

Centreville United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Contemporary – 8:40 a.m.
Traditional – 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Services Available

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Adults – 9:50 a.m.
Youth – 9:50 a.m.

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REVEREND'S REMARKS

On Easter morning the Sunday School teacher asked her students, "What does Easter mean?" One student replied, "Easter means ham sandwiches for the next two weeks." Although the answer sounds tasty, I'm more focused on the question "What does Easter mean?" It means the ugliness and sorrow of Good Friday is replaced with joy and life. On Easter Jesus' final words, "It is finished" are replaced with, "New life begins." Easter is the greatest thing Christians can do because we are celebrating all that is true, good and beautiful.

Easter isn't just about a historical event; it's a way of life. Easter means we can make the proclamation very loud and clear: "Christ the Lord has risen!" Easter means we can recognize Jesus is alive for the scared and the scattered, not just for those over 2,000 years ago, but for those of us here and now. Jesus is in our midst. It gives us confidence that we will never be forgotten nor forsaken. We have the power to believe and have faith in a world of lost hope and broken dreams. The writer in Colossians sums it up: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory" Colossians 3: 1-4.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Mark



Middle and High School Students
each Sunday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

NO YOUTH GROUP: 5/8 & 5/29

Centreville Youth Ministries (CYM) exists for the youth of Queen Anne’s County, regardless of school, church, faith, or faith journey to praise God and Jesus.

CYM will do this with our fellowship together, our ministry to believers and non-believers, our missions and service for the community, and through our continued efforts to become stronger in our faith and better disciples.

Palm Sunday Music:
Children and Adult Choirs
and Handbells



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:
60th Annual Observance**

May 5th is our National Day of Prayer. This year’s theme is “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*”, taken from Psalm 91:2.

Please mark your calendars and join us as our community prays in one accord for this great nation, its leaders and fellow citizens!

We will be meeting in front of the Q.A.C. Circuit Courthouse, Thursday, May 5th from 12-12:30 pm. See you there!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS.....Ann Harlan

An easy way to locally help those in need is to contribute to our great food pantry which assists many families in need! The pantry is in need of laundry detergent, canned meats, soaps, diapers, shampoos, toothpaste and brushes, flour, sugar, and paper products.

Please leave items in the pantry or in one of the boxes around the church. Thanks so much to all who help!

If you would like to help volunteer once a month please call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349.

UMW SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee division of our United Methodist Women would like to thank those who applied for the 2011–2012 United Methodist Womens' Scholarships.

The recipients will be awarded their scholarships at the annual Graduates Night hosted by the United Methodist Men on Tuesday, May 10th. We wish much success to all 2011 graduates and may they be blessed with God's Love.

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS.....Harriet Caporin

Financial resources for congregational libraries are often scarce. However, there are ways to expand resources, and I am listing them below:

- Many public libraries will loan a collection of books on a topic being studied.
- Local public libraries are often part of a larger consortium and can request materials for you from other locations.
- The Online Computer Library Center (www.ocls.org) provides information on resources in sixty thousand libraries in more than a hundred nations.
- Schools and colleges often make their collections available to the public.
- Museums and art galleries often have special libraries open for in-house use.
- Denomination libraries and resource centers loan study materials and media.
- Nearby congregational libraries might be willing to exchange materials.
- Teachers, preachers, and others in our area might have a great personal library and might loan you materials.
- You can access lesson plans, liturgies, discussion guides and other teaching resources on theology and religion at www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu.
- The online Encyclopedia of Religion and Society offers helpful short articles at www.hirr.hartsem.edu/ency.
- The Journal of Religion and Film has reviews and info: www.unomaha.edu/jrf
- At www.amazon.com you can often read a sample chapter of a book. You can also sometimes purchase used copies at reduced prices (great for getting multiple copies for reading clubs).

Please contact me if you need help finding resources. As a member of The Church and Synagogue Library Association our library receives a quarterly periodical entitled "Congregational Libraries Today". The information above was gathered from this periodical. It is a useful publication and I have back issues if anyone would like to use them.

VIM'S REBUILDING TOGETHER

VIM's Rebuilding Together project to build a Handicap Ramp was cancelled. The individual, who we were to serve, will not be returning to her residence, and will instead remain in the Nursing Home.

SHOWCASE OF TALENTS.....Ann Harlan

Please mark September 24th from 7pm—9pm on your calendar because we are sponsoring a showcase of talents that evening here throughout the church!

The evening will include music, dessert, a silent auction, and many talented exhibitors around the church. All proceeds will be used towards our food programs.

If you would like to participate please call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349. More information will be coming.

UMW Bake Sale

UMW would like to send a very special note of thanks to those who donated baked goods and monetary donations for the Bake Sale held on April 27th. The Bake Sale is a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund, and we are so very grateful to be able to turn these raised funds into scholarships.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Beach Bash
VBS
July 10th - 15th
6:00-8:30 PM**

Explore the wonders of the beach in the Son! Help kids get Big Answers to their Big Questions about Jesus: Who is Jesus? Why can I trust Jesus? Why do I need Jesus? How can Jesus help me when I mess up? What does Jesus want me to do?

Come be part of the fun!

!Volunteers Needed Now!

'Lifeguards' needed to lead:

Songs, Snacks, Games, Crafts, Opening & Closing

We will also need **excited spirit-filled young adults, or adults of any age, to help keep order on the Beach Patrol.** 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

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

A church-wide Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 14th beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will be mulching, washing windows, de-cluttering, cleaning out closets and more! All congregants are encouraged to attend and assist

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

From Palm Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday to Good Friday and last, but not least, to Easter Sunday many people worked behind the scenes to provide diverse and creative worship services. These services entail vast team work, planning and hours of coordination, and we thank everyone involved in this highly successful Holy Week.

PRAYER THOUGHTS.....Bonnie English

Lean on Jesus!

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.” Proverbs 3:5-7 (NKJV)

Song of Solomon is another wonderful book of the Bible, which can be interpreted three different ways: the relationship of God and Israel, Jesus and His bride, and the marriage relationship. The relationship of Jesus and His bride is what He is leading me to share this month.

Song of Solomon 8: 5 reads, *“Who is this coming up out of the wilderness, leaning upon her Beloved?”* (NKJV) There is such beautiful imagery here!

Let’s do a few simple word studies:

“Lean” means to bend or incline the body so as to rest part of one’s weight upon; to depend for encouragement, aid; to rely upon.

“Acknowledge” means to recognize authority, and **“Wilderness”** means a wild place, barren, among others.

This is what the Lord showed me after looking up the definition of these key words:

Proverbs 3: 5-7—The bride of Christ trusts in the Lord with all of her heart, not putting faith in her understanding; she is submitted to His authority and learns to avoid evil because she is one who reverently loves and fears Him. She wants nothing to come between her relationship with her Beloved. . In doing so, she knows that He will direct her path.

Song of Solomon 8:5—We see the bride leaning upon her Beloved, our Lord. From whence are they coming? The answer is the wilderness, the world - spiritually wild and barren. She moves when He moves; when He stops, she stops. She walks in perfect harmony with Him. She knows His voice! So it is with you and I today! We have the Holy Spirit!

You ask, “What does this have to do with prayer?” Everything! We cannot have a relationship with Christ without prayer. As we pray, we are doing what the bride is doing – loving, trusting, submitting, and praising, worshiping, thanking, serving. I think you get the picture! It is through prayer that we learn the voice of the Holy Spirit and are able to follow His leading! Remember in the second part of the verse in John 15:5, Jesus reminds us “without Me, you can do nothing”. He is teaching us to rely on Him second by second — for every tiny detail of our lives – in other words, **to lean on Him!**

Heavenly Father, help us in our prayer life to come to the place of totally leaning upon Your Son, Jesus Christ! Help us to be so yielded that we may know and follow the voice of Your Holy Spirit Who is Ever-Present in us that we may bring glory and honor to Your Name!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: Volunteers In Mission



Volunteers In Mission (VIM) is a group of believers who have stepped out in faith to serve the needs of those around them. We are people of all different skill levels, serving as the hands and eyes of Christ. VIM gives hope to the hopeless, while providing opportunity for spiritual growth.

Locally VIM actively seeks out opportunities to assist people in need—whether it is with our elderly congregants or within our local community. VIM assists with hands-on tasks ranging from rides to repair work. On

the local level a few of VIM's assistance include assisting with the Our Haven Shelter—Queen Anne's County's only cold-weather, homeless shelter, Christmas in April, Habitat for Humanity and last year also assisted with the build and completion of the Homes for Our Troops Stevensville residence.

In addition to the local level, VIM seeks to also help at the national and international level. These include participating in Appalachia Service Project (ASP) and collecting supplies and donations for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

As a way to fund these types of local ministries, the VIM group holds several Pancake Breakfasts during the course of the year (Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Fall Flea Market, and Christmas).

VIM's next monthly meeting will be held on May 16th at 6:30 PM in the church library. All are invited to attend. You can also contact me at Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com or 410-758-2144 with any questions or project suggestions.

in
our
prayers

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well" James 5:15

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*Names and prayers are published with the permission of family members.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP)

On March 31st CUMC's VIM group sent 12 people to serve in Appalachia. Organized by Appalachia Service Project (ASP) our home center was located in Brenton, WV, about an hour south of Beckley and US 64. On the eight hour drive we drove through snow showers and even had the chance to work in light snow the next day.

Some facts about the county we served in:

Population: 24,830
Unemployment Rate: 12.9%
Per Capita Income: \$14,220
Percent living below poverty level: 25.1%



Our crews worked on 2 separate projects. The first project was creating a foundation for a mobile home already in place. The family consisted of parents, a 10 year old boy, and a 13 year old boy. The Larry/Barry crew (Larry Morris, Barry Ebersole, Taylor Ebersole, Scott Latham, Edda Grove, and Larisa Thomas) had the pleasure of crawling underneath the home, digging the holes by garden trowel, mixing concrete, and filling the forms. They also helped with mudding the inside of a new addition the Project was building. They accomplished in 2 days on what another work crew spent a week, according to the ASP folks.

The second project was working in a home for an elderly gentleman with health issues. The Strotman Crew (Bill Strotman, Stacey Strotman, Nikole Strotman, Casey Strotman, Rachel Connolly, and Zack Smith) worked on replacing a rotted bathroom floor, fixing the plumbing and installing a new toilet, putting up siding on the house, building gates for his porch and doors for under the house. They really rocked on the projects!

Part of the experience with ASP is the Fellowship. You really get to know your fellow church members on a deeper level. You have the chance to get to know the Center Staff, volunteers from other churches, and your host family. There are special evening activities to top off the experience. We had the opportunity to see a special sunset, make smores around a bonfire, fight for best scores on game night, and, of course, eat ice cream at Dairy Queen (an ASP tradition). Finally, you get closer to the Lord by living outside of your life and doing for others.

Sounds too hard? Don't have the skills? Anyone can help. Don't believe me? My mother attended this as her first and only experience (to date I hope) in the Mission field. She is 69 and has bad knees (one has been replaced already). Although I really expected her to be the On-Deck Gopher and Site Organizer, she was among the first to be under the trailer digging!



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Robyn Brown

MAY AT A GLANCE

- 5/1~ Communion Sunday (both worship services)
- 5/2~ Trustees Meeting
- 5/3~ SPRC Meeting
- 5/5~ National Day of Prayer
- 5/6~ Middle School Dance
- 5/10~ United Methodist Women Meeting
United Methodist Men's Dinner & Meeting
- 5/12~ Steering Team Meeting
- 5/14~ Church Clean-Up
District Evangelism & Outreach Meeting
- 5/15~ Fellowship Hour hosted by the Finance Team
- 5/16~ Volunteers In Mission Meeting
- 5/21~ Women's Conference: Church Hill-Burrisville Charge
- 5/23~ Finance Meeting
- 5/24~ Administrative Council Meeting
- 5/29~ Graduating Seniors Recognition

*All dates are subject to change. Please confirm with the Calendar, Church Office or Ministry Chair.

Centreville United Methodist Church strives to be a Christian Fellowship where Jesus is LORD and the Gospel is proclaimed. We welcome all who seek the love of Christ in their lives. We will nurture all through Spirit-led ministries of worship, teaching, caring and support.