November 2026

CENTREVILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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A note from Pastor Drew

Novmember is the month for giving thanks, and this year there is much to be thankful for. Last year when we launched our “Laying a Foundation of Love and Hope” Capital Campaign, I was confident in our congregation’s ability to meet the goal, but I also realized that it was a very big leap of faith. $150,000 is a lot of money and the projects had been on the wish list for a very long time. And then as we held conversations, prayed, and then ultimately pledged, I was blown away by the generosity and passion of our church family. Not only were we imagining the completion of much needed capital improvements, but we were also investing in the future outreach of our church through the Endowment.

This year, we took that imagination and your gifts and made them a reality. The parking lot not only looks fantastic, but it also is protecting our building from water damage. The wheelchair ramp gets so much use throughout the week, not only as a race track for Hansel and Gretel students, but also for the Pathfinder students who come every Thursday to work on their life skills by folding our bulletins and cleaning the church. And finally, it has been a delight for me to hear people’s excitement and graitude for the renovated kitchen. As we prepared all of the lasagnas for the Fair Worker luncheon, I got to experience that joy myself.

All of this was possible because of your incredible generosity. Not only did we receive more than our goal in pledges, but your eagerness to pay on those commitments early helped to save us money by not needing a loan. Thank you!

For this next year, we are going to be shifting our focus from our facilities themselves to facilitating discipleship and mission. This means looking at our hospitality, outreach, and discipleship ministries. Not only do we want to invite others to experience the love and grace of God, but we want to grow in our experiences as well.

More than any other church I know, CUMC is a church that loves to have fun with each other and so we are already planning some really fun ways that we can learn more about God and develop the habits and practices that help the love of Christ to grow in our lives.

On the next page is a summary of the 2027 Budget that was approved at Finance Committee and will be presented to Church Council. Please take a moment to review it and prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. It is your gifts to the General Ministry Fund of our church which help to support all of our ministries and enable us to do God’s work in the world. Thank you!



Please bring your pledge card to worship on November 8

Budgets represent the plans and dreams of our church. The line items you see whether they are for a salary, children's bulletin, snack for Fellowship Time, or a lightbulb has a direct connection to our mission to "live and share God's love and hope."

Our Finance Team carefully reviews our spending and our staff look for ways to make the most out of the gifts you give. The creativity of our church allows our members to make many of visuals you see in worship. The skill of our trustees allow us to save money on contractors to do much of the maintenance work ourselves . And instead of buying curriculum, we create resources such as Bible-At-Home and adapt free resources from around the United Methodist Church so that we can have inspiring worship services and engaging opportunities to grow in our faith.

As much as we try to save, costs are still increasing for the church, and our trustees remain committed to not delaying needed maintenance issues.

This year's budget includes the following new costs

- Funds to smooth out the east parking lot
- An additional Lay Member to Annual Conference
- Cost of living increases for staff

Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support of our church!

2027 Proposed Budget

Worship and Discipleship	17,200
Operations	5,625
Property and Utilities	33,775
Personnel	124,564
Ministry Shares	11,926
Total	$193,090

WORSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

The church supports faith formation through buying and creating all age resources for worship and Christian education. We also purchase music and other materials that increase the impact of our services.

OPERATIONS

The operations of the church not only organizes the finances so that we can be good stewards, but also buys bulletin paper and postage to help extend our reach to homebound members

PROPERTY & UTILITIES

We work hard to ensure that our buildings are welcoming and accessible for visitors and members alike. After the capital improvements, we have increased our mainteance budget to keep on top of needs as they arise as well as

PERSONNEL

This is the largest portion of our budget and supports the pastor's salary, health insurance, and pension as well as our administrative assistant and custodian. These positions help to keep our church organized and support our ministries and mission.

MINISTRY SHARES

Our ministry shares represent our congregations' tithe to the larger church. Most of these funds support the Conference's missions and ministries that resource us and every church in Michigan.

November Health Notes

November is **National Diabetes Month.** This year's focus is on taking action to prevent diabetes health problems.Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. It affects about 38 million Americans, including adults and youth. Diabetes can damage the eyes, kidneys, nerves, and heart, and it is linked to some types of cancer. Know your risk factors. According to the National Institute of Health, if you are overweight; are age 35 or older; have a family history of diabetes; are African American, American Indian, Asian American, Hispanic or Latino, or Pacific Islander; are not physically active; or have prediabetes, you are at a higher risk Preventing diabetes or managing diabetes soon as possible after diagnosis may help prevent problems . You can start by managing your diabetes ABCs.

- A is for the A1C test that health care professionals use to measure your average
- blood glucose levels. Some people with diabetes also use devices to monitor blood
- sugar throughout the day and night.
- B is for blood pressure.
- C is for cholesterol.

Ask your health care team what your ABCs goals should be.

November is **National Family Caregiver's Month**. If you are part of a family or close friends group, chances are that at some point you will find yourself in the role of caregiver. An estimated 53 million to 63 million Americans who provide ongoing care for aging parents, spouses, or family members with disabilities or chronic illnesses. If the person you're caring for is an adult, communication with health providers can be challenging. If the person is capable and has not already completed a health care advocate form, request that they do so. It's also important that they complete a release of information form at each health care providers office to allow them to speak to you. If this has not yet happened, remember that you can give the provider information, even if they can't respond to you. Talk to friends and family members about helping with respite care, sooner rather than later. You will need breaks, even if it is just going to the grocery store. Set boundaries and be realistic with yourself as well as family members and the person you're caring for. What are you really capable of giving and doing? Who can give you support, emotionally and physically ? Set aside time to take care of yourself. I know this is easier said than done, and if you don't do it, you'll burn out in a hurry. Line of those friends who said "If you ever need anything...

Join us Wednesday, November 25 for our Community Thanksgiving meal, serving from 4:30 PM to 6 PM.

Blessings,

Christy Friedel

November Birthdays

11/2 - John Friedel
11/4 - Leann Sayer
11/10 - Deb Rice
11/14 - Nora Palmer
11/15 - Kitty Morrow
11/17 - Annette Mifsud
- Pastor Drew
11/19 - Steve Clark
11/20 - Chaseton Wyckoff
11/23 - Hayla Mostrom
- Debbie Wright
11/24 - Jeff Knautz
11/28 - Roger Rumsey

November Anniversaries

11/2 - Ben & Leann Sayer
11/25 - Jennifer & Cristen Case

November Meetings

11/10 - Finance Committee - 6 pm
- Worship Committee - 7 pm

FREE
COMMUNITY DINNER

NOVEMBER 11
NOVEMBER 25

DECEMBER 9
DECEMBER 23*

Church Office Hours

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

Tori: Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 10:00 am



Financial Update
September 2026

Operations Financial Summary		
Income	**September**	**Year To Date**
Pledged Income	$8,990.00	$97,130.80
Non-Pledged Income	$2,685.00	$22,166.40
Endowment - Gen.	$0.00	$3,102.51
Building Use	$200.00	$1,000.00
Other	$11.47	$4,855.89
Total	$ 11,886.47	$ 128,255.60
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	$11,992.87	$89,331.60
Ministry Shares	$1,143.00	$9,731.00
Property and Utilities	$1,868.99	$17,968.28
Administrative	$51.34	$4,622.90
Worship	$133	$2,527.52
Program and Education	127.90	1,557.13
Other	1,005.28	3,329.55
Total	$ 16,322.28	$ 129,067.98
Net:	**-$4,435.81**	**$ (812.38)**

Missions Income	**$1,267.21**	**$ 20,036.84**

As always, if you have questions or want full financial reports, contact the office, Michael Davis - Finance chair, or Pastor Drew.

*These are the approved numbers by the Church Finance Committee at the October meeting

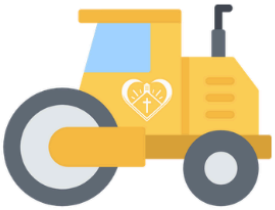
Electronic Giving

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.

Capital Campaign Update

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

October 27, 2026



Pledged: $161,670

Goal: $150,000

39 pledges Given: $124,310 76.8%

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Our little paver keeps inching forward each month as we continue making progress toward our final pledged goal. We are grateful for the faithful generosity and commitment of our church family, whose support continues to move this important ministry forward.

At Church Conference last weekend, the nomination slate was approved, and our new Endowment Committee has officially been established. This important step allows us to begin the work of transferring funds into our new endowment fund, helping to secure a strong foundation for the future ministry of Centreville United Methodist Church.

Great things are happening at Centreville UMC! We are thankful for the dedication, vision, and generosity of this congregation, and we look forward to seeing how God continues to work through our shared commitment to the future of our church.

Church Yard Cleanup & Landscaping Day

We had a successful yard cleanup and landscape day. We are so grateful for the volunteers who came and gave of their time, showed up with equipment to help bury holes, grate the new yard area, spread grass seed, and so much more!







Church Conference

Hosting the annual Church Conference for all 13 churches in Branch 11 of the Greater Southwest District was both an honor and a blessing for our congregation. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone from our church who took the time to attend, represent our congregation, and participate in the voting process on Sunday, October 25.

We are pleased to report that the conference went smoothly from start to finish. All items of church business were approved without questions, a testament to the outstanding preparation and hard work of our Membership Secretary, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and Church Council. Their behind-the-scenes efforts ensured that the congregation had the information needed to confidently give final approval.

We are also grateful to our District Superintendent for leading a meaningful and inspiring conference service. Continuing his grapevine theme from recent years, he reminded us of our connection to Christ and to one another as we grow together in ministry.

Following the conference, we gathered in Fellowship Hall where Florence prepared a wonderful spread of food and hospitality for all who attended. During the fellowship time, participants assembled 34 layette kits for families in need, and additional kits were completed in the days that followed, bringing the total to more than 50 kits. What a beautiful example of our church and district communities coming together in worship, fellowship, and service.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a success. Your willingness to serve, participate, and support the ministry of the church is truly appreciated.

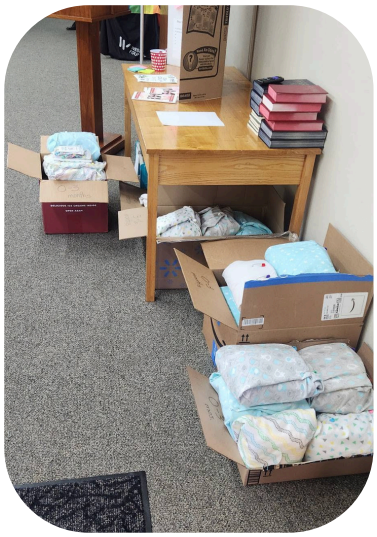














Voices of the Writer's Group

The Writer's Group would like to thank everyone who took the time to send in a contribution. Now the labor of love begins. As we work to put the pieces together, I just wanted to say that this year's Advent Booklet, What's In A Name, is already shaping up to be a meaningful collection. What a beautiful church we are blessed to be a part of!

~Shone

Master of the whole universe,
Creator of all that is,
You who imagined all into being,
In this world alone, your diversity
is beyond human understanding.
Yet, you know the heart and mind of each of us.
As we flounder in our inadequacies,
thinking errors and false beliefs
reach out and grant us the grace of your forgiveness.
The power of your love shining on us leads us to
love you, each other and even ourselves.
You are indeed a mighty God
A great mystery.
The more we know of you, the more we want to know,
the more we long to follow you, become your disciples.
For all of this we are so grateful to you
Our Father,
our Son and
our Holy Ghost.

Donna Perkins Pierce



Samaritan's Purse Operation: Christmas Child



The countdown is on! Join us on **Saturday, November 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m**. as we gather for our annual **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party**. This is always a joyful morning of fellowship, laughter, and service as we pack shoebox gifts that will bring the love of Christ and the joy of Christmas to children around the world.

We are excited to welcome the local 4-H Club once again, whose members will help bundle and prepare the shoeboxes for shipping. Whether you have helped for years or are joining us for the first time, we would love to have you be part of this special day. Come lend a hand as we work together to share hope, love, and Christmas cheer with children in need. We look forward to seeing you there! 🎁✨

Annual Hanging of the Greens

This year, we're kicking off the Advent season a little early so we can fully embrace the story Pastor Drew has planned for us. Join us on Saturday, November 21, at 10:00 a.m. for our Annual Hanging of the Greens as we transform the church in preparation for Advent. Whether you have a knack for decorating or are just willing to lend a hand, we'd love your help. The more helpers, the merrier! Plus, there will be food to keep us fueled and festive.



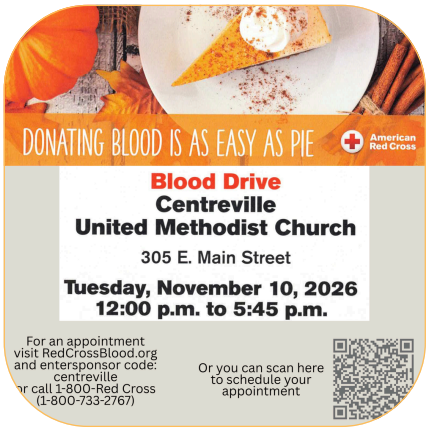
All Saints Sunday 🕯️💜



This Sunday, November 1, we invite you to join us for a special All Saints Sunday worship service as we remember and give thanks for the lives of those we have loved and cherished who have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year. Together, we will honor their memory, celebrate God's faithfulness, and find comfort in the promise of Christ's resurrection.

As we light candles and lift up the names of our saints, we give thanks for the ways they shaped our lives and faith. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time of remembrance, gratitude, and hope. All are welcome.

Red Cross Blood Drive



Our next Blood Drive is coming up on November 10 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., and there are still plenty of appointment times available!

Blood donations are always needed, and a single donation can make a life-changing difference for patients facing surgeries, illnesses, emergencies, and ongoing treatments. By giving blood, you help strengthen our local blood supply and bring hope to those in need.

If you are eligible to donate, please consider joining this important ministry of care and compassion. Scan the QR code to reserve your appointment and help continue this life-saving tradition.

Blood Drive

📅 November 10

🕰️ 12:00 pm - 5:45 pm

📍 Church Fellowship Hall

📱 Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment

Thank you for helping save lives, one donation at a time! ❤️🩸

Celebrating Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday on October 19th was a wonderful celebration of the many gifts and talents within our congregation! Pastor Drew had the opportunity to sit in the pews and worship alongside everyone else while our amazing church members led the service. The worship team shared a meaningful service and music centered on serving with an open heart, and Cathy Carpenter delivered a moving and inspiring message.

Many members stepped forward to serve as liturgists, song leaders, prayer leaders, and for the children's moment, making the morning a true reflection of the strength of our church family. Following worship, we gathered for a delicious volunteer appreciation luncheon, where we celebrated all who share their time and talents throughout the year. The festivities were made even more special as we recognized a milestone birthday for our very own Don Eby!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Laity Sunday such a meaningful and joyful day. We are blessed by the faithful servants who make ministry at Centreville UMC possible.







Trunk or Treat Success!

Our annual Trunk-or-Treat on Monday, October 26 was another tremendous success! Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of our church family, we hosted 180 trunk-or-treaters and welcomed more than 300 guests overall. With 20 candy stations, over 42 bags of donated candy, and the help of 10 CHS student volunteers, the evening was filled with fun, laughter, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who donated, decorated, volunteered, and helped make this beloved event possible!










Hansel & Gretel Updates




October was full of fun and adventure at Hansel & Gretel Preschool! The children enjoyed a special trip to the pumpkin farm, where they celebrated the beauty of the season and made wonderful memories together. Halloween week brought extra excitement with themed days including PJ Day, Change Your Name Day, and Bring Your Stuffy to School Day. The festivities wrapped up with trick-or-treating and a classroom party filled with smiles, laughter, and plenty of fun. We are grateful for a joyful month and look forward to all that November has in store! 🍂🎃👻




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am All Saints Sunday Oct. Book discussion 11:30	2 Advent Booklet submissions due	3	4	5	6 Food Pantry 10 am	7 Shoebox packing party 10 am
8 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am DAR Luncheon 1-5 pm	9 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm	10 Red Cross Blood Drive 12-5:45 Finance 6 pm Worship 7pm	11 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	12 BHFS 6 pm	13 Food Pantry 10 am	14
15 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	16	17	18	19 Kinship Care 6 pm	20 Food Pantry 10 am Square Dance charity at St. Claire 6-7:30 pm	21 Hanging of the Greens 10 am
22 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am Advent series begins	23	24	25 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00	26 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Food Pantry 10 am Office Closed	28
29 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am Book Club 11:30 am	30					

November Song Leaders

11/1 - Barb Bungart
11/8 - Bev Michels
11/15 - Shone Rhyner
11/22 - Michelle Brokaw
11/29 - Barb Bungart

November Liturgists

11/1 - Kathy Knautz
11/8 - Mary Herendeen
11/15 - Jim Michels
11/22 - Chris McCall
11/29 - Jan Rhoade

November Children's Moment

11/1 - Pastor Drew
11/8 - Pastor Drew
11/15 - Shone Rhyner
11/22 - Steve Clark
11/29 - open