



Pastor's Paragraphs by Pastor Mark Farnell



The Holidays will be here before you know it! Before we get caught up in the hustle and bustle let us take a moment and reflect on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is that time of the year when we are called to give thanks, suspend our hectic lives, and remember all the things our God has bestowed upon us in the last year. Thanksgiving is a time when we are more conscious of the abundance with which we live.

Without a doubt thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. I know what you're thinking – it's my favorite holiday because I get to eat and watch football (well that certainly is nice) but it is so much more than that. Thanksgiving is a distinctive holiday. It doesn't commemorate a battle or a birthday or anniversary; it is simply a day set aside to express our thanks to God. Webster's Dictionary says that Thanksgiving means "*a formal public expression of thanks to God.*"

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name" (Psalm 100:1). The 100th Psalm was written for the people of Israel. God was basically saying to them: "when you come into the Promised Land, settle down in your warm homes, and have plenty to eat – don't forget to worship me and give thanks! In the first verse it addresses "*all the earth*" and the last verse includes "*all generations.*" The importance of Thanksgiving is so deep and so wide that it applies to every person of every generation. Just as we need to breathe, to eat, to be in relationship with one another, and to dwell in safety so we need to give thanks. There is something deep within us that recognizes how much we have been given, and that which yearns to respond in gratitude. There is a reason for our praise and thanksgiving and it is not based on circumstances, but on God! It is about God's grace! It is about remembering God's faithfulness and love! It is about remembering God is everywhere, God is with us. So as Thanksgiving is quickly approaching may we pause and say "thank you." Say thank you to the one who is the source of all our blessings. From my family to yours may you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving holiday!

***Evangelism* by Ann Harlan**

Evangelism is a noun that means “the preaching of the gospel”

Attention !!!!! Advent Study Group Sign Up

Our church will offer an Advent Study Group during the weeks of Advent starting Dec. 3 at 7pm. We will use the book "What Do You Want for Christmas?" by James W. Moore. The books are only \$6.50 each and will be ordered for each person who signs up by Nov. 16th. There will be sign up sheets available after each service and on the bulletin board or you may call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349. Please sign up by Nov. 16 so we can order the books to start reading before the first meeting. Robin Pilli, Harriet Caporin, and Ann Harlan will be the group's facilitators. We look forward to sharing in this meaningful study and to share a time together during this holy season. All are welcome!!!!

Cookie Exchange December 15th at 7pm

Come with 10 dozen of one kind of your favorite Christmas cookies, the recipe, a story to tell about your Christmas memories or traditions, and a container to take your mixture of cookies home. We will share refreshments also with a time of fellowship and fun. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Come and join us!!!

Guess Who!!! By Pastor Mark

Last month's mystery person was Teresa Farnell! See if you can guess this mystery person!

This month's mystery person has been married to his wonderful bride for over 51 years, has three children, 7 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren! He is a talented carver and woodworker. Our mystery person was a member of the National Guard, and he has taken on a new hobby—kayaking! Can you guess who this person is? Find out if you are right next month!

Volunteers in Mission by Larisa Thomas

Volunteers In Mission

This past month was a busy month. Thank you to all who helped support our Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast. We raised over \$1,000 to go towards our Mission Work. We also worked on stabilizing the trailer of the family in Pondtown. We are still working on getting them into the better trailer, and hope to continue to cut through the red tape.

VIM is starting to organize the volunteers for Our Haven Homeless Shelter. CUMC will again need to provide volunteers just for the 6PM to midnight shift. We will need 3 volunteers each night, with at least one being a male. We also will be providing the evening meal. The dates CUMC has been asked to staff are December 25-27 (evening meal only), January 29-31, March 5-7, and April 9-11. Look for signups later this month, although if you could help with the December dates, please let Larisa Thomas know ASAP.

VIM has selected the dates of the trip to the Appalachia Service Project to be April 2nd-5th. We are currently trying to firm up how many teams will be going. Ages 14-99 are invited, and there are no experience requirements (although we also need some experienced workers too!). If interested, please email Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com.

Finally, we have had to switch our meetings again so that our volunteers can make it. The next meetings will be the 3rd Monday: November 17 & December 15. All are invited to be the hands through which God can work!

Nursery Ministry

The nursery is an important tool the church has in attracting and retaining new young members. Without the nursery, many parents would not be able to attend church.

Due to Safe Sanctuary Practices, we do need two people in the nursery at all times. The 11 AM nursery desperately needs volunteers to help the paid attendant, Kelly Nelson. We have only 33% of the services covered for the rest of the year. Please stop by the bulletin board outside the nursery and sign up for a shift or two, or contact Kelly Nelson for details.



United Methodist Women **By Barbara Erickson**

United Methodist Women Year in Review

Our outreach this year has been to send two sewing machines plus money for accessories and two school uniforms, through Volunteers in Mission, to Costa Rica.

We make and distribute baby blankets, adult bibs, totes for wheel chairs and walkers, for tots at worship and for the migrant school program.

We made quilts for Camp Pecometh's Quilt Auction, and we sponsored a camper this summer.

At our home church, we help maintain the food pantry and the Samaritan Fund. We serve luncheons following funerals when requested and serve dinners to the United Methodist Men and the Lions Club monthly. We also hosted our annual Fall Bazaar.

If you are interested in getting involved with any of our outreach programs, please contact Barbara Erickson.

We would like to thank all those who supported our Fall Bazaar, and for all those who donated time and efforts in working to set up, clean up, and run the various areas of the bazaar.

Hospice Needs Our Help

Please bring any of the following donated items into the church office, and label them "Hospice." Thank you!

Automatic Dishwasher Detergent
Baby Lotion - Unscented
Baby Wipes - Unscented
Clorox

Laundry Detergent - Unscented
Dryer Sheets - Unscented
Dawn Dish Detergent

Communicate Your Needs, Joys, Sorrows, Illnesses, with the Church's Loving Hands and Hearts By Ann Harlan

Life gives to all daily issues of joy and sorrow. To help one another, we would like to be in better communication with everyone. Many times we as a church do not know until the event has past. To become a more loving, caring, church, we want to help one another in a more loving timely way. Please call the church office and tell Pat about your issues and she will then pass them on to a committee of Loving Hands and Hearts to help share the joy, sorrow, or concern. Please let us all help one another and with God's love and guidance become an even more caring church community!!!!

WORSHIP:

Altar flowers needed for 11 a.m. service.
Two open dates: 11/30/08 and 12/7/08.
Call Rosanne Phillips (410-758-0349) or
Ruth Ann Walls (410-827-4588) if you can
help.

The New Life
United Methodist
Church on 423 S.
Liberty Street,
Centreville, will
host a Commu-
nity Thanksgiving
Service at 7 p.m.
on Wednesday,
November 26. Donations of non-
perishable foods would be appreciated
to replenish the community food bank.



Transportation Help

There are members of our congrega-
tion who are unable to drive them-
selves to church, various doctors ap-
pointments, etc., because they either
do not have their own transportation
or do not feel comfortable driving
across the Bay Bridge. In order to
lend a hand to our Church Family, the
Church Office is attempting to com-
pile a list of Drivers that would be
willing to lend a driving hand to our
members.

If you are willing to add your name to
the list, please call Pat in the church
office at 410-758-0868.

If you need assistance with driving,
please call Pat and let her know so
that she can help arrange a ride for
you.

YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY- Harriet Caporin

A collection of light spiritual fiction paperbacks has been donated to the library by Marie Lange. These paperbacks can be borrowed without checking them out. Feel free to read them and return them to the paperback shelf when you have finished one.

The library is in need of new books to keep our collection current. If you have recently purchased and finished reading a book you think appropriate to the library collection, please consider donating it to the church library. Please also consider donating money for a "Memorial Book" or an outright gift earmarked for the purchase of new books. If you wish to "Adopt A Book" please fill out the form below. I always have a wish list of titles it would be nice to have in our library.

CENTREVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LIBRARY ADOPT-A-BOOK

PLEASE PRINT EVERYTHING

1. Today's date _____
2. Circle amount given (must be paid when form is filled out)

Adult fiction	\$20.00
Adult non-fiction	\$25.00
Children's Book	\$10.00
3. Patron may suggest a title or allow the Library to choose or make a suggestion. The Library reserves the right to reject any title.
TITLE OF BOOK _____
4. Circle a choice (Use a Bookplate) (Do NOT use a Bookplate)
If a bookplate is to be used, place text here:

5. Patron may give a book IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF someone. Circle which. An appropriate card of letter will be sent to the person honored or to the survivor of a deceased person. Give name and address of person to be notified, if any.

6. Circle one: 1. Library should send notification. 2. Donor wants to notify. 3. Donor wants our card/letter to present.
7. Donor's name, address, and phone number _____

8. Print this form, fill it out, write check to CUMC Library and mail to the church office,
Attention: Harriet Caporin

Centreville UMC Covered Dish Supper
Saturday, November 8, 2008, 6pm
Fellowship Hall

Covered Dish Supper



This is a good opportunity for the entire church family
to come together and have:

Fun - Food - Fellowship

If your last name begins with the letters:

A-H Bring side dishes

I-P Bring a Meat

Q-Z Bring Desserts

Interested in Home Groups?

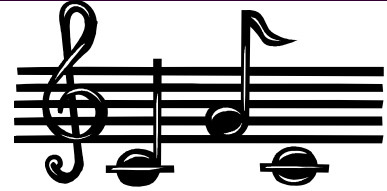
If you are interested in Home Groups please come to
this covered dish supper because Pastor Mark will be
talking about the opportunity of starting Home Groups

Want to get to know one another? Have fun?

Play interactive games?

Then don't miss this exciting evening !!!!!

Music Notes by Nancy Cook



Our choral and handbell choirs are growing, but we still welcome those who wish to become “ministers of music” through the various musical groups.

Again the schedule of the meeting times is listed below:

WENDESDBAYS - 6:30 PM - Cherub Choir - Ages 2 through Grade 1
6:30 PM - Youth Choir - Grades 2 through Grades 8
7:00 PM - Praise Team Rehearsal

THURSDAYS - 5:30 PM - Beginner Bells - Grades 3 through Adult
(No experience required)
6:00 PM - Tintinnabulators - Grades 3 through Adult
(Music Reading Required)
6:45 PM - Joy Bells - Experienced Bell Ringers
(All bell positions are filled at this time)
* 7:50 PM - Adult Choir - High School Juniors through age 90

SUNDAYS - 4:00 PM - Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

* A Special Note: The Adult Choir is seeking persons who have sung in high school or college. NO MUSIC READING IS REQUIRED, just a love of singing and of serving the Lord.

New Member Classes to Be Held 3rd Sunday of the Month!

**Attend but not a member? New to our church? Interested in finding out
what being Methodist is all about?
Plan to meet with Pastor Mark on the 3rd Sunday of the month during the
Sunday School hour to find out more!**

Sunday School News by Laura Phillips

Sunday School Christmas Program Beginning November 9th, we will start rehearsals for our Christmas program, "Christmas Around the World". We will practice each Sunday after the 9th from 4:30-5:30 in the sanctuary. Sign ups for the play are on each Sunday School class door. Please call 410-758-2288 if you have any questions. Adult help will be needed for costuming, props, etc.



Operation Christmas Child Fliers and shoeboxes are available for Operation Christmas Child. To complete a shoebox, determine if your gift will be for a boy or girl and the child's age category, 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. There is a list of suggestions on your OPC form which are available at the Sunday School entrance table. Please include a check for \$7 for each shoebox to cover shipping. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Sunday School entrance table. Collection dates are November 2nd- November 16th at CUMC. Visit www.samaritanaspurse.org for details.

Thanksgiving Dinners for the Needy Sign up sheets for Thanksgiving dinner donation items will be available the beginning of November on the wall outside of Fellowship Hall. Food items can be brought in during November, and will be delivered for Thanksgiving to needy families in our area. Thank you in advance for sharing God's love with other people in our neighborhoods.

Prayer Group on Monday's from 7-8 PM

All are welcome to join us in prayer for each other, our church, community, and world.

See Bonnie English for more details.





What is Centreville Youth Ministries?

Many times I am asked “What is Centreville Youth Ministries?” or I am “corrected” in the plurality of the word “Ministries”. When most people think about youth ministries in the United Methodist Church, people think of “UMYF” or “United Methodist Youth Fellowship” and that hasn’t changed. When the number of youth attending each week continued to grow each year and we started to branch out into other things, I felt that UMYF just did not fully entail all that our youth were involved in.

Each Sunday night a group of 35-45 youth gather every week during the school year. This is the time that the MYF meet. This time is used as MYF has been used for many years: our main goal is that of fellowship. Our youth are surrounded by many non-Christian environments and many non-Christian acting people, but this time is an awesome time to be in a Christian environment around other Christian youth. We also take this time for devotions, faith lessons, and sharing. When we meet there is an hour of just middle schoolers (6-8), an hour of both middle and high schoolers, and then an hour of just high schoolers.

Once a month a group of six youth gather to plan. This is the Student Leadership Team (SLT). This team has been working since before we started to make this larger group more focused, successful, and growing. With about 80 youth on our mailing list, a part-time youth director could not manage all of the different aspects of what it takes to plan, organize, and communicate with all of the youth. Our President is Rachel Connolly, Vice-President Andrew Thiesse, High School Representatives Casey Strotman and Samantha Lansinger, and Middle School Representatives Jordan Price and Stacey Davis.

The third part of CYM is our Youth Missions Team (YMT). The YMT may be a part that many of you are more familiar with. This is the team of youth that primary focus on our Summer Missions trip and spreading God's word through our service to those in need. This group has gone to North Carolina, West Virginia twice, and most recently Kentucky. The youth that take part in our summer missions trip have all gone away on a particular spot in their faith journey and come back significantly further along in it. This group works hard to allow them to raise the funds needed to out in mission.

None of these ministries are truly more important then the other, but the MYF does take a lead in putting the youth in place to take part in the other two ministries. We also could not do any of the things that we do, if it were not for the wonderful support that we have from YOU ,the members of the church. THANK YOU!!!!

Each one of these ministries come together to create Centerville Youth Ministries and help us to fulfill our 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.



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Sunday Church Schedule

8:45 AM - Praise Service with Nursery Available

9:45 - Sunday School for Ages Pre-School through Adult

11:00 AM - Traditional Service with Nursery Available

5:30-7:30: Middle School MYF (Grades 6-8)

6:30-8:30: High School MYF (Grades 9-12)

Calendar available online at www.centreville-umc.com.

Fellowship Hour will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month between both services in Fellowship Hall.
Mark your calendars for September 21st!