

September 2026



CENTREVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

305 E. Main Street

Centreville, MI 49032

A note from Pastor Drew

A few weeks ago, one of our seasonal members talked to me after church and expressed his amazement and gratitude for all of the outreach ministries and missions that our church support. While this is something that I have often told privately to my friends, it is always nice when other people also agree with you.

When I was looking through the newsletter this month, I was struck again by how many things we have been doing. However, I was more amazed by the teamwork that exists behind all of those events to make them happen. The Trustees have been hard at work with the various renovations and improvement projects over the summer and are asking for help from the rest of the congregation at the clean up day. There was a team that led the organization and cleaning out that made the Church Treasure sale such an amazing success. The Writers group is an ongoing group that continues to support each other throughout the year, but is gearing up for its annual gift to our church in Advent. If you have not started thinking of a contribution, please do. I would love to have even more people participate this year! And finally, our new BLAST team makes its Newsletter debut with the Fair Vendor luncheon. This was a team that emerged out of a series of conversations about how we intentionally reach out into our community while not exhausting volunteers, and from that came this event which is going to be such a blessing for the vendors who truly make fair week possible.

As I list these various teams, I would be remiss if I did not encourage you to consider the ways that you can support the work that they are doing, as well as pray about how you might be able to serve on a team as well. Our Nominations process is gearing up for the fall and we will be having several announcements and opportunity for you to add your voice and gifts to our church's missions.

There are some churches where only small number do all of the work. I am grateful that Centreville is not one of those churches. If we were, there is no way that we could accomplish all that we do. However, that does not mean that there is not room for more hands, more gifts, and more voices to join in and improve the capacity of our church. Each of us has gifts and skills that God can use, and when all of us are offering those back to God, it is incredible what the results can be.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew", located at the bottom left of the page.

September Nurse's Notes

National Recovery Month 2026 takes place throughout September 2026, marking the 37th annual observance celebrating individuals in recovery from mental health and substance use challenges. Drug addiction and mental health conditions frequently occur together because they share underlying biological, genetic, and environmental causes and directly influence one another. September is also National Suicide Prevention Month. Drug addiction and mental health conditions frequently occur together because they share underlying biological, genetic, and environmental causes and directly influence one another. Recovery is not simply the absence of substance use — it is the active, ongoing pursuit of physical health, mental wellbeing, and emotional resilience; embracing the whole self is what makes recovery last. Communities provide connection through employment services, social and faith based resources 50.2 million American adults considered themselves to be in recovery from their substance use and/or mental health problems. How to help someone? Ask the hard questions. Be honest about your concern for them and what you've seen. If someone you think is in crisis, ask if they are suicidal. If the answer is yes, contact emergency services, or call the **Suicide and Crisis Helpline at 988**.

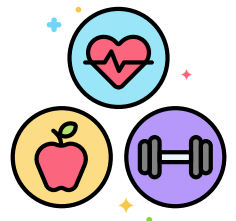
September is Healthy Aging Month. The things our parents never told us about aging...or maybe they did and we just didn't listen. A friend in her nineties once offered her addition to my list. "Flatulence" she said. "It happens and you can't do anything about it". Another friend mentioned choking on your own saliva. But we really do have a lot of other things to look forward to. I may not be able to get back up when I'm on the ground playing with my grands, but I have time to enjoy them. Maybe we aren't considered employable but we're definitely volunteer-able (new word). There are lots of opportunities in our own community. We do have wisdom to share. Our own children might not think so now, but plenty of young people would love a grandma/pa to mentor them. Learning is a life long thing. Take a class, read, take a walk. Visit COA and see what kind of fun activities they offer. That thing about a body in motion? It's true.

Blessings,

Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director

269-535-1032 | cjfriedel918@gmail.com

Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store



September Birthdays

9/1 - Ava Batten
- Grace Bowman
9/12 - Deb Davis
9/14 - Alice Keith
9/15 - Kathy Knautz
9/16 - Sharon Rumsey
9/17 - Carmita Hunter
- Phil Anderson
9/23 - Phillip Cripe
- Bonnie Moyer
9/28 - Emily Hansson

September Anniversaries

9/6 - Mike & Jan Wetherbee
9/9 - Scott & Emily Hansson
9/10 - Doug & Debbie Wright
9/14 - Kole & Hayla Mostrom
- Larry & Deb Rice
9/18 - John & Christy Friedel

September Meetings

9/8 - Finance Committee - 6 pm
- SPR Committee - 7 pm
9/15 - B.L.A.S.T. Committee - 6 pm
9/22 - Church Council - 6 pm

FREE
Community
Dinner



September 9
September 23



October 14
October 28



Just Show Up Class

Just show up!
Sunday School Class!

Join us for a time of prayer, bible study and discussion centered on that Sunday's scripture.

No pre-reading is required!

Sundays at 9:00AM

Don't forget about our Just Show Up Sunday school class! Every Sunday at 9:00 plan to discuss the Bible at Home, weekly scripture readings, and more.

Financial Update

August 2026

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	*August	Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$12,595.00	\$88,140.80
Non-Pledged Income	\$1,754.00	\$19,481.40
Endowment - Gen.	\$0.00	\$3,102.51
Building Use	\$150.00	\$800.00
Other	\$20.00	\$6,876.03
Total	\$ 14,519.00	\$ 118,400.74
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$9,050.82	\$77,659.73
Ministry Shares	\$0.00	\$8,588.00
Property and Utilities	\$873.47	\$20,716.60
Administrative	\$236.19	\$4,535.76
Worship	\$212	\$2,394.62
Program and Education	143.50	1,888.86
Other	38.97	235.97
Total	\$ 10,554.69	\$ 116,019.54
Net:	\$3,964.31	\$ 2,381.20

Missions Income	\$1,976.05	\$ 17,451.52
-----------------	------------	--------------

*Not yet approved by finance

If you have questions or want full financial reports, contact the office, Michael Davis - Finance chair, or Pastor Drew.

Electronic Giving

Online giving: general ministry budget, and any of our mission partners, special Sundays & projects. Automatic recurring donations are also available for your convenience.

Please scan this QR code or go to: givebutter.com/centrevilleumc to check it out.



Church Office Hours

Pastor Drew: By appointment
Friday: Sabbath

Tori: Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Capital Campaign Update

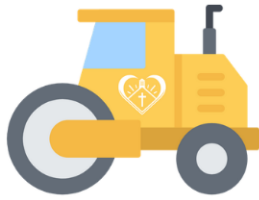
Laying a Foundation of Love & Hope (2026-2028)

August 31, 2026

Pledged: \$161,270

Goal: \$150,000

39 pledges Given: \$120,560



CENTREVILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Current Capital Campaign projects overview. Above you see the chart of our income goal, below you see the proposed budget for the projects, as well as current project spending.

Campaign Budget

86,000 Repaving Parking Lot

15,000 Kitchen Renovation

1,500 Wheelchair Ramp

102,500 Project Total

50,000 Endowment Goal

\$152,500 Campaign Goal

Endowment Funds

18,878.61 Current Funds to Invest

50,000 Campaign Goal

The physical projects are all but wrapped up, with just a few items left in the kitchen.

Project Spending

106,927.80 Parking Lot total cost

10,863.25 Kitchen Renovation

579.80 Wheelchair Ramp

118,370.85 Current Project Total

Parking lot Project Funding

85,475.00 Original bid

21,260.00 Additional work needed

192.80 Underground work

106,927.80 Total Project Cost

86,192.80 Capital campaign funds

2,000.00 From kitchen fund

2,045.54 Interest earned on CD

6,689.46 Trustees Capital Reserve

5,000.00 From parsonage rent income

5,000.00 Designated gift for the parking lot overage

106,927.80 Total Funds Used

101,681.39 Campaign funds used

Trustees Updates

Church Yard Cleanup & Landscaping Day

The Trustees invite everyone to join us for a Church Yard Cleanup and Landscaping Day on Saturday, October 3. As we prepare our church grounds for the coming winter months, we need many helping hands to help keep our property looking its best.

From raking leaves and trimming shrubs to general cleanup and landscaping projects, there will be tasks for all ages and skill levels. Whether you can stay for an hour or the entire day, your time and effort will make a meaningful difference.

As the saying goes, many hands make light work! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, work together in service, and take pride in caring for the church property we all share.

All are welcome, and no special experience is required. Bring your work gloves, yard tools if you have them, and a willing spirit. Together, we can make our grounds beautiful and ready for the winter season.

We hope to see you there on Saturday, October 3! Thank you in advance for helping us care for our church home.



Church Treasure Sale a Success!

After plenty of hard work, heavy lifting, and treasure hunting, our Church Treasure Sale was finally held on August 28 and 29!

Thanks to generous donations from our church family and friends, the sale was filled with treasures waiting for new homes. We were blessed with a great turnout and are so grateful to everyone who helped make the event a success. Whether you donated, helped set up, worked during the sale, cleaned up afterward, or came to shop, thank you!

It was a wonderful example of our church family coming together, and we appreciate everyone who played a part.

We were also able to bless several other non-profits & businesses with items leftover. We donated some things to the fairgrounds, and Rooted came in and took several items that will help them in their mission also.



Voices of the Writer's Group

Writer's Group will not be holding regular meetings for the time being, however, we will be hosting Workshops for our Advent Booklet. All are welcome. We will be there to help people in any stage, brainstorming to polishing. Workshops will be held Saturdays, September 19, October 3, and October 17 from 3-5pm in fellowship hall. Some food for thought until then: Who is Jesus to you, Wonderful Counselor? Prince of Peace? Teacher? Brother? Friend?

Don't forget to work on those Advent booklet submissions! It is always exciting to see the booklet come together & read what everyone has poured their heart and imagination into.



Good Teacher,
I come to your classroom
With an empty notebook
And unsharpened pencil,
And fear of judgment,
Lack of self-esteem,
Longing for friendship,
Hope of being seen.
May I go home with
A notebook falling apart
So full of knowledge,
A nub that once was a pencil
Used until it could be sharpened no longer
Eraser long gone
From lessons learned,
A mind confident of Truth,
A heart overflowing with love,
Which I have received
And given,
And with eyes that now see
The goodness and possibility
Because you taught me how.
Amen

The Writer's Group is seeking submissions for this year's Advent book.

The theme for 2026:

What's in a Name?

focus verse:

Isaiah 9:6

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**"

Submissions may include essays, short stories, poems, photographs, drawings, etc.

Submissions are due by November 1
emailed to Shone (shonersbooks@yahoo.com)
or dropped off/mailed to the church.



2026 Fair Vendor luncheon

Interested in helping with the fair luncheon?

See the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall & we will contact you as details unfold.



B.L.A.S.T. Is Getting Started!

Our new outreach group, B.L.A.S.T. (Being Light and Salt Together), has officially begun meeting and is already hard at work exploring meaningful ways for our church to connect with and serve our community. This group is open to anyone who has a heart for outreach and an interest in helping strengthen the relationship between our church and the people around us.

Our first project is coming up quickly. The Fair Vendor Dinner, a ministry that has been on Sharon's heart for quite some time, is finally becoming a reality. We are excited to

come alongside her and help bring this vision to fruition this year. This special event will provide an opportunity to show appreciation and hospitality to those working at the fair while sharing the love of Christ in a practical way.

If you would like to help with this project, please be sure to sign up on the sheet located in the Fellowship Hall. Whether you can contribute time, supplies, or simply a willing spirit, your support will help make this outreach a success.

Looking ahead, B.L.A.S.T. will soon begin preparations for our annual Trunk or Treat event in October. This beloved community gathering offers another wonderful opportunity to welcome families, build relationships, and shine God's light in our neighborhood.

We look forward to seeing how God will use B.L.A.S.T. as we work together to be His hands and feet in our community. Join us as we seek to be Light and Salt Together! ✨

Give the Gift of Life: Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive at the church is coming up on September 15, and there are still plenty of appointment times available!

Blood donations are always needed, and each donation can help save multiple lives. Hospitals rely on volunteer donors every day to provide blood for patients facing surgeries, illnesses, emergencies, and ongoing treatments.

Our congregation has made a tremendous impact through this ministry. Over the course of 15 blood drives, we have collected 310 units of blood from 329 donors, averaging 21 units per drive. Every donation helps strengthen the local blood supply and offers hope to those in need.

If you are eligible to donate, please consider signing up. Use the QR code to reserve your appointment today and help continue this life-saving tradition.

Blood Drive



September 15



At the Church - Fellowship Hall



Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment. Thank you for helping save lives! ❤️💧



Blood Drive
Centreville
United Methodist Church

305 E. Main Street

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.



Becoming an Altogether Christian Sermon Series



9/6: Ezekiel 36:26-28, NRSV - "Altogether Heart"

9/13: Psalm 42, NRSV - "Altogether Soul"

9/20: Romans 12:1-3, NRSV - "Altogether Mind"

9/27: Psalm 8, NRSV - "Altogether Strength"

10/4: Romans 13:8-10, Luke 10:25-28, NRSV -
"Altogether Love Thy Neighbors"

Two hundred and eighty-five years ago, John Wesley warned an Oxford church full of biblical scholars and people training to be clergy that it is possible to be almost a Christian without being altogether a Christian. We can be sincere, moral, and faithful in Christian practices while missing the transforming power of deep, saving trust in God. We can be followers of Christ in name yet hold back from pursuing a life fully shaped by the Great Commandment.

At the center of our journey to a vital, holistic faith stands Jesus' call to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and to love all our neighbors as ourselves. The repetition of the word all is not accidental. Following Jesus is not partial, occasional, or compartmentalized. It is a life given over completely to God's love being made real in us and through us.

Back to School Fun



One of our favorite signs of fall is welcoming back Ms. Hayla and her Pathfinder class on Thursdays! These amazing young adults help fold bulletins, tackle light cleaning and sanitizing tasks, and brighten our mornings with their enthusiasm and smiles. Their hard work and positive attitudes are a blessing to our church, and we are beyond grateful for the opportunity to partner with them as they build important skills and serve our congregation.



Hansel & Gretel Updates

Hansel & Gretel Preschool is gearing up for another wonderful school year! August brought a successful Open House, and on September 9, we will once again hear the pitter-patter of little feet as our students return for fall classes.

For more than 50 years, our church has been blessed to host this cherished preschool ministry. The laughter, energy, and joy that these young learners bring to our building each week are truly a gift. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue supporting Hansel & Gretel Preschool and the families it serves, and we look forward to another fantastic year of learning, growth, and fun.



September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Food Pantry 10 am	5 Fair Luncheon prep 9 am-12 pm
6 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	7	8 Finance 6 pm SPRC 7pm	9 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	10 BHFS 6 pm	11 Food Pantry 10 am	12
13 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	14	15 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5:45 pm	16	17	18 Food Pantry 10 am	19 Writer's Workshop 3-5 pm
20 JSU Class 9 am Worship 10 am	21 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm	22 Fair Luncheon 11:30-1:00 pm Church Council 6pm	23 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	24	25 Food Pantry 10 am	26 Private event 12-3 pm
27	28	29	30			

September Song Leaders

9/6 - Shone Rhyner
 9/13- Bev Michels
 9/20 - Shone Rhyner
 9/27 - Michelle Brokaw

September Liturgists

9/6 - Barb Bungart
 9/13 - Jan Rhoads
 9/20 - Tom Miller
 9/27 - Michelle Brokaw

August Children's Moment

9/6 - Jim Wetherbee
 9/13 - Shone Rhyner
 9/20 - Steve Clark
 9/27 - Pastor Drew

