

Winter/Spring

2023
Planning Guide



CENTREVILLE
United Methodist Church



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January Sermons

January 1 - Epiphany Sunday

Note: There will be one worship service on this day, at 10:00 AM.

January 8 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 15-29 “You’re Invited” Sermon Series

Jesus offered the disciples words of invitation that initiated a journey of faith; simple words, but words that launched a lifetime of great discoveries. We too receive these invitations to discover the abundant life Jesus calls us to live.

January 15 “Come and See”

January 22 “Follow Me”

January 29 “Rejoice and Be Glad”

February Sermons

February 5 - Lectionary-Based Sermon

February 12 - Lectionary-Based Sermon

February 19 - Transfiguration Sunday

Lenten Sermon Series

Lent is a season of study and introspection for the 6 weeks leading up to Easter. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 9.

“The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”

This sermon series is based on Adam Hamilton’s book, “The Walk.” Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus’ own walk with God and are taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ.

February 26 - Worship and Prayer

March 5 - Study

March 12 - Serve

March 19 - Give

March 26 - Share

“The Walk” Companion Study



Throughout the season of Lent we will offer a companion study to the sermon series using Adam Hamilton’s book, “The Walk.” This study will parallel the sermons, and give an opportunity to go deeper in study. Days and times of study groups will be announced in February. Use the QR code to register for this study.

Learning Opportunities

A Fresh Start: A Study of the Book of Ezra

This study will examine the Old Testament book of Ezra. After returning from exile in Babylon, it was time to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. As we emerge from the pandemic, political divisions, and a church denomination in turmoil, perhaps we have some lessons to learn as well, as we “rebuild.”

January 9 - February 13 (no meeting on January 16). Led by Rev. Phil Mohr, this class will be offered in person on Monday mornings at 10:00 AM, and/or on Monday evenings on Zoom at 7:00 PM. Sign up using this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org.



Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

On the 1st Saturday of each month, at 8:30 AM, join an ongoing Bible study hosted by the United Methodist Men. This group is currently studying the book of Romans. Tentative plans are to move to the Gospel of John once the Romans study ends in February. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jay Moughon at moughonjc@aol.com to learn more.



Book Club

Our book club meets once a month on Zoom to discuss a selected work of fiction through the lens of our faith. Sign up using this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org.



Contact Margaret Welker at mwelker@centreville-umc.org with questions.

Join an Ongoing Small Group

We have a variety of small groups that meet regularly for Bible study and fellowship. Contact Pastor Geitra Mickelson at [gmickelson@centreville-umc.org](mailto:gmickeelson@centreville-umc.org) if you are ready to take this next step in your faith journey.

Welcome Gathering

Are you new to CUMC? Get to know us a little better. Join us on January 8 between worship services for an informal gathering in the chapel. Enjoy a cup of coffee, meet our pastors and staff, and learn about our ministries and how you can get involved. We look forward to welcoming you into the CUMC family.

Music Ministry

There are many opportunities for children, youth, and adults to praise God through music here at CUMC. Join a choir!

Handbell Dessert Concert

This is a concert presented by several of our handbell choirs followed by a scrumptious dessert buffet. It will be held in late winter; look for details to come out in January.

Voices In Praise Winter Lock-In

On February 10-11, the youth choir will stay overnight at church for a retreat/workshop of singing, food, and fun. It's not too late to join the youth choir!

Youth Sunday with Voices In Praise Musical

April 23 is Youth Sunday. CUMC youth will lead worship on that day, and the Voices In Praise choir will present a musical as part of the worship service.

Contact our Director of Music, Becky Jackson, at bjackson@centreville-umc.org if you are interested in joining a vocal or handbell choir for our traditional worship services, or our contemporary praise band. For more information, scan this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org/worship/music-ministry.



Children's Ministry

Kids Quest is our Sunday School program for kids age three through elementary school and is available during both our 9:15 and 11:15 AM worship services. Our Children's Ministry strives to ignite a love for Jesus by helping kids learn about God, grow in their faith, and reach out to share God's love with others.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 9, kids are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt during our 9:15 and 11:15 worship services.

Parents Night Out

On Saturday, February 4, parents can drop off their children at church for the evening and enjoy a night out! Save the date. Details in January!

Family Dinner & Board Game Night

On Saturday, April 29, the whole church family is invited to an evening of food, fellowship, and fun playing board games. Bring a favorite game and join the fun.



For more information about children's Ministry, scan this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org/kids-students. You can also contact Joy Rangel, Director of Children's Ministry, at jrangel@centreville-umc.org.

Youth Ministry

Real talk, real faith, and real fun
for kids in grades 7-12.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, with special outings generally once a month. On January 29, the group will go ice skating. Laser tag is on the books for March 26. Save the dates and watch for details and sign-up opportunities.

Youth Day Retreat

Monday, February 20, join youth from several area Methodist churches, and head to Camp Highroad for a day of fun, activities, worship and friendship. Signups coming in January.

Teens Opposing Poverty (TOP) Trips

Service is an important element of our youth ministry. Each month our youth prepare and distribute meals to the unhoused in Washington DC. Join us on Sunday afternoons, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7.

Contact: Sean Gray, Director of Youth Ministry, at sgray@centreville-umc.org. For more information, scan this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org/kids-students/youth-ministry



Confirmation 2023

Confirmation helps students begin to understand what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, and how to live their faith. It is a time of intentional study and preparation alongside peers and mentors. After completing the class, the students have the opportunity to stand before the congregation, affirm their faith and commitment to Christ, and become a member of Centreville United Methodist Church.

Who: Students in grades 8 and 9 & upperclassmen who have not taken confirmation.

When: Thursday evenings (7:00-8:30 PM) from February to May (no classes February 23 or April 6).

Cost: \$135 For information on scholarships, contact Sean Gray.

Important Confirmation Dates:

February 2 - Parent Meeting on Zoom

February 4 - Opening Day Retreat

February 5 - Commissioning Service

April 15-16 - Overnight Retreat at the Claggett Center

May 13 - Day Retreat

May 21 - Confirmation Service



To learn more about confirmation or to sign up, use this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org. Contacts: Rev. Geitra Mickelson (gmickelson@centreville-umc.org) & Sean Gray (sgray@centreville-umc.org.)

Fellowship & Fun

Crafts & Cocoa

On Saturday, January 21, bring your own craft project for a time of fellowship and creativity. We will gather from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the choir room (come for whatever part of that time works with your schedule). Sign up using this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org.



Chili Cook-Off

Do you think you have a winning recipe for chili? Bring a pot of your homemade chili and enter it into our chili cook-off competition on Sunday, February 5. We will gather to enjoy the chili at 5:30 PM, and name winners in several categories. Sign up to bring your pot of chili, or just to attend the dinner, using this QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org.



United Women in Faith (UWF)

Centreville UWF is for all women of faith. We engage in service projects and offer regular opportunities for fellowship and connection. In addition to our larger UWF group, we have three smaller circles that meet monthly for fellowship, study, service and fun.

- Fanny Harrison Circle - 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM.
- Felicity Circle - 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM.
- Morning Glory Circle - 3rd Wednesday at 9:30 AM.

To learn more about UWF and its circles, contact Pat Wolfe, UWF President, at wolfepatriciam@aol.com. For more information use the QR code or visit www.centreville-umc.org/connect/



United Methodist Men (UMM)

Centreville UMM is for all men of the church. In addition to offering regular fellowship events, UMM supports the church ministries with service by cooking at picnics, parking cars, and the like. In addition UMM has several smaller groups including:

- Saturday Morning Bible Study (see page 6).
- The Old Men's Group (OMG) meets Wednesdays at 9:00 AM.
- Friday Morning Men's Fellowship Group meets at 7:30 AM at the Centreville IHOP.

To learn more about UMM contact Dick Formica, UMM President, at rp4mica@gmail.com. For more information use the QR code of visit www.centreville-umc.org/connect/



Centreville Day School

Centreville Day School (CDS) is a non-profit, child-focused Christian preschool providing developmentally appropriate experiences designed to foster your child's cognitive, spiritual, social, and physical growth. CDS serves children ages 2 1/2 to 6.

Fall registration for the 2023-2024 school year will begin in January 2023. Current CDS Families can begin the registration process January 17-25. After January 25, it will be open to the community.

Centreville Day School Preschool Tours are available upon request.

You can schedule a tour by calling the preschool at 571-522-1875 or by sending us an email at dayschool@centreville-umc.org. We will be happy to show you around our preschool and answer your questions. Diane Formica is our director.



Mission Ministries

Valentine's Dinner for

Centre Ridge Elementary School

In mid-February, Centreville UMC will be sharing Christ's love with the entire Centre Ridge Elementary School community by hosting an evening spaghetti dinner at the school for the students, staff and families. Lots of volunteers will be needed for this expression of love. Watch for details on the exact date and volunteer needs as we love our neighbors.



Hypothermia Shelter

On March 15 and 16, Centreville UMC will provide food and shelter for the homeless in partnership with St. Stevens UMC in Burke and FACETS. Save the dates and look for sign up opportunities in January.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes

After a successful return to the classroom this fall, our ESL program is starting the winter semester soon.

January 9 - January 16 is the registration period for ESL classes. Register on the church website (www.centreville-umc.org). Classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and evenings, and will begin on February 7 and end May 4. Cost: \$40. Sign up at centreville-umc.org/serve-outreach/ or use the QR code.



Food Ministries

Centreville UMC is passionate about feeding the hungry.

From our monthly **GRACE Ministries** food and clothing distribution (2nd Saturday each month), to bi-weekly **Wednesday food distributions** at the Centreville Library parking lot, to the **U Feed Others (UFO)** weekend food bags for hungry children in our neighborhood schools, to the **Hot Meals, New Hope Fellowship Meals,** and **Teens Opposing Poverty** food deliveries to the homeless, we are all about feeding others.



If you wish to volunteer in food ministries or other mission ministries, check out the weekly "Food Ministry This Week" post on our website, or contact Phil Mohr at pmohr@centreville-umc.org.

Lent and Holy Week

Ash Wednesday February 22

Marking the beginning of Lent with a service of worship and the imposition of ashes. The worship service will begin at 7:30 PM.

Palm Sunday April 2

Celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches during the morning worship services.

Holy Thursday April 6

A celebration of Jesus' last supper with his disciples in the upper room before he was betrayed in the Garden of Gethemene. Communion worship service at 7:30 PM.

Good Friday April 7

Remembering the crucifixion of Jesus at Golgotha. We will offer a Good Friday worship service at 7:30 PM.

A watercolor illustration of a tree with dark brown branches and vibrant pink blossoms. The background is a soft, light blue and white wash, suggesting a sky. Below the tree, there is a green field with some brown patches, possibly representing grass or soil. The overall style is soft and artistic.

Easter - April 9

Easter morning will begin with our sunrise service, beginning at 6:30 AM. As the sun comes up, we will recall how Mary discovered the empty tomb, and will celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

At 9:15 AM we will celebrate Christ's resurrection with traditional choral music, congregational singing, and special instrumental music.

At 11:15 AM, we will celebrate Christ's resurrection with contemporary music in a relaxed worship environment.

Children's Ministry will host an Easter Egg Hunt during the 9:15 and 11:15 worship services. Nursery care will also be available for both of those services.

Looking Ahead to Summer

Vacation Bible School (VBS): July 10-14

VBS is a week of fun, games, crafts, music, skits, Bible stories, snacks and more. This year's will be held the week of July 10-14, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM each day. VBS is for children rising into kindergarten through grade 6. Mark your calendar. Registration will begin soon!



Music Camp: July 31-August 4

Music Camp is an entire week of music fun, mixed with all kinds of other fun! Singing, playing bells, and preparing a closing program will all be part of the experience. Music Camp will be held July 31-August 4 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This camp is for children rising into grade 2 through grade 6. Save the dates. Registration will begin this winter.



30th Anniversary Sneedville Mission Trip: June 24-July 1

CUMC has a long history of sending a mission team of youth and adults to Sneedville, TN, a small town in Hancock County, to serve throughout the community. Hancock County is one of the most financially disadvantaged counties in the U.S. Throughout the week the mission team centers on God, seeking to be in partnership in God's mission. Devotion, praise and worship are an important element of each day. The team serves in the community in four areas of ministry – construction, a Vacation Bible School program, a nursing home ministry, and a women's program. The team works closely with Jubilee Project, a United Methodist ministry. Registration will begin in mid-January. Visit Centreville-umc.org/serve-outreach/ or use the QR code for more information.



Appalachia Service Project : July 16-22

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a Christian Ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia. ASP's vision is that substandard housing in Central Appalachia will be eradicated and that everyone who comes into contact with this ministry will be transformed. Teams of youth and adults from CUMC participate in these summer mission programs, reaching out with God's love to provide a promising future to families in these remote communities.

Registration will begin in mid-January. Visit Centreville-umc.org/serve-outreach/ or use the QR code for more information.



From the Office

2023 Altar Flower Dedications

Honor or remember a loved one with flowers on the altar on Sunday morning. The 2023 altar flower dedications calendar is now open. The cost is \$45 for each arrangement and can be paid online or by mailing a check to the church. You may indicate on the form if you would like to pick the flowers up after the Sunday service, or if you would like the church to deliver them to someone who is in need of some love. If you have any questions, you may contact Cindy Osborn in the church office at cosborn@centreville-umc.org.



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