

Centreville United Methodist Church

SUNDAY WORSHIP
Contemporary – 8:40 a.m.
Traditional – 11:00 a.m.
Nursery Services Available

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Adults – 9:50 a.m.
Youth – 9:50 a.m.

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REVEREND'S REMARKS

It is time for Charge Conference again. I consider Charge Conference a great opportunity because we can pause and rejoice about the great things God is doing in our midst. Furthermore, we can seek God's direction for a bright and healthy future. Among many of the components for the Charge Conference is the budgetary process. This process requires a lot of prayer and education. When we think about the budget of the church our first thought is concerning money, but it is so much more than that. It is about stewardship. Stewardship means maintaining and implementing the gifts God has given us. When we join the church we are asked to take seriously the vows of membership by supporting the church through stewardship: ...*"faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness"* (The United Methodist Hymnal Baptismal Covenant I).

The Word of God tells us, *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously"* Romans 12: 6-8. As good stewards we give of all our resources because we believe in the mission of the church, and we believe the church is changing people's lives. It's a pleasure to be a good steward when we belong to a community centered, people based, relational, partnership with God.

Please be in prayer for our Charge Conference. Be in prayer about how you can be a good steward to this ministry in the upcoming year.

***"The aim of stewardship development is not to finance the church's annual operating budget, but to change lives."* — Ashley Hale**

Pastor Mark

ACCOLYTE SCHEDULE

September 4th: Alexis H.
September 11th: Drew C.
September 18th: Cory H.
September 25th: Madelyn B.



Middle and High School Students each Sunday 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

RESUMES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th!

Centreville Youth Ministries (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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS CHANGE

Effective September 5th—

Monday:

10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday:

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Closed for Lunch Daily:

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SHOWCASE OF TALENTS..... Ann Harlan

Please join us on September 24th from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. You are invited to a free evening of live music, delicious desserts, and rooms full of talents and silent auction items. All silent auction proceeds will benefit our food outreach programs, the Food Pantry and Backpacks for Kids. Invite a friend to attend with you!

Some of the many silent auction include: yoga lessons, guitar lessons, a custom house portrait, Christmas trees, a fresh Christmas wreath, hair foiling and cut, floral arrangement, website starter, children's art lesson, wood crafts, antique china, stitchery, eye care, and many more!!!!

Come and enjoy the evening while contributing to a worthy cause. For more information and to participate call Ann Harlan at 410-758-4349.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will soon be in session! Mark your calendars now as the whole family is invited to join us on Sunday, September 11th at 9:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the Opening of Sunday School.

Following the Opening, the children will go to their designated classrooms. During that time parents are invited to Fellowship Hall to register their children, enjoy light refreshments as well as the company of other parents. Children will be dismissed and join their parents from Fellowship Hall.

VIM FLEA MARKET/PANCAKE BREAKFAST/BAKE SALE

Saturday Sept. 17th from 8 AM to Noon, the Volunteers in Missions will once again be hosting a Flea Market. All spaces will be outside and are free! We will be collecting items from anyone interested in donating. *Collection times are: Sept. 15 & 16 from 6-8 PM.* The church has a limited amount of tables available at a first come/first serve basis; please call Larisa for availability and reservations.

There will also be a Pancake Breakfast from 8-10:30 AM. Come enjoy pancakes, eggs, and sausage while you take a break. Adults \$5 and Seniors/Children \$4.

Proceeds will go to support the Missions work, which includes the Backpack Program. For more information contact Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144.

PRAYER THOUGHTS..... Bonnie English

Not Judgmental, But Prayer-mental.....Source: Ministries of Francis Frangipane

The church is created not to fulfill God's wrath, but to complete His mercy. Remember, we are called to be a "house of prayer for all...nations." Jesus taught His disciples to "pray for" those who would persecute or mistreat them (Matt.5 44). When Job "prayed for" his friends, God fully restored him (Job 42:10).

According to the Word of God, the Lord "desires all men to be saved" (1 Tim. 2:4). Therefore, Paul urged "that entreaties and prayers...be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority" (vv. 1-2). You see, the call is to pray for people. The Lord exiled Israel to Babylon, He didn't order His people to judge and condemn their new cities. Rather, He said, "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare" (Jer. 29:7).

We have studied what is wrong with our society and can prove, with charts and surveys, the trends of sin, yet we have failed to appreciate the influence of the intercessions of Christ. We consider ourselves experts on the nature and cause of sin, but deny the nature and cause of Christ, which is redemption. The media sees what is wrong with the world and exposes it; Christ saw what was wrong and died for it. Righteousness must ascend higher than ascribing to the moral views of our political party; we are called to the standards of God.

God does not want us to be judgmental; He wants us prayer-mental. As instinctively as we have judged people, we should pray for them instead. Today, countless Christians are angry with their elected officials. We say our anger is "righteous indignation." Jesus expressed "righteous indignation" for, perhaps, a total of one hour during His recorded ministry. Once was for the hardness of people's hearts (Mark 3:5), another was for the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and scribes (Matt. 23:13-36), and other times were at the temple when the Father's house was used for something other than redemptive prayer (Mark 11:17). So, yes, Jesus was angry, but His anger was always replaced with love and intercession for God's people.

"Well," some argue, "our government officials have sinned." When Paul called for prayer for kings in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Nero was emperor of Rome. Nero was one of the most corrupt men who ever lived. He did not have an illicit relationship or two; he had public orgies. There were occasions when he illuminated his night banquets with living torches, Christians, who were tarred and then set ablaze on poles. Nero and his guests dined surrounded by Christians dying for their faith. Yet Paul wrote that we should pray "for kings and all who are in authority" (v. 2). Nero was king when Paul wrote this command.

The Lord desires for us to "stand in the gap" (Ezek. 22:30), positioning ourselves between the failings of man and the sufficiency and forgiveness of God. Then, He calls us to persevere in this intercession until, in one form or another, righteous change occurs in our society. For all who are embittered with their nation's leaders, remember: each of us must give an account for our sins at the "judgment seat of Christ" (2 Cor. 5:10). Let us consider with holy fear the warning of God: "Judgment will be merciless to one who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13).

Father, I ask You to forgive me for my lack of forgiveness toward our elected officials. Lord, I ask You to forgive, cleanse, and renew them in Your mighty presence. Appear to them, Lord, in the night hours; save them from the lies and plans of hell. Touch and heal their families, and renew them as well in Your love. Lord, I ask You to forgive my harshness toward all who have offended me. This day, deliver me from my judgmental attitudes! Help me to remember in all things and at all times that "mercy triumphs over judgment"! Amen.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT..... Henry Covington, Jr.

The Trustees would like to update the congregation on the following projects that have been completed during the summer:

1. The steeple was painted by Robert Leadbeater. Please be sure and thank him for doing such a great job.
2. The main hallway has several new pieces of furniture.
3. The sanctuary hearing devices have been repaired.
4. One air conditioner in Fellowship Hall has been replaced.

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to heartily thank the Lansinger family in their donation of the church van. The van is available for our church groups. Please contact the church office for further information.

In addition, the Trustees would also like to recognize the generosity of Mrs. Doris Conley, in the donation of the beautiful deacon's bench which graces the main hallway.

As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact one of the Trustees.



**Annual Church Picnic and Worship
at Camp Pecometh on August 7**

COAT DRIVE

Thank you to all who have already generously donated fall and winter outerwear. This outreach is a blessing to those in our community. Please donate your gently used, outgrown and otherwise cluttering your closet, coats.

Due to the start of Sunday School the drop-off location has changed, and all coats may be placed in the Food Pantry. Thank you all so much! If you have any questions please contact Beth Covington at 410-758-2247.

LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Centreville Methodist Church,

The success of the students at Kennard Elementary is but a reflection of the ever-increasing dedication and enthusiasm your members display.

We could not allow the 2010-2011 school year to come to an end without recognizing your outstanding efforts. The staff and students appreciate your gift of time, energy and enthusiastic support.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank You!" We look forward to working with you next year.

Sincerely,
Susan Davis
School Counselor

NANCY'S NOTES.....Nancy Cook

SEPTEMBER 8

ALL CHOIR AND HANDBELL REHEARSALS BEGIN

"But I can't read music" is the response that I have received many times this summer when I have asked someone with a good voice to join one of the choirs.

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU what I learned this summer (and I am still doing more research). Did you know that Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, the Beatles (though Paul McCartney later taught himself), and Barbra Streisand (she does have perfect pitch) are among the famous vocalists who cannot read music. Was I ever surprised!! But now I can assure those who are uncertain about joining the choirs that they are in good company with some famous singers.

What is needed, of course, is the love of music, dedication of time and talent, and using that in a music ministry that proclaims the gospel of Christ and His love.

Won't you join us? Below are listed the choirs and rehearsal times:

Sunday	Cherub Choir	Contemporary Service after Chalk Talk
	Ages 3-Grade 2	
	Carol Choir	5:00 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.
	Grades 3-8	
Thursday	Handbells	6:00 p.m.
	Intergenerational	
	Advanced Handbells	6:50 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	7:50 p.m.
	High School juniors and Adults	
	Youth Choir	- Please see Ms. Nancy if you are interested

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS.....Harriet Caporin

Listed below are a few new books you might be interested in reading:

- An Introduction to the New Testament by Charles B. Cousar. This book provides a concise overview of the content and purpose of the books of the New Testament within the context of the church’s early development. While giving serious attention to the history of earliest Christianity, Cousar always returns to the text’s theological meaning and significance, highlighting the relevance of these books for the church today.
- 50 Ways To Feel Great Today by David B. Biebel. We all feel stressed, worried, or anxious at one time or another. Sometimes our circumstances, and even things that are out of our control, can wreak havoc on our spirits. Changing how we feel often begins with a small thing. Listening to a beautiful song. Enjoying a sunset. Making a happy memory. This unique book helps you discover how to beat stress, ward off worry, and banish the blues.
- When You Don’t Know What To Pray—How to Talk to God about Anything by Linda Evans Shepherd. How do you approach God when life gives you circumstances beyond your control? What are the secrets to reaching God regarding your finances, loss, family, health, or other concerns? Linda Evans Shepherd knows what it’s like to desperately seek God through prayer. In this book, she shows you the how, what, and when of praying for yourself. As she takes you through her own prayer journey and the true stories of others, you will be encouraged and equipped to pray for yourself in any circumstance. You’ll also discover the most important aspect of praying for yourself—that whether or not God changes your circumstances, He will use prayer to change you.
- All That Really Matters by Sheila Walsh. Jesus said that our most important purpose in life is to love God with all we have and are, and to love others as we love ourselves. It is a simple plan but a profound one. At times, it even sounds too easy. Instead of focusing on loving God and others, we tend to cling to lists of rules and regulations. We imagine that if we do what we think is required we can expect God to respond in particular ways. But God refuses to live in a box, and He doesn’t want us to live in a box either. Instead he has given us a simple plan and a different way to live, a liberating path that leads to him and to true joy.



“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well” James 5:15

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*Names and prayers are published with the permission of family members.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Membership Classes for those interested in joining or transferring membership to CUMC will be September 23 through October 23. For more information please contact the Church Office or visit CUMC's website.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Beginning September 14
at Sugar Magnolia Café
from 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing
you there!

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

September 18th

All are encouraged to
invite a friend or neighbor
for a morning of worship,
praise and friendship.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry has been helping many families each week. The Pantry needs continual refilling to keep helping those in need.

Please make giving a can or two or some personal care products a part of your weekly shopping. When everyone helps in that small way it becomes huge! There is a shopping cart now at the entrance of Acme where contributions may also be made or you may leave them in the pantry itself any time. This is a wonderful way to show God's love to our community!

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

As the school year begins our outreach ministry Backpacks for Kids will be in full swing! Please consider donations of the followings:

- 100% juice boxes
- single serving size applesauce/fruit cups
- instant oatmeal packets
- small boxes of cereal
- granola bars/cereal bars
- raisins/craisins
- hot chocolate
- individual snack bags
- cans/packets of tuna
- cans of soup/chili
- Easy-Mac packets/cups ravioli/spaghetti
- pudding cups
- Toothbrushes
- toothpaste

OUTREACH EVANGELISM

Did you know we are each on the Evangelism team? Each of us has a chance to reach out to another person in need. When you have seen someone looking distraught or as if they may be homeless, out of work, or hungry you can carefully reach out to them. Let them know about our programs and about our services where they can get to know Jesus Christ.

Sometimes it just takes a friendly caring smile or hello to make someone feel loved. Show the love of Christ to all around you by your outreach and make a difference in our troubled world each day.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The UMC is hosting a Marriage Encounter. Marriage Encounter is for any couple who desires a richer, fuller marriage. Since every marriage can be improved, even the best marriages can find new meaning and deepened joys through the weekend. Please visit: encounter.org for more information.

Sept 30—Oct 2: Ludlow, PA ♥ Oct 20—3: Easton, MD
Feb 10—12: Rehoboth, DE ♥ Mar 9—11: York, PA

MEET YOUR CUMC FAMILY: Charlene Smallwood-Brown



Charlene was born, raised and educated in Fayette County, WV. She made a profession of her faith in Jesus Christ at an early age and was baptized in a creek in Anstead, WV. After graduating at 16 years of age, she moved and pursued various jobs to finance her education, including charm school owner and operator.

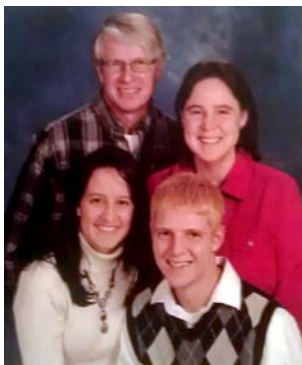
Charlene's professional background includes many degrees and diplomas, such as: Bachelor of Science in math, physical science and biology; Master's in organizational development; Certificate in Data Processing; and Diploma in Management Studies. She began her employment as an algebra, geometry & general math teacher. Charlene's career then transitioned into more than 44 years of successful and impressive Computer Science and Information Technology Systems Development & Services. Charlene holds a host of awards and honors and has served on several boards and volunteered her time in various capacities for the betterment of organizations and the people they serve.

Just as importantly, Charlene has worked equally as diligent for the advancement and good of His Kingdom. Charlene's active faith and works began as a child and have continued to this day. She has served as: usher, mentor & manager of youth instrumental group, lyricist, saxophonist, choir member, guest speaker for Christian Women's retreats and academic and faith-based organizations, prayer warrior, church outreach organizer and more.

She also served as a preacher's wife to her late husband, Rev. Daniel Brown. Shortly after their marriage Rev. Brown was diagnosed with a fatal bone marrow disease. Together they fought the battle and were blessed with five years of agape love and matrimonial devotion. Charlene herself is a melanoma and breast cancer survivor.

Charlene holds diplomas in Biblical Studies and Discipleship Training and serves in many roles at CUMC. She is the Membership Secretary, a member of Intercessory Prayer Group, volunteers with the Backpack Program and Mobile Food Pantry, and serves on the Steering Committee.

MEET YOUR CUMC FAMILY: The Strotman Family



Stacey and Bill Strotman both grew up here on the Eastern Shore. In 1985 they were married. They have two children: Nikole and Casey. They are an adventurous family who enjoys spending time together, riding motorcycles, bicycle riding and kayaking.

Bill is an entrepreneur and has been in the framing contracting business for approximately 20 years. Before accepting the position of Church Secretary, Stacey was a stay-at-home mom who enjoyed homeschooling both children for 11 years.

Nikole was married to Zach Smith on April 30, 2011, and they now reside in Annapolis. Casey uses his talents and gifts mentoring the Youth Praise Band, assisting with technology during worship as needed, and is a member of the Steering Committee. Additionally Casey has enrolled and will be attending Omega Studio's School of Recording Arts and Sciences in Rockville, Maryland.

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR “ BACKPACKS FOR KIDS” NEWS



September is a busy month for children who anticipate different teachers, seeing old friends, and wearing new clothes. For some children in our county, returning to school means they will get two regular meals a day. What happens to these children on Saturday and Sunday is the reason for continuing the Backpack for Kids program.

At CUMC we have been blessed with the resources to support 50 children at Kennard Elementary and Centreville Elementary. This school year we elicited the support of Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church to take over Centreville Elementary. CUMC will expand to Church Hill Elementary, helping 25 children there. I feel certain that with God’s guidance, the churches there will eventually see the benefit to their community, and be able to assume responsibility for Church Hill.

I am happy to report that so far four churches on Kent Island have promised support for a Backpacks program for 15 children at Kent Island Elementary. These are small churches who have each pledged to support five students. There are more children to be helped, and it is exciting to see how God is working to unite all faiths for one purpose.

As we begin our third year of commitment to the Backpacks program, please be reminded that it costs approximately \$4.00 per child per weekend to provide 2 breakfast items, 2 lunches, 2 snacks, 2 fruits, and 2 100% fruit juices. A list of items commonly used appears in this newsletter. Occasionally, please pick up a few extra items when you are shopping, or make a donation , noting “Backpacks” somewhere on your envelope.

Thank you for your past support and for all that you will do this year. Please contact me if you are interested in helping to assemble the food and/ or deliver the bags each week. This is a once every 4-5 week commitment. It is a great way to get your children involved in helping other children.

Please continue to pray for the children who benefit physically, mentally, and scholastically from this small amount of food. Pray for their parents who struggle to meet the needs of these children, and for the teachers and counselors who influence their lives.

Cheryl Vorhauer, Evangelism Committee 410-758-3791 or crv5@verizon.net



Youth ASP
Presentation:
Members and volunteers sharing their experience, testimonies and stories from their ASP Mission Trip in July.



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Robyn Brown

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

- September 5~ Trustee's Meeting
- September 6~ SPRC Meeting
- September 10~ Run4Shelter Race
- September 11~ Sunday School & Youth Group Begins!
Regular Worship Hours Resume (8:40 & 11:00)
- September 13~ UMM Meeting
UMW Meeting
- September 14~ Small Group Bible Study at Sugar Magnolia Café
Lay Leadership Meeting
- September 15 & 16~ Flea Market Donation Dates
- September 17~ Flea Market/Pancake Breakfast/Bake Sale!
- September 18~ Friendship Sunday!
- September 19~ VIM Meeting
- September 20~ Church Council Meeting
- September 24~ Showcase of Talents
- September 25~ Membership Classes Begin
- September 26~ Finance Meeting

**All dates are subject to change. Please confirm with the Calendar, Church Office or Ministry Chair.*

Centreville 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.