

October Events!

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Team Meeting

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CYM Yard Work
Day

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Chicken BBQ
Women's Morning
Out

October 30th-
Halloween Dance
for CYM

November 1st -
CYM Hayride

The Messenger

Centreville United Methodist Church



October 2009

Newsletter

Reverend's Remarks by Pastor Mark Farnell



It's Church Conference season again! Contrary to popular demand, a Church Conference should be anything but boring. Church Conference is the one time of year where the local congregation comes together to celebrate the good things God is doing. It allows the church to see if they met the goals and expectations set forth at the beginning of the year. Despite its imperfections, the church is still one of the major avenues through which God accomplishes his work and Church

Conference is a great way to reflect on those accomplishments.

We have a lot to celebrate this year at our Church Conference. The church is a community made up of people who are reconciled with God and with one another. In the midst of a world that is clearly divided, the church lives visibly bridging our differences as the people of God "*Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,',,they shall be called children of the living God*" (Romans 9:25-26). With a new identity, the church shares a common faith and fellowship with God.

The celebration continues because the church is designed to function like a loving family; being active in fellowship. In the Apostles Creed it says: "*I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints...*". The communion of saints is a foundational understanding for the church. The term communion (Koinonia) translated means fellowship. Being in fellowship means we exist as a social community, a community demonstrating to the world a grace that abounds, a mercy that never ceases, and a bond found in the forgiveness and reconciliation of Jesus Christ. "*God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*" (I Corinthians 1:9).

Let the celebration begin on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will worship together, receive the sacrament of communion from our District Superintendent, vote on the reports of our church, and have a covered dish supper immediately following the conference. Centreville United Methodist Church has a lot to be thankful for. Who should be at the Church Conference? Everyone should be there!

Come and join in the celebration!!

Prayer Thoughts

Are you daily spiritually “dressed for success”?

Prayer is essential for each Christian believer. Just as we physically dress ourselves, we are reminded by the Apostle Paul to ‘Pray without ceasing’ - I Thessalonians 5:17. Since holiness and purity of heart are our goals I thought I’d share what several of us do each morning, throughout the day and evening for ourselves and families as we spend time with the Lord.

- Pray the Lord’s Prayer – Matt. 5:9-13. This begins with praise, which is so important. Praise Him and thank Him continuously for all He is and does for us!- Philippians 4:4-7
- Remember the two commandments Jesus gave us – to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, and mind and to love your neighbor as your self – Matthew 22:37-39. Don’t let the enemy distract you with offenses or negative thoughts- this steals your joy!
- Ask the Lord to search your heart for any thought, word or deed that is not His will; confess it, repent and ask forgiveness – Psalm 139:23-24; I John 1:9
- Pray to have your mind renewed as you read, study and memorize the Word of God –Romans 12:1-2
- Put on the Armor of God – Ephesians 6:10-18.- This is essential for victory.
- Take every thought, word and deed that exalts itself above God captive to the obedience of Christ – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Put your total trust in the Lord and thank Him for directing your path for this day – Proverbs 3:5-6
- Ask the Lord to show you how to “seek His kingdom first” –Matthew 6:33 and remember that He will supply all of your needs – Philippians 4:19
- There are times we just need to get ourselves quiet before the Lord and listen with our hearts to what He wants to say....We learn to recognize His voice –John 10:4 - remember prayer is a two-way conversation! Pray that you may hear the sweet voice of the Holy Spirit throughout the day. He will give you opportunities to minister and show the love of Christ to someone in need, who’s hurting – physically or emotionally, or one who may just need a word of encouragement. Maybe this is the person who needs you to lead them to Christ for salvation – the greatest gift! – Galatians 2:20 reads “For [we] have been crucified with Christ; it is [we] who no longer live , but Christ lives in [us], and the [lives] which [we] now live in the flesh, [we] live by faith in the Son of God, who loved [us] and gave Himself for [us]. (Brackets are mine; substituted we, us, for I; lives for life).

I know there are many other scriptures we can pray according to each situation, but we really do need to dress spiritually because the enemy is constantly trying to discourage and destroy us and our families any way he can. – I Peter 5:8

**When you do read your scriptures, read them aloud...remember the devil cannot read our minds and the Word of God is as powerful and living today as when it was first written. – Matthew 24:35

The best part of praying to our Heavenly Father is that He rejoices over us and our prayers are put in heavenly golden bowls and are poured out like incense before Him. – Revelation 5:8.

You do not have to follow the way some of us start our days. This is just an example you might want to follow. By all means, ask the Lord how He wants you to spiritually dress for success; memorize the scriptures and fight with the Word of God – that all-powerful, double-edged Sword of the Spirit!

Till next month, May the Lord bless you and give you Peace!

Evangelism by Ann Harlan

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

Women's Morning Out October 28th

Cardiovascular Health: You are invited to attend a Women's Morning Out on Wednesday, October 28th at 10:00 am. We will meet in one of the Sunday School rooms. Our program will be given by Jenny Schiltz, the Community Health Advocate. Please join us for a very important morning of information about our health. We will have refreshments, fellowship, favors, and a newsletter. Bring a friend and join us! For more information call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349

Give a Bear Hug!

Please feel free to take a bear from around the church to give to someone in need of cheer or for a celebration or any reason you choose. We can use more bears again and if you would like to donate some please make sure they are clean and fresh. They may be placed in the room next to the library near the shelves with other bears. We also can still use more nice fabric ribbons. Here is a note we received from a bear recipient:

"Dear Members, My precious great granddaughter, Sarah Tinelli, brought me a white bear from your church. I have had an illness lately, so I really appreciated the gift of ministry. I have shared it with my family and visitors. Sarah is blessed to attend your very caring church." Sincerely
Corleen Coursey

Also you could put one in a corner some where---
A hug or two will get you through by taking a bear just for you.

Advent Nativity Display

To celebrate the wondrous season of Advent we will be having a display of personal nativity scenes in the library for the first two Sundays of Advent. If you have one you would like to have on display please call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349.

Methodist Women's Update by Barbara Erickson

Two more weeks of Chrismon workshops. We need a few more lambs and mangers. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the gold Sunday School room.

Also, we are working on bibs, blankets, bags, chemo turbans, and just added comfort pillows for chemo patients—always need help with these projects.

Don't forget our Tuesday morning Bible Study, Women of the Bible. We meet every other Tuesday at 9:30 in the Gold Sunday School Room.

Thank you to the MYF for serving UMM in October and February.

We need a chairperson for UMM dinners in November, December, January, March, April, and May. Call Barbara Erickson at 410-758-1655 or see me on Sunday morning.

Fast Approaching—the Fall Bazaar! October 24th from 9:30-1:30

This is a church wide effort and help is always needed to set up and take down tables to prepare for Sunday School. There will be a Luncheon, Bake Table, Scholarship Home Crafts, Kids Corner, Silent Auction, Avon Products, and a Centreville Youth Ministries Table

Notices: Due to the high cost of paper products, only a limited amount will be available in the pantry. If you use the kitchen, please be sure to wash and put away items used (pitchers, pans, etc.) Also, mark and date any items in refrigerator and freezer.

Take home and wash linens.

If you have items for the Silent Auction or White Elephant, please contact the church office and have items to the church by October 20th. Bake table/goodies to church by 9 AM on Saturday, October 24th.

Also, we are planning ahead for Children's Shopping on the first Saturday in December in conjunction with a VIM Pancake Breakfast.

The UMW will provide a luncheon for District Clergy Meeting in November.

The UMW will provide chicken salad, dessert, and beverages for a conference on October 25th, and we ask all who attend to please bring a salad or vegetable dish.

Fall Bazaar

The Centreville United Methodist Women will be holding their Bazaar and Luncheon on Saturday, October 24th from 9:30-1:30 PM. This year's bazaar will be scaled down; we will not be having the vendors as we have had in the past. The women will be doing it all, so that is why we are asking for your help. Last year everyone pitched in and donated and we are asking you to do so again. If you would donate the following, please check it and return to the office by October 10th. This will give us time to purchase what we still need.

Sugar

Teabag (decaf)

Coffee (decaf)

Butter/Margarine

Frozen Mixed Vegetables—8 Large Bags

8—46oz V8 Juice

Country Time Lemonade

Potatoes—25 lbs

Kraft Mayonnaise—5 Large jars

Small individual size potato chips

Monetary Donation

Donations are also needed for the following:

Bake Table—Helen Baker, Chairman—410-758-0320

White Elephant Sale—Betty Clark—410-758-1810 or Stacey Srotman at the church Office—410-758-0868. Items need to be brought in from October 12-21st

Silent Auction—Sandy Kniceley, Chairman—call the church office to donate

Gems and Jewels—Joyce Downes, Chairman—410-758-4983

Craft Table—Patti Gallaway, Chairman

Name: _____

What you will donate: _____

We thank you very much for your donation which will make our Bazaar a success. Donations should be in the church kitchen by October 18th.

Connie Wilson—410-758-0882

June Clark - 410-758-1706

Methodist Women Bazaar
October 24th
9:30-1:30
Come Shop, Eat, and Enjoy!

Chicken Barbecue
October 28th 2009

**Sponsored by the Methodist Men
of Centreville United Methodist Church**

Tickets \$7.00

For Tickets

Please Call

410-758-0868 or 410-758-0349

Pick UP Time: 3:30 to 6:00 PM

**The Methodist Men Need Help with
the Chicken Barbecue which will be
held on October 28th, 2009.**

Monday, Oct. 26th 6:30-8:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 27th 6:30-8:00 PM

**Wednesday, Oct. 28th 9-11 AM
1:00-5:30 PM**

**If you are available to help with any of
the times or need tickets,
please contact:**

Dick Phillips: 410-758-0349

410-924-228

Lester Downes: 410-758-6084

410-490-1857

Church Office: 410-758-0868

Communion Service

Currently, the church has one set of silver communion utensils which is used for both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. This requires that the utensils be carried from the sacristy to fellowship hall for the early service and carried back again for the later service. The items are heavy and cumbersome to carry. Plus, depending on the number attending at the early service, additional preparation is sometimes needed for the later service. This is even more difficult during the summer months when the later service is held at 10:00 a.m.

To facilitate this, the Worship Committee would like to purchase an additional communion set to use for the early service. This would be a wooden set with an oak finish and would be stored in the kitchen, thus eliminating the need to carry the communion utensils back and forth on communion day.

The approximate cost is \$700 to purchase the additional set. Donations toward the cost would be welcomed. Just note "communion set" on your check/envelope and leave in the Sunday collection plate or in the church office. Thanks and God Bless!

Centreville Youth Ministries October Calendar

October 4th—No MYF

October 8th—Possible Movie Night in Fellowship Hall

October 11th—MYF 5:30 Middle School, 6:30 High School

October 13th—Serving Methodist Men Dinner

October 18th—MYF 5:30 Middle School, 6:30 High School

October 24th—Yard Clean Up Day

We are still looking for a few more families to serve.

Chaperones with vehicles will be needed.

We will also have a table at the Bazaar this day and need help manning the table to sell Spaghetti Dinner and New Year's Eve tickets.

October 25th—MYF 5:30 Middle School, 6:30 High School

October 30th—Halloween Costume Dance. Set up at 5:30, Dance 7-9, Cleanup After

November 1—Hayride and Bonfire at Covington's Farm. \$5 per person—pizza, smores, and scary!



WOW!!! What a start to our year!!!! This year has started out to be absolutely AMAZING!! We started our year in August with a Kick-Off Family Pot Luck Dinner. We had over 100 youth and family members there. We take this opportunity to share what Centreville Youth Ministries is all about and our fall calendar, which by the way, is on the website.

We have a really awesome Student Leadership Team this year. Caroline Phillips is our President, Sam Lansinger Vice President, Caleb Hammer and Daniel Thiesse are our High School Representatives, Stacy Davis and Jordan Price, Middle School Representatives, and Erin Murray and Rachel Starkey finish off the leadership team. I praise God for the work that they each do for the youth ministry and our church. I truly know that Katie and I could not run CYM without them.

We have met three times as I write this and attendance has been totally off the hook. We have had 33, 57, and 51 youth in attendance over those three weeks. I do not need to explain what an amazing thing it is to see 50+ youth come together for Christian Fellowship. I also do not have to point out that Centreville UMC is such a wonderful supportive church to provide the opportunity for these youth. We have also had a Middle School Dance, which drew in about 150 Middle Schoolers and helped raise funds for our 2010 Summer Missions Trip. We have another dance scheduled for October 30th for Middle and High Schoolers. See our ad for it!!

We also have Volunteer Day scheduled for October 24th, so if you or anyone you know need some yard work or other small projects done, please let Katie or I know so we can add them to our list and work out our details. Our Summer Missions for 2010 have already started to form and we have sent in our application. We anticipate that we will have 5 to 6 teams go to Appalachia next summer. Please keep your eyes and ears open for what our plans are.

We really have a lot planned for this fall and are well on our way to having an awesome fall that will culminate with our annual trip to Ocean City in January. If you need registration info, please let me know ASAP as the price goes up soon!

Thank you all for your prayers and support for all of our youth ministry activities.

Ken Laing
ken.laing@centreville-umc.com

Happy Halloween



Middle/High School Dance

Friday, October 30th

7-9 PM at CUMC

Fellowship Hall

Admission Prices:

\$5 in Costume

\$7 Not in Costume

Pizza and Snacks for Sale

Free Drinks

RECYCLE!!

Don't forget Centreville Youth Ministries is still collecting used ink cartridges and old cell phones. We have them recycled, so take a moment to help the environment and CYM. There are 5 gallon buckets around the church for you to leave them in. We take any kind of cartridge or cell phone. Think about what happens to your cartridges from work and home!! Some people just mail them back to the manufacturer or throw them out. We can recycle them!! Thank you for your support.

Chaperones Needed for All Events! Want to Help? Please Contact Ken Laing at 410-758-6939, 443-262-6449 or at ken.laing@centreville-umc.com.

First Night for Mission



HOR'DEOURVES & DANCING

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

\$25 Per Ticket

STAY CLOSE TO HOME! CELEBRATE WITH US FOR A GOOD CAUSE!!

Limited Tickets! Order Today!

Church Office: 410-758-0868

Katie Laing: 410-758-6939

kttodd1@yahoo.com

A New Year's Eve Celebration to Raise Money for the Youth Missions Team

9:00 PM-12:30 AM

A Fancy Adult Evening Out!

*Centreville United Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville MD 21617
Make Checks Payable to MYF*



Youth Missions Meeting

October 11th

5:30 PM

For All Youth, Parents and Chaperones.

This is a Budget Meeting! Please be There!



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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 October 18th!