



# THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church October 2006

## PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

*Pastor Grier*

This month I want to share with you in my paragraphs the news about our upcoming charge conference. This year's annual meeting of the Charge Conference will take place at the church on Thursday evening, October 26<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7 p.m. Our new District Superintendent, the Rev. William T. "Bill" Sterling, Jr. will preside. This annual meeting is required by the *Book of Discipline* of our church, and is held for the general purpose of receiving certain reports, such as those from the Trustees, The Staff/Pastor Relations Committee, the Finance Committee, etc, to set goals for the church's ministry, to elect committee members and leaders for the coming year, and to address other items of church business or program that may be necessary.

This year, the District Superintendent has made the decision that the annual Charge Conference meeting will be a Church Conference meeting. The difference between a Charge Conference and a Church Conference is that at a Charge Conference only the elected leadership of the church may vote on the reports, whereas at a Church Conference all members present may vote on the reports.

One of the reports that will most likely be before this year's Church Conference will be the final report of the Building Committee. It is anticipated that by the time of the Church Conference, a final construction bid will be known, the necessary financial loans with a lending institution will have been arranged, and the Easton District Committee on Church Location and Building will have given its final approval to move ahead with the project. The final step, before the building project could actually commence, must come from the Church Conference.

I want to encourage your attendance and participation at this year's Church Conference. I know our District Superintendent wants to meet and greet as many members of our church family as possible. It's an exciting time for our church. Together, we can make a difference for Christ!

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

*Dan Tabler*

Hope to see you on the 26th!

## ALL U CAN EAT CRAB FEAST

*Connie Wilson*

This church wide fund raiser is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. and will benefit the Building Fund. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, cheese and crackers, dessert and beverage are provided.

There will be calls made for sheet cakes, sodas, cheese and crackers. Monetary donations would be appreciated.

The more who buy tickets and donate, the more profit we will have to help the "Building Fund" grow.

If you have any questions, or care to buy tickets, please call Doris Conley 758-0277, June Clark 758-1706 or Connie Wilson 758-0882.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

*Connie Wilson*

The Scholarship Committee has received a donation of a framed print titled "**Frosty Morning in Queen Anne's County**" by Lucia. It will be for sale at the October 21<sup>st</sup> Bazaar. The price is \$90.00.

The picture has been professionally framed, under glass and the measurements are 31" wide and 25" long. It would be an excellent addition to a home or given as a gift.

## FALL BIBLE STUDY

During the month of October, there will be a Wednesday morning Bible study at the church, beginning at 9:30 am. This study will be primarily led by the Pastor, but others may be involved from time to time. The Bible study will center around the theme, "Philippians for the Fall." This time of study and fellowship is open to all, and dress is casual. Come as often as you can and be centered in God's holy Word!

Thirteen members of the church's Methodist Men enjoyed a fine dinner September 12 to begin the fall

season.

Our guest speaker was Lollie Dixon, daughter of member Romie Scarbro, who was recovering from a serious auto accident. Lollie talked about the Eastern Shore Junior Academy, a private Christian School near Sudlersville, attended by her son. She also told the members her father was feeling better at home after a trip to the hospital when his car was struck by another on Route 301 the evening of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Dixon spoke about the small school which now has 43 students, from pre-K to 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She said donations were needed to assist with repairs and the school was attempting to get the community involved. The membership agreed to discuss the situation after a budget is prepared by Treasurer Bob Cimba.

It was agreed by the members present that with a decline in help, the annual Fall Chicken Barbeque would be cancelled this year. It would normally have been held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in October. President Ed Parry said efforts would be made to renew the twice-yearly fund-raiser in the spring.

All male members of the church are invited to the monthly dinner-meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. It is a fine time of dinner and fellowship. Call President Parry at 410-758-2191 for any information.

## **COFFEE HOUR**

*June Clark*

I want to thank all who hosted the 2005-2006 Coffee Hour. Well it's that time again. Below you will find the dates of the 2006-2007 Coffee Hour. If you will pick out a date and call me I would appreciate it very much. A family or a church committee can take a date. The Coffee Hours are the third Sunday in the month.

October 15, 2006	November 19, 2006
December 17, 2006	January 21, 2007
February 18, 2007	March 18, 2007
April 15, 2007	May 20, 2007

If you want a date of the Coffee Hour, please call June Clark at 410-758-1706.

Our Silent Auction will end the day look over the goodies and write down what you will pay.

As you can see, there will be lots to do Come on in - We'll be looking for you.

Written by: *Barbara Sharp*

## **EVANGELISM**

*Ann Harlan*

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

Women's Morning Out will be held on October 26th from 10:00am-11:30am in the fellowship hall. Our featured guest will be Phyllis Johnston. Phyllis has practiced yoga for 19 years and taught for 7. She will be helping us better understand yoga and demonstrate some helpful movements. Childcare will be available and all women are welcome. The morning will include refreshments, door prizes, fellowship, prayer requests, and a newsletter. We look forward to seeing you. For more information call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349.

### **Women of the Bible October 29th**

On October 29th at 3:00pm our sanctuary will be transformed into a stage where actress Anita Gutschick will be portraying 7 women of the Bible. Anita brings each character to life. You feel as though you are right there with them. Her performance will last about 75 minutes with refreshments following the performance. A freewill offering will be taken. This event is open to everyone in the community. Mark the date on your calendar now ! Call the church office for more information at 410-758-0868.

## **FALL BAZAAR**

*Betty Lee Jackson*

October 21<sup>st</sup> is the big day  
Our church Bazaar is on the way,  
"Must have" items will be for sale  
We will tell you about them in this tale.  
Special this year is our own cookbook  
Titled "Our Kitchen to Yours," come have a look!  
As always we serve a delicious lunch  
or you can come early and make it brunch.  
Connie's chicken salad is quite a delight  
And June's vegetable soup will be just right.  
Apple cider will be there to drink  
Have a cup as you sit, chat, or think

## **CUMC TO HELP QAC WINTER SHELTER**

*Larisa*

*Thomas*

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, there will be a winter shelter

offered in Queen Anne's County. This shelter, called Our Haven, will be located at the Kent Island UMC. It is jointly run by various churches in the county and is open from January through the first 2 weeks of March. Our Haven is open to families and individuals, with a maximum capacity of 20 guests although most nights are not full. 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>.

Joyce Henne and Stacey Strotman, members of VIM, are the coordinators for our church. They will need 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 7-9 PM for volunteers at the KIUMC. If you are able to help out, please contact Joyce or Stacey.

We will also need help with the food. Larisa Thomas, another VIM member, will be coordinating the meals. A simple hot dinner is provided in the evening. This can be prepared at home or at the KIUMC. Meals can be anything from hot dogs, pizza, lasagna, to whatever. A quick cold breakfast like bagels or muffins is also provided, in addition to a bag lunch. This is ideal for church members who are unable to physically man the shelter, but love to help. Stay tuned for information next month about signing up, or see Larisa.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our church to come together and help out those that are having unfortunate circumstances. As Jesus stated in Matthew 25:40, "When you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you were doing it to me".

## **PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Over the last several years, CUMC has observed this event

with invitations to the congregation to remember the Pastor with cards, gifts, or "goodies." While such means of appreciation have been greatly appreciated by the Pastor over the years, especially the "goodies", this year the Pastor would like to make a specific request for any so inclined to participate. As everyone in the church knows we are attempting to add additional classroom space to our facility. Funding of this project continues to be a major concern. Therefore, if you would like to show some measure of appreciation to the Pastor for his ministry, a donation to the Building Project in his honor is suggested. Such a gesture would be a great way to help the Building Project and to show your appreciation.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

*Robin Pilli*

### **Items needed for Silent Auction!**

We could use new items, gift certificates - be creative with your ideas. If you feel you would be willing to donate an item for our Silent Auction, please contact Robin Pilli at 410-758-1126.



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Dear Church Members and Friends,

How fast time flies! Once again it is time for our **Annual Fall Festival and Bazaar! October 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30 until 1:00 p.m. This event is our main fund raiser of the year to support missions and community outreach. Also, our Scholarships and “in house” projects.

**New this year!** The old fashioned fall activity of Cider Pressing! And updated version of the old craft of Quilting. **The luncheon** features our super good vegetable beef soup, Ham and chicken salad sandwiches, and don't forget pie for dessert. (Please contact Marion Leiby if you will be baking a pie - Pans are available in the church kitchen.)

**The Bake and Goodies Booth** will be chaired by Rosanne Phillips. We hope to emphasize Apples and Pumpkin.

**Silent Auction** items are now being accepted by Robin Pilli.

**“New to You” Concession**, chaired by Ruth Ann Walls, new or gently used items may be brought to church now.

**Baskets!** Let Pat Beecher know now if you will make a theme gift basket, or supply items for this very popular item. This is a very time consuming undertaking so Please contact Pat now.

**Gems and Jewels!** will be chaired by Joyce Downes.

**Book Nook!** Linda McCabe is collecting books for this very popular area of our Bazaar. Featured this year is our own Cookbook for only \$8.00 per copy.

**Holiday Crafts!** Stacey Strotman will chair this area but needs to plan space and displays!

**Scholarship Table!** Again this year our table will feature prints and cutlery (proceeds go directly to the Scholarship Fund).

This is not a one day event! Weeks and months go into preparation and planning. If there is an area you would prefer to participate in please call that chairperson! We also need people willing to clean up and get the church ready for Sunday morning services.

Cash donations to help offset the cost (especially for soup and sandwiches) will be greatly appreciated.

So! Grab a friend, spouse, neighbor and join us for lunch and holiday shopping on Oct. 21st!

The United Methodist Women