



THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church July 2006

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Pastor Grier

This past Sunday, June 25th, a Church Conference was held at Centreville United Methodist Church. Church Conferences are mandated by the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church whenever a major building project is considered by a congregation. The Church Conference allows maximum participation by the membership of the local church so that everyone has the opportunity to be informed and to vote for or against a project. This process is intended to prevent just a handful of people in a local church from embarking on a building or other costly project without the whole congregation knowing what is happening. A letter went out from the church office informing the membership of this special conference and inviting the membership to attend. The purpose of the Church Conference was to hear from the Building Committee about the preliminary architectural plans, the preliminary cost estimate, the preliminary financial plan, and the Building Committee's recommendation.

The members present and voting at the Church Conference this past Sunday approved the Building Committee's recommendation to construct five new classrooms, two new bathrooms, and renovations to the church kitchen, and to secure a fifteen year mortgage to fund the project. The vote was an overwhelming 95% approval. As Pastor, I was pleased with the vote, which affirmed the Building and Finance Committees' work, and the congregation's willingness to move ahead with the project. However, my joy is somewhat tempered. Three and a half years ago when the project was first considered, there were 136 members who voted. This past Sunday there were 82 members who voted. Clearly, there ought to be more interest by the membership of the church in what's going on!

Clearly, there needs to be more financial support by the membership of the church for what's going on! In order for the church to secure the amount of

mortgage needed, an additional \$8,600/year intentions are needed. For those who have already made financial commitments, "Thank you!" For those who haven't, won't you please consider doing so? Your church is always here for you! Now is the time for you to be there for your church!

Summer Bible Study

During the coming months of July and August, there will be a Wednesday morning Bible study at the church, beginning at 9:30 a.m. This study will be primarily led by the Pastor, but others may be involved from time to time. The Bible study will center around the theme, "Psalms for the Summer." This time of study and fellowship is open to all, and dress is casual. Come as often as you can and be centered in God's holy Word!

Youth Ministries Summer Day Trips

Katie Laing

Chaperones and Drivers Are Needed!!!!

Even if you do not have Youth involved in the programs, we would love to have you come along. If anyone is interested in Chaperoning/Driving for either of the following trips, please call Katie Laing at 410-758-6939.

Kings Dominion – Wednesday, July 12th

Leaving Church at 8:00 AM
Park is Open from 10:30 AM – 9:00 PM
Water Park Opens at Noon
A Minimum of 15 People are Required to Receive the Group Discount
Cost With Group: \$16.00 Per Person
Lunch Included

Anyone Attending Will Need To Bring Their Own Money for Games, Extra Snacks, and Shopping

White Water Rafting, Harpers Ferry, WV

Wednesday, August 2nd

Leaving Church at 6:00 AM

We will probably raft in the morning, and lunch is included

We will tour Harpers Ferry in the afternoon

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Anyone Attending Will Need To Bring

Their Own Money for Extra Snacks,

Harpers Ferry Attractions, and Shopping

CUMC Crop Nights!

Sharon Murdoch and Katie Laing will continue hosting Crop Nights. Crop Nights run from 6:00-11:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring a scrapbook or a stamping project– or any project - you would like to work on!

Friday, July 21st

Friday, September 22nd

The cost is \$5 per person, and the money goes towards the building fund. Come on out and bring a friend!

Camp Pecometh 60th Anniversary and Archives

Camp Pecometh is celebrating its 60th year of camping in our conference. July 14th-16th marks the official celebration. If you are interested in learning more about the anniversary, check out the web at www.pecometh.org, or call camp at 410-556-6900.

Katie Laing is in charge of organizing scrapbooks and memorabilia for Camp Pecometh's archives. If you have pictures from when you worked there or from when you were a camper, Pecometh would love to get a copy made! Also, if you have arts and crafts projects or t-shirts that we could borrow for display during the weekend, it would be greatly

appreciated! We are also looking for memories! If you have a special memory about Camp Pecometh that you would be willing to share, please contact Katie Laing: 410-758-6939.

Bridging the Gap Young Adult Event for 2007

If you are somewhere out of high school but not yet 30, you may ask yourself, what does the Peninsula Delaware Conference have for me? Up until now, there seems to have been very little! We all attend the Youth Rally, but after we graduate High School, there just doesn't seem to be anything. However, there is a group of people in the conference that know this is a problem, and we are working to solve it!

All Young Adults: Mark your calendar for July 1-2nd, 2007!! Young People's Ministry will be sponsoring an event for those of us 18 and up, and the event will be held at Camp Pecometh. The weekend is in its beginning stages of development, and more information will be coming in the fall.

If you are interested in helping plan and run the event, contact Katie Laing at 410-758-6939 to find out about the next planning meeting.

EVANGELISM/ OUTREACH

Ann Harlan

Summer is really here and what a great time for relaxing and for a less stressful routine. This season is a good time for getting together with friends and family. It would be nice to invite someone new in your neighborhood to come with you to church. We will be having our church picnic on July 30th at Camp Pecometh. What a perfect opportunity to invite someone to come with you to share the fun and fellowship.

Kind thoughts make kind words. Kind words make friends. " The words of a good person give life, like a fountain of water." Proverbs 10:11. I am still trying to get pictures and information about our new members. If you have joined the church in the last two years, please get a picture to me of your family and We will have our second banner bee at 10am on Thursday, July 13th in the fellowship hall of the church. Please come to help glue and cut out shapes for the new fall banners. It is a nice time for friendship and creativity. I will provide refreshments and all the materials. If you have good cloth scissors to bring, that would be helpful. Let me know if you have questions and if you can attend, Ann Harlan 410-758-4349.

some information about yourselves to use for a bulletin board. I can take a picture if you do not have one. Please contact me at 410-758-4349. Have a blessed month.

BANNER BEE JULY 13

Women's Morning Out

Women's Morning Out Thursday June 29th
10am-11:30am This month the Women's Morning Out will feature Peggy Jaegly playing and discussing her healing harp. It will be a very wonderfully moving program. We will have a time of fellowship and sharing, a door prize, and refreshments. Child care will be provided. Please come and bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you!

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