



December Events!

- January 4-6—Youth Rally
- January 12th—Church Leadership Training
- January 13-27th—Sub Sale!
- January 13th—Covered dish Supper at 5:30
- January 31st—Women's Evening Out

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Pastor's Paragraphs by Rev. Wayne Grier

We stand on the threshold of a new year! It is a time to make a fresh start, a new beginning, to "turn the page" and walk into a new chapter of life. Some refer to this as "making a New Year's resolution." Perhaps it would be better to make some New Year's promises. None of us knows what 2008 holds in store for us, but we know Who holds the year, and Who holds our hand!

I want to encourage you to do some promise-making and promise-keeping in 2008. Begin with yourself. I believe the most important question you can ask yourself is this: "How is it with my soul?" Jesus once asked the question, "What will one give in exchange for his/her soul?" Your soul is your most important possession! Look after it well! We only have this lifetime to do that. After we die, after we find ourselves standing before God's judgment throne, it will then be too late to care about spiritual things. Pay attention to the spiritual things of your life this new year. Promise God, and yourself, that you will look after the well-being of your soul!

Next, take a look at your family and friends. Relationships matter! It's not the house we live in or the car we drive or the size of our bank account. It's the sharing of our lives with those we love that makes life worthwhile. From the very beginning, God intentionally put us in relationships. He put us in relationship with Himself, saying, "I am the Lord your God; you shall have no other gods before me," and He put us in relationship with one another, saying, "You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself." Having the human nature that we do, we're always looking out for ourselves, aren't we? Well, this year, make a promise to expand your sphere of concern, and keep a promise to be there for God, for your family, and for your friends!

Finally, take a look at your church. As Pastor of CUMC, I look down the membership roll and I am saddened to see that too many of our members are neglecting the church. Too many have forgotten their promise to "uphold the church" by their "prayers, presence, gifts, and service." I have noticed in more recent years that the church is fuller when there's a funeral than it is on Sunday mornings. How sad that we will fill the church to honor the dead, but fail to fill it in honor of the living God! We make too many excuses! One thing is certain: whenever we neglect the church, we're neglecting our soul, and we're neglecting our relationships with God and with one another. Won't you promise to make 2008 a year to get back to church? Begin to keep that promise by coming to worship on January 6th—and every Sunday thereafter! Blessings to you and yours for a happy and healthy 2008!

Pastoral Announcements By Rev. Wayne Grier

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.

Church Leader Training Workshops

There will be a church leadership training workshop for the Easton District on Saturday, January 12th, at Union UMC, Federalburg, from 8:30 am till noon. Five different workshops will be offered to help local church leaders. The workshops to be offered include how to be an inviting/hospitable congregation, how to plan for seasonal worship, how to design a plan of ministry for your church, the role of the church lay leader, and a workshop on stewardship. Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 2nd. If you are interested in attending one of these workshops, please contact Pastor Grier or Pat at the church office.

Prayer Opportunities

On Sunday's at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary, members of our church come together to pray for each other as well as other members of our congregation. All are welcome to join us!

In the foyer outside of Fellowship Hall, a Prayer Box is available.

There are slips of paper beside it on which you can write your prayer requests. Requests are given to the Sunday Evening Prayer Group.

Nursery Coverage for BOTH SERVICES!

Nursery attendants are now available during both the 8:45A.M. and 11:00 A.M. services. The nursery is covered by one adult and one youth. If you would like to help with the nursery, please contact Fran Comegys at 410-758-1421.

Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:15 PM. Dinner is served, followed by the meeting. All current members are highly encouraged to bring a friend!

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

New Members by Ann Harlan

MEET ONE OF OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ,

CASEY STROTMAN

Casey lives in Greensboro, MD where he loves to play guitar, keyboard, and drums. He has been teaching Martial arts at Sherman's Martial Arts. He has been taking karate for eleven years. Casey also enjoys paintball and, at 16 is a welcome addition to our church! Welcome!



We also want to welcome the Graves family and the Wood family who joined church during the Praise Service in December! We are glad you have joined us!

Volunteer's In Mission by Larisa Thomas

Food for Our Haven Shelter

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help staff the QAC Homeless Shelter. This year we will again be supplying hot meals for the Guests at dinner. At this point we will not be asking for donations for breakfast or lunch. We are looking for 1 volunteer an evening to prepare food for 10 people plus themselves. The kitchen at KIUMC will be available at 6 pm to heat or prep the food with the meal being served at 7 pm. Families and teams are welcome. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the library.

The dates for the shelter are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings of: Jan. 2-4th, Jan. 31- Feb. 2nd, Feb. 28-March 1st, and March 27-29th. For more information contact Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144.

Evangelism by Ann Harlan

WOMEN'S EVENING OUT JAN. 31

On January 31st we will have another Women's Evening Out from 6-7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will include a dinner of soup and salad, bread and dessert. Please bring your favorite soup or salad, dessert, bread, and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Ann Harlan 410-758-4349 and let her know the dish you will be bringing. Our speaker will be a friend, Christie Woodard, who took a volunteer vacation for three weeks to Peru to help the impoverished children there. Her story is incredible and worth hearing. Christie is a SIDS parent and went on her trip through Cross Cultural Solutions. We look forward to hearing her story and seeing all of you there. The evening will include fellowship, a newsletter, a door prize, prayer requests, and good food! All are welcome!

Christmas Cookie Exchange by Ann Harlan

About 12 women shared a lovely evening together for the first annual CUMC cookie exchange. It was fun to each share stories of our family cookie recipes, holiday traditions, and 12 different kinds of homemade cookies. We had refreshments and a prayer circle to end the evening. The recipes will be printed together for all to share with the hope that next year we will add more! Happy New Year!



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Centreville Youth Ministries:

By Ken Laing



Sub Sale!! Order Your Subs for Super Bowl Sunday!!!

12 inch Italian Subs loaded with meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, oil, oregano, and onions, sweet/hot peppers on the side! All of this for \$7 a sub! A great lunch or Super Bowl Party feast! Order your subs today! You can contact Katie Laing at 410-758-6939 or Richard Phillips at 410-758-2288 to order your subs. The youth will also be selling subs before and after each service during the month of January, beginning on the 13th. Last orders will be taken on January 27th. Pick up subs on February 3rd anytime from 8:30-Noon!

All proceeds assist the 2 teams of youth we are sending to ASP this coming summer during the week of June 30-July 5th! We need to raise between \$4,500-5,000 to send both teams. Please help these amazing 9 youth with their trip!

Any interested adults? We still need one female chaperone and one male chaperone to go with us on this amazing experience! Don't be scared! Sign up today!

Youth Rally Covered Dish Supper
January 13th, 2008
5:30 PM

The Whole Church is Invited to Hear about the Amazing Experiences of our 46 Youth who Attended Youth Rally on January 4-6, 2008. Please Join Us to Find Out How this Amazing Event has Touched the Lives of Our Youth! Bring a dish to share!!

Newsletter Articles:

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



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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.