



# The Messenger



September 2007

Newsletter

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## Pastor's Paragraphs by Rev. K. Wayne Grier

Praise God, our building project is completed! The inconveniences and interruptions of the past several months have been well worth it. I am confident that you, the members and friends of CUMC, will be pleased with the results. We now have five new classrooms, two new restrooms, an attractive new parking lot entrance, and renovations to the kitchen and fellowship hall. These additions and renovations will help enhance and expand our ministry to the greater Centreville community.

As we begin a new program year on September 9th, we will celebrate God's goodness to us with a month-long "Open House." Certainly, the beginning of Sunday School is a good time to reconnect at CUMC. There are classes for all ages—children, youth, and adults. The youth ministry will also be starting up again on September 9th, with meetings for both Junior and Senior High Youth. The regular worship schedule - 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service - will resume on that Sunday as well. A number of other special events have been planned, and I hope you will be supportive of them. Other articles in this month's newsletter will give details for many of these planned events.

Now that the work of expanding and renovating our facility is complete, let us turn our attention more fully to the work which is always before us. I am asking that we all remember why we are here - why we exist as the Centreville United Methodist Church. To put it very simply, our mission as a church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ, to grow disciples for Jesus Christ, and to deploy disciples for Jesus Christ into the world. We have a beautiful facility made of brick and mortar. The need of people all around us is to know that behind the brick and mortar are folks who care because God Cares. God bless us as we embark on a new season of ministry!

## Coffee Hour Sign Up by Arlene Hyde

Centreville United Methodist Church will be hosting a coffee hour each Sunday in September beginning Sept. 9th, as an extension of our "Open House" month. Our coffee hour will be continental breakfast style. This year the coffee hour will be set up at 9:30 am and remain so throughout the 11:00 am service. In addition to the September coffee hours, we still have the remaining dates for 2007-2008. We need your help. A family, a group of friends, or a church committee may choose a date. The coffee hours will be held the third Sunday of the month. If interested, please call Arlene Hyde at 410-758-8636 and let me know the date you would like.



**Join Us For a  
Wonderful  
Month Of Open  
House Events!**

**Our  
Mission is  
to Make  
Disciples  
for Jesus  
Christ!**



Wes Davis,  
Singer & Songwriter

## Open House Events!

### **Grand Opening on Sunday, September 9th at 9:45 AM!**

Mark your calendars as this is the day we will consecrate our new Sunday School addition! The celebration will begin with a time of gathering in the sanctuary at 9:40 A.M. We will march outside and around the church to the new entrance. We will share in a brief service of consecration, recognize those who have played a major role in the planning and construction of our new addition, cut the ribbon to officially open the new building, and then move inside to begin our Sunday School year with classes for all ages—children, youth, and adults. Throughout the morning, refreshments will be available in Fellowship Hall, and tours of the new facility will be given.

### **Volunteer in Mission Flea Market and Breakfast!**

Join us on Saturday, September 15th from 8:00 AM - Noon for our Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Volunteers in Mission Team! Breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$4 for Kids and Seniors. If you would like to have a table at the Flea Market, tables are \$10 outside and \$15 inside! Event is rain or shine! Hope to see you there!

### **Music and Pot Luck Dinner With Wes Davis!**

Wesley Paul Davis, an ordained Elder in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, who resides in Salisbury, will be our special guest on Sunday, September 16th, as part of our “Open House” celebration. Wes will share with us a time of music, much of it written by himself, and tell us how music has opened up many doors for him to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The evening will begin at 5:30 P.M. with a covered-dish dinner, followed by the program at approximately 6:30 P.M. Since July 1st, Wes has ventured out in faith in his new calling, “Open Heart Ministries.” Wes has served pastorates in Delaware and Maryland since 1994. Let us give him a warm Centreville welcome!

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

## Amazing Earl

The "Amazing Earl," aka Dan Wolfe, will be at CUMC on Sunday morning, September 23rd, at the 11:00 A.M. worship hour. He will be presenting "How to Get to Heaven." "Earl" is an actor, comedian, magician, and mime. All his presentations are done in pantomime, and he effectively communicates the Gospel to young and old alike using this artistic form. He has been doing his ministry full time since 1994. He does about 200 performances annually in churches of all denominations, at home and abroad. A love offering will be received for "Earl" as he comes to share the "Good News" with us on the 23rd. CUMC is in for a special treat! Don't miss the "Amazing Earl" on September 23rd!



Amazing Earl

## Women's Evening Out

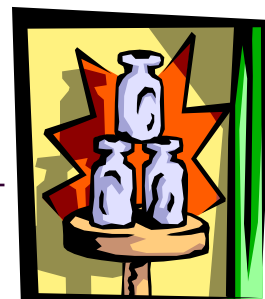
There will be an evening gathering on Thursday, September 27th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM instead of a Thursday morning this month. We hope to reach women who cannot normally come. Dinner will be provided at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at church. We will have Pastor Tina Blake speak to us afterwards. There will be door prizes, a newsletter, time for prayer concerns, and fellowship. Please come and bring a friend. If you do not like to drive in the evening and would like a ride, please contact Ann Harlan so that we can make arrangements. For reservations and information, please call Ann at 410-758-4349! Hope to see many of you there!



Banner Making at Ann Harlan's this past summer! Thanks to all the women who helped!

## Scrapbooking Crop Day!

We will be hosting a FREE, ALL DAY, Scrapbooking Crop on Saturday, September 29th from 9:00 AM– Midnight. Light refreshments and beverages will be available throughout the day, but lunch and dinner are on your own. To Reserve your space, please contact Katie Laing at 410-758-6939 by September 26th!



## FREE FAMILY CARNIVAL!

Come out to church on Sunday, September 30th at Noon for a Church Carnival! Games, Food, and Prizes! If you would like to help, contact Ken Laing at 410-758-6939!

## Sunday School News! By Fran Comegys



The first day of Sunday school will begin September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 with the opening in the sanctuary. On the **first Sunday** every month we will continue to meet in the sanctuary. This is to announce up coming events, recognize birthdays, do the pledges to our flags, and sing a couple of songs. **All the other Sundays we go straight to the classes.**

The Sunday school classes are from Pre K to High School. There are 2 adult classes. One adult class is studying the books of the bible; the other class will be studying the book of "Acts" by Max Laucado.

There is also a "**Puppet Ministry**" starting up for the children during the Sunday School time. They will enjoy a puppet show with various character's and stories.

Come out and bring the family. Let's start this fall out by giving God back some of our time in serving Him.

If you would like to be involved in some way please feel free to call. (410 - 758-1421)

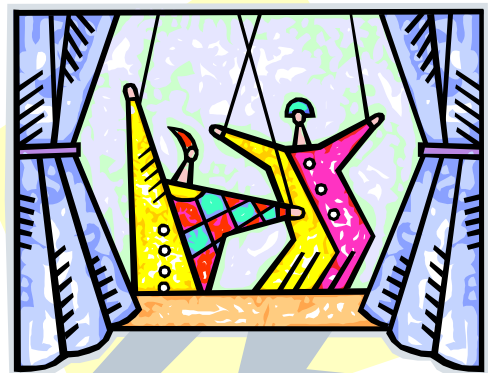
God Bless!

Fran Comegys

Sunday School Superintendent

### PUPPETEERS WANTED

*Barbara Meeks and Fran Comegys are looking for volunteer **puppeteers!** If you would like to help, call Fran at 410-758-1421!*



## United Methodist Women

by Barbara Erickson

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday, September 5th at 1:30 PM at the church! Be There!!

We have not been idle over the summer! Many decisions have been made regarding the remodeled kitchen. New guidelines will be posted regarding some new equipment and different arrangements. We have also served two funerals and one anniversary reception. Some have worked at home on blankets, bibs, and bags.

Looking ahead in September, we again serve the Methodist Men each month as well as a sorority brunch. In October we serve the United Methodist Men and Retired Teachers.

Our new and expanded Bazaar, which is our main fundraiser for our community reach projects, will be in October as well. We need volunteers to help us as the bazaar touches all in the church.

December will feature our "Children's Shopping" event, so stay posted for more information in the future!

Don't forget to come out to our meeting on September 5th at 1:30! All Are Welcome!

"Thank you" to all of our church family that participated in and attended our 50th Anniversary Reception and started us on the next 50! Thank you for the many gifts to the church in our honor. To date, we can count 20 couples in the congregation who have been married 50+ years! Thank you!

Bud and Barbara Erickson

### WANTED:

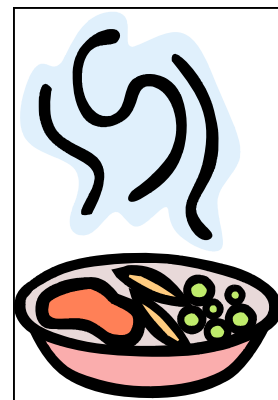
Chairperson to Prepare Dinners for the Lions Club and for the United Methodist Men. Each Dinner serves about 20-25.

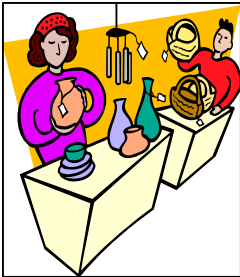
Interested? Contact Barbara Erickson at 410-758-1655.

### WANTED:

Someone to prepare our cancelled stamps and soup labels for shipping. If you can help or want more information, please Contact Barbara Erickson at 410-758-1655.

**Next United  
Methodist  
Women's  
Meeting is  
September 5th  
at 1:30 PM! All  
Women are  
Invited to  
Attend!**





Mark Your Calendars for the Fall Bazaar and Craft Show—October 27th!

*Centerville 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.*

## Music Notes! By Jim Telepchak

### Join Us For Special Music on 9/16



September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 is a date that has changed everything about America as we know it. Not only were thousands of lives tragically lost, but the many children whose parents were lost will be forever changed by the tragic events of that day.

The American composer, Roger Ames, has written a stirring tribute to the children whose parents were so tragically taken from them on that day. In remembrance, the Chancel Choir is inviting all of the CUMC (and friends) to join us in preparing this special anthem as a memorial to those who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup> and to the survivors who had been left in the great wake of that tragedy. A short rehearsal will be held on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, following the 10am service. Please plan to participate in this stirring event. For more info contact Jim Telepchak at: 410-708-7137 or [cumcmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:cumcmusic@yahoo.com).

### Choir Kickoff Date

Please join us for our first choir rehearsal, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm. The ability to read music is not a necessity. Everyone is invited.

### Bell Choir

We are still looking for folks who are willing to make a commitment for our handbell choir. If you miss the beautiful sound of handbells in worship, it may just be time to step up to the plate and take a swing (of the handbells). Contact Jim Telepchak for more info.

### Tentative Fall Schedule

Sunday	3:15pm 4:00pm	Instrumental Group Youth Praise Band
Tuesday (maybe)	7:00pm	Handbells
Wednesday	7:00pm	Adult Praise Band
Thursday	7:30pm	Chancel Choir(9 <sup>th</sup> gr.– Adult)

## Centreville Youth Ministries: Say W.H.A.T? 2007-2008 By Ken Laing



Did you know that the word “What” is printed in the NIV Bible over 2400 times? It is used in questions, *What if...? What then...? and What have...?* It is used as a part of a bigger word, *Whatever*. It is sometimes used to explain *What he, what they, and what everything looked like*.

“Say W.H.A.T.?” is the theme for Centreville Youth Ministries this year. It is a different type of a “what” though. The W stands for Worship- a most important part of following and loving Jesus Christ. The H stands for Honor- as we are to Honor our God in everything we do. The A just stands for And... it connects things - nothing more, nothing less. The T stands for Trust- we must Trust in the Lord, always.

“Say W.H.A.T.?” also stands for the phrase many of you will be saying about some of the changes that Centreville Youth Ministries is going to go through this year. I am very happy to inform everyone that in the last three years CYM has grown tremendously. We averaged 12-15 youth my first year and averaged 25-30 last year. Looking forward to further growth, I have decided that a change is needed. Starting this year, Centreville Youth Ministries will also include 6<sup>th</sup> graders in our weekly MYF ministry. Unfortunately, this does mean that we will no longer have “56” as a ministry.

Say W.H.A.T. ???

The power of God has really been at work in our Youth Ministry to allow this to happen. I have heard stories of other, larger churches in our Conference who are not reaching as many youth as we are at Centreville United Methodist Church.

If you know of any youth that are in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, please let them know they are welcome. CYM is open to all youth, if they attend CUMC or not, live in Centreville or not, or already know Christ or not as our Mission statement reads:

***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.***

Our first activity is the same day as our Open House Month kicks off at CUMC, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Family Pot Luck dinner at 5:30 pm. Bring WHATEVER is your favorite dish! Everyone will receive fall calendars at the dinner! If you cannot make it that night, have a good excuse, and show up the next Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

5:30-7:30 for Middle Schoolers and 6:30-8:30 for High Schoolers.

And finally for those of you wondering, yes the sixth graders will be allowed to attend the Youth Rally in January!  
Say W.H.A.T????????????????????

### Church Committees and Ministries:

Church Council:  
Larry Morris  
410-758-2131

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PPR Committee:  
Jerry Thomas  
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410-758-2247

Sunday School Superintendent:  
Fran Comegys  
410-758-1421

Evangelism Chair:  
Ann Harlan  
410-758-4349

Fellowship Hour:  
Arlene Hyde  
410-758-8638

Music Ministry:  
Jim Telepchak  
410-758-0868

Youth Ministry:  
Ken Laing  
410-758-6939

Volunteers in Mission:  
Robin Pilli  
410-758-1126

Larisa Thomas  
410-758-2144

## New Members: Helen and Bill Baker by Ann Harlan



Helen grew up in Baltimore not far from Fells Point in Butchers Hill, and she later moved to Glen Burnie. Bill grew up in Carney in Baltimore County and later moved to Perry Hall. Bill & Helen have five daughters from previous marriages. Bill has two and Helen has three. They also have eight grandchildren & two great-grandchildren. They met in October, 1997 and were married on October 12, 2001. Helen is retired and had worked in the bakery at Giant Food, BJ'S Wholesale Club, & two Super-Fresh Stores. Bill is still working for a company that does remodeling for Giant Food Markets and

other chain stores. They moved to the Eastern Shore in August, 2004 across from the Acme in Centreville in Providence Farm on Green Street. Helen's father was born on Smith Island. His family later moved to Crisfield and all Helen's vacations were spent in Crisfield, Smith Island, and Ocean City. Moving from Glen Burnie to Centreville was a wonderful move for the Bakers because they love the area, their house, the church and the friendly members that have welcomed them and made them feel at home right away. Thanks to all of you for that!

### Methodist Men by Lester Downes

All men of the church are invited to join the Methodist Men! Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, and our first meeting will be Tuesday, September 11th at 6:15 PM in Fellowship Hall at the church. Come join us for dinner, fellowship, and our meeting! Hope to see you there!



### Methodist Women's Bazaar by Lynda Palmatary

The United Methodist Women will be holding their annual Fall Bazaar/Craft Show on Saturday, October 27th at the church from 9:30 - 1:30 PM. This year will be a different format. We will be renting tables for anyone to display and sell their crafts. We also have different vendors attending the show. If interested in renting a space or for more information, please call Lynda Palmatary at 410-758-1476. Deadline to apply for a space is September 10th.

## Nursery Coverage for BOTH SERVICES!

Beginning on September 1st, there will be nursery attendants for the Praise Service at 8:45 AM as well as nursery attendants for the 10:00 AM service.

Beginning on September 9th, nursery attendants will be available during both— 8:45A.M. and 11:00 A.M. The attendants will be one adult and one youth assisting. If you would like to help with the nursery, please contact Fran Comegys at 410-758-1421.



## Church Schedule beginning on September 9th!

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)

Calendar available online at [www.centreville-umc.com](http://www.centreville-umc.com).

**Watch Out for  
Our Steward-  
ship Campaign  
Coming in  
October....**

**More Details  
to Follow Next  
Month....**

### Newsletter Articles:

Send newsletter articles to [newsletter@centreville-umc.com](mailto:newsletter@centreville-umc.com), or place in the newsletter box in the library! 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.



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## The CUMC Library

The Church Library hopes to perform a vital role in the active Christian ministry of Centreville United Methodist Church by providing a wide range of diverse Christian materials for the congregation's use.

Please visit the Church Library today. If you see a book you would like to take home, just remove the book card from the back of the book, sign and date it with today's date and place the card in the clear plastic tray provided. We request that you try to return the book in two weeks. However, it will not be considered overdue until it has been out for four weeks. We encourage the youth members of the church to check out materials also but request that anyone 12 years old or younger have one of their parents check out materials for them.

The Library hopes to provide up to date and relevant materials to assist the congregation.

Please contact Harriet Caporin (phone number listed in the church directory) or the church office at (410) 758-0868 if you have any suggestions for new books to add to the library. The CUMC Library also welcomes book donations.