

Centreville United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Contemporary – 8:40 a.m.
Traditional – 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Services Available

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Adults – 9:50 a.m.
Youth – 9:50 a.m.

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REVEREND'S REMARKS

"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." Hebrews 3:4 KJV

I am using the space normally reserved for my article to make a very important announcement to the members of Centreville United Methodist Church. On Monday, February 6, 2012, we will be having a Church Conference. The reason for this Conference is to vote on the next phase of the master plan for our Building Project.

The master plan included the new Sunday School wing, narthex and relocation of the Church & Pastor's Office. The new Sunday School wing was finished in 2007. However, the master plan was not completed. The completion of the master plan is now possible because of a very generous donation.

In order to move forward with this project we need to have a Church Conference. Please plan to join us Monday, February 6, 2012, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to vote on this exciting possibility. These are exciting times at Centreville United Methodist Church.

Pastor Mark



Middle and High School Students
each Sunday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**ALL LOCAL YOUTH
ARE ENCOURAGED
AND WELCOMED
TO JOIN US!**

Centreville Youth Ministries (CYM) exists for the youth of Queen Anne’s County, regardless of school, church, faith, or faith journey to praise God and Jesus.

CYM will do this with our fellowship together, our ministry to believers and non-believers, our missions and service for the community, and through our continued efforts to become stronger in our faith and better disciples.

REIGNING MERCY COFFEEHOUSE

Please come out and support our very own contemporary praise band, Reigning Mercy!

They will be playing on February 10th at Sudlersville UMC from 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 pm.

Join us for dessert, coffee, music and fellowship.

UMW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.....

Lynda Palmatary

Just a reminder all applications for Scholarships to be awarded by the United Methodist Women in May are available in the church office during office hours. All applications are due by APRIL 10th and should be mailed to the following address:

Lynda H. Palmatary, Chairman
United Methodist Women Scholarship Application
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, Maryland 21617

Please contact Lynda Palmatary for more information or with any questions: at 410-758-1476 or 410-758-0868.

Join us for a night of uplifting musical praise and worship as we sponsor:



33 MILES

**in concert
February 11, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Chesapeake
College**

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON Ann Harlan

Everyone is invited to join the new members, along with their families and sponsors, on February 19th in the Fellowship Hall after the late service for a pot luck luncheon beginning at 12:15 p.m. This is a chance to meet and love on our newest members and with one another. This luncheon will be in place of our usual monthly Coffee Hour.

And we need your help! If your last name begins with A—G please bring sandwiches, H—L salad, M—R soup or beverages, and S—Z desserts.

Please call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349 for questions or to help.

MEMBERSHIPCharlene Smallwood Brown

Only by the Grace of God and through the prayers and support of our CUMC family, our new computer system was implemented in November 2011 and our membership information was migrated from the old system to the new one. Praise God!

Now we have a tedious task of cleaning up the old data, a challenge which will be much easier with the new system. **And that's where you come in!** Don't be surprised if you receive a call or letter asking you to verify and/or amend your CUMC family profile or to correct errors in your information. That's the most important part of the clean-up; and many thanks, in advance, for promptly responding by mail, email or phone.

Also, in preparation for our report to conference, CUMC Membership or Evangelism will attempt to contact congregants with whom our records indicate we've had no contact within the past 12 or more months, or who no longer live at the address shown in our files. If you're one of those people, please contact us. You're still part of the CUMC family, and we miss you.

Please be aware that, if you do not complete the attendance book at the end of your pew when you attend service, or if you move and/or change your name without notifying CUMC, the computer records would indicate that you have been absent for a substantial period of time and would automatically place your name on a contact list. To avoid this in the future, you are requested to:

Clearly print your information on the attendance form each Sunday so that it can be recorded properly.

Print first and last names on the attendance form to minimize incorrect recording of attendance for families with the same last names.

Notify the church of changes in your profile (e.g., last name, address, family structure, etc.).

I hope and pray that the above actions will not inconvenience anyone who could greatly help us to improve our records and maintain an accurate history of CUMC.

And, finally, if you feel led to participate in the above cleanup effort, please contact the CUMC office or Charlene Smallwood Brown at 410-758-6930.

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind [and] one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 15:5-6)

LIBRARY NEWS...Harriet Caporin

Happy New Year To All! Many thanks and much gratitude to all who donated books this past year.

In addition, a large box of books appeared as a donation to the library recently. The books are in excellent condition, and there are many interesting titles. I am presently processing them for circulation and hope to put them out for your reading pleasure very soon.

ALTAR FLOWERS...RuthAnn Walls

Many thanks to all who have placed flowers on the altar in recent weeks. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by our congregation. The following dates are open for anyone interested in participating in this church ministry:

February 5, 12, 26; March 25; April 15 & 29

Please call RuthAnn Walls (410-490-3259) for more information.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA.....Ann Harlan

May 6, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Save this date!!!! We are going to have our Mother's Day Tea again. It will be a fundraiser for many of our outreach programs. This year we will have models showing prom dresses and bridesmaids dresses. We will also decorate with vintage aprons. If you have any of these items we would love to carefully use them to make the afternoon really special.

Please call Ann Harlan if you can help model or have items for us to use at 410-758-4349. I can't wait to see you all there!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.....Betty Lee Jackson

The United Methodist Women will have a guest speaker on Tuesday, March 13th at 1:00 p.m. Rachel Melvin, Master Gardener, will speak on the topic "Grow It, Eat It!". Please note this meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well" James 5:15

**in
our
prayers**

**Brenda Abel
Lisa DiMaggio Barge
Tammy Black
Sandy Chance
Fred Chew
Linda Cornelius
Robert Farnell
Bea Frase
Jerri Harr
Henry Hartless
Shirley Haymaker
Lillian Heverin
Walter Heverin
The Horney Family
Agnes Jewell
Debbie Kreinbrink
Mary Ann Massey**

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Loretta Miller
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Ned Poe
Marian Pohlman
Len Rendenberger
The Rice Family
Kevin Shepherd
Kathryn Thompson
Elmer Whitby
The Wilkins Family
Jane Wilson
Jason Wilson
Robert Wolcott
The United States Military**

YOUTH CONFIRMATION KICK OFF!..... Laura Phillips

Our Youth Confirmation will begin with a lock-in on February 3 and 4. Following their lock-in the youth will introduce themselves and share some lock-in highlights at both services on Sunday, February 5.

This year's confirmands will participate in: serving a meal at the homeless shelter, Camp Pecometh Clean Up Day, attending 2012 Bishop's Confirmation Rally and more. Confirmation will be held during the Traditional 11:00 a.m. service on May 20th, with a recognition service during the Contemporary 8:40 a.m. worship service.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION.....Larisa Thomas

Volunteers In Mission (VIM) is one of the ways CUMC is reaching out and help others. As **1 Peter 4:10** instructs us, *"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."* From experience, I can tell you how amazing it is to discover God has given you a gift you had never imagined. And the only way to find it is to step out in faith and try something new! February we have several areas where volunteers are needed.

Saturday February 18th is the next **Pancake Breakfast**. Treat your sweetheart or yourself to pancakes, sausage, and eggs along with a little bit of fellowship. Breakfast will be served from 8-10:30 AM. We are raising funds for the Appalachia Service Project trip. The cost is \$5 Adults and \$4 Seniors/Children for all you can eat.

We also still need a few volunteers to help staff the **QAC Winter Shelter** on Kent Island. Please see the VIM bulletin board for spaces for February 23rd-25th. Come fellowship and serve by being a presence from 6 PM to midnight. A big thank you to all who served in December and January!

VIM is also gathering an adult work crew to help at **Appalachia Service Project**. Our tentative travel plans are for April 19th -22nd. All experience levels are welcome, and experienced hands are a blessing. If you are interested, let us know ASAP.

Also, mark your calendar for **Rebuilding Together**. This Queen Anne's county home renovation project is Saturday April 28th. This volunteer activity will be open to any skill level too, and makes a difference in our community.

The **next meeting is February 20th**. All are invited to be the hands through which God can work! You can contact me at Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com or 410-758-2144 to RSVP for any activity or to suggest other service projects.

YOUTH PRAISE BAND.....Rebecca Phillips

The Youth Praise Band of CUMC is privileged to share songs of worship on the second Sunday of each month. The band is comprised of the following talented teens:

Vocals: *Tabitha Lansinger, Alea Murray and Rebecca Phillips*

Guitar: *Caleb Hammer and Casey Strotman*

Drums: *Brady Parkerson*

Keyboard: *Anthony Cianchetta*

The band has had the honor of performing at church coffee houses, county fairs, and other community venues. The band appreciates the opportunity to showcase familiar and new songs with their CUMC friends and family each month! The band will also perform for the Queen Anne's County High School baccalaureate service on May 30th at CUMC. The public is invited to attend. Please come support the graduates of QACHS class of 2012!

MEET YOUR CUMC FAMILY: Vicki and Irv Kohne



Vicki and Irv, for the most part, grew up in Prince George's County – she in Forestville and he in District Heights. They met in art class in the seventh grade and attended junior high school and part of senior high school as friends. At the end of sophomore year, Irv's family moved to Oxon Hill where he completed high school, while Vicki graduated from Suitland.

For many years their paths did not cross again. Vicki attended Towson State University and Bowie State College receiving her BA and MEd in Early Childhood Education. Irv worked his way through Maryland University and received his BS in accounting and later became a CPA.

Vicki has two sons from a previous marriage, and Irv has a daughter and son from a previous marriage. After their divorces, Vicki and Irv met again through mutual friends and, after knowing each other for over 40 years, began dating and married in 2004.

Vicki retired this past June after teaching 38 years in Prince George's County. Irv retired in June after 30 years with Fannie Mae. They moved to Symphony Village in 2008 and share three grandchildren and two cats.

MEET YOUR CUMC FAMILY: Gary and Lisa Smith



Gary was born and raised in Queenstown, and Lisa is from Hebron, MD. Lisa moved to Centreville in 1979.

While attending QACHS, Lisa's brother – Richard Phillips and Gary's sister – Laura (Smith) Phillips, introduced Gary and Lisa. Richard and Laura were only friends at the time of this introduction. Their story began at a much later time.

Gary and Lisa became high school sweethearts. They have now been married for 25 years and have two children – Emily, 20 and Bradley, 18. Since 1988, Gary and Lisa have owned and operated Gary Smith Builders, Inc., a remodeling and construction company.

Emily and Bradley grew up being actively involved in the church; taking part in choir, praise band, Sunday School, MYF, and ASP. Over the years, Gary and Lisa have enjoyed being a part of their activities, particularly Gary's many ASP trips and Lisa with the Youth Rally Conventions. Emily is a junior at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, and Bradley is a freshman at Virginia Tech.

It's now a bit quieter since both children are away at college, but Gary and Lisa enjoy helping Lisa's parents (Richard Sr. & Rosanne Phillips) prep for the chicken BBQ's.

PRAYER THOUGHTS..... Bonnie English

Our Prayers...His Power

One of the areas that I believe is least understood by Christians is the partnership that God has called us to with Himself in the area of prayer. God, in His wisdom and sovereign power, has chosen to accomplish His will on this planet through the prayers of His people. God has decided not to arbitrarily move in and out of situations on earth, even though He is able to do just that. Instead, He waits on His people to pray and then pours out His power in response to those prayers.

Ezekiel 22:30 is a passage of Scripture that illustrates this principle of how the Lord works. *"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."* God uses the illustration of a walled city to demonstrate His commitment to prayer. The walls protect a city from enemy attack. But through neglect (sin), the walls can begin to crumble and a gap or opening in the wall can create a dangerous situation where the enemy can come in. God said of Israel in Ezekiel's day, that they had allowed such a situation to develop. It was going to result in the destruction of the land, unless someone stood before the Lord in the gap on behalf of the land. This is a clear picture of God's desire for us to engage in intercessory prayer.

–Taken from the article: Partnering with God in Prayer by David Butts, author of *Asleep in the Land of Nod: Thirty Days Toward Awakening the Church*

Lord, I am awed that I get to partner with You in the amazing work of Your kingdom through prayer. Please use me to be the answer to some of my prayers so that I can be Your hands and feet in a dark world! May I be continually aware of the need to stand in the gap on behalf of those who need a touch from You!

Prayer Points: Magnify the Lord and exalt his name. Give thanks for the privilege of corporate worship. Confess any irreverent use of his name or wrong use of his day. Commit yourself to worshiping in Spirit and truth. Ask for the fruit of the Spirit in your life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

–Prayer Points taken from *Patterns for Prayer* by Alvin VanderGriend

Source: www.harvestprayer.com

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: From the President

As I sit here and think back on the events that happened in 2011— meeting Pastor Mark, him asking me to help out in the Food Pantry, which led me to joining the Evangelism Committee and the UMW— I reflect on these organizations and the wonderful people I have met through them and the church.

On February 13th my husband, Bob, and I joined the church. Need I say more? I went straight to assisting where my talents led me. Then in January 2012 I became the new UMW President. I look forward to working with Pastor Mark and the committee members in meeting the church's needs. I am also actively praying for the growth of UMW. We need the help of new members, as well as young women in the church, to keep the UMW active. We have some wonderful members, but sad to say, "we are not getting any younger; we are getting wiser".

Please take the time to come to our meetings, regularly held on the second Tuesday of each month in the church library beginning at 1:30 p.m. I would love to meet and talk with all who are interested in joining UMW. God has blessed us with a wonderful church family. Please pray for the UMW, as well as the needs of our church.

God's Blessings for 2012! Phyllis A. Hoffman, UMW President



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Larisa Thomas

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Will Covington

Visitation
Robyn Brown

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

- February 6~ Church Conference
Trustees Meeting
- February 7~ SPRC Meeting
- February 9~ Steering Team Meeting
Building Committee Meeting
- February 10~ Reigning Mercy Coffeehouse: Sudlersville UMC
- February 11~ 33MILES Concert
- February 14~ United Methodist Women's Meeting
United Methodist Men's Meeting
- February 17~ Evangelism Committee Meeting
- February 18~ VIM's Pancake Breakfast
- February 19~ New Member Luncheon
- February 20~ Finance Committee Meeting
VIM Meeting
- February 23-25~ CUMC staff's: Our Haven Shelter
- February 28~ Church Council Meeting
- February 29~ Lenten Bible Study Begins

*All dates are subject to change. Please confirm with the Calendar, Church Office or Ministry Chair.

Centreville United Methodist Church strives to be a Christian Fellowship where Jesus is LORD and the Gospel is proclaimed. We welcome all who seek the love of Christ in their lives. We will nurture all through Spirit-led ministries of worship, teaching, caring and support.