

April 2026



CENTREVILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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A note from Pastor Drew

The Easter season is a special one because the hope that lingers from our celebration seems almost mirrored in the world around us that seems to emerge from the chill of winter and into the joy of spring.

In High School I ran cross country. I was not fast, but I enjoyed my teammates and the particular quality of bonding that can only come from running up and down hills in 100 degree Florida weather at 6:00AM. My coach was very particular about when we showed up to the meets and wanted to make sure that we had plenty of time to warm up before we raced. I was always near back and raced late, so sometimes I grumbled at the early arrivals and long stretching routines.

And then one day, one of our fastest runners arrived late to the meet. He rushed over to our tent and shortly was at the starting line ready to run. After the first several miles, it was very clear that he was not doing well. His legs were cramping, his endurance was shot. That meet was his lowest of the whole season. As our coach helped to console him after his loss, she reminded him and us that the stretching and preparations we all complained about, really make a difference. You are not going to be at your best going into a run cold.

The same could be said for Easter. The joy and celebration of Christ's resurrection is far too important to treat as if it is any other Sunday. This is why the Church gives us a 40 day training season and a final week of preparations. All of these things allow us to enter the garden and the tomb fully aware of the power and promise that its emptiness means.

I certainly hope that you will come and join us for the Maundy Thursday prayer stations or the Good Friday Tenebrae service, however, if you cannot make it then, at least spend some time this week, reading slowly through one of the Gospel passion stories (Friday, we are reading through John) and say a prayer of thanks to the God who loves you enough to die on a cross so that you might be able to live.

Christ is risen!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Drew". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rev. Drew Weseman

April Nurse's Notes

April is **Donate Life Month**. Have you considered being an organ donor? About 36,000 Americans receive a life-saving transplant each year. Sadly, 17 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant. Nationally, there are more than 100,000 people on the waiting list for an organ transplant. Just one organ donor can save up to eight lives, and one tissue donor can benefit as many as 75 others. Being an organ donor does not affect medical care or funeral arrangements. For someone to become a deceased donor, he or she has to die in very specific circumstances. Most often, a patient comes to a hospital because of illness or accident, such as a severe head trauma, a brain aneurysm or stroke.

The patient is put on artificial or mechanical support, which keeps blood with oxygen flowing to the organs. The medical team does everything possible to save the patient's life. At this point, whether or not the person is a registered donor is not considered. Even though the medical team members do everything they can to save the patient's life, sometimes the injuries are too severe and the patient dies.

If the patient is dead and is not responding, physicians will perform a series of tests to determine if brain death has occurred. A patient who is brain dead has no brain activity and cannot breathe on his or her own. Brain death is death and it is irreversible. Someone who is brain dead cannot recover.

Only after brain death has been confirmed and the time of death noted, can organ donation become a possibility.

Most organ and tissue donations occur after the donor has died. But some organs and tissues can be donated while the donor is alive. Nearly 6,000 living donations take place each year. That's about 4 out of every 10 donations.

April is **National Alcohol Awareness Month** and April 7 is **National Alcohol Screening Day**. If you are concerned about your own drinking and wonder if you are headed for trouble, you can complete a free anonymous screening on line at <http://screening.mentalhealthscreening.org/hyho>. Drinking too much alcohol increases people's risk of injuries, violence, drowning, liver disease, and some types of cancer. There were 8, 817 alcohol related traffic accidents with 297 fatalities in 2023, per the Michigan State Police Department. Drinking has become a problem for you if it causes trouble in your relationships, in school, in social activities, or in how you think and feel. Talk with your health care provider, Pastor Drew or me if you think you have a problem. Is it someone you know that you think is in trouble? Call National Drug and Alcohol Treatment Referral Routing Service available at 1-800-662-HELP. This service can provide you with information about treatment programs in your local community and allow you to speak with someone about alcohol problems.

Blessings,

Christy Friedel, R.N., Spiritual Director

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Office hours 10-2 Tuesdays at Building Hope Free Store

April Birthdays

- 1 - Al Bontrager
- 1 - Gary Hunter
- 4 - Chris Carpenter
- 4 - Leannah Carpenter
- 5 - Melanie Knautz
- 13 - Shauna Palmer
- 15 - Carlee Hunter
- 16 - Lily Sayer
- 17 - Marcia Morris
- 20 - Bob Johnson
- 20 - Charles Rhyner
- 20 - Glen Rhyner
- 22 - Wendy Parker
- 27 - Casey Murk
- 29 - Wendy Pangle

April Anniversaries

- 4/16 - Roger & Sharon Rumsey
- 4/18 - Jeff & Julie Mayuiers
- 4/19 - Tom & Shone Rhyner

April Meetings

- 4/14 - Finance Committee - 6 pm
- 4/28 - Church Council - 6 pm

FREE Community Dinner



- April 8
- April 22
- May 13
- May 27



Just Show Up 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.

Financial Update

March 2026

Operations Financial Summary

Income	February	Year To Date
Pledged Income	\$11,065	\$34,395
Non-Pledged Income	\$2,498	\$8,746
Endowment - Gen.	-	\$0.00
Building Use	-	\$650
Other	215.50	\$401
Total	\$ 13,778.90	\$ 44,191.90
Expenses		
Salaries and Benefits	\$7,084.76	\$29,976.42
Ministry Shares	\$1,143.00	\$4,016
Property and Utilities	\$2,472.96	\$10,024.63
Administrative	\$211.00	\$2,307.60
Worship	\$420	\$605.89
Program and Education	861.03	861.03
Other	227.88	689.46
Total	\$ 12,420.65	\$ 48,481.03
Net:	\$1,358.25	\$ (4,289.13)

Missions Income	\$1,970.61	\$ 2,214.08
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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: 11:00-2:00



Holy Week 2026

Holy Week is the best week of the year! In these special services, you have the opportunity to prepare yourself for the celebration of Easter. The story we tell of Jesus' last week is one that is familiar, but also contains new insights and gifts each time we hear it. This year, our focus is going to be on living into that story. Our prayer stations will allow you to experience and contemplate on Jesus' last week in a variety of ways. The Good Friday Tenebrae service will feature readings, hymns, and prayers to walk through Jesus' suffering and death. I hope you will join us.

2026 Holy Week Prayer Stations

Thurs, April 2	Fri, April 3
8:00AM-3:00 PM,	10:00AM-3:00 PM,
5:00-7:00PM	5:00-6:00PM

Come walk and pray through the last days of Jesus' life with these interactive self-guided worship experience.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 3, 2026
6:30 PM

Join us for a contemplative journey through the last day of Jesus life through readings, prayers, and music




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You're invited!
Join us for Easter

Easter: Sunday, April 5, 2026

Breakfast & Egg Hunt at 8:30AM

Worship to follow at 10:00AM

Location:
 305 E. Main St
 Centreville, MI



Easter is a Sunday that holds a special place in many people's hearts. For people who may have drifted away from church, it is also a time when they feel more comfortable in going to a church service. Is there someone you might know who you could invite to join you on Easter? There will be plenty of food at our breakfast and great hymns and music at our worship service. I hope you will be there and can invite a friend to come and join you.

Capital Campaign Update

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

March 31, 2026



Pledged: \$159,140

Goal: \$150,000

39 pledges

Given: \$113,970



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As you can see from the pictures, a lot of progress has been made in the kitchen. The plumbing work has been completed and the refrigerator, freezer, and sinks have been moved making it much more usable already. Steve built a new pantry with accessible shelves to increase our storage, and Connie and Gayle sanded and painted it. Thank you so much for all of your hard work!



Trustees Updates

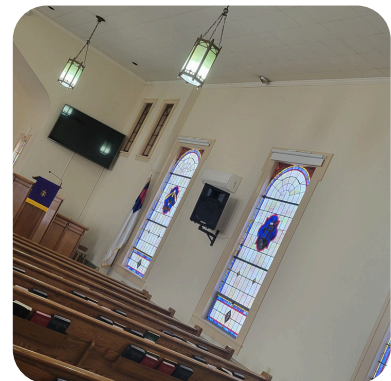
CUMC Glow-Up Update!

Our Trustees continue to make amazing progress as our church building gets brighter, safer, and more welcoming each week!

- Electricians were onsite updating the kitchen electrical system
- Prep work is underway for a new mini-split heating & AC unit that will serve the Food Pantry area and Corner Classroom — creating a more comfortable space for all who use it
- And a big shout-out to Mike, of Mike's Custom Painting, who returned this week to continue painting in the Fellowship Hall as well as down the office hallway and worked so hard to ensure we are open & ready for worship on Sunday!

We're so grateful for the steady work, long hours, and faithful dedication poured into this project. The church is truly starting to glow — inside and out!

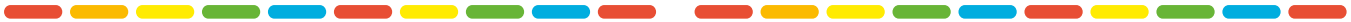
Stay tuned for more updates as the transformation continues!



Preschool Updates



The preschool had a fan-tabulous March is Reading Month! So many special guest readers, some extra fun “Wacky Wednesday” dress up days, a special trip over to the “big school” complete with a ride on a school bus. They read more than 900 books over the course of the month, and those “wagons” are on display & posted all around the classroom and spilled out into the hallway. They also had a successful spring open house as they gear up for next year!



Tornado Volunteers Needed

As many of you know, we have had several serious storms this year already, with more to come. Many of our neighbors do not live in homes that are safe if a tornado were to come through Centreville again, and so we have been asked if we could help provide shelter to people who live in the area during a Tornado Warning. This is a short-term sheltering instead of overnight accommodations. In order to provide this act of hospitality and safety to our neighbors, we need people who are willing to be on a team to rotate coming to the church during a Tornado Warning and letting people in and showing them where the basement is. You would need to live close to the church to be able to get there quickly. It is our hope that having a large list will mean that the responsibility is shared across many people and will not be a significant burden.



If you are interested or simply have questions, please reach out to Ed or Steve. Thank you!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir Practice 7 pm	2 Prayer Stations 8 am-3 pm, 5-7 pm	3 Food Pantry 10 am Prayer Stations 10am-3pm, 5-6pm Good Friday Service 6:30 pm	4 Fairview Free Community Easter Egg Hunt 2-4 pm
5 <i>Happy Easter</i> Easter brunch & egg hunt 8:30 am JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	6	7	8 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Choir Practice 7 pm	9	10 Food Pantry 10 am	11
12 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	13 ARF Meeting 7-8:30 pm	14 Finance 6 pm	15 Choir Practice 7 pm	16 Kinship Care 6 pm	17 Food Pantry 10 am	18 Secret Prayer Partner Brunch 9:00 am
19 JSU Class 9 am Worship 10 am	20	21	22 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 Choir Practice 7 pm	23	24 Food Pantry 10 am	25
26 JSU 9 am Worship 10 am	27	28 Church Council 6 pm	29 Choir Practice 7 pm	30		

April Song Leaders

- 4/5 - Shone Rhyner
- 4/12 - Michelle Brokaw
- 4/19 - Barb Bungart
- 4/26 - Bev Michels

April Liturgists

- 4/5 - Chris McCall
- 4/12 - Jan Rhoads
- 4/19 - Tom Miller
- 4/26 - Michelle Brokaw

Children's Moment

- 4/5 - Sarah McCall
- 4/12 -
- 4/19 -
- 4/26 -

