

## January Events!

January 8th -

African

University Choir  
Concert

January 9-11th -

Youth Rally

January 18th -  
Youth Rally Covered  
Dish Supper

January 18th -

Fellowship

Between Services

January 18th  
through 25th -

Sub Sale

Preorders

February 1st -

Super Bowl

Sunday Sub Sale  
Pick Up

# The Messenger

Centreville United Methodist Church



January 2009

Newsletter

## Pastor's Paragraphs by Pastor Mark Farnell



Happy New Year! Can you believe it, we say goodbye to 2008 and welcome 2009. Every year at the stroke of midnight, December 31<sup>st</sup> we resolve to make positive changes in our lives. It's part of the human condition to want to improve one's self, so most of us make New Year's Resolutions. An old Mexican Proverb says: "A good resolution is like an old horse, which is often saddled but rarely ridden." We get excited about having a new start, a chance at improvement, a fresh start. I can't help but to think how well we will do this year at keeping our New Year Resolutions. Oh well, if it doesn't work out there is always next year!

Does any of your New Year's Resolutions include Jesus? What do you think the Lord's will is for you this New Year? First and foremost, be the best you can be and seize every moment; but make your relationship with Jesus the center of your life. Make your relationship with Jesus the most important part of your life. Don't get so busy that you don't spend time with the Lord. If you are too busy for Jesus then you are too busy! The Lord's will is not for our social calendar to be so crowded we don't have time for the most important thing in our lives. The Lord's will is not for our minds to be saturated with worry and stress that we forget about him. Make Jesus a priority in your life. I Corinthians 10:31 says, "*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do; do it all for the glory of God.*" You know where Jesus stands when you make a New Year's Resolution to prioritize Jesus in your life. It is my hope that your relationship with God through Jesus is your New Year's Resolution. It will affect every decision you make, how you fill your day, the relationships you have with others, and how you see yourself in this life. And when Sunday rolls around, life will not interfere with you coming to church and worshipping the King of King's and the Lord of Lord's because Jesus is life!

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Resolve to spend time with your family as well. These are precious moments, don't let them get away. Make sure that your family is high on the priority list. Spend quality time together.

Perhaps last year was particularly difficult for you or maybe you have much to thank God for! My prayer is that in 2009 we center our lives on Jesus and we make the most of new beginnings. This could be the best year yet!!!! Happy New Year!!

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## Guess Who!!! By Pastor Mark

Last month's mystery person was Henry Covington!

This month's mystery person loves hanging out with her church friends. She makes sure that her room is clean so that she can come to MYF every Sunday night. Every summer, she spends at least one week at Camp Pecometh, and she looks forward to working there when she is old enough. She loves to play soccer and she plays softball in the spring. She owns a collection of NOOMA Videos, and she has a younger brother and sister. She has also recently joined the Youth Praise Band.

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## ***Evangelism* by Ann Harlan**

Evangelism is a noun that means "the preaching of the gospel"

## **Refreshing Spring Ladies Retreat**

March 6-8,2009 at Osprey Point there will be a weekend of praise, worship, speakers, workshops, fellowship with new friends, food for the soul and body, messages, music, and communion. This will be a weekend to get away and reconnect with the Lord. Contact Info: Irene Wheatley, 410-228-6353 to register.



## AFRICA UNIVERSITY CHOIR WINTER TOUR

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CENTREVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
THURSDAY JANUARY 8, 2009 7PM



**"A UNITED METHODIST RELATED INSTITUTION"**

IN ADDITION TO THIS CONCERT PLEASE PARTNER WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY AND HELP SPONSOR THE AFRICA UNIVERSITY CHOIR WINTER TOUR AT THIS YEAR'S YOUTH RALLY ON JANUARY 9-11 IN OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND!!

LEAD SPONSOR: \$1,000 SPONSOR: \$500

PARTNER: ANY AMOUNT

Make Checks Payable to Peninsula Delaware Conference

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 410-758-0868  
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## **Evangelism Continued by Ann Harlan**

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You are Invited to Attend our 50th Anniversary Celebration!

on

March 22nd at 2:30pm

in the

CUMC Sanctuary

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall!

Join us as we welcome our Bishop, Superintendant, and many former pastors. Hear the choir help us celebrate, see the photo memorabilia and video testimonials of the history of our church.

Note: Anyone interested in contributing pictures, testimonials, or help with the celebration please contact Ann Harlan 410-758-4349.

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### **Bear Ministry**

Our Bear Ministry has taken off wonderfully! Thank you to everyone who has donated a bear to the project. Lots of Bears have gone out and we are happy to continue the ministry. If you would like to contribute a bear, please make sure it is clean and in good condition. You may place it in the room across from the library. It is nice to have bears since it is a Bear hug we are giving with the nice cuddly stuffed bear. Please feel free to take a bear to someone who needs the love and prayers we share.

## Prayer Notes and Thoughts by Bonnie English

First of all, we want to wish everyone a happy, blessed, healthy New Year!

### **The Armor of God:**

How many of us daily put on the spiritual armor God has made available to us? It's a simple prayer that we are commanded to put on....even our children and youth need to learn this principle....see Ephesians 6:10-18.

Why is this so important? It not only gives us the armor to stand and fight against our spiritual enemies - Satan and his demonic host, but most importantly **we are literally putting on Christ!**

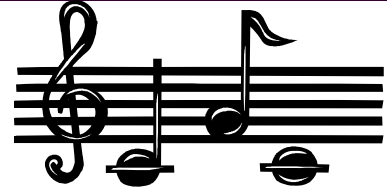
So, as we daily ask for forgiveness of sins, (some like to pray the Lord's Prayer before their feet hit the bedroom floor), we can then put on the armor of God, Christ, Himself, and know that we are ready to meet the day victoriously-ready to take on what the world dishes out! What a witness and mostly, what a truly awesome, all providing God Who loves us so much!

Next month, we'll discuss ways to pray to control the unwanted thoughts that come into our minds and how to say a very simple, but powerful way to silently or verbally, (as the Lord leads), prayer for those we don't know...like people on the highways, in the market places, in other countries, etc.

And remember, all are welcome to come and join us in prayer each Monday evening from 7-8 pm in the Pentecostal (Red) Sunday School Room! If you are unable to come, if you wish, you may pray at home (with us in Spirit) as we pray for our Lord's mercy, love, grace and unity to touch us and our community and also those you know who are ill or need a special touch from the Lord. We would also like you to fill out the little paper "praying hands" at the Praise service with prayer requests that are prayed over each Monday and throughout the week; there are the green prayer cards located in the pews at the Traditional service that Pastor Mark prays over and don't forget our newest Computer Prayer Link located on the Church's website.

'Till next month, God bless you all!

## Music Notes by Nancy Cook



Speak To One Another With Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs.

Ephesians 5:19

What a wonderful September beginning as all our musical ministries groups are singing, playing, and ringing the glorious sounds of our faith!

You are invited to join one or several of the following opportunities for making music:

WENDESDBAYS - 6:30 PM - Cherub Choir - Ages 2 through Grade 1  
6:30 PM - Youth Choir - Grades 2 through Grades 8  
7:00 PM - Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAYS - 5:30 PM - Beginner Bells - Grades 3 through Adult  
(No experience required)  
6:00 PM - Tintinnabulators - Grades 3 through Adult  
(Music Reading Required)  
6:45 PM - Joy Bells - Experienced Bell Ringers  
(All bell positions are filled at this time)  
\* 7:50 PM - Adult Choir - High School Juniors through age 90

SUNDAYS - 4:00 PM - Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

\* A Special Note: The Adult Choir is seeking persons who have sung in high school or college. NO MUSIC READING IS REQUIRED, just a love of singing and of serving the Lord.

### Organ Fund

Contributions are still needed and appreciated towards the re-leathering of our organ in the Sanctuary.



By Ken Laing

**Youth Rally 2009  
January 9-11th  
Ocean City**

**What a wonderful situation we have found ourselves in! We are taking 56...yes, 56... youth from grades 6-12 to the Youth Rally on January 9th. We greatly appreciate everyone's help with the fundraising efforts to assist us in taking all of these youth with us this January.**

**For those attending the trip, please remember that we will be leaving at 4:15 PM on Friday, January 9th. If your parents have not attended a parent meeting, please have them call me at 410-758-6939. We need to complete some paperwork.**

**We are still waiting on medical forms to arrive from the conference, but we will get them out to you as soon as possible.**

**On Sunday, January 18th, we will not have our regular 5:30 and 6:30 meeting times; instead, we will have a covered dish supper to celebrate and share our experiences from the Youth Rally with your families. We hope that all parents and family members will attend the Covered Dish supper at 5:30 PM!**

**For the Dinner, please follow the following by last name:**

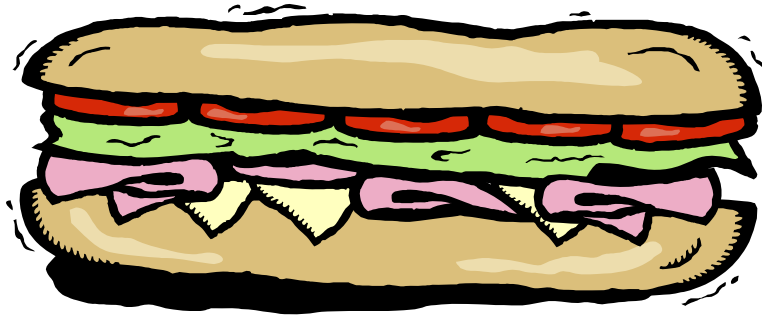
**A-O: Main and/or Side Dish**

**P-S: Dessert**

**T-Z: Drinks**

# Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale

February 1st!



**12 Inch Italian Subs made with  
meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, oil, oregano!  
Onions and hot/sweet Peppers on the side!**

**Preorder subs on January 18th and 25th before/after services and  
Sunday School. You can also call Katie and Ken Laing at  
410-758-6939 to place your order.**

**Preorder by January 25th to Guarantee A Delicious, Tasty Treat  
During the Game!**

**All Subs are \$8 each and can be picked up at the church on  
February 1st before, during, and after both services. All subs must  
be picked up by 12:30 PM!**

**Proceeds Benefit the Youth Mission Trip To ASP in July**

Subs that have not been paid for prior to **February 1st** are not guaranteed to be set aside. We don't want to be left with leftovers! Thank you!

## Youth Mission Trip Planning Begins by Katie Laing

All Youth that will be 14 before the end of June are invited to complete an application for this Summer's Youth Mission Trip to the Appalachian Service Project.

At this time, the only thing we know for sure is that we will be leaving on June 27th and returning on July 5th. (At this time, we have added a day at the beginning of the week and at the end of the week to allow travel time because we do not know what state or how far God will be sending us.)

Last year we had 20 youth from our church attend this amazing week, and everyone agreed that it was an awesome experience that others should truly get to experience. During this week, we face many challenges, live in conditions that are not ideal, but we help families whose lives we can't even imagine. The work could be anything from replacing floors, digging trenches, to scraping off or replacing shingles on a roof.

We have scheduled to take 6 groups with us this year—that's a total of 30 youth and 12 adults. We are still waiting for applications to be turned in, so if you are interested, please let us know so that we can get you set up for trip preparation meetings. This year, we will have three meetings, as well as several fundraisers. If we take all 6 teams, our estimated costs will be about \$15,000 for the trip. Fundraising is necessary to help meet these costs.

If you are an adult that is interested in being a chaperone, please contact Katie and Ken Laing at 410-758-6939. We will need a total of 6 males and 6 female chaperones. Chaperones will need to drive their own vehicle to our destination.

If you are a youth, please let us know of your interest ASAP! Applications **WERE** due on December 21st, and a \$100 deposit is due on January 18th. This trip takes lots of planning, so the sooner you can let us know, the better!

And to the rest of the church family, please keep us in your prayers as we prepare—Prayers for preparation, prayers for safety, and prayers for the ability to share God's love.



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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](http://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 January 18th!