



# August 2025



Centreville United Methodist Church  
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# A note from Pastor Drew

Earlier this year, we approved a new mission statement for our church: Centreville United Methodist Church is living and sharing God's love and hope.

As I have looked through this month's newsletter I see so many ways in which we are doing this. Our commitment to living out our faith through service is seen so clearly in God's servants ongoing work to support members of our church and beyond; the generosity of over \$16,000 given to missions so far this year, and the ongoing work of Community Dinners, Prison ministry, food pantry, Free Store, and the multitude of other ways you show up to be a part of what God is doing each and every day. We do not have pictures of most of it, however, I am so deeply grateful to serve a church where mission is not just a priority, but a way of life.

This month we also shared God's love and hope in so many ways. Through participating in Covered Bridge Days and sponsoring an event that cost no money is an incredible testimony to the generosity of God's love. In a world where so much is commodified and transacted, and bottom-lined, it is hard for many people to believe that something is free. God's love in Jesus Christ, however, is absolutely free. And because we receive it, we can give it away to a hungry and uncertain world. When that grace is conveyed through a cake or a hot meal it not only feels great, but tastes great as well.

I also want to lift up Christy's Nurse's Notes. Each month as I read these, I learn something new. This month I was surprised by the hydrating effects of fruits and vegetables. I love drinking water, but eating fresh strawberries, peaches, and watermelon is even better! If you learned something from this month's note, maybe there is someone you could share it with. Saying, "I learned this fun fact from my church newsletter" is an easy way of sharing about our church and laying the foundation for a future conversation as well.

I am looking forward to this next stage of our Summer in the Scriptures series and diving into Ephesians with all of you!



Rev. Drew Weseman



# August Nurse's Notes

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Immunization has become a hot political topic over the last few years with misinformation flying just as fast as correct information and lack of agreement on which is which. The U.S. has seen 1,288 cases of measles this year, in spite of it being declared eradicated in 2000. Before widespread vaccination eliminated the disease in the U.S., pretty much everyone got measles in childhood. And between 400 to 500 children used to die from the disease each year. It can also cause permanent disabilities – the disease is still a leading cause of blindness worldwide.

August is National Wellness Month. You are the only you we have! It's easy to put our health and wellness on the back burner due to work deadlines, family obligations and other stressors. Research has shown self-care can help increase happiness by up to 71% when we manage our stress and maintain a healthy lifestyle. In fact, self-care helps manage stress and promotes happiness. How can you choose wellness? Start with small simple steps and set goals. Check your hydration level. The following is from Mayo Clinic and has different guidelines than I was familiar with.

"How much water do you need?"

- About 15.5 cups (3.7 liters) of fluids a day for men
- About 11.5 cups (2.7 liters) of fluids a day for women

These recommendations cover fluids from water, other beverages and food. About 20% of daily fluid intake usually comes from food and the rest from drinks.

You don't need to rely only on water to meet your fluid needs. What you eat also provides a significant portion. For example, many fruits and vegetables, such as watermelon and spinach, are almost 100% water by weight.

In addition, beverages such as milk, juice and herbal teas are composed mostly of water. Even caffeinated drinks – such as coffee and soda – can contribute to your daily water intake. But go easy on sugar-sweetened drinks. Regular soda, energy or sports drinks, and other sweet drinks usually contain a lot of added sugar, which may provide more calories than needed.

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Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director

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Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

## August Birthdays

2 - Eleanor Christopherson  
 2 - Sandi Clark  
 2 - Barb Parker  
 2 - Joan Wetherbee  
 5 - Linda Santoro  
 9 - Connie Heidbrink  
 12 - Kole Mostrom  
 15 - Mary Bachorowski  
 18 - Mark Batten  
 19 - Cristen Case  
 19 - Daniel Stephenson  
 25 - Vincent Mifsud  
 29 - Tom Rhyner  
 30 - Shone Rhyner

## August Anniversaries

6 - Gary & Mary Millard  
 10 - Wendell & Bonnie Moyer  
 11 - Gary & Sandy Hunter  
 20 - Beth & Don Preston  
 24 - Jeremy & Tori Wyckoff  
 26 - Chris & Wendy Pangle



## August Meetings

8/5 - Trustees - 6:00 pm  
 8/5 - SPRC - 6:00 pm  
 8/12 - Finance Committee - 6:00 pm  
 8/19 - Memorial Committee - 6:00 pm  
 8/19 - Worship Committee - 7:00 pm  
 8/26 - Church Council - 6:00 pm

## Church Office Hours

Pastor Drew: Summer hours vary,  
 call for appointment.

Friday: Sabbath

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

## Financial Update

### July 2025

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	June	Year To Date
Pledged Income	8,075.00	67,132.00
Non-Pledged Income	3,737.00	30,166.00
Endowment - Gen.	-	2,855.86
Building Use	210.00	2,090.00
Other	-	3,115.00
Total	\$12,022.00	\$105,358.86
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	8,096.41	65,360.08
Ministry Shares	1,258.50	8,809.50
Property and Utilities	1,076.55	14,807.04
Administrative	277.23	5,053.61
Worship	386.97	3,996.52
Program and Education	-	471.11
Other	76.50	1,368.44
Total	\$11,172.16	\$ 99,866.30
Net:	\$849.84	\$ 5,492.56

Missions Income	\$ 7,207.47	\$ 16,660.52
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If you have questions or want full financial reports, contact the office, Michael Davis, Finance chair, or Pastor Drew.

## 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](https://givebutter.com/centrevilleumc) to check it out.





# Happy Gardening!



Gardening is a wonderful activity that connects us with nature, God, and a promise of tasty food for tomorrow. Audrey Hepburn captured that promise in a quote, “To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.” Gardening requires patience and hope that something will grow. Plants grow slowly, teaching us the virtue of patience. Gardening requires dedication and consistent care, reminding us that the best results take time. Our spiritual lives, too, require patience as we navigate challenges and growth. This season of waiting cultivates faith and strengthens our character. Just as we must wait for gardening efforts to bear fruit, we develop spiritual patience as we trust in God’s plans for our lives. James 5:7 says:

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.” – James 5:7

I love this time of year when everyone is reaping the benefits of their hard work in their gardens. However, many quickly begin to realize they have miscalculated the quantity of their harvest. Zucchini and cucumbers begin to multiply at a rapid rate too fast for human consumption. Soon, gardeners are scouring the internet for new and creative ways to use their harvest. There is zucchini cakes, casseroles, brownies, boats, fried sticks, jams and more. It is as if God is having fun to see how many ways they can transform this flavorless vegetable into something spectacular! When the garden takes over and we can no longer eat another zucchini and the zucchini have grown to sizes too large and shapes unrecognizable, we begin to look to others for help consuming. I appreciate the master gardeners that share their harvest with us non-vegetable gardeners. We feel your joy and sense of accomplishment as you present your prize possessions to your family and friends in an effort to save them from composting. When we gather our harvest, we are reminded of God’s faithfulness and provision. It’s a celebration of life—an act of gratitude for all that has come from the earth. As we share the yield with others, we further understand the importance of community and generosity, mirroring God’s love and abundance throughout creation. This beautiful exchange of giving and receiving illustrates the beauty of life and love that comes from gardening.

This is captured in Deuteronomy 24:19.

“When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.” – Deuteronomy 24:19

So next time you put on your gloves, head out to the garden, think about how it is more than just a garden with fruits and vegetables. Think about how we learn about patience, generosity, and the joy of sharing through gardening. Growing our own gardens can enrich our faith journeys and draw us closer to God.

Amen!

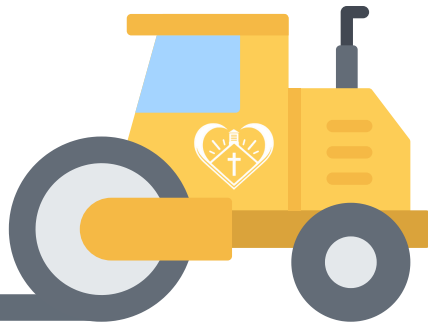
Happy Gardening!

Brenda Keasey Pearrow





# Laying a Foundation of Love & Hope



## What does God want to do through **me**?

This simple prayer is the heart of our campaign. While there are financial goals and project goals, the central hope of this initiative is that each of us can be a part of this work however we are called to be. As we start moving towards the campaign, I invite you to start praying for our church, for the people impacted by these projects, and using this prayer to guide your decisions.

## What are the **dates** to remember?

- **August 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM:** Date of Charge Conference to approve loan
- **September 28<sup>th</sup>:** Pledge Sunday for both campaign and General Ministry Budget
- **Late September/October:** Paving work scheduled to begin



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# Serving, Growing, & Sharing the Journey

## A Note from our Writer's Group

Writer's Group will be starting back up from their summer hiatus on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am beginning August 5. All are welcome to join!! Also, watch for an exciting announcement coming to a sanctuary near you!

### Tiny Jesus Updates

Tiny Jesus watching traffic during the commute



### Free Community Dinner

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



**FREE**  
Community  
Dinner



August 13

August 27

September 10

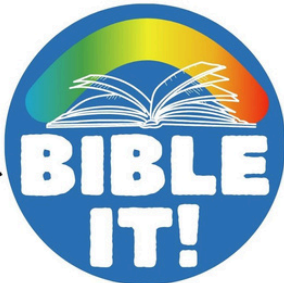
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### Jeremiah Series

Don't forget to sign up for the pizza party if you made it through the Jeremiah bible study!

See sign-up  
sheet in  
Fellowship Hall



### Free Pizza Party!

Everyone who finishes reading Jeremiah by the end of July will be invited to join.

Sunday, August 10 at 5:30 pm



### Just Show Up Class

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



# Serving, Growing, & Sharing the Journey

## God's Servants

Our God's Servants were at it again in July! They helped another church family with some painting at their new home. If you feel called to help out on these projects that "pop up", let Steve Clark know & he can add you to the list.

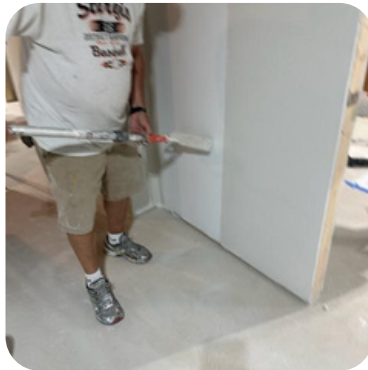


**God's Servants**

Are you interested in helping with small projects within our church and in the community?

Contact Steve Clark to get on the notification list as opportunities come up.

No commitment, just come when you can.



**SAVE THE DATE**



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## Special Charge Conference

**Sunday, August 17th**

**1:00 pm**

This special Charge Conference will be to approve the loan for the parking lot project.

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## Capital Campaign Home Gatherings

**Monday, August 11 at 5:30 pm**

**Thursday, August 14 at 2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, August 20 at 5:30 pm**

Meet & mingle for all your capital campaign questions, strategies, and fellowship.

Sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall

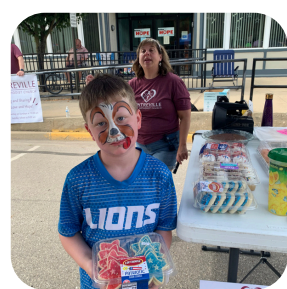
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# Covered Bridge Days Cake Walk

We held another successful cake walk at the Centreville Covered Bridge Days. We want to express our gratitude to all who donated, supported, and helped with our event again this year.



## Covered Bridge Days Worship on the Lawn

Pastor Drew participated in the Covered Bridge Days Worship on the Lawn again this year, along with several other area pastors. It was a beautiful evening and such a great turn out.



### Speakers

\*Introductory remarks from the CBD Committee & Elizabeth Campbell Awarded Citizen of the Year.

\*Invocation and message delivered by Pastor Drew Weseman from The Centreville United Methodist Church

\*Children's Worship Warriors from Firm Foundation

\*Pastor Don Smith representing Firm Foundation Ministries

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\*Pastor Clint Zehr, Representing Bridges Community Church

\*Worship music led by Jeremy Hall - Good, Good Father

\*Recovery Revival featuring Justin Papesh

\*Worship music with Jeremy Hall - Rest On Us

\*Concluding prayer and message by Pastor Shane Burns from The Centreville Baptist Church

\*Final song with Jeremy Hall - Amazing Grace.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Food Pantry 10 am	2
3 Worship Service 10 am	4	5 Trustees 6 pm SPRC 7 pm	6	7	8 Food Pantry 10 am	9
10 Worship Service 10 am Bible-It Pizza Party 5:30 pm	11 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm Capital Campaign Home Gathering 5:30 pm	12 Finance 6 pm	13 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	14 Capital Campaign Home Gathering 2:00 pm	15 Food Pantry 10 am	16
17 Worship Service 10 am Charge Conference 1 pm	18 First Day of School 2025/26	19 Memorial 6 pm Worship 7 pm	20 Capital Campaign Home Gathering 5:30 pm	21 Kinship Care 6 pm	22 Food Pantry 10 am	23
24 Worship Service 10 am	25	26 Council 6 pm	27 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	28	29 Food Pantry 10 am	30
31 Worship Service 10 am						

## August

### Song Leaders

8/3 - Joyce Yoder  
8/10 - Shone Rhyner  
8/17 - Tom Miller  
8/24 - Michelle Brokaw  
8/31 - Barb Bungart

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### Liturgists

8/3 - Shone Rhyner  
8/10 - Bev Michels  
8/17 - Michelle Brokaw  
8/24 - Barb Bungart  
8/31 - Bev Michels

## August

### Children's Moment

8/3 - Pastor Drew  
8/10 -  
8/17 -  
8/24 -  
8/31 -