



The Centre Street Messenger

Centre Street United Methodist Church
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Sunday Schedule

- *****
- 9:30 AM—Worship Service
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- 9:30 AM Christian Education for Children
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- 10:30 AM—Fellowship/Coffee in Fellowship Hall
- *****
- 11:00 AM—Adult Christian Education
- *****

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Pastor's Letter



Greetings:

On Friday, November 10, the day before Veterans Day, and five days after the Texas Church Shooting, our District Superintendent, Dr. Conrad O. Link, sent an e-mail to the clergy of the district sharing "just a few thoughts" concerning the coming Sunday, November 12th, following the violence in Texas.

As we approach the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, I believe that everyone in all churches need to hear some "Good News." There is much being said about concerns and fears about the safety of coming and being in worship at a local church on a Sunday morning. There are some who say that coming to worship "is not safe" anymore. Well, there are people who are looking for any excuse to stay away from Church. Let's face a reality check, violence can happen in our neighborhoods, at the shopping mall, at Wal-Mart, anywhere. So, does that mean we stop living our daily lives?

I do not believe so. Dr. Link reminded the clergy that we are to be firm with Paul's proclamation in Romans 8: "...that nothing can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus....." We are to continue to worship, sing, pray, be thankful, and "Praise God from whom all blessings Flow." We are to do that even during the difficult times when raging storms are battering us from all sides. We are given the assurance that if we trust in God, that no matter what comes, we are standing on solid ground.

Our Christian faith is based on God's action through Jesus Christ for humanity. The celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior should also remind us that in a troubled and hurting and at times violent world, God loved it enough to send His Son, The Prince of Peace.

I urge you to pray for your family, pray for your enemies, pray for the world, and pray for the ongoing work of the church in this Advent and coming Christmas Season.

May God bless you and may you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rev. Thomas E. Young, Jr.
Pastor of the Blue Bridge Cooperative Parish
(Centre Street & Holy Cross UM Churches)
November 11, 2017



What's Happening

Deaths

Nancy E. Hill	October 1, 2017
Barbara A Blubaugh	October 23, 2017
Leslie Ann McIntyre	October 28, 2017
Betty J. Kreiling	November 11, 2017
Judge James S. Getty Sr.	November 11, 2017

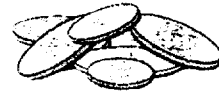
Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2017-Sunday Evening



Christmas Eve services, will be held at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Cross UMC and at 8:00 p.m. at Centre Street UMC.

Loose Change for Food Pantry



Centre Street UMC is collecting any loose change you may have for the Food Pantry! Just drop it into the offering plate on Sunday mornings. This is every week! Also, we are still collecting food for the Interfaith Food Pantry.



Office Holiday Closing

The church office and Humpty Dumpty Learning Center will be closed for the week of Christmas and will re-open on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

Christmas Stamps

A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?"

The clerk asked, "What denomination?"

The woman replied, "Heaven help us! Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists."



The Garden Club of Cumberland



The Garden Club of Cumberland is making and selling wreaths and swags as a fund-raiser for the month of December. Orders may be placed by calling President: Sandra Daughton at 814-324-4560. Payment is to be made when picking up on Saturday, December 2.

Community Dinner

The Holiday Community Dinner will be served on December 6, 2017 beginning at 4:00 p.m. The dinner this year will be Roast Beef. We have been serving about 60 people for the last several months. Some of the people served have come to us from Hope Station.



Mary Jo and Cathy would like to thank Karen Parks, Kay Tharp and Jay Cochrane for all their help this year. Also our continued thanks to the Friendship Circle who faithfully provide our desserts. They have done this for us since the first time we served a meal and as our needs grow larger they make more desserts for us. Thank you to all of you!! You make this so much nicer for everyone!

Hey!! Did You See This?



Community Leadership Award: Given by Woodmen Life to Edward Mullaney and Virginia Decker. Congratulations!!

Announcement from the members of Low Sunday

Hello Church Family!

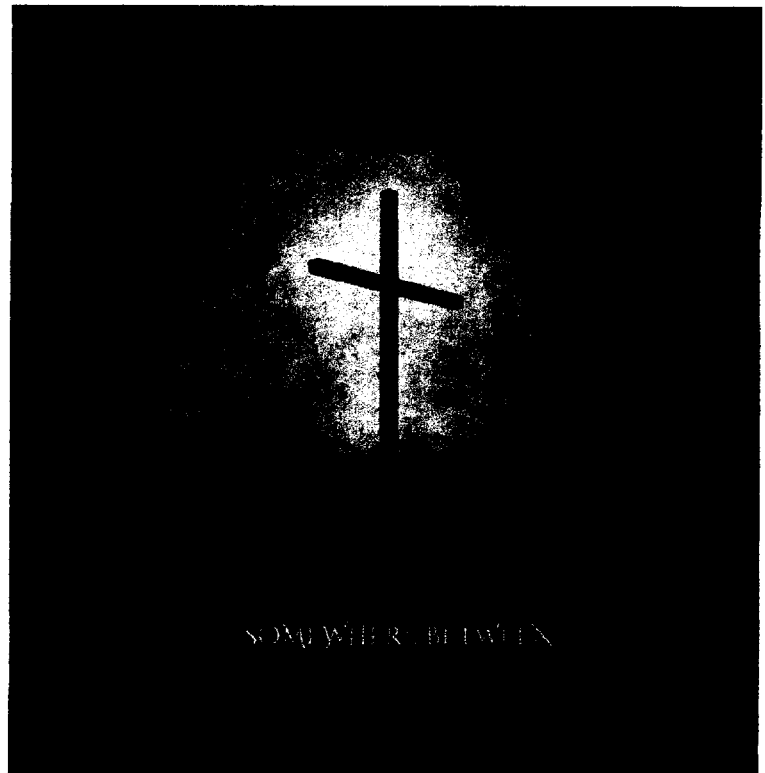
We would like to thank you all for your love and support over the past year! Thanks in part to you, we are proud to announce that this December we (Low Sunday) will be releasing our debut album "Somewhere Between"! CD's will be available to purchase for \$10 from us or online if you'd prefer (I'm told the CD would make a great Christmas gift). We worked very hard on writing, arranging, and recording the songs on this album and we think you'll be as proud of it as we are! Also, you are sure to recognize some of the 10 original tracks as we have shared a few of them with you during our morning worship services. We also wanted to let everyone know that Low Sunday has been invited to play at a Christmas Festival in Oakland, MD on Thursday December 7th at 6:30pm. The event is intended to be a celebration of the sacred meaning of Christmas through music. It will be held in Oakland's Community Center and we are excited to be a part of the festivities.



We will continue alternating weeks with the choir for morning worship services throughout the Christmas season and into 2018! See you in the sanctuary!

Love always,

Low Sunday








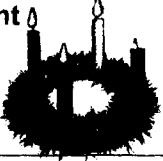




This is the Album Cover!



December 2017



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<p>Worship-9:30 Christian Education- Children-9:30 Christian Education- Adult-11 1st Sunday of Advent</p> 			<p>9:00 am Getting Ahead Class 10:00 am Craft Workshop 11:00 am Scripture Study 12:30 pm HDLC Board Meeting 4:00 pm Community Dinner 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p><small>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</small></p>  <p>Pearl Harbor Day</p> <p>6:00 pm Friendship Circle Christmas Party--Parlor</p>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Worship-9:30 Christian Education- Children-9:30 Christian Education- Adult-11 Low Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent</p> 	<p>6:00 pm Garden Club Christmas Party-Fellowship Hall</p>		<p>9:00 am Getting Ahead Class 11:00 am Scripture Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>11:00 am UM Women Christmas Lunch-Fellowship Hall. Fort Hill Sentinel Sounds performs</p> <p>7:00 pm HDLC Christmas Program</p>		<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Deadline for the January newsletter is December 16. Please send articles, notes, funny jokes, etc to Cathy Hunter at cshgbh@gmail.com
 All quotes, cartoons, etc. reprinted with permission from Joyful Noiseletter or Holy Hilarity.
 The "Brother Juniper" and "Brother Sebastian" cartoons are taken from the 1957, 1961 paperback editions of those cartoons.
 Thanks to everyone that sends articles, the Messenger could not be done without you!

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met on October 26th at Mr. Toad's Pottery on the Cumberland Mall. Mae Baugher gave the devotions: *Let God and Let Go—releasing our worries from Living the Gospel Life* by Carol Fielding.



We collected the following items for the Women's Crisis Resource Center: (multiple item packages) two paper towels, one toilet paper, three paper plates, three cups, one bowls, one cutlery, one laundry detergent, one Soft Scrub, one toilet bowl cleaner, one bottle Mr. Clean, two Clorox wipes, one cleaning set, one cotton balls, one cotton swabs, one diapers, one baby wipes, some hotel toiletry samples. We will provide the desserts for the Community Dinner on December 6th. We donated \$105 for shipping boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Ministry.

We had a great evening at Mr. Toad's Pottery. Each person picked out an item and painted in glorious colors and in our own creative ways. Hollie James provided wonderful refreshments to sustain us!

Our next meeting is December 7th for our Christmas dinner. We will also have a jingle exchange.



Karen Brant, Mae Baugher, Hollie James, Patty Bailey Julie Davis, Cheryl Yonker
Pam Buckalew, Karen Parks, Margaret Michael and Cathy Hunter



The Best Christmas Picture



The United Methodist Women

The Centre Street United Methodist Women's Sarah Circle will meet on Thursday, December 14, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m.

The Executive Board will serve lunch to the membership, at no cost, as a thank you for their hard work this past year. Members are to make reservations with the calling committee.



Entertainment for the meeting will be presented by the Sentinel Sounds of Fort Hill High School, under the direction of Bob Thompson.

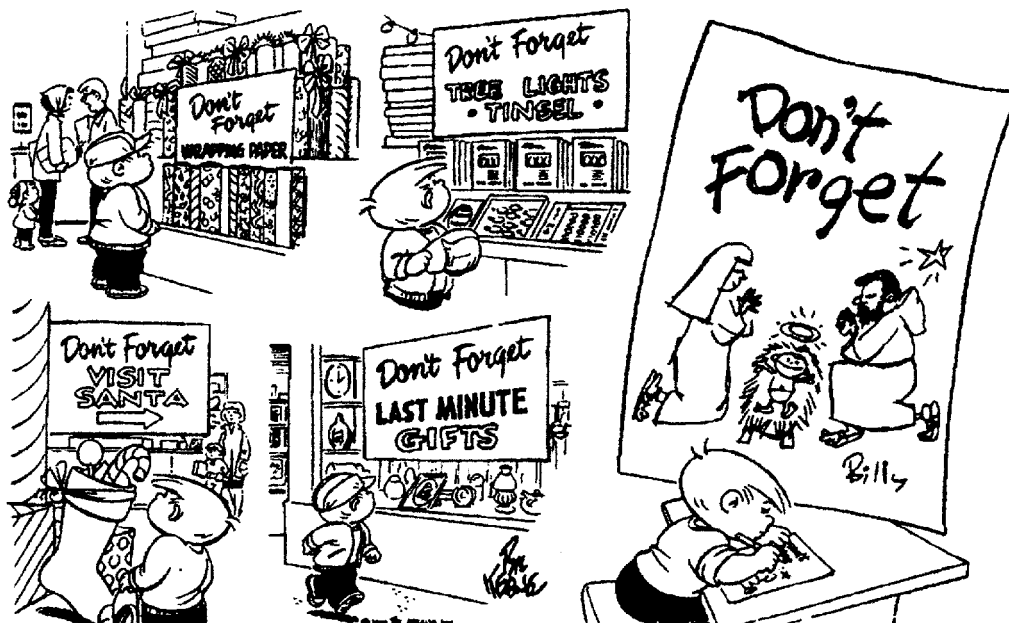
The United Methodist Men



The United Methodist Men are meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be prepared and served by Karen Brant, assisted by JoAnn Allen. The guest speaker will be Major John Blevins of The Salvation Army, who will speak about some of the out-reach programs being provided in the tri-state area. At the present time they are focusing on distributing Thanksgiving meals for needy families.

Methodist Men will meet again on Tuesday, December 19th in Fellowship Hall. Remember, friends are always welcome!!!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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Humpty Dumpty Learning Center

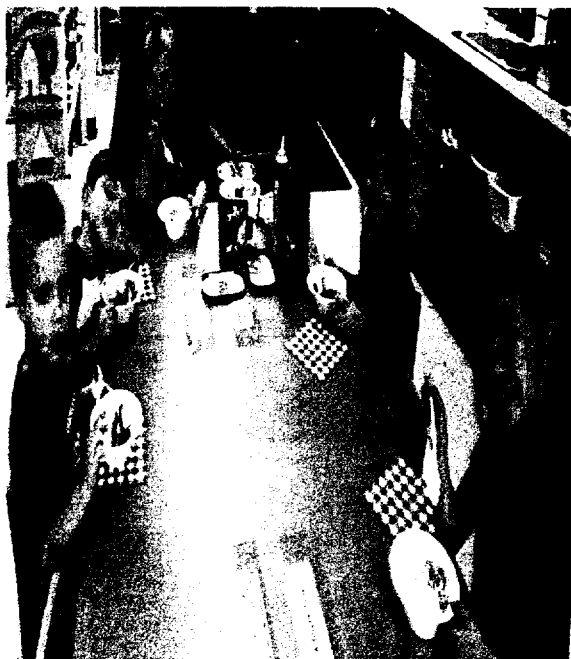
Last month some of our children had eye exams performed by the Lions Club. Everyone did a great job and got a sticker. We also had our annual Vendor Fair, there was a lot of very interesting items for sale and a lot of yummy goodies. It was nice that some children who had graduated from Humpty Dumpty came in and we were able to see how much they have grown.

Humpty Dumpty classrooms were focusing on the food unit and Thanksgiving. During this time our preschool students had the opportunity to make a pizza and they made their own ice cream sundaes. Along with this unit Humpty Dumpty does a food drive. We collected a lot of items that will be donated to Interfaith Food Pantry.

Humpty Dumpty closed November 23rd and 24th for Thanksgiving. For Christmas, the center closes December 25th- Jan 1st. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday!

We are using a new photography vendor for our Christmas pictures, which will be done on December 5th and 6th. Our preschool 3 and 4-year old students have been busy preparing for the upcoming Christmas program. It will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. It is a great time and the children always do an excellent job. Everyone is welcome to come!

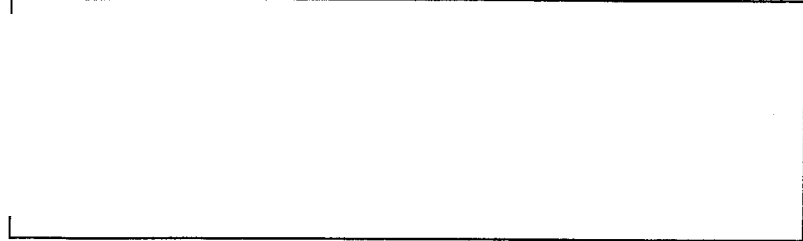
We still have openings in our 3 and 4-year old classrooms. Please call 301-722-6599 for more information!



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