

July 2026



CENTREVILLE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A note from Pastor Drew

It is impossible for me to think about the Fourth of July and not think about ice cream. Every year, my family would host all of our neighbors over to our driveway and sit around in camp chairs while churns of homemade vanilla and peach ice creams whirled away in the background.

In this month's Writer's Group submission (always my favorite part), Sarah has a beautiful essay on what this year's 250th anniversary means to her. You should read it all, but what most resonated with me was her encouragement to pay attention to the beauty and goodness around us.

Depending on where you get your news or commentary, the events of the day can vary significantly and it is a disappointment for me that a year which should find us more united than ever still has our country divided.

When I consider those Ice Cream parties, however, we were not talking politics or current events, we were sharing life together. Catching up on family moments, sharing plans for summer vacations, trading great book recommendations. In a time when the tendency is to place people into boxes, living in community reminds us that we are more than a single category, and that there are more things that can bring us together than those things that divide us apart.

There are many difficult things in our world and our community. Individuals going through difficult seasons, families facing tough challenges and many other sources of fear and insecurity. In times like this, we need each other more than ever. As Jesus said (and Lincoln quoted) "A house divided against itself will not stand."

We need each other, and we need more opportunities to come together and enjoy one another's company. I am grateful to be at a church that likes to have fun with one another and enjoy life together. I am sure that you have people in your life that enjoy having fun and may want

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "D" and a cursive "rew" following it.

July Nurse's Notes

I don't find an actual Summer Safety Awareness month, and I think July would be an appropriate month for such an observation. By decree of no-one and nothing in particular, I hereby declare July Summer Safety Month!

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, each year, over 3,500 people suffer hand injuries from fireworks with hundreds resulting in permanent amputations. Nationwide, over 14,700 people are treated in emergency rooms annually for fireworks-related accidents, and nearly one-third of these severe incidents involve lost or mangled digits. The most common cause of visits to emergency rooms related to fireworks are sparklers and firecrackers. According to NFPA fireworks were responsible for 32,302 fires in 2023, caused an estimated 15 civilian deaths,

58 civilian injuries and \$142 million in direct property damage. Be considerate of your neighbors who may surprisingly not enjoy all the loud noise and in fact may be suffering from PTSD symptoms. Secure your pets and if they need meds to survive the chaos, order them early. Shelters see a sixty percent increase in strays around the Fourth of July.

Heat safety: If possible, stay inside in air conditioning, especially avoiding mid-day sun and heat. Keep hydrated, drink water before you feel thirsty. Avoid caffeine, alcohol, and sugary drinks. You might need to reschedule your day around the heat to allow for indoor quiet time in the heat of the day. . If you experience symptoms such as excessive sweating, or no sweating at all, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, confusion, immediately move to a shaded or cooler area. If you are feeling that you might pass out, call 911 immediately. Otherwise, hydrate, lay down with your feet elevated. Put on some cool light clothing, In the days before AC, I remember taking a lot of cool baths!

Sun safety: As above, stay out of the sun in the heat of the day. Wear light weight long sleeved clothing. Hats aren't only a fashion accessory, they protect your scalp in the summer. Protect your neck with a scarf or kerchief or sunscreen. Sunscreen all over! Face, neck, any exposed skin. Sunburns are painful and increase your risk of skin cancer..

Please remember all of this applies to babies, children, adults and elders, (revered sources of wisdom). so check on all of your family. So, after all of this, enjoy your summer! Make good choices!

It's firework season!



Blessings,

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Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

July Birthdays

7/1 - Gary Millard 7/19 - Nila Mills
 7/7 - Charlotte Batten Alex Cripe
 Sarah McCall 7/21 - Leyton Wyckoff
 7/8 - Sandy Hunter 7/25 - Katlyn Batten
 Dave Nicholas 7/26 - Logan Britton
 7/9 - Mary Millard 7/28 - Michael Tisdell
 7/10 - Caitlin Carpenter 7/29 - Tori Wyckoff
 7/18 - Wendy Guess 7/30 - Sandra Sayer

July Anniversaries

7/12 - Jim & Joan Wetherbee
 7/26 - Mark & Katlyn Batten
 7/27 - Steve & Sharon Clark
 7/29 - Ed & Dianne Rangler

July Meetings

7/28 - Outreach Committee - 7 pm

Financial Update

June 2026

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	May	Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$8,330.80	\$64,120.80
Non-Pledged Income	\$1,427.00	\$14,495.40
Endowment - Gen.	\$0.00	\$3,102.51
Building Use	\$0.00	\$650.00
Other	\$68.19	\$6,839.02
Total	\$ 9,825.99	\$ 89,207.73
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$8,577.17	\$55,241.36
Ministry Shares	\$1,143.00	\$6,858
Property and Utilities	\$2,727.91	\$18,117.48
Administrative	\$220.65	\$4,220.27
Worship	\$1,242	\$3,648.88
Program and Education	452.21	2,373.11
Other	-	197.00
Total	\$ 14,363.31	\$ 90,656.10
Net:	-\$4,537.32	\$ (1,448.37)

Missions Income	\$2,709.79	\$ 13,002.30
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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.



COMMUNITY DINNER



JULY 8
JULY 22



AUGUST 12
AUGUST 26



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.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Drew: By appointment
Friday: Sabbath

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

A Note from our Writer's Group

Celebrating 250 Years Semiquincentennial

As the Semiquincentennial comes upon us I look back and see all that we have to celebrate as Americans. We are putting our best foot forward with hosting the FIFA World Cup. I have seen so many videos online of Europeans exclaiming how welcoming and friendly we are. They did not see violence, they saw genuine, caring people. They saw how wonderful we as Americans truly are. I love this, because this is how I see us. We may have our differences but overall we are welcoming, we are kind, we are generous, we are a community of people who love our country and love our visitors. We need to focus on the positives we have in this country.

I am so looking forward to celebrating with friends and family. Not only celebrating 250 years of the United States, but also me turning 50. Half a century is a good age to reflect on all that God has so faithfully bestowed upon me. I have been blessed to live in the United States, I have a wonderful husband in Chris, a beautiful daughter, wonderful parents and siblings that I adore. Not to mention all of my church family and friends. God continues to bless me every single day. This month I am so glad to have my sister Tammy moving back to Michigan. I have missed seeing her so much these last few decades since she moved away in the mid 90's. And now she is moving back with her family. What a blessing.

This summer I challenge you to look for the positives of living in the United States. I challenge you to look and acknowledge all God has blessed you with. I challenge you to see how with God we can be a community that seeks justice, gives mercy, love freely and finds common ground.

God you are the God of justice and mercy. You remind us to give and to help those who cannot help themselves. You remind us to take responsibility. You remind us that Love is enough. You remind us that your Love and word guides us to better and more meaningful lives. Lord in your name we Pray. Amen!

Sarah McCall



July

August



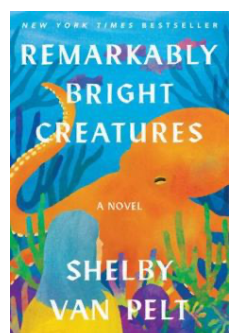
Three Bags Full **Leone Swann**

The book that this summer's "Sheep Detective" movie is based on.

July 26th, 11:15AM

Remarkably Bright **Creatures** **Shelby Van Pelt**

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



Capital Campaign Update

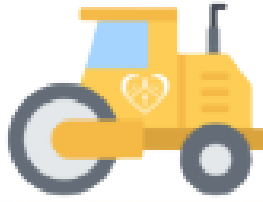
Laying a Foundation of Love & Hope (2026-2028)

June 29, 2026

Pledged: \$160,570

Goal: \$150,000

39 pledges Given: \$117,935



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Our Capital Campaign projects continue to move forward, and it's exciting to see the steady progress being made. If you've been following the paving progress graphic above—faithfully updated each month by Pastor Drew—you've likely noticed how far we've come. It serves as a wonderful visual reminder of what we can accomplish together as a congregation.

We're happy to report that the interior portion of the project is nearly complete. The new countertops have been installed, the flooring is finished, and only a few final touches remain. These updates are already making a noticeable difference in the look and feel of our space.

Outside, momentum is building once again after a strong start at the end of May, when drywells were installed to improve drainage in the parking lot. During excavation, however, the contractor discovered that the existing parking lot base contained less gravel than expected—insufficient to properly support the new surface at the required grade. Because the original plan relied on reusing existing materials to help reduce costs, this unexpected finding meant that additional materials would be needed beyond what was included in the initial bid.

After thoughtful discussions with Steve Clark, Gayle Brokaw, members of the Trustees, and Pastor Drew, it was decided that adjusting the scope of the project would be the best way to manage these added costs responsibly. The revised plan includes patching the eastern section of the parking lot rather than finishing it with pulverized asphalt. This solution will still meet our needs, make winter plowing easier, and give us time to monitor any settling. Additionally, most of the northern driveway leading to the parsonage will be removed, maintaining only the portion necessary for access to the garage. This change will provide extra material for the main parking lot and help address safety concerns by discouraging pass-through traffic. Importantly, the overall plan for the main parking lot remains unchanged.

If you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts—especially regarding the parking lot updates—please feel free to reach out to Gayle, Michael, or Pastor Drew. We are deeply grateful for the generosity and support that have made these improvements possible, as well as for your continued patience as we bring these projects to completion.



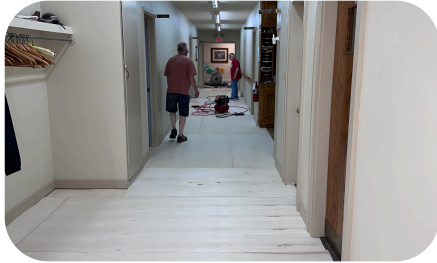
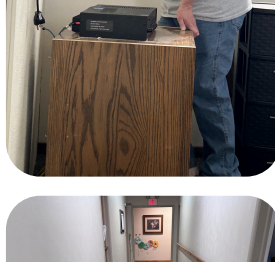
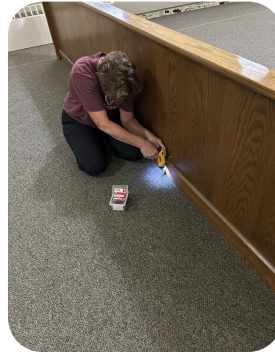
Trustees Updates

We are excited to share that all of our indoor projects made possible by the Memorial gift have been completed! The new flooring is fully installed, and the spaces look fresh and beautiful. While we enjoyed the transformation, many of us will remember the “new carpet” smell that lingered throughout much of June!

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Rice family for their generous gift in memory of their father. It was especially meaningful to welcome some of their family members to worship last month and share in the joy of seeing these updates together.

As we worked through these projects—many of which led us to areas that don’t always get much attention—we realized it was the perfect opportunity to organize a church garage sale. Initially, we planned to hold it during Covered Bridge Days in July, hoping to take advantage of the busy season in town. However, due to the scope of our recent projects, we have decided to postpone this event.

We are now looking ahead to reschedule, and Connie is seeking volunteers to help lead and organize the garage sale. If you’re interested in helping with this effort, please reach out to Connie or Tori. Your support will make this event a success!



COVERED BRIDGE DAYS CAKE WALK

It's time once again for our Annual Cake Walk for Covered Bridge Days—let's make this year the sweetest one yet! Join us on Friday, July 17 at 5 PM for this fun and free community event. We're looking for baked goods donations (by 3 pm 7/17), volunteers to help run the event, and help spreading the word to bring in a great crowd. Every contribution—big or small—helps make this event a success. Come be part of the fun and help us serve up something special for our community!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Food Pantry 10 am	4 4TH OF July
5 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	6	7	8 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Family Movie Night 5:30 pm	9 Kinship Care 6 pm	10 Food Pantry 10 am	11
12 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	13 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm	14 Blood Drive 12-5:45 pm	15	16 Kinship Care 6 pm	17 Food Pantry 10 am Covered Bridge Days Cake Walk 6 pm	18
19 JSU Class 9 am Worship 10 am	20	21	22 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	23	24 Food Pantry 10 am	25
26 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am July Book Club 11:30 am	27	28 Outeach Committee 7 pm	29	30	31 Food Pantry 10 am	

July Song Leaders

7/5 - Michelle Brokaw
7/12 - Barb Bungart
7/19 - Bev Michels
7/26 - Shone Rhyner

July Liturgists

7/5 - Tom Miller
7/12 - Michelle Brokaw
7/19 - Chris McCall
7/26 - Shone Rhyner

July Children's Moment

7/5 - Steve Clark
7/12 - Sarah McCall
7/19 - Carmita Hunter
7/26 - Tom Rhyner

