

July Events!

July 5-10th

VBS from 6-8:30

July 5th

Food Pantry:
Meat, Fish, and
Grain Day

July 8th

Senior Singles
Lunch at 11:30

July 12th

Food Pantry:
Canned Vegeta-
bles

July 19th

Food Pantry:
Canned Fruit

July 26th

Food Pantry:
Household Items

The Messenger



July 2009

Newsletter

Reverend's Remarks by Pastor Mark Farnell



Soon we will be celebrating the 4th of July. Independence Day means many things. Many of our towns on the eastern shore and throughout the state have parades to commemorate our independence. Backyard celebrations are shared alike with family and friends, waiting for the sun to go down so the fireworks can begin. During this time, we should all take a moment and give thanks for our liberties and freedom. Our nation's birthday is a celebration of freedom. The United States of America celebrates the gift of freedom because of the price paid by those who have gone ahead of us. Although valuable, freedom is far from free. As a matter of fact it is expensive. It has cost some people everything, including their lives. The Puritans gave their reasons for coming to America: *"Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, to advance the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the gospel in liberty and peace."*

As Christians we celebrate another freedom; freedom from sin because of the price paid by Jesus Christ on the cross. No longer do the chains of sin or the bonds of death have reign over us. We have been set free, *"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed"* John 8: 36. Jesus bled and died; paying our debt so we can be free from the ultimate consequence of sin. Jesus has rescued us from the grips of darkness and brought us to the Kingdom. We can live in assurance that we are greatly loved by God. *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery"* Galatians 5:1.

So, as we celebrate Independence Day let us not only remember the countless sacrifices made by men and women for our freedom but let us be grateful for being set free by Jesus Christ. Have a safe and fun 4th of July!!!!

HELP WANTED:

Opportunities Available: **Bear Assistants:** prepare bears for service in Bear Ministry
Altar Committee: prepare altars for Sunday services and communion
Altar Flowers: provide altar flowers to honor loved ones or special occasions

Qualifications: Willing to help others
Interest in enhancing the worship services
Desire to honor loved ones
Work well with others or alone

Liberal Fringe Benefits: Work in peaceful, reverent environment
Flexible hours
Much job satisfaction
No previous experience required
On-the-job training provided as needed

Compensation: Immeasurable

Availability: Immediately

Contact: Bear Ministry: Ann Harlan: 410-758-4349; Ruth Ann Walls: 410-827-4588
Altar Committee and Flowers: Stacey Strotman: 410-482-2279;
Ruth Ann Walls, 410-827-4588

Guess Who!!!

Last month's mystery person was Dan Tabler!

We would like for folks to write a mini-biography of themselves and place it in the Newsletter Mailbox in the Church Library so that we can have several folks to choose from for our "Guess Who?" section of the newsletter. Thanks for your help!

***Evangelism* by Ann Harlan**

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

Senior Singles Lunch Bunch July 8th 11th

We invite you to come to join our newly forming group to share fellowship and lunch. Please bring your own lunch and a friend to join us for a time to get acquainted and share lunch together. The group would like to plan other events and times also, so please come to help us get this group going well! Contact the church office at 410-758-4349 for more information.

Give a Bear Hug!

Please feel free to take a bear to someone you feel needs an extra hug and some love and prayers from us. The bears are in the room near the library or can be found around the church. We always appreciate bear donations. Please make sure the bears are clean and well cared for before you donate one to our Bear Outreach. Thanks!!!

CUMC at the Fair

This year CUMC will again have a booth at the County Fair in August. Our table will be under the picnic pavilion. There will be sign up sheets available soon for anyone to donate an hour or two of time between 4pm and 8pm during the Fair week to help man our booth and spread the Word to the community. The more we have helping the fewer hours we will each need to give. What a great way to tell everyone of the exciting things happening at the "church on the hill."

Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

July will find us refreshing our food pantry supplies. We are asking for donations each week of the month in the following categories:

July 5th - Meat, fish and grain items (tuna, rice, cereal)

July 12th - Vegetables (canned)

July 19th - Fruit (canned)

July 26th - Household items (cleaning supplies, paper products)

All canned items must be free of dents and current in expiration date. Containers will be located by the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your help in the worthwhile cause that the church supports.

News from Hospice of Queen Anne's County

Hospice of Queen Anne's is offering its fifteenth annual **Camp New Dawn** for children and teens. When a child loses a loved one, who do they turn to? What feelings go through their young minds? What can we do to help them in their grieving process? The goal of our annual bereavement camp is to give area children an enjoyable, accepting and supportive environment in which they can freely express their feelings about the loss of a loved one.

Under the guidance of professional bereavement staff, campers have the opportunity to meet with other children who have experienced similar losses, and to engage in activities involving art, music and recreation through which they can explore their grief. Support groups are also a part of the day camp, enabling the children to explore their grief.

Camp New Dawn is available to any child between the ages of 4 and 18 who lives in Queen Anne's County and is experiencing normal grief following the death of a primary family member. The overnight camp (for ages 7-18) will be held at Camp Pe-cometh near Centreville Monday, August 17-Wednesday, August 19. We also offer a day camp for children who are between 4 & 6 years old. This will be held from 9:30am-4:30pm on Tuesday, August 18 and will include swimming, lunch, and age-appropriate teaching and activities about grief. Often, kids feel the need to appear strong to maintain order in their lives. They don't wish to burden those they love who are also grieving. Our camp will give them the opportunity to share with other kids who have also lost someone loved, and to learn more about how to handle the difficult emotions of grief. They can learn these things in a FUN way within a loving, caring atmosphere, in a carefree camp setting.

We need buddies who will commit themselves to making a difference in the life of a child who has lost a loved one. It is a rewarding experience and we would appreciate any time and/or support that you could devote to our event. Please let me know if you are interested in being a part of our special camp. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Vacation Bible School
July 5-10th from 6:00-8:30 PM



Come join us on a trip to the Bayou July 5th to July 10th from 6:00-8:30 PM. We'll sink our teeth into **BIG** fun! Crocodile Dock is filled with incredible Bible learning that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste. Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the Crocodile Dock activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see God in everyday life – something we call **God Sightings**. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! At Crocodile Dock fearless kids shine God's Light!

Sign up today or just walk in! The forms are online at www.centreville-umc.com or stop by the church office. The forms are all there! You can fax them to (866) 898-6748 or email Larisa. If you signed up by 7/1, you can pick-up your name tags July 5th between the church services. We would love to have as many students pre-register as possible to speed up the registration process.

If you have signed up to donate supplies, please turn in **ASAP** to the Music Room off the Library. Thank you for your generosity and time for helping with this outreach. We will be helping over 100 kids learn to see God in their everyday life.

If you have signed up to help, please arrive by 5:30! Any questions can be directed at Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144, or email Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com.

Centreville United Methodist Church

Do you want to become a member of the church?
Have you been praying about joining this exciting and ever increasing ministry?
Are you new to the area and want to transfer your membership?



If the answer is “Yes”, go to our website and download a membership form. Complete the form and drop it off at the church office.
Membership classes begin Sunday September 20th.
The class will take place between our worship services.

For more information or questions please feel free to contact
Pastor Mark: 410-758-0868, or email Mark.Farnell@centreville-umc.com

Our Haven Homeless Shelter Sponsors 5K Walk for the Homeless!

On September 12th, Our Haven Homeless Shelter will be holding its first 5K Run/Walk to raise money for the shelter. Please find the registration form on the next page. More information can be found at <http://www.run4shelter.net>.



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Sunday Church Schedule

Summer Schedule

8:45 AM-Praise Service with Nursery Available

10:00 AM—Traditional Service with Nursery Available

No Sunday School or Youth Group for Children

Calendar available online at www.centreville-umc.com.