

# THE MESSENGER

**Our Mission Is To Make Disciples For Jesus Christ**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

The Ark of the Covenant had been taken and was in foreign hands. The Philistines were a great enemy of Israel. Israel had just battled and defeated them and so they now could bring home the Ark. David, as the Ark is entering Jerusalem, starts to dance. He was so overjoyed and thankful for the return of the Ark that he danced. To be honest, he was quite undignified. After the Ark was placed in the tent (there was not a temple yet), David sang a song of thanksgiving. Here are a few of the words:

*1 Chronicles 16:8-9 Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. Tell everyone about his miracles.*

The song is much more elaborate than what I have shared here and you can find it in 1 Chronicles 16: 7-36.

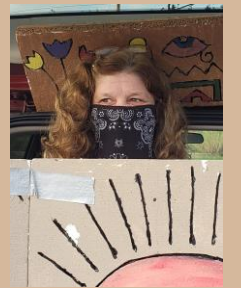
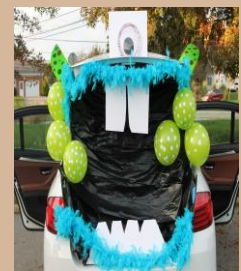
Have you ever found yourself so overjoyed and filled with thankfulness that you sung out praises and danced? This was a major moment for the Israelites, but this is not an isolated incident. Throughout the Bible we see a people of thanksgiving. So why does it seem that in today's society people have become less and less thankful? I know that 2020 has been a difficult year for us all. Do we not still see God at work? Maybe that is part of the problem. We are not looking and observing God at work all around us. We are often self-reliant and we are so busy with ourselves that we are missing all that is happening around us.

As Thanksgiving approaches this year, will you join me in a song of thanksgiving? I don't mean singing a song in front of everyone; though if you would like, it is acceptable. What I'm talking about is joining together and daily thanking God throughout this month. Each

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## AROUND THE CHURCH

Trunk or Treat was a success!  
Thanks to all who participated!



*Pastor's message continued from front page...*

week in the bulletin there will be prompts and starters listed for each day or if you are on Facebook, you can access the church's page and find them there. Here is an example: Think of a person who has touched your life in a special way and thank God for that person. You may want to journal or make notes as you walk through this month. God is at work all around us. Will we stop to notice and offer thanksgiving and praise, even if undignified, to God? Join me as we become more like David.

Praising and thanking our LORD,  
Pastor Karen



*Monday, November 23,  
2020 at 7pm. More details  
to come during the month so  
keep an eye out for it.*

Children's Sunday School



Sunday School  
will resume  
indoors beginning  
November 22,  
2020!



I would like to take a moment and say "Thank you" to all those who made Pastor Appreciation Month so special. The various expressions of appreciation have touched my heart. My family and I are grateful for each and every one. We have been blessed. It is a privilege to be in ministry with you, Centreville UMC!

In appreciation,  
Pastor Karen and family

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[www.centreville-umc.com](http://www.centreville-umc.com)

OR



## **Outreach:**

***Reaching out into our Community to make a difference***

By Larisa Thomas c240-994-5042, [larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net](mailto:larisa97thomas@atlanticbb.net)

### **Upcoming Outreach Opportunities For Our Congregation:**

Nov 4	10-12	CUMC Food Pantry
Nov 13	5:30-7	Haven Ministries Sudlersville Pop Up Food Pantry – volunteers needed
Nov. 15		Shoeboxes are due
Nov 18	10-12	CUMC Food Pantry
Nov 18 & 19	9:30-12&3-8	Drop Off Turkey Tag Meals at Piney Narrows
Nov. 21	9-?	RSVP to Deliver local Turkey Meals
Nov. 27	8:30-3:30	RSVP to Work Christmas Shoebox Warehouse 10-2 Shift
Nov 28-Dec 1	5:30	Casseroles Needed for Homeless, delivered to KIUMC

### **Shelter Changes: Only Dinners Needed**

Due to COVID, the Homeless Shelter will be still housing individuals in motel rooms for November and December. They are looking for a main dish, a meat and veggie casserole or pasta type casserole with a side of bread/roll. A green salad would be nice especially with a pasta dish. We can not use the kitchen at KIUMC for any type of cooking so the casseroles should be fully cooked, hot and ready to serve when dropped off. Sandi or Karen will be at KIUMC each evening to take in the meal, transfer it into take-out boxes and deliver to our guests. I will be in contact with you to keep you updated on the number of guests we are feeding and any food allergies. Our Dates are November 28-December 1, and December 20-22, with January on to be added later. Sign up at Sign Up Genius (link on CUMC Website under Serve Tab) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BAAA62EA75-shelter>

### **Rebuilding Together EASY Subfloor Bathroom Project: Lead Needed!!**

Rebuilding Together, the county organization working on local homes for those in need, has a bathroom project in Kingstown area. This is our last project for the year. We have a plumber to replace the shower, but need a lead for an easy demo and replacing subfloor/floor. Please contact Larisa [for more information](#).

### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes can be Picked Up in Narthex**

Operation Christmas Child collects shoeboxes filled with gifts for children around the world who probably have never received a Christmas gift. Shoeboxes are available for pick up in the Narthex, and are due November 15.

### **Trip to Christmas Shoebox Warehouse – RSVP for Friday Nov. 27 for 10 AM to 2 PM Shift**

Come help check all the incoming Christmas Shoeboxes. We will meet at the church at 8:30 am, carpool to the warehouse in Columbia, and return around 3:30 PM. Last year, it was amazing to see all the volunteers from as far away as New York State helping to process part of the 900,000 shoeboxes that went through our warehouse. We have 12 spaces open on our reservation. RSVP to Larisa.

### **Feed A Family Turkey Tags can be Picked Up in Narthex**

Turkey Tags are here to donate Thanksgiving meals for local QAC families in the Narthex. Purchase items to make a non-perishable dinner and bring a frozen turkey to the drop off site at Kent Narrows for a family (info on back of tag). **Volunteers are also needed to deliver dinners** on November 21, which is great for families to do together. RSVP to Larisa for delivering.

# Finding Ways to Give, as We Weather the Storm

by Rhonda Knotts, SPRC Chair

No one could have anticipated that in the first few months of 2020, our world would be facing an unprecedented pandemic. None of us ever expected stable businesses to slow to a standstill, employees sent home without pay, or employers left scrambling to pick up the pieces.

The coronavirus pandemic has presented many of us with hard-hitting questions. When our regular bills are more than we can handle, do we keep tithing? If giving is a vital part of Christian walk, what does an unexpected and immense change of income mean for the regular tither? Will churches make it through? The last few months have put many of us in a tough situation, with the same bills piling up and little or no income to pay them.

Billy Graham *was once asked* about giving when unemployed. His answer to ChristianPost.com was simple, “*You see, no matter how generous we are, we should never give because we think we're buying God's favor — much less earning our salvation. Graham added that giving ‘should be a result of something far deeper: our love for God and His work’ rather than an effort to curry favor with God.*”

We are called to give because there is a joy that we can only know when we give as God leads. We give because giving makes us more like Christ. We give because sometimes we will know what it is like to be in dire need and receive graciously from others, and we find unspeakable joy to give as has been so generously given to us. God doesn't simply require our money, *he requires our all*.

Many have wondered if churches will weather the storm. The answer is that we will, but we need to support our church by tithing, by giving of our time, by supporting the ministries that provide provisions for those in need, and through prayer. *Our hope as a church is not in our finances but in Christ.* We trust in him because he is our rock and our provision. God is unchanging; and He knows our hearts, our thoughts, and every situation that causes us pain.

*“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13-17).*



## Centreville United Methodist Church Covid 19 Phase 3 Plan (Bulleled Version)

(Full document is available on our website)

### Phase Three: Physical Gathering at 75% Capacity Under Strict Guidelines

- Worship held at 8:40am and 11:00am weekly
- Seating will be in every other pew
- Maintain six feet of distance between household unit
- Masks required to be worn during worship including while singing
- Strict “no-contact” during worship
- Bulletins and Handouts will be provided for use in worship. Please take them home with you.
- Offering is encouraged to be given via online giving, through your bank, or mail a check. Those giving in person will utilize baskets at the exit of each worship space
- Communion will be celebrated using the pre-packaged wafer and cup. It will be distributed by those wearing masks and gloves.
- Hand Sanitizer station is available for use at the entry of the Sanctuary
- Singing will be re-introduced during worship with a limited number of songs to begin and masks must be worn. Seating will be available in the back of the sanctuary for those who choose not to sing yet.
- Make every effort to clean and disinfect the Sanctuary and public spaces after worship.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIRPERSONS

Administrative Council:  
Jerry Thomas

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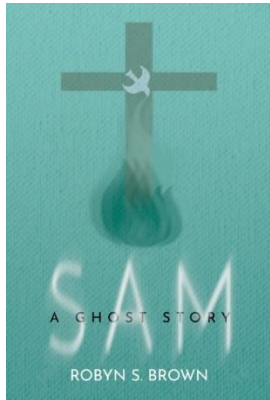
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## Book Club with Pastor Robyn! Spots still available – Register with the office

Join Pastor Robyn as she shares more about her latest Christian novel, “SAM. A Ghost Story.” We will discuss questions in the back of the book as well as the journey God led her on as a follow up to her first novel, “BEN.” Three sections will be offered. Just read the whole book before we meet and be prepared to share your thoughts!

Tuesday, November 10, 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, November 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.

Please register with the church office if you'd like to participate. Be sure to specify which day you will be joining. Hope to see you there!



## Live Nativity & Advent Readings

We want to do something a little different this year for Advent. We will be offering advent calendars and recording different people or families opening the calendar and sharing a daily reading. Beginning December 1 and each day up to Christmas, a new video will be released. Would you consider being a part of this special Advent project? We believe that it will be fun and will have far reaching effects in this community and beyond.

Likewise, we will have a Live Nativity which is set for Dec. 20, 2020 starting at 5:30pm. Community members can drive through the Centreville UMC property and witness the Christmas Story. More details will be coming over the month, but we are looking for people who would like to participate or help. We need people to pose as Mary, Joseph, and Wise Men. We hope to have a group of children singing (dressed as shepherds and angels) and the adult choir sharing more carols as well. There is a need for help with directing traffic and greeting, set-up, and clean-up.

Interested in helping with one or both of these projects? Contact the church office by phone call, email, or sign up in the Narthex.

CUMC Charge Conference  
via zoom  
November 10, 2020  
6:00 PM

Charge Conference Packets are available for pick up at the church or you can contact the office to request an electronic copy. If you do not have internet and would like to watch the charge conference at CUMC, please contact the church office no later than November 9<sup>th</sup> at 410-758-0868.



<p><b>Day 1</b> Thank God for Today!</p> <p>Read Psalm 118:24</p>	<p><b>Day 2</b> Thank God for Silence.</p> <p>Find a quiet spot and think of things you are grateful for.</p>	<p><b>Day 3</b> Thanks for Freedom!</p> <p>Be thankful for the many freedoms we enjoy.</p>	<p><b>Day 4</b> Thanks for the Encouragement!</p> <p>Drop a note today to thank someone that has helped you to know God better.</p>	<p><b>Day 5</b> Thanks for the Pain!</p> <p>Thank God for His presence, comfort &amp; strength that helped you through a rough patch.</p>	<p><b>Day 6</b> Laughter Day</p> <p>Tell funny stories, jokes or watch a comedy. God gave us the gift of humor.</p>	<p><b>Day 7</b> Reminder Day</p> <p>Put up reminders around your home of what to be grateful for.</p>
<p><b>Day 8</b> Give Thanks for God's Word</p> <p>Read Psalm 119:105</p>	<p><b>Day 9</b> Wake Up and Smell the Roses</p> <p>Take time to notice your surroundings.</p>	<p><b>Day 10</b> Little Things Make a Difference</p> <p>Be grateful for the little things.</p>	<p><b>Day 11</b> Thank a Veteran Day!</p>	<p><b>Day 12</b> Think Positive Thoughts Only!</p>	<p><b>Day 13</b> A Trip down Memory Lane.</p> <p>Look at photo's or videos and take time to remember good times.</p>	<p><b>Day 14</b> God's Work in You!</p> <p>Make a list of the good things God has done in your life.</p>
<p><b>Day 15</b> Knowing Jesus</p> <p>Give thanks for knowing the Savior!</p>	<p><b>Day 16</b> Prayer Path Day!</p> <p>Pray for everyone who crosses your path today.</p>	<p><b>Day 17</b> Quick Thanks</p> <p>Jot a quick note of thanks to someone, just because.</p>	<p><b>Day 18</b> The Blessing of Family and Friends</p> <p>Let them know your thankful for them.</p>	<p><b>Day 19</b> Thanksgiving Phone Call</p> <p>Call someone that cannot be with you during Thanksgiving.</p>	<p><b>Day 20</b> Thank God for Learning!</p> <p>Thank God for the capacity to learn.</p>	<p><b>Day 21</b> Lessons Learned</p> <p>Pray for the upcoming generation who will carry on the faith.</p>
<p><b>Day 22</b> Heritage Sunday!</p> <p>Thank God for those who have gone before us.</p>	<p><b>Day 23</b> Food, Food, Food</p> <p>Thank God for the food and abundance most of us experience.</p>	<p><b>Day 24</b> Experience the Moment!</p> <p>Live in the present and be thankful for it.</p>	<p><b>Day 25</b> What I Like About You...</p> <p>Make a list of things that you like about your immediate family members.</p>	<p><b>Day 26</b> Thanksgiving Day!</p> <p>Enjoy your celebration.</p>	<p><b>Day 27</b> Exercise!</p> <p>Thank God for the physical abilities we have!</p>	<p><b>Day 28</b> What a Difference this Month has Made...</p> <p>Reflect...Continue to practice the art of a thankful life!</p>

### NOVEMBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

**NOVEMBER 2**

BEREAVEMENT GROUP – 6:30 PM  
TRUSTEE MTG – 6:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 3**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM

**NOVEMBER 4**

FOOD PANTRY – 10AM – NOON  
BE STILL STUDY – 1PM  
PRAISE BAND – 6:30 PM  
BE STILL STUDY – 7:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 10**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM  
SAM BOOK CLUB – 1 PM  
CHARGE CONFERENCE – 6PM

**NOVEMBER 11**

SAM BOOK CLUB – 6:30 PM  
PRAISE BAND – 6:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 12**

SAM BOOK CLUB – 6:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 17**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM

**NOVEMBER 18**

FOOD PANTRY – 10AM - NOON  
BE STILL STUDY – 1PM  
PRAISE BAND – 6:30 PM  
BE STILL STUDY – 7:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 23**

BLOOD BANK –NOON  
THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE – 7PM

**NOVEMBER 24**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM  
ADMIN COUNCIL MTG – 6:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 26 - 27**

OFFICES CLOSED

Sunday Worship: 8:40am Contemporary 11am Traditional

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED