



March Events!

- 16th - "The Weeping Tree" 11:00 AM Service - No Praise Service
- 20th - Maundy Thursday Service
- 23rd - Easter Sunday
- 27th - Women's Evening Out
- 29th - Youth Art Auction

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Pastor's Paragraphs by Rev. Wayne Grier

As I write these few paragraphs, we are about halfway through the season of Lent. This forty-day period of time is given to us each year by the Church to help us reflect on some significant spiritual issues. One significant issue is our sin. Lent brings the issue of our sin front and center. The Bible plainly tells us: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) Lent brings us face to face with the fact of our sin. We may try to hide it, run from it, deny it, ignore it, any number of responses. But the fact is we are sinners! The fact is we are not what God desires us to be! Lent confronts us with the issue of our sin.

Another issue is our mortality. Again, the Bible pulls no punches: "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) Lent always begins with Ash Wednesday. Many churches mark the day by imposing ashes on the foreheads of worshipers, saying, "Remember . . . thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return." Lent reminds us that we are going to die someday. And why? Because of sin! The consequences of sin is death. The Bible says of this: "For the wages of sin is death . . ." (Romans 6:23a) Lent reminds us of our mortality, due to sin.

Another issue is suffering. Lent focuses us on the Passion of our Lord. Jesus suffered the denials, the beatings, the betrayal, the crown of thorns, and finally the nails because He loved us! Jesus has given us the example. He leads the way before us. Jesus took our place on the cross. Jesus endured the suffering of the cross that, of right, ought to have been ours. Jesus, out of love for us, and obedience to God, willingly took up the cross to pay the price for our sin with his very life! Lent vividly demonstrates for us the reality of suffering.

Finally, there is the issue of life. We all want life. The problem is that, too often, we try to find life in all the wrong places. The Apostle Paul tells us where true life is found: "God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23b) Life comes "in union with Christ Jesus." Jesus said, "Abide in me!" (John 15:4a) To abide in Jesus is to live by faith. It is to live in the confidence that Jesus has died for our sin. It is to live in the assurance that Jesus has overcome death. It is to live daily, denying self, taking up one's cross, and following where the Lord leads us. Lent calls us to live through abiding in Jesus Christ our Lord. May God bless you as you continue on the Lenten journey!

Volunteer's In Mission by Larisa Thomas

Christmas In April

Volunteers In Mission is looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas in April on April 26th. We will need hand laborers, gofers, and a team captain to help Guy Pilli (someone with experience to help list supplies and direct tasks.) Applications will be available March 6th in the Missions mailbox and need to be returned to the Missions mailbox by March 23rd. You can call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net with any questions.



Vacation Bible School by Larisa Thomas

It's coming....July 7-12th!

6:00—8:30 PM

What an exciting way to learn and live some of the awesome miracles of the Bible! We need some fun-loving and God-loving adults to help lead the snacks, games, crafts, singing, drama, and other stations (using the easy instructional books provided). Please call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net for more information.



Nursery Ministry by Larisa Thomas

We are still looking for Volunteers to help in the Church Nurseries. To sign up for the 8:45 AM service, call Fran Comegys at 410-758-1421. To sign up for the 11 AM service, call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net.

OTHER ITEMS TO NOTE

- Lenten Study, "Prophecies of the Passion," Sunday evenings, through March 16th, 6:30p.m.
- Maundy Thursday, March 20th, Holy Communion, 7p.m.
- Chancel Choir Cantata, "The Weeping Tree," March 16th, 11a.m. No Praise Service.

Evangelism by Ann Harlan

WOMEN'S EVENING OUT -MARCH 27!

Everyone has really enjoyed getting together in the evenings once in awhile so I am offering an opportunity again on March 27 from 6pm-7:30 in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite salad, dessert, or bread and the main dish and beverages will be provided.

Marcy Dunn Ramsey, local illustrator, and author of many books will speak to us and show her books such as Oyster Moon, Rosie's Posies, and The Christmas Crab. We will have a newsletter, door prize, favors, a prayer circle and a time for fellowship. If you need childcare or a ride because you don't drive at night please let me know, Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349. I look forward to seeing you there and having another wonderful evening together. Please RSVP.

Lenten Prayer Stations Available for You!

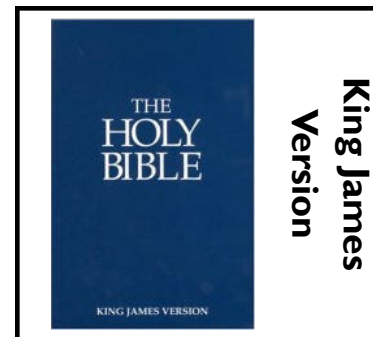
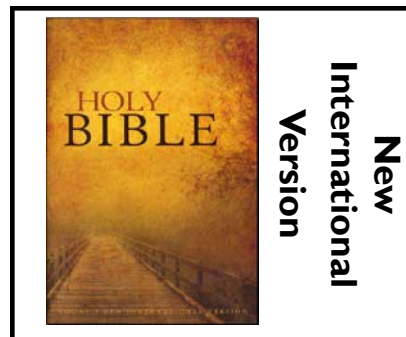
Across from our library in what was the "Blue Room" there is an opportunity for anyone to find prayer in different ways during the Lenten season. Many people have already used the various centers to express themselves. Please help yourselves to the clay, the beads, the stones, or a table for self-communion using sealed already consecrated grape juice and wafers, or just put on the music and sit and meditate. The room is open anytime the church is open and is for everyone. May this prayer experience help you during this holy time.



CUMC Website A Big Hit! by Jerry Thomas

Centreville United Methodist Church Website Drives Visitors and New Members!

Most of you are aware that Centreville United Methodist Church has a website, but many of you are probably not aware of the information that exists there and how the website is assisting us within our local area. The website represents all of our church organizations and ministries (see Site Directory chart on next page), ranging in information from Current Events to the 2008 Calendar by month, and recently the addition of two digital editions of the Bible !



Weekly Bulletin Announcements & This Weeks Calendar

How many times have you gone home on Sunday and either left your bulletin at Church or mistakenly disposed of it before you wrote down the important events of the week ahead? Well, with the help of the website, each weeks Bulletin Announcements are listed! Check in each week and pass along your feedback on what we are doing well and what we can improve upon.

CUMC WEBSITE INFORMATION

The website is updated on a weekly basis, and we are always willing to make changes as needed. Information for the website should be given to Jerry Thomas, and can be done either by submitting written information in person, through e-mail, or faxed.

Website Address: www.centreville-umc.com

E-Mail: information@centreville-umc.com

Fax: (866) 898-6748

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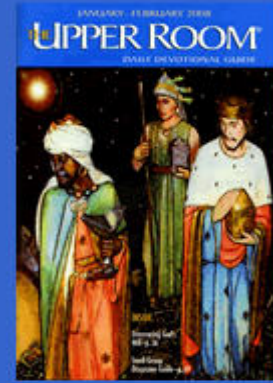
Pages Of the CUMC Website

There are 49 pages in the CUMC Website, with information pertaining to just about every Ministry we offer and much, much more. Below is a list of all the pages, so if you are associated with or have information regarding any of these ministries, groups, or subjects, please pass it along so that we can update the site.

CUMC Website Site Directory

- Home Page
- Contact Us
- Time & Directions
- Current Events
- CUMC Photos
- Library
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- Methodist Women
- Evangelism
- Congregational Care
- Hospitality
- New Members
- Visitor Follow-Up
- Calendar
- Spiritual Assessment
- The Messenger—Newsletter
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- History
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- About Us
- Pastor
- Secretary
- Organist
- Lay Leaders
- Director of Youth Ministries
- Church Council
- Communications
- Trustees
- SPRC
- Organization
- Finance
- Building for the Future
- Inclement Weather
- Sermon Reflections
- Worship
- Communion
- Nursery
- Acolytes
- Lay Readers

The Upper Room



Click the above picture to view today's daily devotional

Upper Room Daily Reflections

UPPER ROOM
Daily Reflections
[click here](#)

Worship Services

Each Sunday

8:45 AM
Contemporary Service
(Nursery Available)

9:45 AM
Sunday School

11:00 AM
Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery Available)

6:45 PM
Prayer Group

The Upper Room and Upper Room Daily Reflections

On the left hand side of each page of the website (see left hand column of this page) is a link to the Upper Room and Upper Room Daily Reflections. You can click on the link and view the daily devotions or even use this link to sign up and have the daily messages e-mailed directly to your e-mail address!

Centreville Youth Ministries By Ken Laing



WOW! This church really is AWESOME!!

Thank you all for the support that you have shown and given to our fundraising efforts for our Summer Mission trip to Appalachia- our goal is in site! With the Art Auction on March 29th we should reach our goal. Please consider attending this event and having a great time. We will receive money from our ticket sales, guaranteed money for having certain number or people attend, and then a commission on top of all that! Please see any of these youth for tickets: Andrew Thiesse, Daniel Thiesse, Caroline Phillips, Becca Phillips, Erin Murray, Emily Smith, Bradley Smith, Daniel Meeks, Janelle Thomas, Brigit Foley, Lauren Murray, Samantha Lansinger, Katie Hammer, Curtis Hammer, Caitlyn Mendez, Casey Strotman, Chris Cimba, Rachel Connolly, Nicole Strotman, or Sarah Covington.

We are also planning a lot of other things for Centreville Youth Ministries, other than our mission trip. March is a bit slow for us due to Easter, a out of town trip for Katie and I, and preparation for a busy April!

We will be having a High School Weekend Retreat at Camp Pecometh the first weekend in April that will combine, service, spiritual formation, and spiritual leadership. Please spread the word to any high schooler that you may know!

Keep an eye out for info in the Middle School Play Day that will be in April too!

We have been busy redesigning our walls and furniture in the youth room and hope to finish it soon! We will then start a project for stepping stones from the sidewalk at the end of the Sunday School wing to the back door of the Sanctuary.

As Spring arrives and you start your Spring Cleaning, keep in mind the CYM Spring Yard Sale will be Saturday, May 10th in combination with a VIM Pancake Breakfast. Please let Ken know if you have any donations and keep an eye out for more info!

Thanks again for all this church does to support Centreville Youth Ministries.

www.goodsearch.com is a new search engine that donates 1¢ to a charity every time you search on it! Pecometh is using this as a way to raise some funds! So, next time you search, use goodsearch! You will need to type in Pecometh under the charity section and click "verify" so that your search benefits Pecometh.



**WANTED:
STICHERS for
Bibs, Blankets,
and Bags!**

Barbara Erickson has a collection of large detergent bottle caps, old pill bottles, and empty thread spools. If you could use them for a craft or other project, please call her at 410-758-1655.

Easter Lilly Information will be available soon. Check Church Bulletin for Details!

Methodist Women by Barbara Erickson

Join us on Tuesday mornings to lay out, cut, pin, tie knots, and run sewing machines for our bibs, blankets, and bags outreach programs.

The new stove has been installed in the kitchen! At this time, there are a few issues that need adjusting. When using, please do not use harsh cleaners or scrapers on the surface on or in the ovens.

Thanks to all who contributed to and helped serve the Leibey service and refreshments for the Lay Academy.

Scholarships for Graduates!

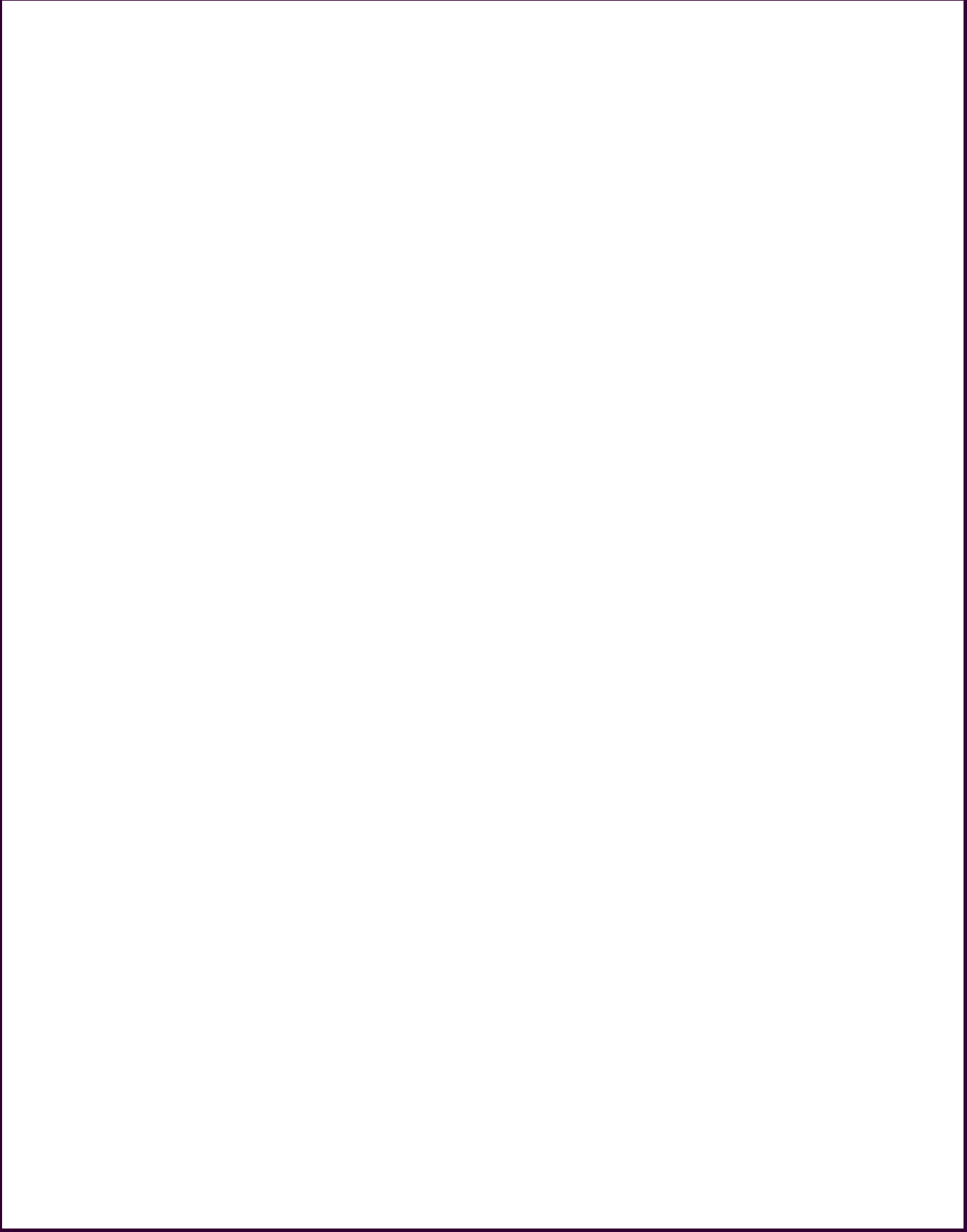
Hard to believe that it is Easter time, and soon our next group of High School Seniors will be graduating. Each year, the Methodist Women give Scholarships to many of our graduates. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please pick up an application as soon as possible from the Church Office and turn them in!

Camp Pecometh Quilt Auction

Have you made a square for the Camp Pecometh Quilt? If not, please get your 9 patch squares to church as soon as possible. Squares should measure 12 inches square.

Once squares are collected, quilters will be needed to put them all together. If you are able to help, please contact Barbara Erickson at 410-758-1655.

Also, if you have quilt donations or items for the silent auction to donate, contact Camp Pecometh at 410-556-6900.





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Church Schedule

8:45 AM - Praise Service with Nursery Available

9:45 AM- Sunday School Classes for All Ages

11:00 AM - Traditional Service with Nursery Available

5:30 - 7:30 PM - Middle School Youth Group (6-8 grades)

6:30-8:30 - High School Youth Group (9-12 Grades)

Membership Classes will be held on the third Sunday of every month at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in becoming a member or if you want to know more about our church, please join us at this time.

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