

THE MESSENGER

Our Mission Is To Make Disciples For Jesus Christ

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR:

Natural Disasters (Fires in California, hurricanes, and tropical storms); growing division in our nation (political and racial); continuing Covid-19 concern; and changing ways of educating our children are all around us. The world seems to be filled with so much noise. It is easy to get overwhelmed with it all!

Not only do we have a great deal going on locally and nationally, many of us have our own struggles. There are people dealing with health crisis outside of Covid-19 (cancer, trauma, hospitalizations, and surgeries just to name a few). Not to mention, depression and anxiety are rising. Many people are feeling lonely and disconnected after months of isolation. Drug and alcohol abuse are also on the increase. Again, this is overwhelming.

When the world is so overwhelming what should we do? How do we find peace amid it all? Psalm 46:10 states, "Be still and know that I am God." What does it mean to "be still" and "Know that I am God?"

The instruction to *be still* in Hebrew means to let go, stop striving, slacken and let drop. For some of us this is harder than others to loosen the grip that we hold and goes against our instinct. It is a call to surrender. While it may seem like a passive thing to do, to *be still* requires that we actively strive for it.

The reward though of being still is knowing God. God is a God of peace. As we come to know God, we can let go of the fear, conflict and struggle that overwhelms us. This psalm is reminding us and informing us that to *know that I am God* is to recognize who is on our side.

God is our refuge and strength. We have nothing to worry about for God is with us and for us. We just must choose to "Be still and know that I am God." *

~ Pastor Karen

AROUND THE CHURCH



The Sunday school program will not be in the building for the first semester of the school year. We are asking you to sign your child up and we will provide packets weekly for them to take home. Packets are available for student's Pre-K thru Middle School. Signups are available on the website at www.centreville-umc.com/grow/children. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Parkerson at kimkeith@atlanticbb.net or 410-758-2381.



SECURITY SERVICES

Part time position is available immediately for Night Surveillance. Minimum of 10 hours per week. This individual would be responsible to secure the church building and the surrounding grounds nightly. To apply, please contact the church office at 410-758-0868 or email your resume to office@centreville-umc.com.



October 16th – 18th 2020

Walk or Run to benefit the homeless in our community

Registration closes September 27th
register at haven-ministries.org

To Benefit our Housing Programs including the Emergency Shelter and Food Pantries

OUTREACH:

Reaching out into our Community to make a difference.

by **Larisa Thomas**

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Upcoming Outreach Opportunities for Our Congregation:

Sept. 2	10-12	CUMC Food Pantry
Sept. 11	5:30 -7pm	Sudlersville Food Pantry
Sept. 16	10-12	CUMC Food Pantry

Food Pantry Update:

Our Food Pantry is continuing our partnership with Mother of Sorrows. Through the CARES act, there has been plenty of food coming in the drop. With it, we have been able to offer larger amounts for our guests to take home.

Haven Ministries continue to serve our county population in need. The new Queenstown headquarters and food pantry provide many of our guests' regular needs. However, we still serve our niche for helping our local friends who don't like to or aren't able to travel to Queenstown. There is also a monthly Maryland Food Bank drop in Sudlersville, which is the same type CUMC was hosting. The location of this one is at Sudlersville Park. If you are interested in volunteering there, or at the headquarters helping with food, visit the Haven Ministries website.

Donations Needed:

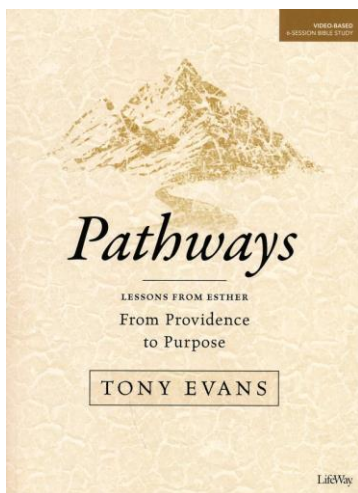
Donations we are short on are toiletries and side dish items.

Other Volunteer Needs:

Our Daily Thread Thrift Store in Stevensville and Hope Warehouse in Queenstown are great places to volunteer time. They are still operating, but fewer volunteers have been available. Both benefit those in need in Queen Anne's County. To volunteer, call Larisa or contact the sites directly. *

Bible Study begins Sept. 16 –

“Recognize the power of God’s providence in the midst of your personal pain, fear, gain, loss & love.”



Beginning September 16th, Pastor Karen will be leading a six-week Bible Study, Pathways – From Providence to Purpose by Tony Evans. This Bible study will be offered on Wednesday's at 10am or 7:30 pm. To sign up please call or email the office at 410-758-0868 / office@centreville-umc.com. The **Bible study book** is available for purchase on amazon.com for \$13.99. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Centreville United Methodist Church Next Phase Re-Opening Plan

Centreville United Methodist Church resumed in person service on June 14, 2020. Utilizing Maryland's "Roadmap to Recovery" and a document provided by a Faith-Based group that worked with the Governor and his team on how to re-open churches, we have laid out guidelines in order to resume and continue worship. For the past several months, we have had a combined worship service at 10:00 AM at approximately 50% or less capacity. Beginning **September 13th**, the next phase will be to resume our regular worship times (8:40 am Contemporary & 11 am Traditional) with the same strict guidelines that are currently in place. We appreciate everyone's compliance, understanding and patience during this strange time. We believe that returning to our normal worship times will allow for more people to come to in person worship while still maintaining the 50% capacity. We will continue to live stream both services for those that are "high risk" or do not feel comfortable returning at this time. If you are running a temperature or do not feel well, please stay home.

Our staff ensures the building is clean and disinfected. We will supply masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes as needed.

We will continue with the same strict guidelines to keep everyone safe.

- Worshippers are required to wear a mask while in the building.
- There will continue to be one entry door (Sanctuary) and one exit door (Narthex) in order to prevent crowding. We ask that you do not congregate inside the building.
- Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the Sanctuary. There is a hands-free unit outside the Sanctuary doors.
- Seating will take place in every other pew. (Consider sitting on the pew ends only which will give the 7 feet required between persons or family units).
- There will be a strict "no-touch" policy during worship. No "passing the peace" or passing the offering plate; Communion will be served in pre-packaged communion cups; No refreshments will be served in between services.
- Ushers will start to pass out 1-page bulletins on September 13th, using a gloved hand. If you prefer, the bulletin will be available online to print yourself prior to the service. Please take the bulletin with you when you leave. – This will allow the ushers to clean and disinfect the pews quicker in between services.

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ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRPERSONS

Administrative Council:
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CUMC Post COVID-19 Next Phase Re-opening Plan continued...

- When using the restroom, we ask that you use the provided disinfectant wipes to clean all the surfaces you touched. This will eliminate the need for a volunteer to be a “bathroom attendant”.
- Unfortunately, we still must refrain from corporate singing. Please feel free to hum and lift your hands to praise our Lord!
- **Other activities of the church and outside organizations:** Sunday School will begin this fall with distributing “take home packets” for the children (see front page). Some church groups have begun to meet in the building by adhering to the proper social distance guidelines and keeping to groups of 10 or less. We will continue assessing the use of the building for Bible studies, Sunday School, and other church groups individually. Likewise, requests from outside groups will be evaluated as requested and once determined if the group can maintain proper CDC guidelines.

The church office will resume to normal business hours beginning September 8th. If you have a need, please contact the church office at 410-758-0868 or email at office@centreville-umc.com. You can reach Pastor Karen at 302-245-4221 or khandy@centreville-umc.com.

*CUMC would like to
CONGRATULATE Phyllis
Johnston for completing the
required steps to become a
Certified Lay Minister!*

BE IN THE KNOW...

Charge Conference for CUMC is scheduled for **Nov. 10, 2020** at 6 PM. Mark your calendars! This year the conference will be held via zoom. Stay tuned for more details.

Did you know the office sends out weekly announcements letting you know of upcoming activities? If you are not receiving them, and want to, please let the office know so we can get you added to the list.



or visit our website
at www.centreville-umc.com

*Newsletter Ideas & Article Submissions should be sent to Doug Witt,
Newsletter Editor at [dwitt@centreville-umc.com](mailto:d Witt@centreville-umc.com).*

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

PSALMS 46:10



“Blessing of the Students”
September 13, 2020

Join us at both services as we offer a special prayer for students, teachers, administration, staff & parents for this upcoming school year.



The Sower Update...

Hey friends – this year’s conference Youth Rally has been cancelled.

We would like to get a group together to discuss a local alternative that our church could host. Please contact Pastor Rudy if you are interested in being part of this group.

We hope to slowly begin planning other youth events based on the trajectory of the Corona Virus pandemic.

The Sower team is posting content on social media through Pastor Rudy’s Facebook page and The Sower Ministry YouTube page. Give these a follow!

Stay tuned for updates.

~Pastor Rudy

SEPTEMBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

SEPTEMBER 1

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 2

FOOD PANTRY – 10 AM – NOON

PRAISE BAND PRACTICE – 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 7

LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 8

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 9

PRAISE BAND PRACTICE – 6:30 PM

SPRC MEETING – 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 14

TRUSTEE MEETING – 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 15

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 16

PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

FOOD PANTRY – 10 AM - NOON

PRAISE BAND PRACTICE – 6:30 PM

PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY – 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 22

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10 AM

ADMIN. COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 23

PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

PRAISE BAND PRACTICE – 6:30 PM

PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY – 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 29

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10 AM

SEPTEMBER 30

PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

PRAISE BAND PRACTICE – 6:30 PM

PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY – 7:30 PM

Sunday Worship: _____ 8:40am Contemporary _____ 11am Traditional _____

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED