



Centreville United Methodist Church

"The church on a hill which cannot be hidden. "

February 2022

The Messenger

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

When I was a kid, my dad would give me a heart shaped box that was decorated and filled with candy for Valentine's Day. I loved getting those gifts and so I kept the box each year. It started my "Heart Collection" as I loved the shape.

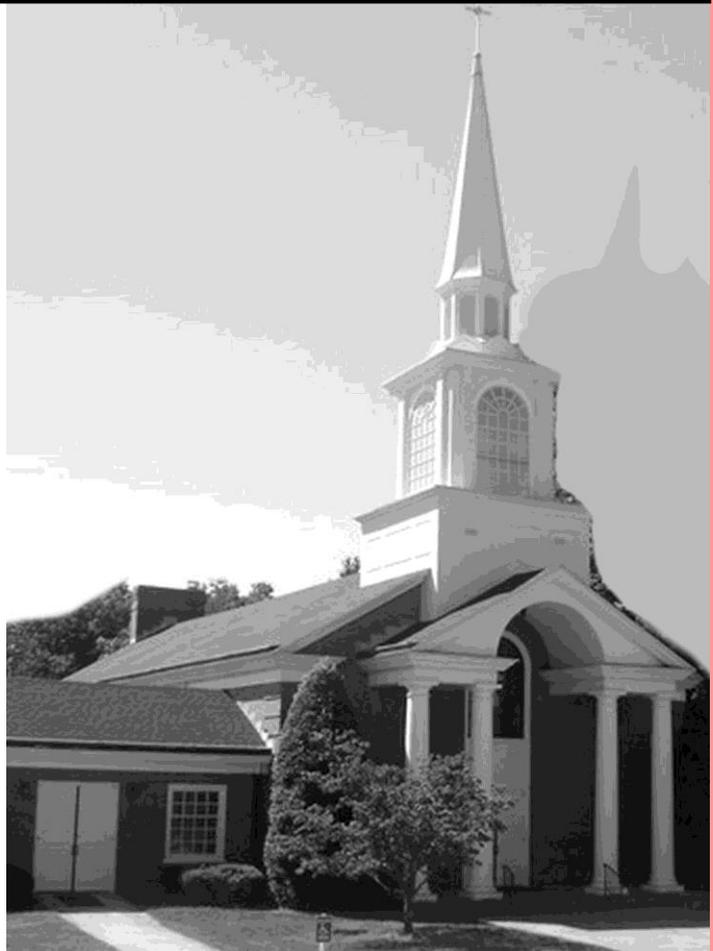
When I was in high school, I decided that I wanted to do something with those boxes. With permission from my parents, I hung each of those boxes on my bedroom walls. As I looked around my room, I was reminded that my dad loved me and cared for me. I was his valentine!

While many of us dream of getting roses and chocolates for Valentine's Day, we've already received the best Valentine there is. Roger W. Hancock couldn't have put it more perfectly when he said:

"Jesus is God's valentine, sent to you with love."

Remember "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (John 3:16-17) God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to save us and show us how to love God and others.

How do we respond to such a gift? I saved and savored my Valentine's. I hung them up as a reminder. How can we grow in our understanding of God's love for us and in showing our love to God? To grow in our faith and understanding of God's



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OUTREACH

Reaching Out into our Community to Make a Difference

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Upcoming Outreach Opportunities for Our Congregation:

Feb 2 & 16	10-Noon	CUMC Food Pantry
Feb 11, 12, 22, 23, 24	6:35 PM	Shelter Casseroles Needed
Feb 17	12:15 PM	Outreach Chili Lunch Meeting at Ann's
March 1	5:30-7 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fellowship/Fundraiser
April 14	2 PM	Outreach Meeting

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fellowship (& Fundraiser) March 1

Outreach is hosting a Pancake Dinner Fellowship (& Fundraiser). We will be serving from 5:30-7 PM. Come spend some time with your church family! Voluntary donations will be collected to support our Congo Water Project.

Shelter Casseroles Needed February 11, 12, 22, 23, & 24

Yes, we are still only providing casseroles for the February Shelter Schedule. While the shelter has reopened at KIUMC, we are using paid staff to limit the risk of covid. Volunteers will take the meal to the kitchen doors at KIUMC between 6:30-6:45 PM. The casseroles should be fully cooked, hot and ready to serve when dropped off in a throwaway container. A bag of salad is also requested. Sign up at Sign Up Genius (link on CUMC Website under Serve Tab) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094baaa62ea75-shelter1>, in the narthex, or just call/text/email Larisa.

Food Pantry Update

We are still pretty stocked up. We could use some cereal, hamburger helper, and toiletries. Thank you!



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love, we need to spend time with God through prayer, reading scripture, meditating on God's word, and sharing in Holy Communion as well as other spiritual disciplines.

We also want to express our love. We do this through worship: where we show our adoration, devotion, and praise of God. We also can do it by loving others. 1 John 4:12 says: "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us."

I want to offer yet another way to express your love. This February I want to invite you to write a Valentine's letter to Jesus. When we write love letters, we often share our love. Your letter could be as simple as "Jesus, I love you!" or you may choose to share more deeply all that Jesus means to you. What you write is up to you and will be between you and God. We will offer a Valentine's Mailbox in the Narthex to share them to God. We will offer these "Love Letters" in worship on February 13, 2022.

While I may not have my decorated heart candy boxes anymore, I do carry the love that each box contained. May you carry the love of Christ with you wherever you may go and may you share that love with others.

~ Pastor Karen

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

If the church closes because of inclement weather, the church office will send out a mass email and post a message to our church recording, Facebook page and website.

As always, please use your own judgement as to whether you feel it is safe to go out, even if the church is open.

Centreville Youth Ministry**February Gatherings:**

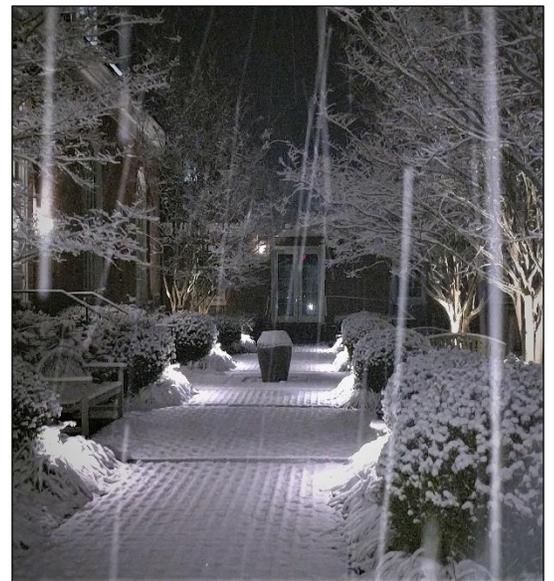
Please note that starting in February we will go back to gatherings every other week as this works better for some of our families and volunteers.

February 6—No Youth Group

February 13—Soup Making -5:30 pm - Let's try this again! We will make soup for others to give them a "Warm hug"

February 20—No Youth Group

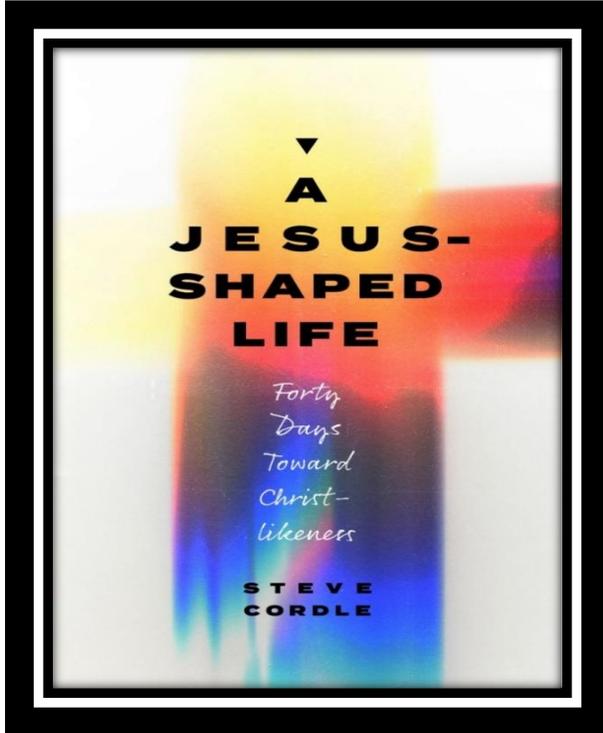
February 27—Youth Group 5:30pm



A beautiful picture of our snow-covered memorial garden taken by our night security.



LENTEN SERIES & UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY



What if we could . . . Break free from self-destructive sins? See and value people like Jesus does? Reflect Jesus' love, joy, and peace to others?

We are constantly being influenced by outside forces—our families, the media, and even our cell phones. Yet God promises to shape us into the image of Jesus. A Jesus-Shaped Life invites you to invest forty days into learning how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as he transforms you from the inside out. Throughout the course of six weeks, readers will explore selected aspects of Jesus' character and learn how God's grace can be reproduced in his followers. Spiritual exercises and discussion questions combine with daily meditations to create a valuable tool for becoming the person God created us to be.

Please join us in our Lenten Series, *A Jesus-Shaped Life: Forty Days Toward Christ-likeness*. If you are interested in following along with this church wide devotional, we are asking that you sign-up in the Narthex and include a \$12.00 donation to cover the cost of the book **no later than Monday, February 14th**. If you would like a book, and cannot purchase one, please contact the church office at 410-758-0868.

Pastor Karen will also be leading a small group 6-week Bible study on this book beginning Wednesday, March 9 at 1PM and 7:30PM. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

- The UMM would like to have the Chicken Barbeque this Spring but need your help to make it happen! If you are interested in participating in the preparations that go into having this very popular event, please let us know by signing up in the narthex or by contacting Tom Scull at 410-758-8658.
- **CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!** The UMM will be awarding the Ed Parry Scholarship to a graduating High school Senior this year. You must be a member of CUMC and have a plan to continue your education, field and/or trade. To help us prepare and know how many packets to make, please contact Hal Totten at 443-262-8870 or the church office if you plan on applying for this scholarship.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship with us in person or online!

8:40 A.M. CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

11:00 A.M. TRADITIONAL SERVICE

(NURSERY AVAILABLE DURING BOTH SERVICES)

9:50 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL (ALL AGES)

5:30 P.M. YOUTH MINISTRIES

Monthly Church Bulletin Board:

When people walk through these church doors, we want them to feel the warmth of Jesus, the presence of our Lord and Savior. We want this building to be welcoming and inviting.

We have a church bulletin board that has been empty for quite a while. In the month of February, we updated this bulletin board in the theme of "Valentine". We would love to update this bulletin board each month with different themes.

Would you, your family, your Bible Study group, etc. like to take part in this project? Our goal is to have a different group signed up for every month. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

If you have any questions, or other ideas please contact the church office at 410-758-0868.



Methodist Women

The Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, February 8 at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All women of the church are welcome to attend. We will be discussing and planning 2022.

2022

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FEBRUARY 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**FEB 1**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM

FEB 2

FOOD PANTRY – 10AM

ENCOUNTER THE SPIRIT – 1 & 7:30PM

PRAISE BAND – 6:30PM

FEB 3

ROTARY – 7AM

CHOIR – 6PM

BELLS – 7:15PM

FEB 7

TRUSTEES – 6:30PM

FEB 8

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM

METHODIST WOMEN – 1PM

SPRC – 6:30PM

FEB 9

ENCOUNTER THE SPIRIT – 1 & 7:30PM

PRAISE BAND – 6:30PM

FEB 10

ROTARY – 7AM

CHOIR – 6PM

BELLS – 7:15PM

FEB 15

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM

FEB 16

FOOD PANTRY – 10AM

ENCOUNTER THE SPIRIT – 1 & 7:30PM

PRAISE BAND – 6:30PM

FEB 17

ROTARY – 7AM

DCOM – 8:30AM

CHOIR – 6PM

BELLS – 7:15PM

FEB 22

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 10AM

ADMIN. COUNCIL MTG. – 6:30PM

FEB 23

ENCOUNTER THE SPIRIT – 1 & 7:30PM

PRAISE BAND – 6:30PM

FEB 24

ROTARY – 7AM

CHOIR – 6PM

BELLS – 7:15PM

FEB 28

BLOOD BANK – 12PM



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