



Centreville United Methodist Church - *The Church on the Hill*

THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church - March 2006 Electronic Version

BLACKWOOD FAMILY CONCERT

Snow and rain could not keep 225 people from attending the gospel concert. An enjoyable night was had by all. There were a lot of prayers hoping that the snow would hold off until after the concert, which it did. The two hour concert was full of gospel songs, old and new, and a patriotic ending.

I would like to thank the following people who made my job a lot easier: Connie Wilson, Dick Phillips, Jay Baird and those who helped to put the program book together. Dan Tabler for news articles, MYF for the concession stand, the Methodist Men and the Trustees for furnishing the man power to unload and load equipment, VIM for being the ushers for the evening and the Methodist Women being there if we had to feed them a meal. I thank them for being ready to do so. A special thank you to Pat, our church Secretary, for all the help she gave to us.

The total income from the concert was \$8,861.00; expenses were \$6,318.50 giving us a profit of \$2,542.50 for the building fund.

Again thank all of you for purchasing tickets, and helping out in any way to make this a success. This could not have been done if each one didn't help as this was a CHURCH pulling together to make it a success.

LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITY

This year's Lenten study will focus on "The Passion of the Christ." We will be utilizing Mel Gibson's recent film to grasp the reality of our Lord's passion (suffering) which He endured for us and for our salvation. The study will be held on Sunday evenings, beginning March 5th, and concluding on Palm Sunday evening, April 9th. Each week there will be an opportunity to join in a time of fellowship at a covered-dish supper at 5:30 p.m., with the study beginning at 6:30 p.m. Come each week, or as often as you can!



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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This year something new is being added to our Lenten worship opportunities. There will be an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary centering on the theme, "The Ashes Before Us." Ash Wednesday, observed this year on March 1st, begins the Lenten season. The Ash Wednesday service will include the imposition of ashes (made from last year's left over palm branches) and Holy Communion. The service will begin at 7 p.m. Dress is informal. Please note that during Lent this year the two opportunities for Holy Communion will be the Ash Wednesday service and the Maundy Thursday service on April 13th.

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

The pastor will be bringing a series of sermons during the Lenten season this year on the theme of the "Seven Deadly Sins." Since there are only six Sundays in Lent, but seven "deadly sins," the series of sermons will actually begin on February 26th, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and continue through Palm Sunday, April 9th. The church drama group will be presenting a skit at both services each week of the series to help introduce the "deadly sin" for each particular Sunday. Plan now to attend worship during the Lenten Sundays!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, March 12th, during the Sunday School hour. The class will meet in the sanctuary. All youth, currently in the 7th grade or above, are invited to participate in this annual class. During the weeks of the class, subjects explored include: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, prayer, the Sacraments, etc. Parents are invited to participate in the class along with the youth. Those choosing to be confirmed will be received into the membership of the church on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, during the traditional service. Parents or youth who may have questions are encouraged to call the Pastor.



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INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR CUMC

There will be an “informational” meeting for the members and friends of Centreville United Methodist Church on **Sunday, March 12th**, following the 11 a.m. service of worship. The Building Committee and the Finance Committee will be sharing some important information about our building program, and the necessary and continuing financial support needed to begin the project and see it through. As this is such a special meeting, there will be a joint worship service that day. Therefore, the **early, contemporary service will not be held on that Sunday.**

CALLING ALL COOKS!

In order to get our UMW cookbook published, we need more recipes! We need your help! Please call Linda with a recipe, 410-758-2641, or write it on a slip of paper, address it to Linda McCabe and place in UMW mail slot in the church library, or e-mail mccabem@msn.com. Thanks for your help!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN’S SCHOLARSHIP

The UMW Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we will again this year offer scholarships to graduating seniors. Applications are available in the church office and are due on Monday, April 10, 2006. Anyone with questions regarding the application may contact Susan Klepper (410-758-1647) or Connie Wilson (410-758-0882).

CUMC members who would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund are encouraged to participate in the special offering during services on Sunday, March 5, 2006.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thank you everyone for all the school supplies you gathered to send with Pat and Dave Beecher to Mississippi! The UMW sent approximately 65 school/tote bags and 50 baby blankets.

Bibs, blankets and bags are ongoing projects that we work on all year - we can always use help (in house or take home). Can you help? Also always needed: yarn, thread, cotton fabric, flannel, bits and pieces, and partial spools. We also thank the Girl Scout Troop for stitching together baby quilt tops!

We enjoyed doing a craft booth and baskets at the VIM Valentine Breakfast.



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – continued.....

On our schedule - Scholarship bake table at UMM spring BBQ - Crab feast (to benefit the building fund)

October 14th, Annual Fall Bazaar on October 21, Children’s shopping December 9th in conjunction with a VIM Breakfast.

Scholarship committee will also sponsor a soup and sandwich carry out this spring - watch for date and time.

Plans are underway to curtain the French Doors in the fellowship hall. Contributions have been made to church Samaritan fund and Christmas in April.

If you can cut, pin, press, sew, tie a knot, clip thread, turn, etc. come join us at our workshops if only for one hour!

We hope to have Pat Beecher at our March meeting to give us her update on the situation where she was in Mississippi.

Vacation Bible School

June 25-30 2006 - 6:00-8:30 pm

We are looking for those who would like to help make this another successful year! We need class leaders and helpers, artist’, adults and teens to lead children around. There are so many areas that we need those who are willing to give of their time. This is a time to get to know people in our area and to share what talents you have for Christ.

Please call Fran Comegys 410-758-1421. Or call Pat at the office 410-758-0868.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Thanks to the generous giving by the congregation we are nearing the \$600,000 goal of our initial fund raising campaign. Knowing that the building fund is growing and getting near one-half of the 2003 projected project cost the Building Committee can begin to prepare the final plans that our contractor will use to build our new building addition. Because construction costs are increasing rapidly, the building committee is looking at ways to stretch every dollar that we spend. The building committee will be working with our architect, Torchio Architects, and a contractor, Gardiner and Gardiner, to develop innovative ways to spend our construction dollars wisely. The building committee interviewed



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BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT – Continued....

four contractors before deciding to work with Gardiner and Gardiner during the design phase of the project. Gardiner and Gardiner will be providing us with cost estimates at two times during the design process. The first cost estimate will be presented to our architect on February 27. Jo Anne Baker will use the information in the cost estimate to help the building committee to evaluate construction and material options. By getting cost information from a contractor the information will be up to date, which is very important in this volatile construction market. This information will be used during the design process to guide us while making decisions.

The building committee will begin to meet regularly with our architect to make decisions and review the drawings as they begin to be developed. As more detailed information about the building addition is developed we will be reporting to the congregation in the newsletter each month and in congregational meetings as necessary. The whole design process will be finished this summer so construction can begin.

The building committee has been meeting with the finance committee to develop a financial plan to go along with our construction plans. Before the District will approve our purposed building program we will need to have both the final construction and financing plans approved.

EVANGELISM/ OUTREACH

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve as your chairperson. All of us are really a part of outreach all the time. Reaching out to everyone is essential to our church as a way to spread the words of Christ and for its very survival. This is a wonderful church with so very much to offer. It can be a center not only for the teachings of Christ but for the community as a place of goodness and love.

With the help of my committee, we are hoping to reach new people more effectively and to be more aware of the needs of our current congregation. We also hope to have more events for interaction and fellowship as we work with all the other committees in the church.

Everyone can help now by doing these small meaningful acts:

1. Wear your name tags so we can all learn to know one another.
2. Take time when you extend your hand to someone, to ask their name and if they are new etc.
3. Keep us informed of people you have missed attending for some time.
4. Be willing to sponsor a family for 6 months or so by helping them feel a part of us(invite them to dinner, to church functions with your family)

Thank you so much for your support and help. Please call me at 410-758-4349 anytime or contact the committee on our church website, Ann.



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Update for YOU!

Centreville Youth Ministries is looking for a few adults to join us! Yes that means YOU. There are only two things that we are looking for in our leaders:

You Love Christ!

You like Youth!

Please be looking for information about how you can become a volunteer with our youth - it is coming soon. Not sure if it is for you or not- try it - then decide! Pray for guidance to lead you to youth leadership.

Centreville Youth Ministries is busy as a bee! We are working towards so many goals for ourselves and ways that we can serve the Lord; it is sometimes hard to keep track of them all! We cannot do it alone though, so please look for ways that you can continue the awesome support that is given CYM from CUMC!

Please remember that there are many opportunities for youth from 5th through 12th grade, so if you know of anyone or are that age yourself, check us out!

Hey Young Adults!!!

Looking for something to do?

Who: All young adults ages **18-28!!!**

What: Invited for an evening of fun, fellowship, and worship

When: Sunday, April 23, 6:00-8:00 PM

Where: Connection Community Church in Middletown, Delaware

Jami Smith, a national praise and worship leader will have her band at Connection Community Church. This event will feature music, message, and coffee!

Please let anyone you know who fits this age range about the event! It would be wonderful to have a good number of folks from the Centreville area attend. Car pooling is definitely an option. Ken and Katie Laing plan on attending, and would love for more folks to come with!

For more information contact Katie Laing, 410-758-6939.



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Youth Missions Incorporated

Thanks You!

The twelve youth and adults that will be spending a week in July in Fayette County, West Virginia thank you for the tremendous support you showed during the Super Bowl Sunday Sub Sale! We raised just over \$900, and we sold 190 subs! WOW!!! Also, a big thanks to all the youth and adults that supported us with the task of slicing meat and putting subs together. Without you, it would have been an even bigger undertaking.

We plan on selling subs again next year for the Super Bowl. Keep us in mind when you are planning your Super Bowl Parties!

Youth Missions Incorporated

Supply Sale...

In an effort to raise the remaining \$4000 needed to send 12 members on the ASP Summer Mission Trip, Youth Missions Incorporated will be having a supply sale. The sale will begin on Sunday, March 19th, and continue until our funds are raised.

What is a Supply Sale, you ask?

Exactly that....You will be able to purchase “supplies” for the various projects we will need during our mission. For example, you can purchase a box of nails for \$10, plywood for \$20, or shingles for \$40. In return, you will receive a certificate that states your purchases, but also know that you are making a huge contribution towards the youth and their mission trip. The money raised will go directly towards the cost of the trip, and we thank you in advance for supporting us.



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Sunday School Mission Project: Haiti Orphanage

On February 5, 2006 in the Sunday School opening service we kicked off a mission goal for the Sunday School classes. That first Sunday the offering was \$28.00. The ministries name is "Heart of the Bride"

It was established in 1998 as a non-profit organization dedicated to helping to provide for the orphans around the world. The primary mission is to ***Share From Our Abundance With Those in Greatest Need***. Please go on line to learn more, or be part of this growing ministry. www.heartofthebride.org

BETHANY HOUSE is the name of the orphanage in Haiti. Built 2002, Bethany is now home to 25 girls. This was the first orphanage funded by "Heart of the Bride". Bethany is located in a primitive mountainous region of northwest Haiti. Daily life includes drawing water from a common well about one mile away. The girls continue to grow physically and spiritually. Currently, they range in age from 4 to 16 years of age.

If you are not currently involved in a mission please consider this mission. I have placed small "chicken coops" in all Sunday School rooms for the offerings. This is, of course after your church offerings. More information to follow. Thank you for your heartfelt gifts.

MUSIC NOTES

The contemporary Praise Team at Centreville UMC is in the process of preparing their second annual Good Friday Experience entitled, "Elements of a Crucifixion". This dramatic presentation, which will take place on April 14th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall, will tell the story of the Good Friday experience through the use of the elements used in the crucifixion of our Lord. The presentation will include dramatic readings and music by such groups as the Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, AC/DC, and the Killers to bring home the extreme sacrifice our Lord went through to save us all. If you wish to participate in this Good Friday event, please contact Jim Telepachak at: cumcmusic@yahoo.com or leave a message at the church office.

MUSIC SCHEDULES

After a wild and woolly January and February, everyone will be glad that Youth Rehearsals will be returning to the normal days and times. Following the first weekend of the Q.A.H.S. Musical, Youth rehearsals for Instrumental ensemble, Youth Choir, and Hand bells will resume on Tuesday evening, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. Attendance by all involved is requested as we'll only have a short amount of rehearsal time before Easter is upon us!!!



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CHANCEL CHOIR SEEKS MEMBERS

You see them...every Sunday....there they are in those very cool looking, stylish pink robes and you wonder to yourself, “**How could I get to wear one of those great robes?**”

Well, let me be the one to give you the facts on acquiring one of those great garments. All that’s needed is a bit of courage, a sense of commitment, and a whole lot of heart! The Centreville UMC Chancel is made up of normal (hmmm let me think about that) everyday people that enjoy fellowship and singing for the Lord. For more information contact Jim Telepchak...or better yet; grab one of those folks in the hot pink robes. Just don’t wrinkle the fabric.

ODD AND ENDS

- There are still several **offering envelopes** that have not been picked up. They are located in the hall outside of Fellowship Hall. Please pick them up at your convenience.
- Our **website** is up and running.... www.centreville-umc.com --- look and see what you think! If you have any suggestions let us know..
- We DO have a **prayer chain**...
You may call Jim Starkey @ 410-758-0669, Dianne Cimba @ 410-758-3903 or Melinda Bain @ 410-758-4711 to start this chain. IT WORKS!



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MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Sunday:

4 p.m. Youth Praise Band

Tuesday:

5:45 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble

6:30 p.m. Youth Choir

7:00 p.m. Handbells

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Praise Team

Thursday:

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

When is a good time for 3-6th grade choir? Let Jim Telepchak know at cumcmusic@yahoo.com

REMEMBER

Submit you newsletter articles EARLY....They must be in the church office by the 20th of every month.