or call toll free 866-633-3862.

MARVA National Marriage Encounter - **FEB. 23-25** - Frederick, MD. For more information visit www.marva-marriage-encounter.org or call 410-772-0011.

Trip to See Beth Moore by Larisa Thomas

Beth Moore, a renown and inspirational women's Christian author/teacher/speaker, is coming to Newark, Delaware on Thursday, October 16th, 2008 from 7-9 PM. Tickets usually sell out very quickly. Anyone interested in getting together as a group and going up, please call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net.



A snapshot of Children's Moment during the 11:00 AM Service. Here, Pastor Grier shares a message with Jason Thomas, Corey Higdon, Ruth Murdoch, Alexis Higdon, Isaac Murdoch, and Austin Thomas.

For more information, visit www.centreville-umc.com.

New Members by Ann Harlan

MEET ONE OF OUR NEWEST FAMILIES, THE WOODS!!!

The Wood Family consists of Brian, Allison, Jonah (4) and Henry (2). Brian and Allison have been married for 8 years. They are both from the Centreville-Chestertown area. They love to go camping, hiking and kayaking as a family. In fact, they love just about anything outdoors. They own their own business, J.H. Wood Contracting. Allison is a stay at home Mom.



Lenten Prayer Center by Ann Harlan



This year starting on Ash Wednesday you will be able to experience prayer and spiritual reflection in various ways. A prayer center will be available probably in the blue room of the church for anyone to use. There will be several centers around the room such as clay, beads, stones, quilts, music, art, and poetry to use for your own spiritual enhancement. Watch for more information in the bulletin and on posters in the church.

Dr. James Dobson's *Essentials of Discipline* meeting dates: 9:45-10:45 in the Church Library

February 10th - Finding Balance in Discipline
 March 9th - To Spark or Not to Spark
 March 30th - Compliant vs. Defiant

**Watch for Carry
 Out Soup Sale!
 Beef-Vegetable
 Soup by the
 UMW!**

Evangelism by Ann Harlan

WOMEN'S MORNING OUT THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28th

All women are welcome to our Women's Morning Out at 10am on Feb. 28th until 11:30. Come and enjoy refreshments, fellowship, favors, a newsletter, prayer requests, games, and a special program. The program this month will be a group discussion concerning projects we can do as women to help the community and other concerns each of us may have. Bring your thoughts and ideas and a pair of scissors to help make some simple blankets for the Linus Project. Linus gives blankets to children who are ill or have lost a parent or someone very close to them. Please call if you need child care - Ann Harlan 410-758-4349. I look forward to seeing all of you!

DO YOU KNOW WHO THE ANGELS ARE?

There are angels all around us and within our church there are many who are busy behind the scenes making our church the lovely place it is. Do you know who makes the little crosses given to visitors? Do you know who decorated our church for Christmas? Who helped paint the new class rooms? Who hung the cabinets in the new kitchen and has helped with many projects? Who takes care of the Upper Room? Who repairs little things here? Who makes our altar beautiful? Maybe during this month we can find the answers to these questions and thank these special angels and others who are blessings to us all.



Methodist Men's Valentine's Day Dinner
Tuesday, February 12th at 6:15 PM.
Bring your wives for a wonderful evening prepared by the MYF!



Centreville Youth Ministries By Ken Laing



YOUTH MISSION TRIP BEATS ALL EXPECTATIONS!

One year ago, 5 youth firmly dedicated one week of their summer vacation to serve others with the Appalachian Service Project. Not only did they live out the Great Commandment that week, but they came back with such Spirit that this year **20 YOUTH** have dedicated a week of their summer to go to ASP and help fix homes! **What an Amazing Blessing!**

This also means the Youth Missions Team has a TON of work to do between now and June 28th!

First, THANK YOU for the AMAZING amount of support that we had during our sub sale. Sales went from 175 subs in 2007 to 250 in 2008!

Mark your calendars for February 22nd, 7:00 PM, for a Coffee House hosted by the Youth Missions Team. Live Christian Entertainment along with coffee, other various beverages, and dessert will be available. The event will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under age 10. Nursery will be available for children under age 6. If you would like to help with bringing a dessert or assisting with the coffee making, please contact Katie or Ken Laing at 410-758-6939.

Finally, on March 29th, the Youth Mission Team will be hosting a live Art Auction. Marlin Arts will be coming to us from New York with hundreds of framed prints, paintings, and sculptures for your bidding! Tickets will be \$10 each! More information coming soon!

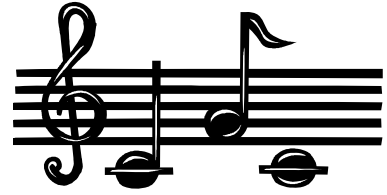
PLEASE INVITE ALL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR EVENTS! Thanks for your continued and appreciated support!

Methodist Women to Make Quilt for Camp Pecometh Auction

Camp Pecometh will hold its 2nd Annual Quilt Auction in April, and the UMW is asking for help in making 9 Patch Blocks for a quilt they will donate to the auction. Please use washable cotton, any color. Cut 9 squares with 4 1/2 inch sides, stitch using a 1/4 inch seam. The completed block will measure 12" x 12". All squares will be needed by March 1st or sooner to get them set together and quilted in time for the auction. If you have questions, please see Barbara Erickson, and there are plenty of samples throughout the church! Thanks for your support of this wonderful project that helps fund the Campership Fund at Camp Pecometh.

www.goodsearch.com is a new search engine that donates 1¢ to a charity every time you search on it! Pecometh is using this as a way to raise some funds! So, next time you search, use goodsearch! You will need to type in Pecometh under the charity section and click "verify" so that your search benefits Pecometh.

Music Notes! By Jay Baird



The music committee has been resurrected and is busy at work! We will be meeting monthly, at 6:30 pm prior to the Church Council meeting. The committee is responsible to deal with issues that support and enhance the total music ministry in our church.

We would like to formally welcome the return of Nancy Cook who will be directing the chancel choir and bell choir. New members are always welcome so get in touch with Nancy or other choir members.

A special thanks to Katie Laing and Mike Connolly for volunteering to lead the Praise Team. Please continue to support this ministry with your prayers, talents and attendance.

In September we will be starting a new elementary/middle school choir that will be under the direction of Robbin Twilley and assisted by Emily Parry and Margie Booze. Details will be forth coming.

Many of the organ pipes need tuning but must first have the leathers repaired. This is a lengthy and costly maintenance project but is required to keep our magnificent instrument in tip top condition. An organ maintenance fund has been established and contributions or memorial gifts will be appreciated. The estimated cost of the repairs is \$30,000 or more and will take three to four months to complete.

Want to hear new music at the Contemporary Service?
Give us some ideas!
Email song titles and artists to music@centreville-umc.com.
If we can learn them, then we will play them! It would also be helpful if we could listen to a recording of the song!
Thanks for your continued support—The Praise Band!

WANTED:
SINGERS,
MUSICIANS,
TECHNICAL
SUPPORT FOR THE
PRAISE TEAM!
PRACTICE AT 7:00
PM WEDNESDAYS
AND 8:00 AM
SUNDAY
MORNING!

Newsletter Articles:
Send newsletter articles for March to newsletter@centreville-umc.com, or place in the newsletter mailbox in the library! Articles are due by February 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.

FREE CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES by Samantha Lansinger

In Girl Scouts, there is an award that is earned at the Junior Cadet and Senior levels. I am a cadet and I am working on my Silver Award.

These projects need to help the community where there is a need. For my Silver Award, I am putting together CPR/First Aid Classes at the church. The classes will be for Ushers, Sunday School Teachers, and key people first. If there would ever be a need for CPR at church, then we know that there is always someone around who knows CPR!



The classes are free for the first 20 students. I will be fundraising on my own to purchase books and supplies. The classes will be 4-5 hours long. Watch the church bulletin for dates.

After this project, I have my Gold Award which I plan to do a follow-up project. I want to purchase an AED machine for the church, which is extremely expensive. It would be great to have certified people to use the AED machine.

If you are an usher, teacher, or key person that is interested in getting certified, please call 410-758-5424 and ask for Samantha! Thank you!

Sunday School News by Fran Comegys

On February 17th, we will be giving out Bibles to our third graders during the 11 AM service. We have dedicated, caring, teachers and helpers that we would like to recognize at the same time. Please make plans to attend this service.



Confirmation Class to Begin

This year's Confirmation Class will begin Sunday, February 3, 2008, during the Sunday School hour. All youth, seventh grade and up, are invited to attend. Confirmation Class is an opportunity for youth to explore their faith. It is an opportunity to "make firm" one's commitment to Christ and His Church. Parents of youth involved in the Confirmation Class are encouraged to attend along with their son/daughter. For more information contact Pastor Grier.

Vacation Bible School

Stay tuned for the announcement of our dates and theme for this years VBS, with details coming next month!



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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.