



THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church May 2006

EVANGELISM/ OUTREACH

We had a blessed Easter season at CUMC with wonderful music, beautiful flowers and weather, a moving message from Pastor Grier, and powerful Biblical words as read by our Lay leaders. There was tremendous love and friendliness being passed among all of us. One could really feel the love of Christ. People who visit are expressing that feeling to the Evangelism committee. I am so very touched to see how all of us are reaching out to one another! Each of us have the power to make a difference and we are! Thank you!

Our new brochure is finished and is available to all visitors and on the name tag table for anyone to see. Pat did a very nice job of taking all I gave her and assembling the brochure. They will also be in each welcome packet. Please feel free to pass one along to anyone you would like to know more about our church and the love of Christ.

Some of us are wearing our name tags which is very helpful. If you do not have one please leave your name with Pat or on a note near the name tag table and we will make sure one is made for you.

May this month be filled with love and good health.

WOMEN'S MORNING OUT

Thursday, May 25th will be our second morning out from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for all women. We will have a demonstration by Jean Kirby who was to be at the April meeting. She will show us how to create wonderful flowering pots for our decks and patios. There will be fellowship and refreshments. Childcare will be provided. For more information call Ann Harlan 410-758-4349.

MEALS FOR OUR SICK AND GRIEVING

We would like to start making meals for those in our church who are going through illness or loss. Sometimes a good meal made by someone else is

the only light spot in the day. Several of us have begun trying to fill that need again and if you would like to help make a part of a meal for someone please let me know and we will put you on our list of helpers. It takes a short time but gives so much! Please contact Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Answer for yourself the following question: "If Centreville United Methodist Church was to suddenly cease to exist, would it really make any difference to me?" I know that for many, it would make a BIG difference if the church suddenly ceased to exist. I also know, sadly, that for others it wouldn't matter at all. There are approximately 750 members of CUMC—folks who have promised to uphold the church by their prayers, presence, gifts, and service. On any given Sunday about 200 show up for worship, and 100 for Sunday School. How sad to see that the biggest gatherings at the church these days are for weddings or funerals. The weekly worship of Almighty God is being neglected/ignored/seen as unimportant by a majority of the church's membership! If you're reading this paragraph, you know whether or not you're part of that majority. If you are, isn't it time to get back to church? God missed you! (And so do your sisters and brothers in Christ!) Isn't it time to put God first again in your life? God loves you! (And so do your sisters and brothers in Christ!) The Church is God's gift to us- a family, a fellowship, a place to belong! The Church is necessary for the well-being of our soul and of our society. We need the Lord in our lives, and society needs God's people to be the "salt" and "light" we are meant to be! There's an old phrase that asks: "CH_ _ CH; what's missing? UR!" See you in church Sunday!

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND **SPECIAL SERVICE**

The Sunday of Memorial Day weekend this year is May 28th. As a special way to mark this meaningful day in our nation's life, the Pastor is asking for members and friends in the congregation to bring pictures to the worship services of loved ones who have paid the supreme sacrifice for their country. This would involve family members or friends who have died in any of the wars fought by our nation from the Civil War to the present day war in Iraq. At a time when Memorial Day is viewed more as a kick-off to summer activities, perhaps seeing the faces of men and women who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy will help to remind us of the great cost of our freedom as a nation. We owe much to those who have laid down their lives! Please let the Pastor know if you will be bringing a picture of loved one/family member/friend to the services that day so that an arrangement of them may be made.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

The first joint service this year with New Life UMC will be held on Sunday, May 7th, 2006 at Centreville UMC beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Sam Holdbrook-Smith will bring the message, and there will be plenty of special music. As is our custom, because this is a joint service of the two congregations, the early service at Centreville will not be held that Sunday. These joint services are excellent opportunities for the United Methodist Christians in Centreville to give witness that in Christ there is a oneness that transcends racial and ethnic barriers. The Bible is clear when it says "How pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) dwell together in unity." Following the service there will be a time of food and fellowship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

We are looking for someone to head up the VBS program this year. I know there is a special person out there that would take on this responsibility. I have directed VBS with Diane and Brad heading up the music, for the past 8

years and have enjoyed every year. The volunteers did an outstanding job. I couldn't have been more proud. But there comes a time to let others take over. This brings new ideas and different talents to be used for the Lord.

Please call the church office at 410-758-0868 and volunteer your time!!

Finance Committee

Information is Year to Date, March 31, 2006

Assets:

General Checking:	\$ 3,919.68
Savings Accounts:	\$44,023.26
Building Fund-Cash:	\$580,034.80
Endowment:	\$12,050.39
Total	\$640,078.13

Revenues **\$71,774.52**

- Plate, Pledges & Freewill are \$3533.07 above intentions
- Plate, Pledges & Freewill are \$11759.68 lower than budget

Expenses; **\$71,206.61**

- Expenses are \$4,349.83 below budget

Capital Fund Revenues **\$4,728.00**

- Income is \$639.50 above intentions.

Capital Expenses **\$981.38**

Building Fund **\$36,277.00**

Plate, Pledges & Freewill

First quarter cash flow required \$ 9564.33 to be used from reserves.

Building Fund-New Mortgage

The Building Committee estimates that \$1.6 million is needed for the project. A little over \$1 million will need to be borrowed.

Thirty four estimates of giving were received that totals \$50, 793 per year. This is \$57,061 per year less than the \$107,854 per year required for a \$1.0 million -15 year mortgage.

Every member of the congregation is encouraged to participate. Construction will probably have to be changed significantly due to the reduced mortgage that will be possible to obtain.

The Building and Finance Committees are preparing the new Building plan accordingly and will be reporting to the congregation in May.

YARD SALE

Centreville Youth Ministries is having a Yard Sale. It will be Saturday, May 13th at 7:00 am at the church. Please stop by and shop and tell your yard sale friends about it!

VIM is also having a Pancake Breakfast the same morning so you can get your breakfast at the same place!

SALEABLE ITEMS NEEDED

Centreville Youth Ministries is in the need of saleable items for our Yard Sale, Saturday, May 13th. We are looking for anything that we can sell, except for clothes. Remember "One person's junk is another person's treasure!" If you have things you would like to donate to us, please contact Ken at

cumcyouthdirector@yahoo.com or 410-758-6939. There will be drop off night Wednesday May 10th, Thursday May 11th, and Friday May 12th from 6-8 pm. If these times do not work or you need help to get the stuff to us please talk to Ken. Your help is greatly appreciated!

THANKS! THANKS!

Centreville Youth Ministries would like to thank all of the shoppers at the Youth Missions Hardware Store. We are getting very close to our goal of \$5000 to send our youth to their summer mission project in West Virginia. We know we can not do these things without the support of all of you! Thanks again!

MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday May 13th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

\$5.00 Adults \$4 Seniors/Children

Give Mom a morning off and treat her out to breakfast! Gift Baskets and other items will be for sale by the Methodist Women.

VIM

The trip to the Appalachian Service Project was a success. We want to thank all who donated money and prayers that helped us be successful. On Sunday, June 11th during both services, the people who went on the missions trip will run the service while Pastor Grier is out of town. We will show

you in words and pictures what the trip was like. We hope all can attend.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Chicken Salad Carry out

On **Thursday, May 18th**, the UMW will have their Chicken Salad carry out lunch to benefit the Scholarship Fund. You may place your order by calling the church at 410-758-0868 by Monday, May 15th. When you pick up your lunch you may also purchase baked goods for dessert! Enjoy!!

COMING EVENTS

May 7th - Joint Service with New Life Church
11 a.m. at Centreville UMC

May 13th - MYF Yard Sale
7 a.m. church parking lot

May 13th - VIM Pancake Breakfast
8 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

May 18th - UMW Chicken Salad Sale
11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Carry out only
Call the church office at 410-758-0868 to place your order by Monday, May 15th.

May 25th - Women's Day Out
10 a.m. - 11:30 childcare provided.



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