

August 2026



CENTREVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A note from Pastor Drew

Summer is a time when we break our routines, we go on vacations, we prioritize fun outdoor activities to make the most of the beautiful Michigan weather. August, however, signals a return to routines and “normal.” Even if you do not have school aged children in your life, I imagine you have felt this shift as well.

As we mark this shift in seasons, and get ready for school to begin, I have a bit of homework for you. Consider the practices and habits that are helping you to grow in your faith? What is working? What is not helping you in this season?

When I am conducting this kind of audit for myself, I use our membership vows as a sort of check-in list with myself. It is that we are seeking God’s validation, but more searching for the blindspots that may have fallen out of practice in our lives.

- **Prayers:** How is your prayer life with God? Wh are you praying for and who have you asked to pray for you?
- **Presence:** How is your worship life both on Sunday mornings and in-between? Are you showing up where God is directing you? Have you considered our Just Show-Up class Sundays at 9AM?
- **Gifts:** How are you using your gifts in the church and outside? Are you experiencing generosity or scarcity? How can you empower God’s work?
- **Service:** How are you participating in what God is doing? What needs is God putting on your heart?
- **Witness:** Who would be interested to hear about what God is doing in your life? What hope have you experienced that someone else needs to hear about? Is there someone who would bless our church or find our church a blessing?

Which of these do you feel like God may be pushing you to grow into this month? How can your church support you in this growth? Please let me know. With the school year will come a more consistent set of office hours, but know you are always welcome to call, text, or email me anytime. I may not always answer right away, but I love spending time supporting you anyway I can.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew", written in a cursive, flowing style.

August Nurse's Notes

August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month. Vision disorders can negatively impact a babies' ability to bond with their parent/caregiver, their ability to explore the world by reaching and grasping, and also impede development of fine and gross motor skills. One in every 4 school-age children and 1 in every 17 preschool-aged children have some form of vision problem requiring treatment. Twenty-four percent of teens with correctable vision have the wrong prescription. Eighty percent of all blindness and vision impairment is either preventable or treatable.

As children and parents are gearing up for the back to school, remember that healthy vision is critical to academic and social success. As a child grows, an untreated eye disease or condition becomes more difficult to correct. These can worsen and lead to other serious problems as well as affect reading ability, focus, classroom behavior, and social adjustment in school. Vision problems that can affect children include amblyopia, ("lazy eye"), strabismus, ("crossed eyes"), and the most common forms of refractive error: myopia (nearsightedness) and hyperopia (farsightedness) and astigmatism. The teacher who made the biggest impact on me was the one who finally recognized that I did very poorly when reading or copying from the board and I did well when using a book. Mrs. Drake suggested that I have my eyes examined. You know the huge ECP that's usually the first thing that pops up? I thought it was a picture of a mailbox. My life changed completely.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Most vaccines work by imitating certain infections, teaching our immune systems to recognize them and build resistance or immunity to them. A live-attenuated vaccine uses a weakened, but still living version of a virus or bacterium to trigger a long-lasting immune response. Examples would be the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), varicella, (chickenpox). While most injectable flu vaccines are not live, the flu mist nasal spray is. Going back to school is a good time to check on required/ suggested vaccines for kids. Adults should also talk with their care providers and look at the CDC suggested vaccines.

August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. Accidental overdose deaths have been gradually decreasing over the last few years. Education and availability of Naloxone have been helpful in community efforts. Naloxone (Narcan) is available free, in the lobby of the Sheriff's Department in individual nasal spray doses. If you are a person who uses drugs, have been recently released from jail or prison, or if you are a friend, family member, or partner of someone who may be at high-risk for an opioid overdose, you should have a few doses available. It may take two doses. Naloxone only helps with opioid overdoses, not with meth, crack, cocaine, benzodiazepines, barbiturates or hallucinogens. Please see <https://www.michigan.gov/opioids/find-help/naloxone-page> to have free naloxone mailed to you.

Blessings,

Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director

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Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

August Birthdays

8/2 - Eleanor Christopherson
 Sandi Clark
 Barb Parker
 Joan Wetherbee
 8/5 - Linda Santoro
 8/9 - Connie Heidbrink
 8/10 - Braylen Wyckoff
 8/12 - Kole Mostrom
 8/15 - Mary Bachorowski
 - Joseph Poloski
 8/18 - Mark Batten
 8/19 - Cristen Case
 Daniel Stephenson
 8/25 - Vince Mifsud
 8/29 - Tom Rhyner
 8/30 - Shone Rhyner

Financial Update

July 2026

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	July	Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$9,195.00	\$75,545.80
Non-Pledged Income	\$1,972.00	\$17,252.40
Endowment - Gen.	\$0.00	\$3,102.51
Building Use	\$0.00	\$650.00
Other	\$17.00	\$6,856.03
Total	\$ 11,184.00	\$ 103,406.74
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$11,562.55	\$66,803.91
Ministry Shares	\$1,143.00	\$8,588.00
Property and Utilities	\$1,725.65	\$19,843.13
Administrative	\$46.95	\$4,267.22
Worship	\$339	\$3,987.88
Program and Education	101.51	1,745.36
Other	-	197.00
Total	\$ 14,918.66	\$ 105,432.50
Net:	-\$3,734.66	\$ (2,025.76)

Missions Income	\$1,956.05	\$ 15,270.44
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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

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: Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00-2:30
 Friday: 8:00-10:00

August Anniversaries

8/6 - Gary & Mary Millard
 8/10 - Wendell & Bonnie Moyer
 8/11 - Gary & Sandy Hunter
 8/19 - Ross & Carlee Hunter
 8/20 - Don & Beth Preston
 8/24 - Jeremy & Tori Wycjoff
 8/26 - Chris & Wendy Pangle

August Meetings

8/4 - Trustees Committee - 6 pm
 - SPR Committee - 7 pm
 8/11 - Finance Committee - 6 pm
 - Worship Committee - 7 pm
 8/18 - B.L.A.S.T. Committee - 6 pm
 8/25 - Church Council - 6 pm

A Note from our Writer's Group



A Little Advent Planning Never Hurt Anybody

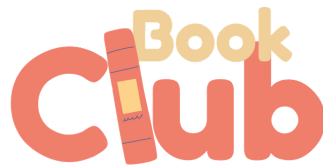
It may feel like we just packed away Christmas decorations, but believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about the Advent Booklet!

This year's theme is **"What's in a Name"**, inspired by **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.**"

As we explore the many names and attributes of Christ throughout Advent, we invite you to start brainstorming and working on your submissions now. August may seem early, but the season will be here before we know it!

More details and updates will be coming in the months ahead, but for now, let those creative ideas start flowing. We can't wait to see what you contribute! 🌲 ✨



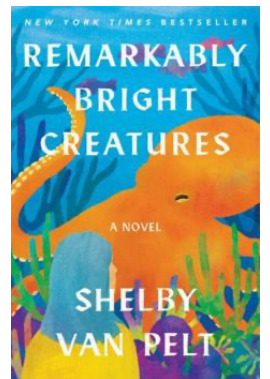
August

Remarkably Bright Creatures Shelby Van Pelt

The book that this is the basis for the new Netflix show starring Sally Field.

Join us in August as we dive into Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt—the beloved bestselling novel that inspired the new Netflix film starring Sally Field.

This heartwarming and unforgettable story follows Tova Sullivan, a widow who forms an unlikely friendship with Marcellus, a remarkably perceptive giant Pacific octopus living in a local aquarium. Filled with humor, mystery, and hope, Remarkably Bright Creatures is a touching reminder that friendship and healing can come from the most unexpected places. We hope you'll read along and join us for a lively discussion in August!



We hope you've enjoyed this summer's Book Club! It's been a wonderful opportunity to read, reflect, and connect with one another. As always, we're looking for new and creative ways to grow together as a church family and deepen our faith.

Do you have an idea for a group activity, study, event, or fellowship opportunity? We'd love to hear it! Whether it's a tried-and-true favorite or something completely new, we're always excited to explore ways to strengthen our community.

Share your ideas with Pastor Drew or Tori. Your suggestion might be the next great way we connect, learn, and grow together! 💙 📖 ✨

Capital Campaign Update

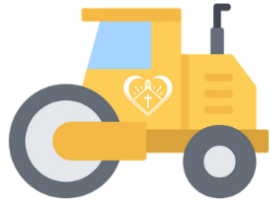
Laying a Foundation of Love & Hope (2026-2028)

July 30, 2026

Pledged: \$160,570

Goal: \$150,000

39 pledges Given: \$119,110



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Our Capital Campaign projects are coming together, and we are grateful for the progress we've made thanks to your generosity and support. If you've been following the paving progress graphic above—faithfully updated each month by Pastor Drew—you've likely noticed just how far we've come. It has been a wonderful visual reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together as a congregation.

We're happy to report that the kitchen project is nearly complete, with just a couple of finishing touches remaining. We've already been enjoying the added space, improved organization, and increased functionality it provides. It's exciting to see this long-awaited project serving our church family so well.

Outside, the parking lot is finally finished! The smooth pavement has been a welcome improvement, and having clearly marked parking spaces feels like a luxury we didn't realize we were missing. These upgrades have made our campus safer, more accessible, and more welcoming for everyone who visits.

Thank you again for your generous support of these projects, as well as your patience and flexibility throughout the process. While the work took longer than originally anticipated, seeing the finished results reminds us that the investment was worthwhile. We are grateful to God and to each of you for helping make these improvements a reality.



Trustees Updates



As we continue planning for our upcoming church garage sale, Connie is looking for volunteers to help lead and organize this event. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Connie or Tori. Your time, talents, and support will help make the garage sale a success!

August Worship Series

Songs of the Summer

8/2: Psalm 139, NRSV - "Goodness of God"

8/9: Revelation 4:6b-11, NRSV - "Holy Forever"

8/16: Psalm 63, NRSV - "Gratitude"

8/23: Luke 6:46-49, NRSV - "Build My Life"

8/30: Jude 5, NRSV - "Great are You Lord"

FREE

Community Dinner



August 12
August 26

September 9
September 23



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.

Hansel & Gretel Updates



Summer has been a busy season at Hansel & Gretel Preschool! Staff have been hard at work refreshing and updating classroom spaces in preparation for the upcoming school year. The preschool has also enjoyed being out in the community, participating in local summer festivals and parades.

Enrollment packets for the 2026-2027 school year have officially been mailed, and excitement is building as the first day of school approaches. Families are invited to attend the annual Fall Open House on August 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Coinciding with Community Dinner Night, an invitation flyer was included with enrollment packets to help families connect and celebrate together.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9, and everyone is looking forward to welcoming students back for another year of discovery, growth, and learning. We can't wait to hear the joyful sounds of young minds as they learn the ropes of school and fill the halls with energy once again! 🍎📚✏️

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	3	4 Trustees 6 pm SPRC 7pm	5	6	7 Food Pantry 10 am Private event 3 pm - 7 pm	8 Private event 12 pm - 5 pm
9 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	10 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm	11 Finance 6 pm Worship Committee 7pm	12 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Preschool Open House 5-7 pm	13	14 Food Pantry 10 am	15
16 JSU Class 9 am Worship 10 am	17	18 Memorial Committee 6pm	19	20	21 Food Pantry 10 am	22
23 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am 24 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am Book Club 11:30 am	25 Church Council 6pm	26 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	27	28 Food Pantry 10 am	29	

August Song Leaders

8/2 - Michelle Brokaw
8/9 - Barb Bungart
8/16 - Bev Michels
8/23 - Shone Rhyner
8/30 - Michelle Brokaw



August Liturgists

8/2 - Carmita Hunter
8/9 - Cathy Carpenter
8/16 - Mary Herendeen
8/23 - Kathy Knautz
8/30 - Jim Michels



August Children's Moment

8/2 - Steve Clark
8/9 - Shone Rhyner
8/16 - Pastor Drew
8/23 - Carmita Hunter
8/30 - Pastor Drew

