

September Events!

September 4th-
Walking Group
9:00 AM

September 8th &
22nd-
Women's Bible
Study 9:30 AM

September 12th
Our Haven
Shelter 5K + 1M
Run-Walk

September 16th-
Senior Singles
Lunch 11:30 AM

September 20th
Membership
Classes 9:45AM

The Messenger



September 2009

Newsletter

Reverend's Remarks for September 2009



I can't believe summer is over! I guess it's true, "*Time goes quickly when you're having fun.*" The end of summer marks the beginning of a new school year. It is my hope everyone had an opportunity to get some much needed rest and relaxation this summer. A new school year means back to school sales, watching for children waiting for the bus, meeting your children's new teacher, stocking up on lunch box items, and getting back into the routine of things. With all that said, let me suggest a new school year also means the beginning of our Sunday School and youth group season. I can't wait to see faces glowing ready to learn something new about God. I look forward to watching our youth maturing in their faith, and having fun in the process. All effective institutions should be a learning organization, and the church is no exception. Wesleyan theology emphasizes the need for life-long learning as a major expectation in our faith walk. Learning provides an environment that fosters creative energy and opens communication about every facet of our faith. Clay Bedford said: "*You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.*" Learning about God inspires us to try new ideas, and look at the world through the eyes of God. After all, the church began this way. Jesus was 12 years old when he was in the Temple learning and discussing the Torah with the Rabbis. Being able to react and respond to what Jesus was saying provided a learning environment that inspired them. Learning about God gives us strength to adjust to whatever is facing us. John Adams said, "*There are two types of education: One should teach us how to make a living, and the other how to live.*" The educational task of the church is to provide a learning atmosphere where people of all ages are living out their faith in Jesus Christ. We become guardians of our faith when we learn to apply Biblical truths and participate in our traditions. Learning keeps us from being complaisant and makes us adaptable to change. Psalm 119:73 says, "*Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.*" My prayer is that we all learn and grow in the new season.

U.M.W. by Barbara Erickson

Help is still needed to make Chrismons for the three trees at Christmas. We meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the gold Sunday school room. Not limited to just women, men and teens may help also. Also, see the next page for information about our Bible study led by Pastor Mark on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the gold room- *Women of the Bible*. Study books are available. Plan now for the Fall Bazaar which includes kids corner, make and offer, gems and jewels, luncheon, scholarship, and silent auction. Contributions, Help, and Attendance would be greatly appreciated. Our children's shopping will be in December with all gifts costing \$2.00 each. Needed- Chairperson to help serve UMM in November, December, January, March, and April. will The CYM will be serving in May. We continue our Tuesday sewing sessions for community outreach of lap robes, baby quilts, chemo turbans, adult bibs, and school bags. Come join us.

White Elephant Sale

Fall cleaning? Why not donate your items to the fall bazaar? We are accepting items for our white elephant sale. Small appliances accepted, but they must work, and we are not accepting any clothes. All items must be at the church by Wednesday October 21st. If you would like more information you may contact Betty Clark at 410-758-1810 or Stacey Strotman at 410-482-2279.

Church Bazaar by Betty Lee Jackson

Our annual church bazaar will be held the end of October. As usual, I am requesting donations for the Silent Auction. If you have a treasure that needs a new home or if you would like to purchase an attractive item, I will be glad to put it in the auction.

Call Stacey in the church office and give her your name, phone number, and what the item is. I will be in touch. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

United Methodist Women Bible Study

Source: “The Remarkable Women of the Bible” \$ 7.19 each
by Elizabeth George

Instructor: The Reverend Mark Farnell, Pastor

Dates: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

September- 8th and 22nd

October- 13th and 27th

November- 10th and 24th

December- 1st and 15th

January- 12th and 26th

February- 9th and 23rd

March- 2nd, 16th and 30th

April- 13th and 27th

May- 11th and 25th

Gems and Jewels by Joyce Downes

Have items you don't know what to do with? Why not donate them to our Fall Bazaar. We need jewelry, handbags, and scarves. Please bring them into the church office as soon as possible.

Guess Who!!!

This month's mystery person just attended her 73rd class reunion. She was married for 48 years, lived in Centreville for 52 years, and has three children. She worked at the Esskay plant in Wye Mills as a secretary. She now enjoys boating, playing games, and picnicking. Can you guess who she is?

***Evangelism* by Ann Harlan**

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

Senior Singles Lunch Bunch September 16th at 11:30

Please join us for a time of fellowship and fun in the church library. Just bring your lunch and something fun to share. We are very informal and are just forming our group as a way of support and fun. We welcome you and your thoughts and ideas or just your presence. For more information contact the church office or Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349.

Give a Bear! Give a Hug! Give Our Love!

Please feel free to take a bear to someone you feel needs an extra hug and some love and prayers from us. The bears are in the room near the library or can be found around the church. We always appreciate bear donations. Please make sure the bears are clean and well cared for before you donate one to our Bear Outreach. Thanks!!!

Ribbons Needed

Our bear ministry needs nice narrow ribbons, preferably cloth, to use for our bears. If you are house cleaning and find some ribbon, you may place any donations on the shelves where the bears are in the room next to the library.

Kids in Need at Kennard

The Evangelism committee and anyone else interested in helping will be starting a new outreach program the middle of September. We will be filling 20 backpacks each Thursday evening with food for 20 children who are without enough for the weekend. These children receive free breakfast and lunch at school but have little at home on the weekends. The group will fill the packs on Thursday evening and then deliver them to Kennard on Friday morning for the children to take home and return the empty pack on Monday. A list of food donations will be posted near the bulletin board in the hall. Thank you for your help and support. Please call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349 for more information.

Walking Group to Start on September 4th at 9am

We are starting a walking group for anyone of any age on Thursday, Sept. 4th. We will meet in front of the church and walk from there. Strollers are welcome! This will be a nice way to fellowship and exercise at the same time. Please call Ann Harlan for more information at 410-758-4349. See you then!

Advent Nativity Display

This year we would like to have a display of personal Nativity scenes the first two Sundays of Advent. The display would be in the library on the shelves and tables and would be available to see during church hours. It would be an added special display for our Christmas season. If you have one you would like to share for two weeks please let me know, Ann Harlan, 410-758-4349 or the office 410-758-0868.



Centreville Youth Ministries By Ken Laing

Fall is HERE!!! CYM has started and we have a lot planned! If you missed our kick off dinner or are saying "What is CYM" check it out on the website, www.centreville-umc.com, click on the CYM on the row of links on top of page.

CYM is open to ALL youth in 6th-12th grades. That is right, we are open to ALL youth, so if you know of anyone who is in those grades, regardless of what church they go to, they are welcome to join us!

CYM is on Facebook!! Check us out!!

Youth Rally 2010 is coming quickly. Any youth interested, please make sure you get in touch with Ken and get your paperwork to get the early rate!!

If you know of anyone who may be in need of assistance with yard projects or other things, please let Ken or Katie know ASAP so we can try to help them. Our youth missions team is looking for projects.

Centreville United Methodist Church

Do you want to become a member of the church?
Have you been praying about joining this exciting and ever increasing ministry?
Are you new to the area and want to transfer your membership?



If the answer is “Yes”, go to our website and download a membership form. Complete the form and drop it off at the church office.
Membership classes begin Sunday September 20th.
The class will take place between our worship services.

For more information or questions please feel free to contact
Pastor Mark: 410-758-0868, or email Mark.Farnell@centreville-umc.com

Our Haven Homeless Shelter Sponsors 5K + 1M Run-Walk for the Homeless!

On September 12th, Our Haven Homeless Shelter will be holding its first 5K + 1M Run-Walk to raise money for the shelter. Please find the registration form on the next page. More information can be found at <http://www.run4shelter.net>. Also adult and child size t-shirts are available for \$10.00 each. Please try to participate in this very worthwhile cause.

Coat Drive by Beth Covington

Cleaning out closets this summer? Unsure of what to do with those unwanted coats just taking up space? Bring them to church and the Evangelism team will restore them like new!!! All styles and sizes accepted in the hall closet across from Fellowship Hall. Distribution will be held in October for those needing a coat in our community. For more information call Beth Covington @ 410-758-2247

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will be held again this year on the third Sunday of each month in fellowship hall. We will have Coffee Hour after the contemporary AND the traditional service. Once the schedule is complete it will be included in the newsletter. If you are interested in helping out by bringing a treat, a juice, or lending a hand, please call the chair of the hosting committee for that month. Our church is growing and all the contributions and help are appreciated.

Food Pantry

Our new hours for the food pantry will now be Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in helping out during any of those times, please contact the office.

Bear Ministry

Want to spread some cheer?
Then take a bear from here
Give it to someone in need
And you'll feel better indeed.

NANCY'S NOTES

MUSIC MINISTRY

WHAT IS MISSING IN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY?

U ARE AND WE WILL BE EXPECTING U IN ONE OF OUR MUSIC GROUPS!!!

CHOIRS WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 9

WEDNESDAY

6:30 P.M. - CHERUB CHOIR – AGES 2 THROUGH GRADE 1
BARBARA MEEKS, DIRECTOR
CHOIR ROOM

6:30 P.M. - CAROL CHOIR – GRADE 2 THROUGH GRADE 8
ROBBIN TWILLEY, DIRECTOR
SANCTUARY

7:00 P.M. - PRAISE TEAM – FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY

SANCTUARY

5:30 P.M. BELL AIRES – BEGINNING HANDBELLS
GRADE 3 THROUGH ADULT

6:00 P.M. TINNTINABULATORS – GRADE 3 THROUGH ADULT
MUSIC READING REQUIRED

6:45 P.M. JOY BELLS- EXPERIENCED BELL RINGERS

7:50 P.M. ADULT CHOIR
HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS THROUGH AGE 90
NO MUSIC READING REQUIRED, JUST A LOVE OF SINGING

(P.S. ARE THERE ANY VIOLINISTS IN OUR CONGREGATION
OR ADULTS WHO ARE INSTRUMENTALLY TALENTED?
PLEASE CONTACT NANCY COOK.)

GAITHER HOMECOMING CHRISTMAS TOUR 2009

WITH THE NEW ALL-STAR GAITHER VOCAL BAND

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GAITHER, MICHAEL ENGLISH AND MARK
LOWERY**

ALONG WITH SPECIAL GUEST:

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Gordon Mote, Lynda Randle, Charlotte Ritchie, Reggie & Ladye Love Smith,
Russ Taff and Kevin Williams**

Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 6:00 PM

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Tickets on sale Monday, August 24th!

PRAYER THOUGHTS

September is here and we will soon be reminded of that infamous day of 9/11/01 when our country was attacked by terrorists. It is still painful in the hearts of many Americans, but what is more important is what our fellow Americans do with that pain and suffering.

As Christians, Jesus gives us the answers of how to respond – found in Romans 12:12-21:

“...rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not. Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord. “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD”. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

As long as the devil can keep any type of offense, wound, or seemingly unjust trials and tribulations fresh in our minds, he wins the battle every time. We need to forgive and cast our cares upon Jesus, for He cares for us and does not want us distracted in any way from allowing His work to be done through each one of us. This is a few of many reasons we are to daily, moment by moment, seek His face through prayer, the reading of His Word, allowing it to transform our minds and hearts into that of Christ's and to encourage and comfort one another in the faith and Christian love.

In our prayer group, because of the spiritual warfare we enter into (Ephesians 6:10-18), we have been seeing more and more the Lord's desire for cleansing, purification; more of His love for not only ourselves but for the whole Church, As we pray over the requests, He reminds us in Leviticus 11:44 and 1 Peter 1:16) “For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves, therefore and be holy; for I am holy”. Perhaps you have been sensing these as well, as you spend time with Him.

Prayer is the most powerful gift we have been given- to have that personal relationship with Christ, our Savior and Friend and it is so humbling and wonderful to spend this precious time with Him and each other.

Please consider joining us each Monday evening from 7-8 pm, as we minister to the Lord through worship, seeking His heart as to how to pray – for You and every man, woman and child He created on this earth; destroying the plans and attacks of the enemy and partaking in His Great Commission!

Everyone is Welcome!!

Until next month, may the Lord bless you and draw you deeper into His Presence!



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Sunday Church Schedule

8:45 AM—Praise Service with Nursery Available

9:45 AM-Sunday School

11:00 AM-Traditional Service with Nursery Available

5:30-7:30PM-CYM Middle School

6:30-8:30PM-CYM High School