



May 2008

Newsletter

May Events!

May 10th—

Yard Sale,
Pancake Breakfast,
and UMW Sale

May 11th -

Youth Praise Band
Sunday

May 13th -

Methodist Men's
Meeting

May 16th—

Coffee House

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Baccalaureate Ser-
vice at QACHS

May 21st -

VBS Meeting

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS by Rev. Wayne Grier

I'm sure most of you have heard the news by now that, effective July 1, 2008, I will no longer be appointed as pastor to the Centreville United Methodist Church. My new appointment will be at Centenary United Methodist Church in Laurel, Delaware.

Needless to say, I write these paragraphs with mixed emotions. I have been privileged and blessed to share in ministry with you for the last eleven years. In that span of time, I have come to know you, to love you, and to feel "at home" in your midst. My family and I have felt ourselves greatly supported during these years by your endearing friendship. We thank God for you, and for the special place you will always hold in our hearts.

In the coming weeks we will all go through the process of saying, "Goodbye." Saying "Goodbye" is never an easy thing to do. Partings always bring a certain amount of sorrow. However, saying "Goodbye" is part of life. It is a way of acknowledging that things are changing, that we are growing.

I am grateful to God that Centreville United Methodist Church is not the same church today that it was eleven years ago. I am grateful to God that I am not the same pastor today that I was eleven years ago. We have changed, and we have all grown. And I am grateful to God that for the last eleven years, our lives have intermingled and blessed one another.

Perhaps it is because our lives have touched one another in special ways that to say, "Goodbye" is so hard; but let us remember, it is all God's work! God has given us to one another for the last eleven years. Now, however, God has other plans in store. Let us remember, though, God always moves before us through every change, and through every process of growth.

To say "Goodbye" need not be a negative experience. As we remember that "Goodbye" is derived from the blessing, "God be with you," we can trust one another, and the future, into God's hands. So...God be with us - always!



Centreville Youth Ministries by Ken Laing

CYM Yard Sale—May 10th



Donations:

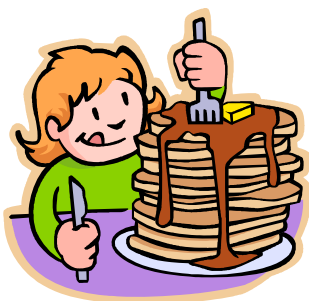
The Yard Sale has been a huge success for us in the past three years, and we are depending on YOU to donate items for the yard sale. Please keep us in mind as you clean out closets or your garage this spring. We will accept anything except clothes, ANYTHING!!

Drop off items at church in Fellowship Hall on May 7th—9th from 6:00-8:00 PM. If you need assistance, please contact Ken Laing at 410-758-6939.

Shoppers:

The Yard Sale will open Saturday, May 10th at 7:00 AM! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to shop, shop, shop!

Pancake Breakfast by Larisa Thomas



Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast May 10th from 8-11 AM

Treat your Mother or loved ones out to pancakes, eggs, and sausages. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children. All proceeds go to the Youth Appalachia Mission trip.

Bake sale will also be a part of May 10th.

Proceeds will assist the Youth Mission Trip.



New Member Corner by Ann Harlan

Meet the Keppler Family!

Michelle is 37 & Mike is 35. We moved to the North Brook neighborhood in October 2007 from Crofton, MD and have 2 children: Emily will be 2 in May and Ethan will be 1 in July. Ethan will be baptized on April 27th. I work for Ford Motor Credit as a sales rep and Michelle is a stay home mother, working part-time at the Coach factory store in Queenstown. We love the outdoors, traveling, the beach, and sports. We got married in 2005 so we have been busy moving and having kids and are looking forward to a slower pace on this side of the bridge.



Stacy Strotman, June Clark, and Barbara Erickson cleaning out the pantry; John Murdoch spreading mulch.



Clean up the Church Day!

On April 19th, many volunteers from the church came out at 8:00 AM to mulch, clean windows, and clean out the closets. A big thanks to the Trustees for organizing the day, and thanks to all the volunteers that helped make our church look so great!

Vacation Bible School by Larisa Thomas

Join the Power Lab Team!

Lab Crew Leaders = Fun²

If you love the Lord, love children, and love to have fun

...then you belong on our Team!

You will need to attend a leader meeting either on May 21st or June 18th, attend Power Lab each day, and participate in fun activities while building relationships with a small group of children. If you are interested, please email Larisa Thomas at larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net.



Fall Bazaar Preparation by Betty Lee Jackson

After our last Bazaar, we had many friends say “it was good but...” They missed the Silent Auction and the jewelry room most.

To restore the Silent Auction, we need donations. This summer, would you please be alert to sales of good items for the auction, and purchase them as a donation to the silent auction? Consider splitting the cost with a friend if the item is expensive.

Please remember Methodist Women keep the church kitchen in working order, do mission work, and give college scholarships.

If necessary, I will be glad to keep items or make arrangements to store items until October. Thank you for your assistance!

UMW by Barbara Erickson

Did you miss our April meeting? Our guest speaker was Nancy Cook who spoke and showed film of her recent mission trip. As a result, the UMW voted to purchase a sewing machine and two school uniforms. Also, she will be collecting sewing items, including sheets for quilt backing, batting for quilts, large pieces of prints for quilt fronts, spools of thread, and pins and needles.

For the children of the church she worked with, about 60, we will make school bags and hope to supply them with school supplies such as pencils, magic slates, crayons, chalk, tablets, notebook paper, etc.

See us at the VIM Pancake Breakfast and Youth Yard Sale as we will have a craft/gift table to help support the Nancy Project and Camp Pecometh.

Our Thanks to the adult Sunday School class for sharing space with us for our sewing projects

Food pantry has been organized. We are in need of fruit and veggies.

Baccalaureate Service by Barb Thompson

Baccalaureate Service for Queen Anne’s County High School graduating Seniors will be held at the John Andrews Performing Arts Center at the high school on Sunday May 18, 2008 at 2:00 PM. Our Youth Praise Band, under the direction of Rachel Connolly, will be performing this year. The graduating Seniors from our church are Richard and Clay Coppage, Megan Covington, Curtis Hammer, Jessica Trott, Leah Palmer, Hillary Staver, Brandi Burke, and Ben Wilson. Congratulations to each of them! Please plan to attend this service as we show our Seniors our support and encouragement. It is open to everyone.



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Coffee House Hosted by Praise Band by Katie Laing

Join us on Friday, May 16th at 7:00 PM for Coffee, Dessert, Live Entertainment, and Fellowship as the Youth Praise Band and Adult Praise Band Praise the Lord! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors to this great event.

Adults \$5 Children \$3

Benefits the Praise Band!



Youth Praise Band Sunday to be held on Mother’s Day, May 11th, at the Contemporary Worship Service! Hope to see you there!



Gospel Sunday planned for Sunday, May 25th at the Contemporary Worship Service! Hope to see you there for some good old Gospel songs!

Sunday School Attendance Awards by Fran Comegys



June 1, 2008 will be the last Sunday of Sunday School at which time the teachers will be giving out the children's Attendance Pins. We will as always meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45. There will be some refreshments afterwards for those to enjoy.

The church has scheduled "Camp Pecometh" for a Church/ Sunday School picnic at 1pm. We will be at the Pool area again this year. Kids bring your towels and bathing suit.

I want to take this time to thank all of the teachers that have been so faithful in giving of their time, talents, and their God given gifts to our children. Teaching them about the love of Jesus is the most important task we could ever do in our life time. I am so proud of you all, your hours of hard work will not go unnoticed by God the Father.



Church Family and Friends Sunday School Picnic

Date: June 1, 2008
 Time: 1:00pm
 Place: Camp Pecometh

Our annual church picnic will be by the pool area again this year. This is a good time to get to know one another and have good fellowship. The Pool will be open for those to enjoy. Please come out and have a good time relaxing with those we love.



The church will be providing the meats, and each Family is asked to bring a covered dish.

* Bring your lawn chair * Bring your towel

Centreville United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

“Help carry one another’s burdens, and in this way, you will obey the law of Christ.”

Galatians 6:2

We are very blessed to have a wonderful group of Prayer Warriors within our church who are there for you whenever you need prayers. If you have a prayer request that you would like passed through the prayer chain, please contact any of the folks on the following list. We will pass the request on to the rest of the chain. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Dianne Cimba at 410-758-3909.

Prayer Chain:

1. Dianne Cimba*	410-758-3909	
2. Melinda Bain *	410-758-4711	
3. Herb and Phyllis Boone*	410-758-1573	
4. Carol Crawford*	410-758-6783	Names with an (*) are folks that are available during the work day.
5. Ann Harlan*	410-758-4349	
6. Emily Parry*	410-758-1291	
8. Phyllis Johnston & Greg Torchio	410-758-0037	
9. Sandy Anthony	410-758-0713	
10. Katie and Ken Laing	410-758-6939	
11. Fran Comegys	410-758-1421	
12. Barbara Meeks	410-758-5427	
13. Susan Murdoch	410-758-1444 or 410-758-0308	
14. Danielle Wilson	410-758-1512	
15. Karen Murray	410-758-1849	

United Methodist Men

We will be holding our monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:15. This month, we will be honoring our graduating seniors! Good luck to all of you in your future endeavors!

Newsletter Articles:

Send newsletter articles for June to newsletter@centreville-umc.com, or place in the newsletter box in the library! Articles are due by May 20th! Please email articles as a Word Document. Please make sure articles are newsworthy for the church or else they will have to be approved by the church council.



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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.