

June Events!

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Workshop and
Coffee

Chicken Salad Sale

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Graduates

June 27-July 5th

Youth Missions Trip

The Messenger

Centreville United Methodist Church



June 2009

Newsletter

Reverend's Remarks by Pastor Mark Farnell



Summer time generates so many wonderful memories. For me, those hot days of summer meant lots of swimming and fishing in the Choptank river, going to the movies and being allowed to stay up late. Summer time meant going to the local Dairy Queen eating out of your car and watching the cars go up and down Route 50. To earn extra money, I would help my brother with his grass cutting business. We were busy going from one house to the another manicuring lawns and cleaning up from those summer thunderstorms. I can also remember that summer time meant going to the beach in Ocean City. Growing up in Cambridge, Md not far from the beach, it was common practice to go to Ocean City after dinner for desert. We would walk up and down the boardwalk enjoying our treasured delights, weaving in and out of the people, and letting the sands of the beach move through our toes as we watched the sunset over the horizon.

In the summer time our family would take long vacations. For us it meant there were no worries, no stress, and as a family we were together. Vacation is indeed a time of rest and relaxation. It is not only something to look forward to but it is essential to our well being.

Jesus said, *"Let's get away from the crowds for a while and rest"* (Mark 6:31). If we are going to be effective, rest is imperative. Jesus understood this principal. In order to rest and relax Jesus would make a point to get away with the disciples, and be by himself when needed. Jesus is setting an example for us. We need time to rest and rejuvenate ourselves as a means to recharge our spiritual, physical, and emotional batteries. God designed us to need rest at every level of life. Personally I still struggle with this issue of resting and finding solitude, but when I do settle down I am energized to do the things of God, family, and church. May the summer months ahead bring you some much needed rest and relaxation.

"Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you"
(Psalm 116:7).

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: Stacy Strotman: 410-482-2279;
Ruth Ann Walls, 410-827-4588

Guess Who!!!

Last month's mystery person was Brenda Abel!

This month's mystery person was born in West Virginia, and he moved to the shore when he was 10. He graduated from Centreville High School, and entered the Public Relations Department of the Army. After his service, he settled in Centreville where he and his lovely wife raised two daughters. He is an active member of the Lions Club, Legion, Masonic Lodge, and a 64 year member of the fire company. Can you guess who this is?

Evangelism by Ann Harlan

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

Senior Singles Lunch Bunch June 3

Come and join our group on Wednesday June 3 at 11:30am in the Library or one of the Sunday School rooms. Bring your own lunch and a humorous story to share. We will have prayer and fellowship as we enjoy our lunch together and share time and friendship. Please come and bring a friend. For more information and to RSVP please call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349.

Workshop and Coffee June 11th

On June 11th I am holding a workshop at my home 515 White Marsh Rd. to work on the orders for the wooden church cut outs. It should be fun and an easy way to help raise money for our new backpack outreach program. We will share coffee and goodies as we work. Please call me to RSVP at 410-758-4349 Ann Harlan.

Prayer for the Graduates of 2009

June 21st, 2009

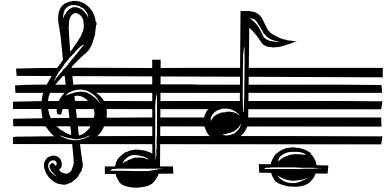
Both Services

Prayer will be given for all High School, College, Graduate, and Doctoral Graduate Students

Camp Pecometh Nurses Needed

One of the great things about Camp Pecometh is that we have two Registered Nurses on site during our summer program. However, this year, we still have some holes in our schedule and are looking for RN's who are willing to volunteer for a week. Volunteer nurses agree to serve from Sunday to Friday and stay on site. We provide lodging, food and \$369 towards a week of camp. This is a great way to help us run a great program, plus send a kid to camp (perhaps your own). If you're an RN, or know somebody who is, please contact Richelle Darrell, Summer Camp Director, at (410) 556-6900 x103 or richelle@pecometh.org.

Music Notes by Nancy Cook



AS THE CHANCEL, CAROL AND CHERUB CHOIRS AND THE HANDBELL CHOIRS BEGIN A SEASON OF REST AND PREPARATION FOR THE MUSICAL SEASON BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE MANY PARTICIPANTS IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY OF CENTREVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THEIR DEDICATION AND TALENT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED (AND SOMETIMES TAKEN FOR GRANTED.)

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

BOB WILLIAMS, BARBARA MEEKS, BONNIE EVERHART, MARGIE BOOZE, SUSAN MURDOCH, EMILY PARRY, ROBBIN TWILLEY, MARIE LANGE, MARLANA ARMSTRONG, RUTH ANN WALLS, SANDY ANTHONY, RONALD WOLFE, ROBERT LEADBEATER, DANIEL MEEKS, JANE YOUNG, BETTY MOULIS, AND DORIS COOK.

THE JOY RINGERS

TONIA LANGE, RACHEL CONNOLLY, TRISH DRAPER, TINA CONNOLLY, LAURA PHILLIPS, MARIE LANGE, ROBBIN TWILLEY, CINDY CRONSHAW, CHAD CRONSHAW AND LISA PALMER.

THE TINNABULATORS

ALEXIS HIGDON, BARBARA MEEKS, MARLANA ARMSTRONG, BECKY ARMSTRONG, SEAN MEEKS AND DANIEL MEEKS

THE CAROL CHOIR

DIRECTOR – ROBBIN TWILLEY

ACCOMPANISTS – MARGIE BOOZE, EMILY PARRY

ALEXIS HIGDON, COREY HIGDON, RUTH MURDOCH, ISAAC MURDOCH, ALEX KIMBLE, EMA KIMBLE, LYRA HOUGHTON, AUSTIN THOMAS, JASON THOMAS, MORGAN ARMSTRONG

THE CHERUB CHOIR

DIRECTOR – BARBARA MEEKS

SHANE DALZIEL, DAKOTA SMITH, OLIVIA TRYON, LEAH HIGDON, AUBREY CLARK

A SPECIAL THANKS IS EXTENDED TO OUR VERY TALENTED **ORGANIST,**
AVIS WHEATLEY

MUCH APPRECIATION IS ALSO EXTENDED TO LARISA THOMAS, FLAUTIST, RACHEL CONNOLLY, TRUMPET, JOHN DRAPER, TRUMPET, AMANDA PHILLIPS, FLAUTIST, RACHELSTARKEY, FLAUTIST AND STACEY DAVIS, PIANIST, FOR PROVIDING INSTRUMENTAL ACCOMPANIMENT FOR ANTHEMS AND FOR SINGING GROUPS.

THE YOUTH PRAISE BAND

RACHEL CONNOLLY, CASEY STROTMAN,
BRADY PARKERSON, EMILY SMITH, CALEB HAMMER,
KATE HAMMER, SAMANTHA LANSINGER, REBECCA PHILLIPS, LOU TORCHIO

THE PRAISE BAND

MICHAEL CONNOLLY, CLINT CONNOLLY, KATE LAING, DEBRA EBERSOLE
GREG TORCHIO, RACHEL CONNOLLY, CASEY STROTMAN AND SHEILA SULLIVAN

TECHNICIANS

JERRY THOMAS, CASEY STROTMAN, BILL STROTMAN,
KEN LAING

WANTED

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHILE THE CHOIR TAKES A MUCH NEEDED “BREATHHER,” THE SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M. IS PRESENTED BY INSTRUMENTAL OR CHORAL SOLOISTS OR GROUPS.

THE AVAILABLE DATES ARE SUNDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST. PLEASE CONTACT NANCY COOK IF YOU ARE ABLE TO SHARE YOUR TALENT WITH US IN THE CHURCH SERVICE.

ORGAN FUND

THE REFURBISHING FUND FOR THE ORGAN IS GROWING, ALTHOUGH SLOWLY. THIS IS JUST A REMINDER THAT WE ARE STRIVING TO RAISE APPROXIMATELY \$36,000 IN ORDER TO FINANCE REPAIRS FOR OUR MOELLER ORGAN. THERE IS A MEMORIAL FUND AND ALSO AN ORGAN FUND ESTABLISHED TO RECEIVE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS.



By Ken Laing

Recycle Used Cell Phones and Ink Cartridges with us! Look around the church for our Recycle buckets. All types are welcome!

Picnic Table Sale

The Youth Missions Team is Selling Three Picnic Tables for \$150 each.
 Teams build the tables to practice tool skills.
 Interested in ordering one? Call Ken at 443-262-6449.

Calendar Update:

- Parent Meeting for Missions trip is Friday, June 12th at 7:00 PM at church.
- Mission Trip leaves June 27th and Returns July 5th.
- Casting Crowns Concert—July 30th

Chicken Salad Carry Out

Centreville United Methodist Church
 Scholarship Committee

Thursday June 11th (Thursday)
 11 AM to 1 PM
 Cost—\$6.00 a Pint
 Reservations Only

Call 758-0868
 By Friday June 5th at 3:00 PM

A memorial scholarship was given in
 Memory of Mrs. Mary Ethel Dye.
 The recipient was Sarah Covington.

Sarah was accepted by 3 colleges.
 Pursuing a career in medicine—
 physicians assistant.
 Her choice is University of
 Richmond.

Sarah is the daughter of Beth and
 Henry Covington.

We wish her all the best.

United Methodist Women by Barbara Erickson

We are taking a few weeks off during this busy spring time! On June 2nd we will again work on bibs, blankets, bags, and Chrismons.

We also took time out to go to lunch together and recognize a couple of our members who have moved away. We will miss them

Still time to register for School of Missions in July.

Please note: there will be some changes in the use of the kitchen—especially paper products.

Don't forget to take home, wash, and return any linens used (dish towels, clothes, tablecloths, etc.,) even if it is just one.

Our most recent activity was to serve morning coffee to the lay academy.

The United Methodist Women gave 4 scholarships this year, 2009!

- 1) William Casey Strotman will be attending Pensacola Christian College; studying to be a Youth Pastor.
- 2) Katelyn Thompson attending Jacksonville University; studying communications.
- 3) Emily Smith going to University of Maryland; studying medicine. Hopefully orthopedic surgeon or pediatric oncologist.
- 4) Rachel Connolly attending Eastern University of Pennsylvania; studying to be a church music director.

All the students completed their applications with perfection. With graduates like this who needs to worry about the future?

The committee was very happy to have earned enough money through bake sales and chicken salad sales to be able to award all applicants a scholarship.

To all, our best wishes!

Thanks to all who support the scholarship fund raisers.

The Scholarship Committee,
Marion Leiby
Linda McCabe
Connie Wilson

Prayer Thoughts by Bonnie English

After attending the National Day of Prayer, May 7th, gathering at our Centreville Courthouse lawn, which was not only sobering but anointed with the Holy Spirit's love and forgiveness, I was on my way home and was listening to Joni and Friends on WRBS radio. She encouraged those listening to share with friends and family the 2009 Prayer for our Nation written by Dr. Billy Graham. It touched me so deeply that I decided to do just that....share it with my church family at CUMC. I pray it touches you as it did me. Below is that excerpt of her radio program.

"..., recently I saw a photograph of Mr. Graham looking so frail, looking like a sage with that white hair of his and his face showing advancing years... and right underneath the photo was printed his 2009 prayer for our country. When I read his prayer to me it was the prayer, indeed, of a wise prophet. And just listen to what he said...

*'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we Americans have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and Set us free. In Jesus' name. Amen!'

May this prayer of Mr. Graham's sweep over this continent and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we again can be called 'One Nation under God.'"

I think Dr. Graham's prayer would be worth praying everyday, along with his reference to Psalm 139: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way."

With much love in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Vacation Bible School

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



The time is getting closer for our week of fun in the Bayou at Crocodile Dock Vacation Bible School! Summer is almost here. There are still some important positions that need to be filled so CUMC can be ready for the 100 + children that will come to learn about the Lord. We are looking for:

A Music Leader for Opening & Closing

Decorators

People for Skits

Numerous Crew Leaders to be guide children through the Bayou

Sharon Murdoch will be working with the Bayou Crew Leaders. She will have the first training Monday June 15th at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in participating in fun activities while building relationships with wonderful kids, please contact Sharon at 410-758-3326.

In case you missed the signups on May 31st, you can go online at www.centreville-umc.com. The forms are all there! You can fax them to (866) 898-6748, email them to Larisa, or stop by the church office. If you sign 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.

Coming soon: VBS will take over the bulletin board in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall! On it you will find our supply drive wish list in early June.

Any questions can be directed at Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144, or email Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com



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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

Summer Schedule Begins June 14th

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.