



# THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church June 2006

## **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS**

*Pastor Grier*

Parents know that whenever traveling with children the one question they can always count on hearing is, "Are we there yet?" Those of us who are parents know that if we had received a dollar every time one of our children asked us that question we would have enough money to put them through college. As parents, the answers we give to that question vary: "No, not yet."; "We're getting close."; "Just be patient."; "Almost." Such answers satisfy children, for a little while, but invariably they will ask again and again, "Are we there yet?"

It's an interesting question- - "Are we there yet?" It can apply to a number of situations, not just to children riding in a car to some destination. It can apply to Centreville United Methodist Church right now. Over three and a half years ago, the congregation voted to pursue a building program to add classroom/meeting space. For three long years members and friends of the congregation committed to a Building Fund, many sacrificially, to raise \$600,000. Many times during those three years the question was asked, "Are we there yet?" Well, after three long years, we've gotten there, praise God! The first stage of the journey is completed.

Now the congregation is being asked to continue on the second stage of the journey, making commitments to cover the cost of a mortgage. Again, God be praised, a number of members and friends have made such commitments. But, "Are we there yet?" The answer is "No." The number of commitments made to the Mortgage Fund so far, while encouraging, is still insufficient to meet the amount needed to build the intended addition. The

Building Committee is committed to building additional classroom space. The Committee hopes to build eight classrooms, but the fact is that we, the members and friends of Centreville United Methodist Church, will determine how much additional space is built. It would be in the best interests of the church if all eight rooms can be built, however, it may be that only five additional rooms can be built.

As your Pastor, I invite you to continue to be in much prayer over our building program. I invite you to make a commitment to the Mortgage Fund, if you haven't already done so. We have come thus far by faith, commitment, and sacrifice, but we're not all the way there yet. The Apostle Paul might tell us, "The race isn't over yet; keep at it till the race is won." "Are we there yet?" No. "Will we get there?" Yes, by the grace and goodness of God!

## **Pastor's Adult VBS Class**

A new addition to Vacation Bible School this year will be a class for adults. Why should the children have all the fun? The adult class certainly won't be making craft items, and there will not be outside fun and games to play, but there will be refreshments and plenty of interesting things to talk about. Pastor Grier will lead this adult class, and the topic will be "The DaVinci Code." So plan now to come to VBS beginning Sunday evening, June 25<sup>th</sup>, bringing your questions and concerns about this captivating book and movie. Dress is casual.

## **EVANGELISM/ OUTREACH**

*Ann Harlan*

We are spreading the news about Centreville United Methodist Church more and more. We have given many Welcome Packets and

brochures to visitors. Our brochures are in the Centreville Library now and if anyone has an idea of other places to put them, please let me

know. I see so many of us reaching out to visitors making our church welcoming. Thank you all for your help. I am hoping to have a church picnic sometime this summer so watch for a date. It would be nice to have a time to socialize and interact with games and good food. We will also have another Banner Bee to create banners for the fall and Christmas season. I will announce the dates soon. Our first Women's Morning Out was a wonderful success. About 20 women came and we had lots of fun and learned more about one another, shared the fun of flower arranging, and had delicious refreshments. Any woman is invited to this monthly event so please ask a friend or neighbor to join you. I would like to share with you the following from the Family Book of Prayers: "The Miracle of Prayer" God gave us sunshine, birds and trees, the star-filled sky above. He gave us beauty, flowers and friends, and special folks to love. And then because each life would bring its share of stress and care, He gave to us a wondrous gift -- The miracle of prayer.

### **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!

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

*Barbara Erickson*

Did you enjoy our "Gifts & Goodies" table at the VIM Breakfast? Our Chicken Salad lunch sponsored by the Scholarship Committee? (Three scholarships awarded this year)!

We do not stop in the summer....we have bibs and bags cut and ready for assembly if you would like to work at home, or come see us in the nursery where we will be sewing this summer.

For the fall we may have a few changes to share with you..... The Bazaar may have a new look.....Demonstrations of Cider Pressing, maybe a "Pumpkin Patch", Quilting demo; our cookbook

will be available and perhaps sample recipes for your tasting?????

We also plan to have a Crab Feast, and Children's Christmas Shopping.

Of course we will continue to serve our meals to the UMM and Lions Club (if you are willing to help with this please call Connie Wilson). We also serve a Sorority Lunch and lunches for Retired Teachers of Q.A. County.

Keep your eyes and ears open for a SPECIAL TEA PARTY...

A very **special thank** you to all who submitted recipes for the UMW cookbook. Our cookbook is now in the process of being published and will be available in the coming months. Keep an eye out for the announcement.

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE**

*Barry Ebersole*

Members from the Building Committee, the Finance Committee and Jo Anne Baker from Torchio Architects met with the District Board of Church Location and Building on Thursday, May 18, 2006 to present the building plan and financial plan for our proposed educational addition. At that meeting we showed the Board the eight (8) classroom addition that we had presented to the Congregation in 2002 before the initial fundraising campaign began and again in 2005 and 2006, when the Finance Committee began the campaign to raise pledges for the Mortgage Fund. The current cost estimate for the eight-classroom addition is \$1,600,000. We also showed the Board how the eight-classroom addition can be constructed as a five (5) classroom addition now and three (3) classrooms added in the future. The current cost estimate for the five-classroom addition is \$1,334,000. We showed the Board how we are prepared to pay for the addition. The Board approved our efforts to date and gave us the permission to hold a congregational meeting in late June 2006 to vote upon proceeding forward with our proposed educational addition. The Finance Committee is still trying to gather more pledges for the Mortgage Fund. With the pledges that have been received to date we can build only five classrooms now. This is less than what the Church needs to have an effective educational program and meet our

other out-reach needs. The needs survey that was completed in 2002 showed the need for eight new classrooms and our needs have not diminished in the last four years. The needs have only increased as our ministries have added more people to our congregation.

The Building Committee will be meeting over the next couple of months to finalize the building plans. We have some decisions to make regarding building components. We promise you that we will use your dollars wisely to build as many classrooms as possible now.

If the congregation gives the Building Committee the permission to move forward, preparatory operations to get ready for construction will begin in the last week of August or the first week of September. Groundbreaking will take place in late September or early October. Our hope is the have the new addition ready for occupancy by Labor Day 2007.

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

*Ed Parry*

Thanks to everyone who bought, and everyone who helped, the Spring Chicken BBQ of the Methodist Men was a huge success; so much so that at the May dinner meeting, it was agreed to give \$3,000 to the church's building fund.

Be sure to look for the fall BBQ which will be coming up in October. There will be announcements and ticket information before that time.

As has become a tradition, the Methodist Men honored our graduating seniors in high school at the May meeting, and the Methodist Women's group awarded college scholarship money to three of the seniors at that time. Honored at dinner were Nicole Strotman, Matthew Mackenzie, Trevor Walls and Ellen Anthony. Nicole is going into business with her mother, she told the audience while the three other seniors are going on to college and were presented scholarships by Connie Wilson of the women's group. It was for \$750 each, and was gratefully accepted by each one. Matthew is going to attend Jacksonville State University in Florida; Trevor is going to West Virginia University and Ellen will be attending Chesapeake College.

Congregational giving is going to tell the Building Committee how many classrooms to build in 2006. Please give, as you are lead keeping in mind the needs of the congregation.

The Methodist Men salute all the graduating seniors and wish them well in the future.

## **The Messenger...It's YOUR Church Newsletter!**

### **How Can We Make It Better for YOU?**

If you have not yet responded, please take two minutes to complete this quick survey and return it to: J.Hartless, 151 McKenney La; Centreville, MD 21617 Thank you!!!

### **The Top Three Things I Look For in the Newsletter (check three):**

- Upcoming Opportunities (Choir Membership, Missions, Evangelism)
- Upcoming Events (Bible School, Concerts, etc)
- Rehearsal Schedules
- News from Recent Past Events
- News on the Next Sermon Series
- Spiritual Messages

### **I'd LIKE to See (check as many as apply):**

- Large Print Version (Larger font)
  - Sections by Opportunity
  - Sections Linked to Spiritual Gifts Assessment
  - Contact Information (for Website, Committees, Sunday School, etc)
  - More Interesting Paper and/or Color
  - Clip Art/Pictures
  - Calendar for the Upcoming Month with events listed for each day
  - Spiritual Message from the Pastor
  - Meet Your Members section featuring a member or members each month
- Other Ideas:

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 25-29, 2006**

**6:00-8:30 pm**

Larisa Thomas has decided to undertake this adventure.....Please help! If you are willing and able to help in any capacity, please call Larisa at 410-758-2144 as soon as possible.

**Pre-registration is suggested and forms are available in the church office.**

## COMING EVENTS

June 4	Confirmation
June 11	Summer Schedule Begins
June 19	Blood Bank
June 23	Crop Night
June 25	VBS

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

*Jim Foreman*

Information is Year to Date, April 30, 2006

### **Assets:**

<b>General Checking:</b>	<b>\$ 3,936.28</b>
<b>Savings Accounts:</b>	<b>\$45,109.55</b>
<b>Building Fund-Cash:</b>	<b>\$546,013.93</b>
<b>Building Mortgage Fund</b>	<b>\$10,955.00</b>
<b>Endowment:</b>	<b>\$12,050.39</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$618,13315</b>

### **Revenues \$95,085.00**

- Plate, Pledges & Freewill are \$3,779.68 above intentions(\$246.61 more than last month)
- Easter giving was \$934.00 and \$65.96 below budget
- Plate, Pledges & Freewill are \$12,370.65 lower than budget

### **Expenses; \$98,993.27**

- Expenses are \$1,748.65 below budget

### **Capital Fund Revenues \$6,278.00**

- Income is \$826.00 above intentions.

### **Capital Expenses \$2,872.76**

### **Building Fund \$43,559.00**

### **Operating Budget Reserves**

Cash flow required \$1870.65 from reserves.

### **Building Fund Summary**

Building Fund Total 611,600.33

Building Fund Spent to date  
\$65,586.40

Cash Balance

\$546,013.93

### **Building Mortgage Fund**

Budgeted Intentions(ANNUAL) \$59,793.00

Budgeted Intentions to date  
\$2,296.00

Actual intentions Received \$10,955.00

### **Building Fund-New Mortgage Intentions Update**

Thirty seven intentions were received totaling \$59,793 per year.

The bank has told us that with the current balance on hand in the Building Fund accounts and the \$59,793 per year intentions to the project, the Church should qualify for financing up to an amount that can be amortized up to 25 years.

The \$59,793 per year can finance mortgages with 3 different repayment terms as follows:

Repayment Term	Amt. Financed	Ann. Payment
15 years	\$500,000	\$59,316
20 years	\$640,000	\$59,554
25 years	\$700,000	\$59,376

The Building Committee has revised the construction plan into two phase options. Phase 1 is the original plan; a revised plan (Phase 1R) was done to get costs closer to the intentions received to date. See the following details.

#### Cost Mortgage

Phase 1. As originally planned (8 classrooms)  
Phase 1R- 5 classrooms and deletions to  
Phase 1 above.

\$ 1,333,768 \$722,168

1. DELETIONS from Phase 1: 3 classrooms, sprinkler system, Kitchen Renovations ( to be completed with Church-self help), new 6 inch water line

This project will definitely be defined by our congregations giving intentions. The Finance Committee plans to submit invitations to congregational members who have financial statements provided to them by the church and who have not presently given intentions for the Building Mortgage Fund. These invitations will be sent in the upcoming weeks.

Please prayerfully consider making an intention for our Mortgage Fund when or even before your invitation arrives.



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