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Newsletter

Pastor's Paragraphs by Pastor Mark Farnell



These are some difficult times! I remember one particular morning getting my cup of coffee (as I do every day) and sitting down to watch the news before heading over to the office. To my dismay the news cast was reporting large companies that were about to collapse and loose tremendous amounts of money. I can't even begin to grasp what it's like to lose everything. The pain and sense of disappointment must be more than words can describe. The news cast continued to report record amounts of foreclosures, gasoline prices on the rise again, and the devastation that Hurricane Ike brought to Texas. What do we do now? Who do we turn to? What's next? These are very real things that bring uncertainty and fear. Who is in control? God is still in control.

God can be our source in a bad economy just as easily as he can in a prosperous economy! God will always have enough for our needs. God's resources are limitless; they are never ending! We can't predict our future needs - let God take care of that. God can still do miraculous things. The Almighty is not governed by the world markets. Not only is God in control of our lives but he is in control of the entire universe. "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" - Psalms. 24:1. If God handles every single thing in the universe then God can handle these current crises. The Psalmist goes onto tell us in the 46th chapter: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." God is not just our help, but ..."a very present help in trouble..." God is on the scene! This help is right now, immediately available whenever we encounter a crisis. We should keep praising God and remembering God's goodness. Continue to trust God, he is powerful. Take heart God is in control!!!!

Evangelism by Ann Harlan

Evangelism is a noun that means "the preaching of the gospel"

Women's Evening Out: Monday, October 27!!

You are invited to attend an evening of fellowship and good food as we get better acquainted with our new pastor's wife, Teresa, on Monday, October 27th at 6 PM. She has agreed to share some time with us to help us learn more about her life and talents. Please bring your favorite soup to share. Salad, dessert, and beverages will be provided. Please call Ann Harlan to RSVP at 410-758-4349.

Two dates to put on your Calendar!!!!

This year's cookies exchange will be on Monday, December 15th! Please be thinking of the cookies you will bake. We had a wonderful time last year! Please join us!!

Also, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of CUMC on the afternoon of March 22nd, 2009. Mark your calendar now and details will follow.

Guess Who!!! By Pastor Mark

**And Find Out If You Are Right Next Month When
The Mystery Person is Revealed!**

I love children and have two of my own. In my college years I use to be a phone operator for the Jerry Lewis Telethon which airs on WBOC in Salisbury every Labor Day. My sorority use to volunteer for this event every year. As a stress reliever I love to jog and eat DARK chocolate. As a matter of fact, I sometimes have been called a "Chocoholic" because I love it so much! My son and I often fight (in a good way) over our chocolate desserts when we dine out for dinner. I am a bit of a daredevil. I love rollercoasters. The higher the hills...the better. I even signed up to jump out of an airplane but found out I was pregnant with my second child and had to put that adventure on hold. I still haven't done it but it is on my list to do before turning 40 - which is right around the corner. Who am I?

Volunteers in Mission by Larisa Thomas

VIM announces its new meeting time and date. We now are meeting the first Monday of every month at 7 PM in the church library. All who want to put their faith into action by helping others are welcome.

VIM is interested in organizing a long-weekend trip to the Appalachia Service Project, where we do much needed work on the homes of the less fortunate. This is an emotionally and spiritually rewarding trip. We are currently looking at the beginning of April (before Easter). If interested, please help us pick the date! Contact Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 or email Larisa.Thomas@centreville-umc.com.

Shelter Training at CUMC

CUMC will be helping staff the Queen Anne County Homeless shelter this winter. There will be a one-time shelter training at our church Oct. 26th at 12:15-1:30 PM. Pizza and soda will be provided. This will update all volunteers on policies and procedures. Please call Stacey Strotman for more information.

Methodist Men Update

October meeting will be held on Tuesday the 14th at 6:15 PM. Dinner is \$5.

Chicken BBQ will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd! Tickets for the BBQ cost \$7 each and they are on sale. See any of the Methodist Men for information and tickets! The menu includes 1/2 BBQ Chicken, salad with dressing, roll, and applesauce. Pick-up dinners from 3:30-6:00 PM.

The Men can use help during the day on the 22nd to cook and prepare the meals. See any of the men for details on how you can give them a hand!



United Methodist Women **By Barbara Erickson**

The Methodist Women continue to be busy about the church with their many ministries. We will soon have our Camp Pecometh Quilt, "Autumn Glory" on display! This quilt will be auctioned off in April.

Our outreach ministries continue to keep us busy with our sewing. We continue to make bibs, blankets, and totes for our Junior Worshipers! We also continue to make school bags for Nancy's VIM trip. Still needed - Cotton fabric for adult bibs.

The U.M.W. will purchase more tables for the Church and Fellowship Hall.

The Bazaar is Coming!

The Bazaar will be October 25th!

We still need volunteers to help Chair the Kitchen, Dining Hall, Bake Table, Scholarship. This means to help move tables and decorate the areas.

Set up is October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

NEEDED:

Chairperson for United Methodist Men Dinners.

See Barbara Erickson if Interested.

Our thanks to Mr. Richard Phillips for all the repairs, etc, he does around the church (kitchen door, clean, lights our stove, trace down and repair major leaks, and the beautiful coat rack in the main hall. Thank you, Dick!

Scholarship Committee Help Needed!

By Connie Wilson

A member of our committee resigned during the summer. Many thanks to Susan Klepper for your help. We would love to have someone to fill that vacancy.

This past May, we awarded two scholarships: Curtis Hammer and Megan Covington. I understand that we will have several of our youth graduating next year; therefore, we hope you'll support our efforts of raising funds toward that goal in hopes that we can help all that apply.

Our efforts include a fall/spring chicken salad sale, the bake sale in conjunction with the UMM Chicken BBQ. We are also selling Roda Cutlery at the bazaar. Call Mrs. M. Leiby at 410-758-1190. We also take gifts anytime of the year towards the scholarship fund.

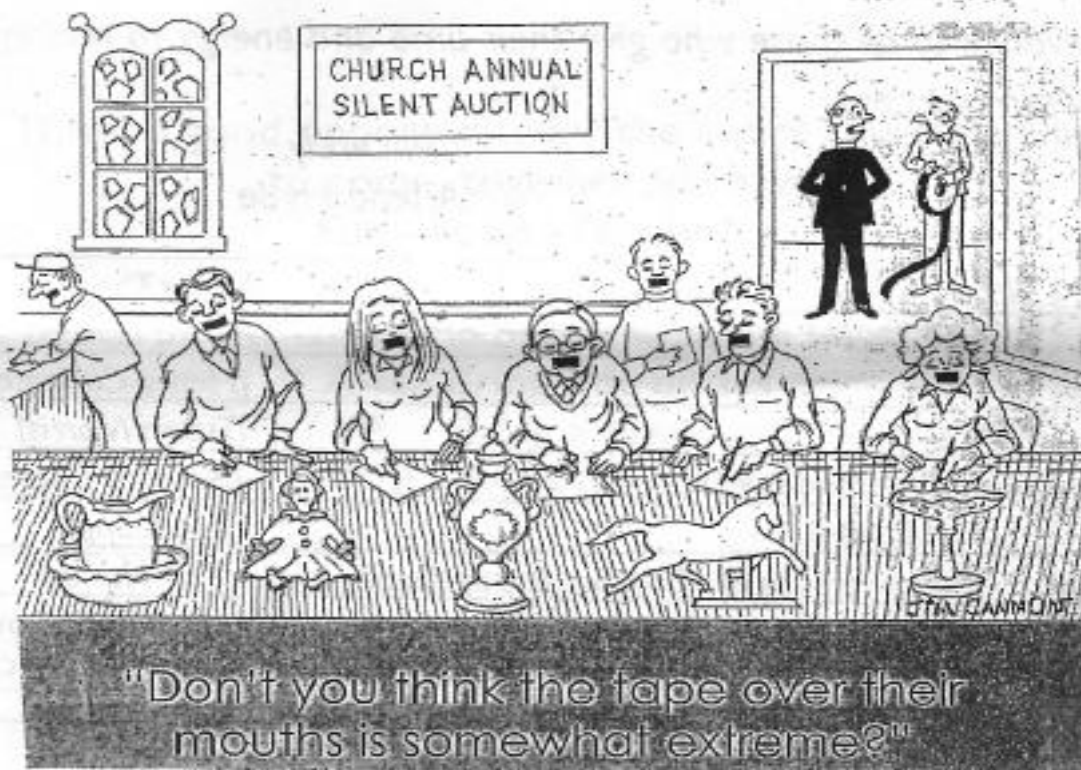
Chicken Salad Sale

Thursday, October 9th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Place orders by Monday, October 6th.

Call the church office to place your order at 410-758-0868.

All Sales Benefit the Scholarship Fund!



Items for the Silent auction are quietly appearing for the October 25th Bazaar.

It has been whispered that a mahogany coffee table will be there. A lamp from the Centreville National Bank will be available for bids.

You don't have to be silent. There are several things to "oh" and "ah" about. You may bid as high as you like and talk as loud as you want!

Come join in on all the fun! See you on the 25th!

Coffee Hours News 2008-2009

Thank you to all of those who participated in Coffee Hour last year. We experienced wonderful fellowship and delectable treats.

Coffee Hour this year will be held the third Sunday of each month. It will be held after the first service and before the second. Below is the calendar for the year. If you are interested in helping, please contact the chair of the committee as listed below.

Thank you in advance to all those who give their time and energy to making our coffee hours a warm success.

*Sincerely,
Arlene Hyde*

Sept. 21	VIM	(Larisa Thomas)
Oct. 19	Sunday School	(Laura Phillips)
Nov. 16	Trustees	(Henry Covington, Jr.)
Dec. 21	PPR	(Susan Morris)
Jan. 18	United Methodist Women	(Barbara Erickson)
Feb. 15	Youth Ministry	(Ken Laing)
March 22	*50 th Anniversary of Church – Evangelism*	(Ann Harlan)
April 19	The Downes Family	(Mary Beth Downes)
May 17	The Murdoch Family	(Susan Murdoch)



Pastor Mark
with the
Children
During “Chalk Talk”
at the
11:00 AM Service.

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

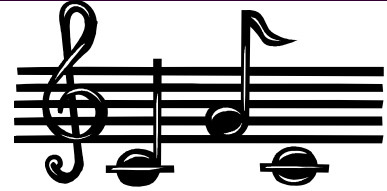
If your last name begins with the letters:
A-H Bring side dishes
I-P Bring a Meat
Q-Z Bring Desserts

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



Speak To One Another With Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs.

Ephesians 5:19

What a wonderful September beginning as all our musical ministries groups are singing, playing, and ringing the glorious sounds of our faith!

You are invited to join one or several of the following opportunities for making music:

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.

Coffee House

**Our 3rd Coffee House will be Held on Friday,
October 3rd at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall**

Coffee and Dessert
\$5 Adults, \$3 Kids

Benefits Praise Band Technology Updating

Church Wide Needs and Concerns from Church Council

Transportation Help

There are members of our congregation who are unable to drive themselves to church, various doctors appointments, 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 compile 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.

Parking Needs

What a wonderful problem to have at CUMC! We are running out of parking spaces on Sunday mornings! In order to encourage new members and visitors to feel welcome in our Church, we would like to start by making sure they can park their cars without a problem!

How can you help?

We would like to encourage members that are able to park further away from the building to do so in order to free up parking spaces closer to church.

Thanks for your assistance!

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

Thanks to all of our teachers, children, parents, and church members that helped make the kick off to our Sunday School a huge success. At this time, we have 125 children enrolled in our Sunday School, and it continues to grow each week! Please keep our Sunday School in your prayers as we strive to bring alive the stories and messages of our Lord. As we know, the youth of our church are the future of our church.

Some upcoming dates to note:

October 4th- First Sunday of the Month. We will meet in the sanctuary.

October 19th- Fellowship hour following the Praise Service. Our Sunday School will be the hosts.

October 26th- Family Service 11:00. Bibles will be presented to our 3rd grade Sunday School students.

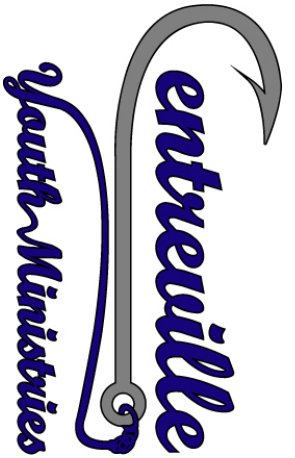


By Ken Laing

What a wonderful start to the 2008-2009 Youth Group Year! We have enjoyed the presence of 40 youth the past several weeks during MYF time in the evenings. We encourage everyone to tell their friends and send them over to the church for Youth Group.


Those interested in attending Youth Rally need to see Ken ASAP! You Rally is in January, but the first deadline for signing up is October 15th, and costs \$45. We are expecting a large group this year, and will be looking to raise money through our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner this Fall. Keep your ears open for information regarding our dinner.

Another "Fun" way of raising some funds to help send our youth to the Rally is the "Fun Calendar" on the next page. We encourage each family to help us with their change! Bring your change with you to Church on November 2nd! Thanks for your support!



CYM OCTOBER 'FUN'

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 A nickel for every bottle in your shower	2 A dime for every seat in your living room	3 A quarter for every outside door	4 A dime for every remote in your house
5 A dollar if you love Jesus	6 A penny for every person in your house	7 A nickel for every phone in your house	8 A dime for every pet at your house	9 A quarter for every piece of reading material in your bathroom	10 A penny for every year you have been alive	11 Quarter if you went to the parade 50 Cents if you didn't
12 A dime for every bible	13 A nickel for every instrument you can play well	14 25¢ if you went to school today 50¢ if you worked 1\$ if you stayed home	15 A dime for every analog clock in your house	16 A penny for every DVD you own	17 A nickel for every candle in use	18 50¢ if been out of the country 1\$ if you haven't
19 A quarter for every hour of TV watched today	20 A penny for every pair of pants in your closet	21 A quarter for every chair around your dining room table	22 A penny for every picture in a frame	23 A quarter for every state you have lived in 4 if only MD	24 A dime for every sport you have played	25 A quarter for every TV in your house
26 Free Sunday Just SMILE :)	27 A penny for every shoe you own	28 A nickel for every letter in your first name	29 A quarter for every computer in your house	30 A dime for every car in your drive-way	31 A quarter for every pumpkin around your house	



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Sunday Church Schedule Beginning September 7th

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!