



# THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church November 2006

## **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS**

*Pastor Grier*

As I compose these paragraphs, November hasn't even arrived, but I already know it will be a busy month. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7p.m., there will be a special Church Conference meeting to hear the final presentation of the Building Committee and to take the final vote on their recommendation. You should have already received a special mailing regarding this important meeting and vote. Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, is All Saints Sunday. At the 11 a.m. service we will remember those of our church fellowship who have entered into the church triumphant over the last year.

Of course, we all know that Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. The Scriptures encourage us to be good citizens and to pray for our leaders. We must be good stewards of the freedom to vote and give expression to our political viewpoints. The number of people in our country who have the right to vote, compared with those who actually vote, is rather dismal. Be informed, and take time to vote on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> will be observed as Stewardship Sunday. Early in November you will receive information about our stewardship program in the mail. Included in that mailing will be an "intention card," that you will be asked to bring (or mail) to the church by the 19<sup>th</sup>. It is important for the Finance committee to have clear indications of financial support from the congregation as they plan for the coming year's ministry. Giving to the work of Christ and His Church is our privilege, as well as a way of keeping our promise to "uphold the church with our gifts."

Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> is Thanksgiving Day. Over the years, the fellowship of churches here in town have gathered as a community of faith to worship and thank God together. This year CUMC will host the Thanksgiving Eve service, which will be on Wednesday, November 22, at 7p.m. More and more our secular culture refers to Thanksgiving as "Turkey Day." As a Christian people we dare not allow ourselves to forget the truth we were taught in

our early childhood, "God is great, God is good; let us thank Him..."

Finally, November 26<sup>th</sup> is Christ the King Sunday. It is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation. May we all seek to be as we pray on the day, "...loyal followers of our living Lord, that we may always hear his word, follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit; and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that he is Lord; to your eternal glory. Amen."

May God's richest blessings be yours both to enjoy and to share during this event-filled month!

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

*Barbara Erickson*

The Response to "Tea Time" was great and a new stove has now been installed! THANK YOU!

Did you miss the Crab Feast? A good time was had by our guests and the building fund is now richer due to the effort of Doris Conley, Connie Wilson and June Clark!

The UMW Fall Bazaar will help our mission outreach and "in house" projects - Thank you to all who participated in any way!

Don't forget your church cookbook! This is a great gift item!

December 9<sup>th</sup> will be our Children's Christmas Shopping. Sharon Murdoch will chair this event, help will be needed as well as items for gifts. Also at this time the VIM team will hold a Breakfast/Brunch - great for parents while the children do their shopping.

## **CRAB FEAST**

*Doris Conley & Connie Wilson*

Many thanks to everyone for their help and many donations.

Many gave of their time and effort to make our crab feast a success: Karen and Art cooking the crabs, Donnie Conley, Hillside and H&D Seafood for donating the crabs, David and Lynda for the nice Hot Hamburgers and Hot dogs. Other cooks David Clark, Bob Wilson and Linda McCabe.

MYF members, Dana Meeks, Curtis Hammer and Bryan Lange. Barry Ebersole was chief waiter and Larry and Susan Morris helped set up tables. Thanks to those who donated cake, cheese and crackers and sodas. It was great fun and fellowship and best of all we made \$2815.00 for the Building Fund.

### **Volunteer List Needed NOW For Our Haven**

*Larisa Thomas*

CUMC is marching forward on the quest to help supply volunteers to run the winter shelter in Queen Anne's County called "Our Haven". Located at the Kent Island UMC, it is jointly run by various churches in QAC. Joyce Henne and Stacey Strotman are currently collecting the names of volunteers interested in helping staff the shelter. These names are already past due and need to be collected and turned in to the Coordinator ASAP.

CUMC will be responsible for staffing and providing meals for 2 nights during the week of Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and 2 nights during the week of Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. There will need to be 2 men and 1 woman to stay at the shelter for each shift: 6PM-midnight and midnight-6am. Last year there were no discipline problems at the shelter, and many precautions are taken to ensure the safety for all in attendance. There is a training December 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm for volunteers at the KIUMC. If you are able to help out, please contact Joyce or Stacey or leave a message in the church office by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sign-ups are also being taken for food suppliers/donations. There is a sign-up list on the bulletin board for dinner preparers, breakfast donations, and bag lunch providers. Please help out in any way possible. If you have any questions, please see Larisa Thomas.

This our chance to help local people. Let's all pitch in to help.

### **SCRAP BOOKERS AND STAMPERS**

*Katie Laing*

Sharon Murdoch and Katie Laing will continue hosting Crop Nights. Crop Nights run from 6-11 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a scrapbook or a stamping project - any project you would like to work on!

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>      Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

The cost is \$5.00 per person, and the money goes

towards the building fund. Come on out and bring a friend!

### **YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

*Ken Laing*

Once again the youth will be heading to the Appalachia Service Project on July 1, 1007!! We will be there from July 1<sup>st</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> summer that the youth have gone out in mission!

For the youth, you need to begin thinking and praying about the trip if this is something you want to be apart of! We also need 2 chaperones per 6 youth that go on the trip! We have some lined up, but may be in need of more. For anyone that can not go on the trip, we ask for your prayers as we begin planning and raising funds needed to attend.

### **CENTREVILLE YOUTH MINISTRIES UPDATE!**

*Ken Laing*

Well the school year is FLYING by! Who would have thought that it would be November already - which if I may add is when my birthday is (29<sup>th</sup>)!! But I digress... We have had an awesome year so far, having as many as 30 kids there in one night!! God is truly working with CYM!!

We have added some adult volunteers into the mix which has had great success - If you are interested in helping out please call me at 410-758-6939 or email me [ken.laing@centreville-umc.com](mailto:ken.laing@centreville-umc.com) It is easy work and for the Lord so please consider it. I can put you in touch with some current volunteers for them to tell you how easy it is!

1. We have registered for this years Youth Rally in January - we have 42 people going this year! We are also joining up with Wye of Carmichael church so some of their youth may come by being part of a larger group! Keep this endeavor in your prayers.

2. We will have a Spaghetti Dinner on November 13<sup>th</sup> - Please get your tickets soon! Last year we served a lot of yummy food! Adults are \$8.00, \$5.00

for ages 8-15, and under 8 free.

Please let all your friends know!

I have developed a website to help us save money for a 15 passenger van. Please check it out and share it with as many people as you can - [www.onedollarministry.org](http://www.onedollarministry.org).

Please keep all of Centreville Youth ministries in your prayers as we can always use them!

## **ATTENTION: YOUNG ADULTS 18-30**

*Ken Laing*

Are you wishing there was something more for you in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference? Did you go to the Youth Rally and wish you could still go? Introducing "The Bridge" 2007. This event is a small Youth Rally like event designed just for you - Young Adults. There will be worship, concerts, small group break-out sessions, and time for you to spend with God. This event is scheduled for June 1-2 at Camp Pecometh. Check out [www.pen-del.org](http://www.pen-del.org) or call 410-758-6939 for more information.

Remember "THE BRIDGE" 2007

Pass the word to all young adults as all are welcome.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR**

*Katie Laing*

The Sunday School Choir will perform on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. service. Children may sit with their parents until called forward to sing.!

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

*Fran Comegys*

For more than a decade, Operation Christmas Child has shared the love of Jesus Christ with hurting children around the world. This year's operation Christmas child campaign will be now until November 20<sup>th</sup> the week before Thanksgiving.

In 2005, more than 7.6 million shoe box gifts were collected in the U.S. and 10 other countries. Since 1993, more than 45 million gift-filled shoe boxes have been distributed to children in over 120 countries. This year's goal is to collect 8 million shoe box gifts.

Last year groups from the mid-Atlantic region packed nearly 462,000 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Each Sunday School class room will be asked to pack some gift boxes for the children. We will need these turned in by **November 17**. The drop off point is at The Immanuel U.M.C. in Grasonville.

Please contact Fran Comegys if you would like to help in any way with this much needed mission. 410-758-1421

## **COFFEE HOUR**

*June Clark*

Here is the year schedule for 2007 Coffee Hour.

November 19, 2006	UMM
December 17, 2006	Cheryl Vorhauer
January 21, 2007	Murdoch Family
February 18, 2007	Evangelism Committee
March 18, 2007	Trustee Committee
April 15, 2007	VIM
May 20, 2007	B. Ebersole SS Class

## **EVANGELISM**

*Ann Harlan*

### **Women's Morning Out**

Women's Morning Out will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> and will feature Donna Babe a local Master Gardener and Christmas tree grower. She will show us how to make Christmas Wreaths and decorations. The morning's activities start at 10:00 am and run until 11:30 am. It is open to all ages and child care is available. If you have not come to one yet please join us. It is fun, informative, and a time to share, and have fellowship. We have refreshments, games, door prizes, and our monthly newsletter filled with ideas and thoughts. Prayer requests are taken during our meeting. Please come and bring a friend! For more information call Ann Harlan 410-758-4349.

## **THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

This year the community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held here at CUMC at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Grier will bring the message. Come join us to celebrate the holiday.