

March

Events

March 19– Middle School Dance

7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

March 21– Coffee Hour after both services

March 27 - Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m.– Noon

April 1 - Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m.

April 2 - Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m.

April 4 - Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m.

In observance of the Easter holiday the office will be closed from April 1– 5.

The Messenger



March 2010

Newsletter

Reverend's Remarks for March 2010

When I had my thirteenth birthday all I could think about was how ready I was to begin my Confirmation classes. Finally, I was old enough to realize what my guardians had done for me and now I am ready to accept it for myself. It's my turn. I am a teenager and I am ready to know what it is to be a Christian and learn how the traditions of the Bible and the church help me live my life. It means I have reached the age of reason and accountability. I am thankful my guardians brought me up in the church but the journey now belongs to me.

The faith journey begins for us when our guardians bring us to church and we participate in the educational programs of the church. Confirmation is about the gift of Jesus given to us by God. It tells us how much God truly loves us and what we do to receive the gift and make it our own. When we are old enough to take Confirmation, it affirms that God's grace accepts us and loves us before we even knew it.

I have seen many young people come forward and take the classes, explore the precepts of God, and continue on their journey of faith. Since my tenure began as Pastor of Centreville United Methodist Church, I have had the pleasure of teaching two Confirmation classes. A highlight for me is the serious conversations about God and the mysteries associated with Christianity. At the end of the classes the young people realize that they are not just joining the community of faith; they embody Christ's community by creating relationships and sharing their gifts and talents by becoming involved in the life of the church.

Prayer Thoughts.....by Bonnie English



I sit here this morning praying about what the Lord would have me speak to you concerning the season of Lent, where we each ponder the last days of our Blessed Lord's life on this earth and how it affects us. Just how *are* we affected by His Last Supper, The New Covenant He made; where He also washed His disciples' dirty feet, was betrayed by Judas. Read about the way He was arrested, then shortly was denied by Peter three times and was flogged to the point of non-recognition, all leading to His crucifixion - the Perfect, Sinless Son of God? Only you and the Holy Spirit, who was given to dwell in us after His resurrection, can answer these powerful, yet insightful questions. As I was reading the Book of John, the Lord led me to chapter 17, where Jesus prays for Himself and for His present disciples. The words are so beautiful, yet very hard or should I say *heart-hitting*... **Jn. 17:1 -5 (NKJV) "Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."** In his prayers for His disciples in vs. 6-14, He asks that **they may have His joy fulfilled in themselves**; tells the Father of the hatred the world has for them because of Him, since He and now they are not of this world; **vs.15: "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one"**; **vs. 17-19: "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."** Then in vs. 19-26, He prays for **All Believers**: **"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You; that they also may be one is Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one jus as We are one...vs.24-26: "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have know You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them You name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."** What tremendous, incomprehensible Love He has for every one of us – here and now - and those yet to be! What an example for us to follow with the help of the Holy Spirit! **"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."** **Psa. 139:23-24** O Father! Forgive us for our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Help us to become Christ-like, that we too may love You as Christ does and be One with You. Show us how to use the gifts and talents You have given to us. Help us to become One Unified Body of Believers to do Your will and to bring the nations to You, that we may give You the glory and honor You so richly deserve! Help us finish the race that is before us!

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Vacation Bible School



Monday June 21st - Friday June 25th 6:00-8:30 PM.

Get ready for the journey of a lifetime! Come feel the sea spray in your face and hear the winds in the sail as we experience the deep rolling waters of God's Love. Set sail with us this summer into Group's High Seas Expedition.

We need some fun-loving and God-loving adults to lead the snacks, games, crafts, Bible stories, and adventure theater, open, close, and coordinate the crew leaders (using the easy instructional books provided). We are also going to need plenty of excited spirit-filled young adults, or adults of any age, to steer the children through the adventure. Without our awesome volunteers, we cannot touch our children's hearts! Please call Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email larisa.thomas@centreville-umc.com for more information.

Volunteers in Mission

The Volunteers in Mission (VIM) want to begin by thanking CUMC for stepping up and helping with the **Haiti relief**. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) was already at work in Haiti and using the infrastructure they had in place along with the presence of undamaged churches in Haiti. They were able to be one of the first and one of the most effective rescue operations on site. The monetary donations we collected went 100% to the relief effort. We were also able to gather and deliver 157 Health Kits to refill the ones used in the effort.

Our **Pancake Breakfast** did go on for those brave souls who were able to get out and enjoy some of our fare. The money we raised went to the Youth Appalachia Trip.

Feb. 20th VIM sent a work crew of 5 to help at the **Federalburg Habitat for Humanity**. What a rewarding experience! There were jobs for all levels of experience and a site coordinator with all the tools and patience to teach new things. I learned how to put the hardware on doors, (though my husband doesn't want me to change the locks at home without giving him the keys).

Thank you to the volunteers who will be working this month at the **QAC winter shelter** on Kent Island from Feb. 25 to 27. We are averaging 7 guests per night, and they are very appreciative of the food and place to stay.

The next meeting is March 15th. Come feel how the Spirit can fill you when you volunteer to help others. You can contact me at Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com or 410-758-2144 to RSVP for any activity.

CUMC Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday March 27th from 10:30-12:00 Ages 2 years through 5th grade We are in need of people to help. Children will be treated to a story, games, crafts, and a snack. After the first week in March, please stop by the table at the SS entrance to take an empty bag of plastic eggs and return them filled with Easter goodies by March 20th. There will be a sign up for parents so we know how many children to prepare for.



A High School Sunday School assistant is needed. According to our Safe Sanctuary Policy, there must be two adults in a Sunday School class each week. To make this task easier, we are in need of adults to sign up to help share the responsibility. Please consider giving one Sunday to our teens to help in their class. You are guaranteed to have a good time, and may even learn something! There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board near the church office. Thank you in advance for lending a hand.

Sunday School
Evangelism Committee
Afternoon Tea Honoring
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 2nd at 3pm



You are invited to attend a tea and bridal fashion show in Fellowship Hall on May 2nd at 3pm. Mothers, daughters, granddaughters, great granddaughters, godmothers, aunts, special friends, and care givers are welcome to attend. There will be a \$4 per person charge, some of which will go to our Back Pack program. We will also welcome special dolls and will have an area for tea with your doll. Tickets will be on sale the April 1. If you would like to have us model your wedding dress that afternoon or if you could be a model, please call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349. Please join us for a wonderful celebration!

Food, Food, Food!

Our Food Pantry is in need of restocking for we have been seeing lots of activity from needy families. It is a blessing to be able to help our neighbors to have nutrition through these rough times. We are especially in need of personal care products, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, paper towels, napkins, washing detergent, and shampoo. Cereal, canned meats, tomato sauce and pasta, are always helpful. If each of us gave one item, we could fill our shelves easily. Food may be left in the closet of the room across from the library.

Thank you for your help!



Services

Maunder Thursday - April 1st at 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary with Communion Served

Good Friday - April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall

Sunrise Service- April 4th at 6:30 a.m. at Millstream Park

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Trustees Notes

Many thanks to Samantha Lansinger for her desire and hard work in purchasing our church an AED (automated external defibrillator). It has been mounted in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall. Samantha and her mom Robin will be available for anyone interested in knowing more about this new life saving device.

The trustees will be having a clean up morning on April 10th at 8:00 a.m. We welcome anyone to come and help clean up the yard, mulch beds, wash windows, clean closets, and whatever else you may know that should be done.

This fall we have been pleased to be using our new message sign out front. We expect the old portable sign to have limited use from now on. We decided to only let our church groups use the old sign and not more than 3 days prior to any special event. We also need the sign pulled back and the letters removed and returned to the office afterwards. Please contact Stacey in the church office about using the sign.

Coffee House

Friday, April 23rd

7-9 PM

Featuring a Jazz/Blues Band Called

From Harps to Halos

From Wilmington, Delaware

\$5 to get in – Benefits the Summer ASP Trip

A love offering will also be taken to assist *From Harps to Halos* with their own outreach in their community.

Check the band out on Facebook



Middle School Dance

March 19th

-9 PM

\$5 Entrance Fee

\$1 Pizza and Snacks

Youth Missions ASP Team Meeting

Monday March 29th 7:30 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall

Work Week at Camp Pecometh - April 4-8th Former Camp Director, Tom Carter, and his family are hosting a work week at Camp Pecometh to complete several jobs that assist the camp in preparing for campers this summer. Tom and his family are providing meals to any and all who would like to come join them for one or all of the days that week. If you are interested in helping, then contact Tom or Judy Carter at 615-665-3117.

Sub Sale Success

Despite two feet of snow, a State of Emergency, and no church services, the Youth Missions Team was able to delay the sub sale by one day and still sold 264 subs! We made a profit of \$1200!! We are thrilled and thank everyone for adjusting plans and picking up the subs from the church on Monday after the Super Bowl.

Picnic Tables Will Be Available!

As part of the training for our ASP Trip, the youth build Picnic Tables as a way to work with their team, learn how to use various hand tools and power tools, and accomplish a task together. This year, we will have 6 teams – and 6 Picnic Tables! If you would like to purchase a picnic table this spring, please contact Ken or Katie Laing at 410-758-6939 or at ktodd1@yahoo.com. Each table is \$150 (which basically just covers the cost of the supplies.) These tables will be exactly like the picnic tables in the back of the church by the playground. We will be making these tables in May and delivery is available.



What a February!! Two Blizzards with multiple feet of snow on the ground! Temperatures in the 20's and wind chill factors on top of that! Who would have thought that we would have had so much?

You may ask yourself "What does the weather have to do with CYM?"

Hopefully, during this time of winter you were able to stay warm and dry in your home and were able to leave the winter weather outside. If you were able to do that (those of you who lost power for a little while will be able to do this more easily), imagine this: The winter weather we have had ...but your exterior walls have no insulation in them, your bedroom roof leaks water, and none of your windows keep the wind from blowing through your house. Now add the fact that the only source of heat you have is a wood stove in your living room, if you are lucky. This is the environment that our youth spend time working to correct each summer. As the snow melts here it can be hard to think about summer, but our youth are already preparing for their trip to Appalachia this summer. We will be working to make people's home warmer, safer, and dryer. The people in Appalachia that we work for have homes like the one I described and rely upon groups like our Youth Missions Team to help them survive in their homes when they have blizzards and winter temperatures like what we experienced. CYM tries to do much for our youth here each year, Sunday night meetings, Youth Rally, and retreats, but none of the plans that we make have the ability to immediately change lives of people as our summer missions trip does.

Please pray for our teams as we plan and prepare to serve this summer. We will be leaving for Appalachia sooner than anyone can imagine.

We also have a lot of fun things planned for this Spring for CYM, so take a look at our Spring Calendar online! Please also remember to bring in used cell phones and ink cartridges for CYM to recycle!

In Christ,
Ken Laing



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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

5:30-7:30: Middle School MYF (Grades 6-8)

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

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

Fellowship Hour will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month between both services in Fellowship Hall.
Mark your calendars for March 21.