



May 2025



Centreville United Methodist Church
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A note from Pastor Drew

My letter this month is going to be shorter than usual because our April was so full! We had the extra Lenten services around the county where we worshiped with our Methodist family, and our Holy Week prayer stations, Good Friday service and then Easter breakfast, egg hunt and service. It is such a gift to be at a church this alive and active both within our walls and outside of them.

I also want to take a moment to thank all the people and teams who put the services together for Holy Week and Easter. Our Worship committee started planning months ago for this week and then put in hours during the week setting up our sanctuary and fellowship hall, transitioning from palms to prayer stations, to Good Friday and then finally Easter. That is a lot of different visuals. We also had those who prepared the Egg Hunt on Sunday and the breakfast, not to mention our tech team, choir, and Sharon who played for all of those services as well. It truly is a group effort, and I could not be more grateful to serve with so many dedicated and creative people.

Our Just Show Up class on Sunday mornings at 9AM continues to grow which is exciting. Those discussions have been rich and full of laughter as well. Which is just indicative of who we are at CUMC.

This month as we move into the Spring we will be looking at the fundamental beliefs of our faith. As Methodists we do not shy away from asking tough questions and using our brains to engage with the world around us. I am looking forward to working through these topics with you and hopefully empowering you to come up with your own answers to these questions so that when you hear others struggling in their faith, you can be a source of hope and love for them as well.

If you know of someone who is looking to explore their faith in a non-threatening environment, I hope you will invite them to come and join us on Sundays. If you have questions or want to talk further, know that my door is always open to you or anyone else wanting to talk more.




Rev. Drew Weseman

WRESTLING WITH
DOUBT
FINDING FAITH

Join us for a new worship series
as we look at common questions
about God, faith and meaning.
Services are on Sunday, 10:00AM

April 27: **Is there a God?**
May 4: **Is the Bible True?**
May 11: **Are non-Christians going to hell?**
May 18: **Is Heaven real?**
May 25: **Does God answer prayers?**
June 1: **Why do bad things happen to good people?**



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May Nurse's Notes

May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, A mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, behavior or mood. These conditions deeply impact day-to-day living and may also affect the ability to relate to others. If you have – or think you might have – a mental illness, the first thing you must know is that **you are not alone**. Mental health conditions are far more common than you think, mainly because people don't like to, or are scared to, talk about them. However:

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

A mental health condition isn't the result of one event. Research suggests multiple, linking causes. Genetics, environment and lifestyle influence whether someone develops a mental health condition. A stressful job or home life makes some people more susceptible, as do traumatic life events. Biochemical processes and circuits and basic brain structure may play a role, too.

None of this means that you're broken or that you, or your family, did something "wrong." Mental illness is no one's fault. And for many people, recovery – including meaningful roles in social life, school and work – is possible, especially when you start treatment early and play a strong role in your own recovery process. Help is available. Please reach out to your provider, Pastor Drew or me.

May is **Skin Cancer Awareness Month**. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S. The good news is that it's also one of the most preventable. Skin cancer is the out-of-control growth of abnormal cells in the epidermis, the outermost skin layer, caused by unrepaired DNA damage that triggers mutations. These mutations lead the skin cells to multiply rapidly and form malignant tumors. The main types of skin cancer are basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), melanoma and Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC). Skin cancer can be seen on your body. If you see changes in your skin, Signs of skin cancer can include new growths, changes in existing moles, persistent sores, and itchy or painful spots. These signs may manifest as a new growth, a sore that doesn't heal, or a change in the size, shape, or color of a mole or other skin growth. For most daily outdoor activities a sunscreen SPF 30 is sufficient. However if you are light skinned or will be outside an extended time, SPF 50 may be a better choice. Remember to reapply sunscreen frequently to all exposed skin. Consider wearing light-weight long sleeved tops.

Have a healthy summer!

Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director 269-535-1032 Office
hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

May Birthdays

1 - Michael Hunter 19 - Kevin Eby
 6 - Bernie Eash 21 - Harper Davis
 7 - Mari Hunter 24 - Barb Bungart
 11 - Jim Bungart 26 - Karin Davis
 11 - Charles A. Parker 27 - Mike Morris
 12 - Dora Stephenson 28 - Fallon Stephenson
 18 - Gayle Brokaw 29 - Jan Rhoades

May Anniversaries

27 - Mike & Marcia Morris
 31 - Gayle & Michelle Brokaw

May Meetings

Trustees: 5/6 at 6 pm
 SPRC: 5/6 at 6 pm
 Worship: 5/13 at 7 pm
 Memorial: 5/20 at 6 pm

Church Office Hours

Pastor Drew: Mon, Wed, Thur: 11:30-2:30 pm
 Friday: Sabbath

Tori: Monday, Thursday: 8:00-2:30
 Friday: 8:00-12:00

Church office will be closed
 Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day

Electronic Giving

Check out our online-giving! You can give to the general ministry budget, and any of mission partners and special Sundays. You can also setup automatic donations for your convenience. Please scan this QR code or go to: givebutter.com/centrevilleumc to check it out.



Financial Update

April 2025

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	April	Year To Date
Pledged Income	8,105.00	39,602.00
Non-Pledged Income	3,050.00	17,914.00
Endowment - Gen.	-	-
Building Use	150.00	1,360.00
Other	45.48	3,000.00
Total	\$ 11,350.48	\$ 61,876.00
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	6,379.42	36,283.00
Ministry Shares	1,258.50	4,351.50
Property and Utilities	1,090.20	10,433.33
Administrative	384.61	1,458.60
Worship	337.72	1,407.37
Program and Education	319.80	471.11
Other	651.93	751.94
Total	\$ 10,422.18	\$ 55,156.85
Net:	\$928.30	\$ 6,719.15

Missions Income	\$ 1,136.17	\$ 6,661.68
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If you have questions or want full financial reports, contact the office, Michael Davis, Finance chair, or Pastor Drew.

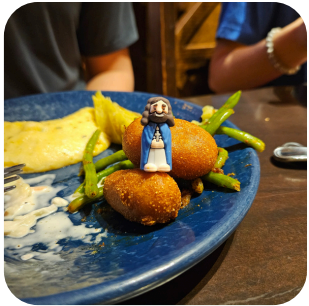
All Church Clean-Up Day

Saturday, May 17th will be our annual clean-up day, starting at 8 am. Come prepared to spruce up the church inside and out! Sign-up sheets will be out after we get through the stack of Easter items, so be on the lookout for those soon so we can plan for providing lunch and snacks!

Serving, Growing, & Sharing the Journey

Tiny Jesus Updates

Tiny Jesus has made a couple appearances again. He took a Disney cruise and enjoyed his time there. Also, how cute is he by the little Easter Church!?!?



Free Community Dinner

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday's every month for our free community dinner!

Writer's Group

Prayer for Willingness

Oh God of hope,
God of justice,
God of love,
God of truth,

Remove the horror of war from our midst,
Lift the weight of oppression from our shoulders,
Deliver us from our greed and arrogance,
Distance us from those who pervert truth.

Make us willing to seek peace,
Willing to provide justice,
Willing to learn humility,
Willing to practice discernment,
Oh God of light,
God of compassion,
God of wisdom,
make us willing to be your people.

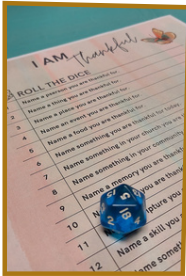
“Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His
presence continually”

Psalm 105:4

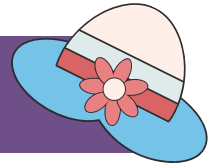
Donna Perkins Pierce

Lenten Sunday Evening Services

Our District branch finished the rotating evening Lenten Services. We were very thankful for the great dinner church experience at Three Rivers First UMC. The food was delicious and the fellowship was rich! The final week was hosted at Nottawa UMC. We missed the opportunity to celebrate with pictures, but the message and fellowship was great!



Easter Bonnet Crafting



We had a crafting day to get together and make Easter bonnets on April 12th. As you can imagine, the gals had a blast! Check out their fun creations!!!



Maundy Thursday & Good Friday

We had fun and meaningful prayer stations set up for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We hope that all who came in for them truly enjoyed their experience. Our Good Friday evening service on the Other Last Words brought many great speakers and Michael sang a beautiful song.



Easter Sunday Celebration

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!!

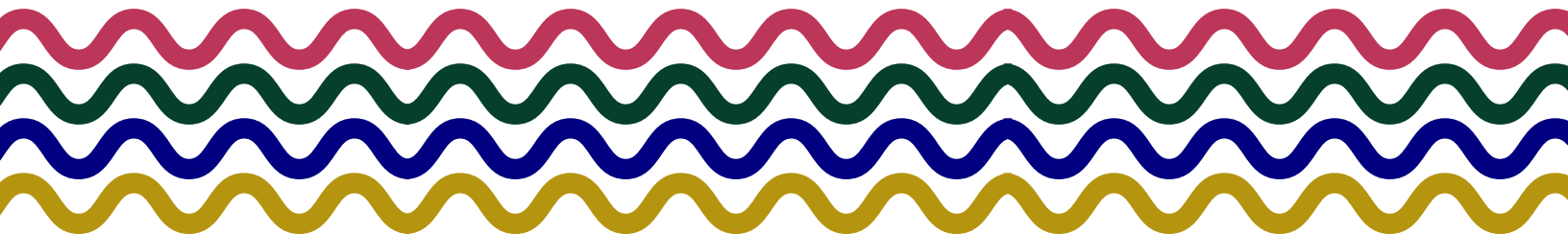
It was such a beautiful morning as we celebrated Easter as a church. Thank you to everyone who helped with our potluck breakfast, who organized the egg hunt and stuffed Easter eggs, decorated our worship space, led our service, and all those who invited a friend to join us at church. It was a great day, and even better because of all of you!



Secret Prayer Partner Brunch

To end our April celebrations, our Secret Prayer Partners held their annual Brunch.

They reveal their 2024 Prayer Partners, draw for 2025 and enjoy a morning of fellowship. This group is so giving, praying for each other and gifting great items with thought and love for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and more.



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Food Pantry 10 am	3 SafeTALK training 10-2 pm Prom Dress collection 10-12
4 Worship Service 10 am	5	6 Trustees 6 pm SPRC 7 pm	7 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	8	9 Food Pantry 10 am	10
11 Worship Service 10 am	12	13 Finance 6 pm Worship Comm. 7 pm	14 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Choir Practice 7 pm	15 Kinship Care 6 pm	16 Food Pantry 10 am	17 All Church Clean-Up 8:00 am - done
18 Worship Service 10 am	19	20 Blood Drive 12:00-5:45 pm Memorial Comm. 6 pm	21 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	22	23 Food Pantry 10 am	24 Tori's son Leyton's grad party 1:00-4:00 pm
25 Worship Service 10 am	26 Memorial Day Church Office closed grad party 3:30-6:30	27	28 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	29	30 Food Pantry 10 am	31

May

Song Leaders

5/4 - Barb Bungart
 5/11 - Shone Rhyner
 5/18 - Shone Rhyner
 5/25 - Michelle Brokaw

May

Liturgists

5/4 - Joyce Yoder
 5/11 - Tom Miller
 5/18 - Shone Rhyner
 5/25 - Michelle Brokaw

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Children's Moment

5/4 -
 5/11 -
 5/18 -
 5/25 -