



## November Events

11/1 Women's  
Morning Out

11/2 Pastor Apprecia-  
tion Covered Dish

11/5 Spaghetti Dinner

11/13 Methodist Men

11/30 Babysitting  
Night

12/1 Children's  
Christmas Shopping/  
Pancake Breakfast

November 2007

Newsletter

## From the District Superintendent ~

**Scripture:** "Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:12-14

**Building Block:** "Leaders in [growing] churches care more about everyone coming to know Christ, than keeping their churches small enough so they can know everyone."

*Paul Nixon, I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church, The Pilgrim Press, Cleveland, Ohio, 2006, p. 24*

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**Mulling It Over:** I want to paraphrase a quote that I once read (I can't remember who said it, but it wasn't me). The author said, "The church is the only public group that exists solely for non-members." That became the pot of chili, simmering on the back burner of my mind. That quote led me to this conclusion about church membership. Simply and simplistically put, I believe that before a person comes to Christ and becomes part of the church family, they are being served as recipients of the ministry, outreach and evangelism of the church. They are receiving what Wesley calls, "Prevenient grace." When a person comes to Christ, and makes the profession of faith in membership, their status changes from one being served to one who serves. True, there is a sense in which we always need ministry as part of our growth, but our need to be ministered to, becomes less prominent than the calling to be in ministry to others. In John 21, Jesus and Peter have a conversation.

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Three times, Jesus asks Peter if he loves him. Each time, Peter says, "Yes." Three times, Jesus says, "Feed my sheep." He doesn't say, "Peter, get involved in ministry in a place where you are fed." He said, "Feed my sheep." Quite often, in our consumer driven, take our business elsewhere, mentality; we focus on whether we are being fed spiritually or not in a church, or a group. If we aren't, we go somewhere else. Perhaps, we have it backwards. Instead of focusing on being spiritually fed, before feeding others, maybe we become fed by feeding others. Maybe we are ministered to, as we minister to others. Besides, when you stop and think of it, if you are not "feeding others" through ministry and service, that means someone else is not being fed. This idea has serious implications for churches. Congregations that focus on themselves, making convenient, comfortable decisions that take care of themselves, will eventually dwindle and die. Churches, that reach out, opening hearts and doors, who are inviting and welcoming new members; who are inviting people to accept Christ; who are helping and encouraging people to discover their passion for feeding others through ministry and service, are churches that will thrive and be alive. These are the churches who reach out to the "others" in the communities around them, rather than seeing the community as revenue source for the budget. Luke's passage asks the question, "Who's on your guest list? Just friends and family? Or is it "Open House-all are welcome?" Maybe the better question to ask you as ride around your community is, "Who needs to be on your guest list?" Blessings. Bill Stirling

## Evangelism by Ann Harlan

### An Evening of Cookies!!!!

Put December 17th on your calendar at 7:00pm if you love cookies and you enjoy fellowship! We will have a cookie exchange in the Fellowship Hall. To come, bring 5 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies (more if you can) and the recipe, to church with a cookie tin. Each person will share their cookies with one another and we will all go home with a wonderful variety! Drinks will be provided.



For more information, visit [www.centerville-umc.com](http://www.centerville-umc.com).

## Meet Some of Our New Members!

### Welcome Susan Selby!

Susan Selby has been a part of our church for many years but had not become a member until October 21st and we welcome her! Susan lives Not far from the church on 213. She is a wonderful musician, playing the piano and the flute beautifully. Her beautiful smile and gentleness is always a welcome addition to our church.



### Meet Terri Koehler

I was born in and spent most of my life in Pennsylvania, most recently in the Philadelphia area. My husband Joe, my daughter Annika and I relocated to Centreville in late 2001 to be closer to Joe's father and accept employment in the area. My husband and I are both employed as Nurse Anesthetists practicing at Kent General, Dover, De at this time. As a family we enjoy sailing, golf, kayaking, and traveling. We have two Border Terriers, Max and Ruby that bring us much fun and enjoyment. We live in Claiborne Fields. I have joined CUMC from the Presbyterian Church.



Other new members are Jean Morris and Carol Hellman. We were unable to take photos of them this month or to get their bios but they will be included in the December newsletter. Welcome to you both!!!!

New Member's Luncheon, October 21st.

## Sunday School News! By Fran Comegys

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The classes have been filling up with children and adults each week! We have set up a schedule for the activities for the children's classes:

- First Sunday of the month, we will have the opening service in the Sanctuary at 9:45.
- The Second and Third Sunday we will have a puppet show during Sunday School.
- The last Sunday of the month, there will be a birthday party for the children that had birthdays in that month. This will give the children a chance to all be together at once and have fun together.

The teachers have come up with creative ways to bring the word of God to the lives of our children. Parents, we invite you to stop in your child's class and see what they are learning.

### Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week: November 12-19

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. This program of Samaritan's Purse provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on mission's project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ! We are asking for each family to fill a shoe box for those children in need.



Please pick up more information about this mission at the church in the hall across from Fellowship Hall.

## Announcing: He-Brews Coffee Outreach Ministry

By Dianne Cimba

Who: EVERYONE!

When: Sunday Morning's from 9:30-11:00 AM

Where: Main Entrance of the Sunday School Wing

Why: Come and be Spiritually Fed and Get to Know One Another with Godly Fellowship.

If anyone would like to get involved with this by donating goodies, please call Dianne Cimba: 410-758-3903.



## Beth Moore's Women's Bible Study:

**"Living Beyond Yourself"** by Fran Comegys

There is a women's bible study going on in church on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm. Please join us for the Beth Moore Bible Study—"Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." Through this study, you'll come to appreciate the super natural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn, or produce the fruit on your own. We are in our third week of study, but it's not too late to join us. God has truly blessed us in coming together as women to learn how we can become better Christians.

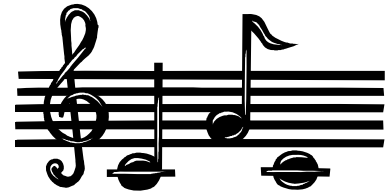
## Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month—November 13th—at 6:15 PM. FREE Dinner is served, followed by the meeting. All current members are highly encouraged to bring a friend!

## Attention All 20 and 30 Year Olds!

If you are somewhere in your 20's or 30's and looking for a bible study group, then maybe we can help! We would like anyone interested in such a group to please contact Katie or Ken Laing at 410-758-6939. The dates and times will be decided by the interested group! (Maybe even just once or twice a month to get started!)

## Music Notes! By Jim Telepchak



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. All of the music and scripts for the Christmas Cantata, "A 1940's Christmas Homecoming", have finally arrived. The story introduces us to a young soldier who should be going home for Christmas but is instead sent on a secret mission.....ooops!!!! I probably shouldn't give away too much of the plot to this heart-warming story. It's something you'll need to experience for yourself. The music contains many of the best loved Christmas carols and songs played in the big band style of the 1940's.

We are currently seeking singers, instrumentalists, thespians, and technical people to fill all of the positions (we even have a spot for handbell ringers) necessary for a production of this scope. If you feel lead to this ministry, please contact Jim Telepchak at: 410-708-7137 or by email: [cumcmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:cumcmusic@yahoo.com) or grab a choir or drama team member. They will be able to point you in the right direction.

### United Methodist Women Upcoming Events:

Nov. 11 - Chester River Chorale Concert

Dec. 1 - Children's Christmas Shopping. All items \$2.00.  
VIM Pancake Breakfast: Adults \$5.00 Children \$4.00  
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Dec. 14 - Back to The Future Concert

**FREE**  
**BABYSITTING**  
**NIGHT**  
Friday, Nov. 30th  
6-10 PM  
All Ages Welcome  
Hosted by  
Youth Ministries

### Newsletter Articles:

Send newsletter articles for December to [newsletter@centreville-umc.com](mailto:newsletter@centreville-umc.com), or place in the newsletter box in the library! Articles are due by November 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.

**Centreville Youth Ministries:  
"Say What??" Worship—Honor—And—Trust**  
By Ken Laing



As the weather cools- our activities do not! We are getting along with the 2007-2008 year and are having a very good start. Our numbers are about 30 youth per week and we have about 55 youth on the mailing list.

These numbers are not just numbers, they are youth from our church and community who want to know more about Jesus Christ and want to be around other youth who want to know more about Jesus Christ. Please pray for Centreville Youth Ministries in our mission to fulfill this want.

Thanks for all the support that this church gives to Centreville Youth Ministries in all of the things we do.

In December we are planning to have a our FREE Babysitting Night on Friday- November 30th from 6-10pm. Please spread the word about this FREE event for parents to go shopping and catch some of those early Christmas shopping sales.

We are finalizing plans for the Annual Peninsula-Delaware Conference Youth Rally in Ocean City. We have 36 youth signed up and I anticipate a few others to still sign up! This year's theme is "Whatever" Colossians 3:23. The youth will experience spiritual growth by attending this event, as each year I see the youth come a little closer to God because they attended.

If you know of anyone who is in 6th-12th grades that may be interested in coming please just let me know to invite them.

### **Centreville Youth Ministries Mission Statement**

*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.*

### **Youth ASP Trip Has Been Scheduled!**

**Interested Youth and Chaperone's: Mark Your Calendar for June 29th -July 5th, as this is the week we have been assigned. We plan to take 3 teams! Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!  
Applications will be available soon.**



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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](http://www.centreville-umc.com).

*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.*