

September 2025



CENTREVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

305 E. Main Street

Centreville, MI 49032

A note from Pastor Drew

The theme for this year's Stewardship season is: "Laying a Foundation of Love and Hope." For me, this reflects two aspects of the projects we are raising money to accomplish. The first is a **literal laying of a foundation** by repaving our parking lots and replacing the wheelchair ramp. Both of these projects require secure foundations so that they can support all of the people who will be driving, walking or wheeling across them.

The second aspect, however, is that we are laying a **foundation for the future**. The improvements to our campus are not quick fixes, but are intended to last for many years to come. Additionally, the establishment of an endowment for our church is also going to be a gift that will keep giving to all those who will worship and serve here long after us.

Upon these strong foundations is a church that serves as a **beacon of love and hope** around our county. The bi-monthly community dinners serve our guests love and hope right alongside the warm and delicious food that is prepared. The kitchen improvements that are a part of the campaign will allow these meals and all the other hospitality ministries of our church to be more effective.

On **Sunday, September 28th** we will be celebrating the foundations and outreaches of our church. On that day, we are taking up three special offerings:

1. One year pledge card towards the **General Ministry Budget**. This is our first priority because it allows our church to function and continue all of the ministries we currently have.
2. A Three-year pledge card with an estimate of your **capital campaign** donations,
3. A special **"first fruit" offering**. This offering is an opportunity to jump start your campaign giving. All the money raised in this first offering will go directly towards paying off the loan early so that we decrease our interest payments.

I invite each of you to be in prayer this month about how you will participate in this campaign by asking God, **"Lord, what do you want to do through me?"** I am confident that if each of us has this conversation with God, together, we will accomplish far more than we could imagine on our own and position our church right where God would like for us to be.



Rev. Drew Weseman



September Nurse's Notes

Students and teachers are headed back to school this month! A few health observances center around the start of school. September is National Pediculosis Prevention Month/Head Lice Prevention Month. This topic always gives people the heebie-jeebies (a term Gramma used). Pediculosis is a communicable disease affecting children and families across the nation and around the world and the most widely used treatments are pesticides (pediculicides). No pesticide treatment is completely safe or effective and lice resistance to them is common. Screening for head lice and nits is a healthy hygiene measure and not just something to do when you hear of another infested child. Manual removal of the live lice and nits is the safe alternative and a necessary component of any head lice treatment regimen. The NPA recommends the LiceMeister® Comb to enable families to screen often, detect head lice early and thoroughly remove lice and nits. More information available on-line.

National Suicide Prevention Week is September 7-13 If you're struggling, please reach out for help. To start, you could copy these messages and send to a trusted contact (from International Association for Suicide Prevention):

When you get a chance can you contact me? I feel really alone and suicidal and could use some support.

I don't want to die, but I don't know how to live. Talking with you may help me feel safe. Are you free to talk?

This is really hard for me to say but I'm having painful thoughts, and it might help to talk. Are you free?

There are things that may indicate someone is considering suicide. Talking about being a burden, Being isolated. Increased anxiety. Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain. Increased substance use. Looking for a way to access lethal means. Increased anger or rage. Extreme mood swings.

The WMU Suicide Prevention Program makes the following suggestions:

- 1. Recognize the warning signs of depression and suicide risk.**
- 2. Take suicidal statements seriously and trust your instincts.**
- 3. Get involved and use "active listening."**
- 4. Encourage the person to seek professional help.**
- 5. While directly asking about suicide can be scary, the person you're concerned about needs you to ask, "Do you feel so badly you are thinking about suicide?"**
- 6. If the answer is "Yes," take the person's response seriously and continue the "Suicide Risk" assessment questions.**
- 7. Do not leave a person whom you feel is "high risk" for suicide alone, even for a moment.**
- 8. If the person in crisis has taken some form of life-threatening action, get help immediately**

988 Suicide or crisis lifeline.

If you are feeling suicidal, please reach out now.

Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director

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Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

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



September Meetings

9/2 - Lay Leadership - 6:00 pm
 9/9 - Finance Committee - 6:00 pm
 9/9 - SPR Committee - 7:00 pm
 9/11 - Building Hope Free Store - 6:00 pm
 9/16 - Lay Leadership - 6:00 pm
 9/23 - Church Council - 6:00 pm
 9/30 - Lay Leadership - 6:00 pm



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Blood Drive
 Centreville
 United Methodist Church
 305 E. Main Street

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
 12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

For an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: centreville.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Drew: M/T/TH: 11:30-2:30
 or available by appointment
 Friday: Sabbath

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

Financial Update

August 2025

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	August	Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$7,700	\$74,832
Non-Pledged Income	\$1,740	\$31,906
Endowment - Gen.	-	\$2,855.86
Building Use	-	\$2,090
Other	-	\$3,115
Total	\$ 9,440.00	\$ 114,798.86
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$11,148.58	\$74,114.61
Ministry Shares	\$1,258.50	\$10,068
Property and Utilities	\$1,695.25	\$17,796.54
Administrative	\$92.65	\$5,178.91
Worship	\$330	\$4,106.52
Program and Education	-	471.11
Other	-	1,368.44
Total	\$ 14,524.98	\$ 113,104.13
Net:	-\$5,084.98	\$ 1,694.73

Missions Income	\$806.84	\$ 17,467.36
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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 to check it out.



Serving, Growing, & Sharing the Journey

A Note from our Writer's Group

Writer's Group meets Tuesdays at 9 am in the join us classroom across from pastor's office.

*Advent booklet theme: Great Joy!

Theme verse: Nehemiah 8:10

Submissions due Sunday, November 2.

Mailed to the church or emailed to shonersbooks@yahoo.com

How wonderful you are my God!
The magnificence of your creation is beyond my understanding.
You made everything, each one separate, individual
yet, all connectd.
How you do this is baffling:
moon and tides, wind and rains,
mountains and rivers, deserts and jungle,
male and female.
All of these are interwoven, part of your wholeness.
My Mind is too limited to grasp this fully.
I can only trust you, follow you,
praise you.

Donna Perkins

FREE Community Dinner



September 10
September 24



October 8
October 22



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.

God's Servants



Our group of hard-working God's Servants have been busy with projects again. They refurbished the "bulletin board" out front on the corner to create a better way to serve the church. They also have plans to fix the wheelchair ramp on Saturday, October 11 at 8:30.

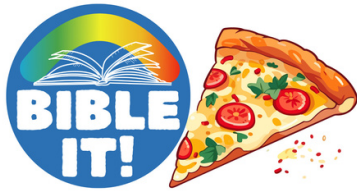
All who feel called to offer a helping hand are welcome.



We are excited to welcome back Hansel and Gretel students for the new school year. CUMC has hosted this cooperative preschool for 50 years since it was started by members of our church. We love the partnership we have and the life it's students bring to our community. This year we worked with their new director to purchase a sensory wall for the kids to play with as they wait for class to start. Thank you to Mr. Steve for installing it for us.

Jeremiah Series

We hope everyone has been enjoying Pastor Drew's twist on the elementary school Book-It theme for worship this summer. We finished the Tortured Prophet's Department Jeremiah era with a celebration. We had a great time celebrating our Summer Scripture reading with pizza and Jeremiah themed games and conversation.



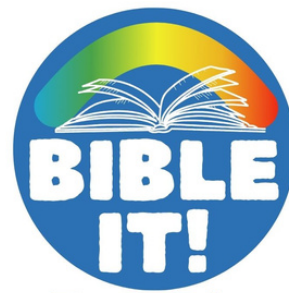
Pizza Party!

For everyone who ^{read some of} finished reading Jeremiah by the end of July will be invited to join.
August 10, 5:30PM



Ephesians Series

We celebrated the Ephesians series with a partnership at the Chill Bean. We hope you all enjoyed a fun drink on us as you finished reading Ephesians!



Choir Update

With the start of fall, we welcome back our choir!! Sharon is working on getting things around to hopefully launch our fall choir season this month. If you are interested in participating in choir, please reach out to Sharon Clark.

More updates to come!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	LABOR DAY ★ DAY ★ OFFICE CLOSED	2 Capital Campaign Home Gathering 2 pm Lay Leadership 6 pm	3 1st day of Hansel & Gretel Preschool Capital Campaign Home Gathering 6:30 pm	4 Capital Campaign Home Gathering 6:30 pm	5 Food Pantry 10 am	6
7 Worship Service 10 am	8 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm	9 Finance 6 pm SPRC 7 pm	10 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	11 BHFS 6 pm	12 Food Pantry 10 am	13
14 Worship Service 10 am	15	16 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5:45 pm Lay Leadership 6 pm	17	18 Kinship Care 6 pm	19 Food Pantry 10 am	20
21 Worship Service 10 am	22	23 Council 6 pm	24 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Choir Practice 7 pm	25	26 Food Pantry 10 am	27
28 Worship Service 10 am *Tentative* 1st Choir performance	29	30 Lay Leadership 6 pm				

September Song Leaders

9/7 - Barb Bungart
9/14 - Michelle Brokaw
9/21 - Bev Michels
9/28 - Shone Rhyner

September Liturgists

9/7 - Jim Michels
9/14 - Carmita Hunter
9/21 - Cathy Carpenter
9/28 - Mary Herendeen

September Children's Moment

9/7 - Carmita Hunter
9/14 - Sarah McCall
9/21 - Michelle Brokaw
9/28 - Shone Rhyner