

The Centre Street Messenger

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Cumberland, MD
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Sunday Schedule

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Christian Education for all ages

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Informal Worship Service

10:30 – 10:55 AM

Fellowship/Coffee in Fellowship Hall

11:00 – 12:00 AM

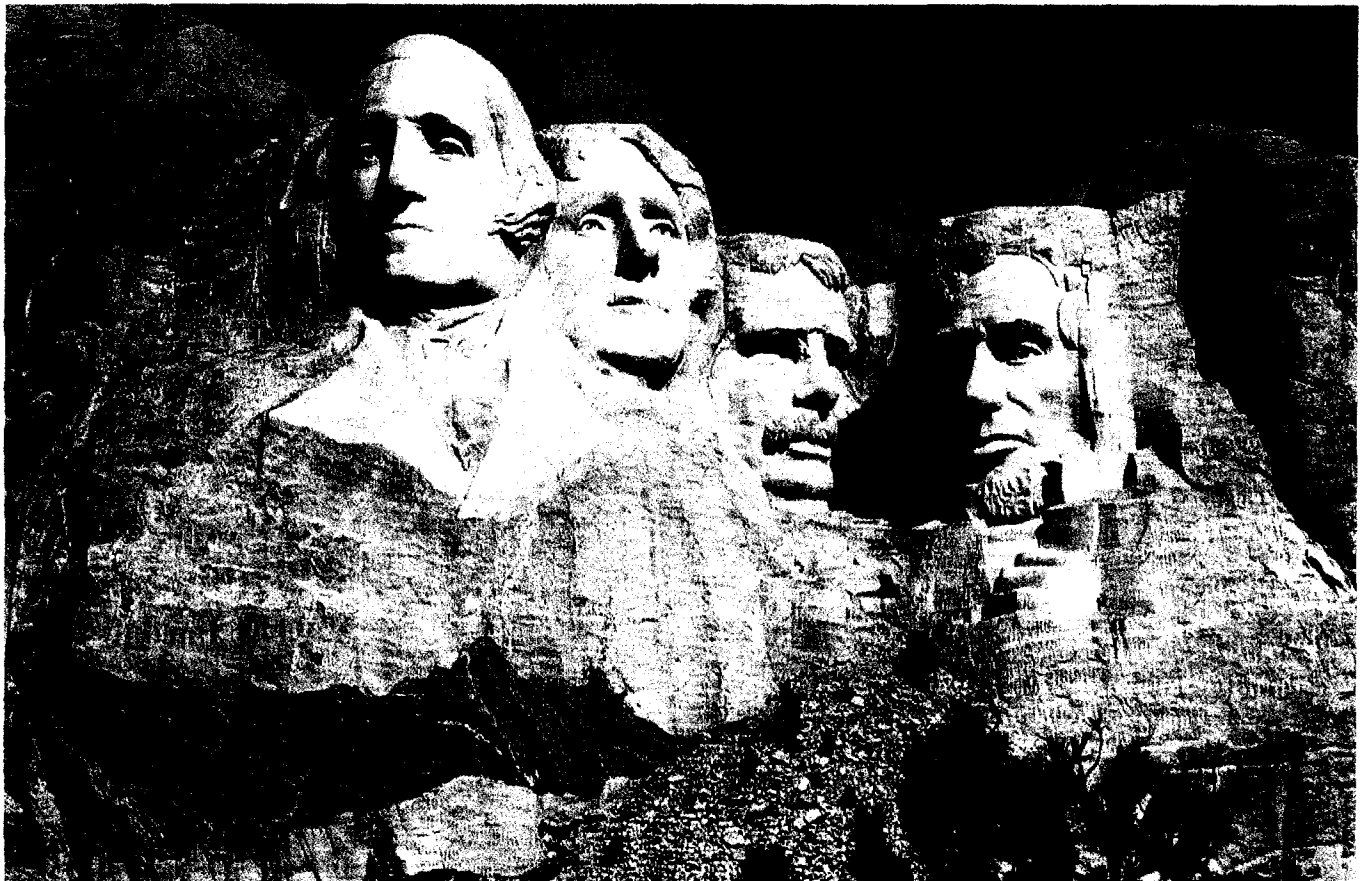
Traditional Worship Service

Church van pick up for Christian Education
and Worship: 240-362-1325

FEBRUARY 2012

Celebrate

Presidents Day



Pastor's Letter

"If you keep my commandments, you abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John 15:10-12



In February we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. It is a special time of the year when many beautiful cards, gifts and flowers are given to those we love. Many engagements and weddings take place on February 14th as it signifies for us a special day set apart for love.

As Christians, we are called to be God's love here on earth every day, not just on special days or seasons. To love God is to be obedient to God's commandment that we love one another as we have been loved by God.

At Centre Street we have been seeking to love God by loving others for many years. During our most recent Advent and Christmas seasons we made it a priority to love and care for those in need in our community by providing canned goods, turkeys, pancake mix & syrup, pork 'n beans, dried potatoes and Hamburger Helper. In talking with some of the volunteers from the Inter-Faith Food Pantry, I was told that "Centre Street is one of the most faithful churches in caring for the needs of others." In addition, Pastor Dan Taylor, said almost the same thing, "You all (Centre Street) really outdid yourselves in supporting the Rescue Mission. . . .we were able to serve many people who were in need this Christmas because of your giving."

By giving these very simple gifts of food, you said to our neighbors that they matter to God and to us. By these simple acts of kindness, you demonstrated God's love in very real and tangible ways. What a blessing you all are!

Now with the Community Dinners being served on the last Wednesday of the month and our participation in the Souper Bowl Sunday ministry of collecting large canned goods and raising money to help purchase a new griddle for the Rescue Mission, we are continuing to seek to love others for the cause of Christ.

Thank you so much for your generosity and love. While most of the people who receive help from these places of ministry never know who has given the food or the money, God knows and is blessed.

May we continue to abide in God's love by loving others as we have been loved by God!

Blessings, Ann



What's Happening

Deaths

Thomas M. Stallings December , 2011

Katherine Wolfe January 17, 2012

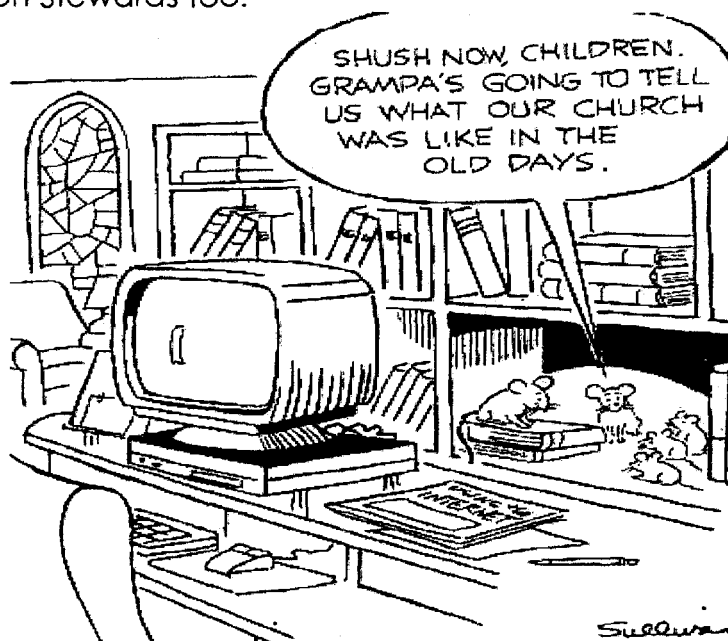
Worship Service Participants

Date	Liturgist 9:30	Liturgist 11:00	Greeters 9:30	Greeters 11:00	Ushers 9:30	Ushers 11:00
Feb 5	J Davis	M Smith		C Hunter A Wolford M Smith	H May R Russell	J Brant
Feb 12	G Heavner			A Wolford B Bluebaugh M Michael	H May R Russell	J Brant
Feb 19	K Parks	V Decker		C Hunter B Bluebaugh M Smith	H May R Russell	J Brant
Feb 26		B Gray		M Michael A Wolford B Bluebaugh	H May R Russell	J Brant

February 5—Communion Stewards—9:30

11:00

Please Note: There is still a need for Greeters, Liturgists, Ushers and Communion Stewards. If you can help please contact Barbara Bluebaugh for Greeters, Karen Parks for Liturgists, Harvey May for Ushers and Nona Sears for Communion Stewards. Couples can be Greeters or Communion Stewards too.



Some Concerns

Some concerns have been brought to our attention, so frequently that it is time to discuss them..



First: Some people feel that we need to return to one service, with the organ. Last May, the Administrative Council voted to return to two services. One of the objects of this change was to help restart our Christian Education Program. By holding the classes during the first service the parents of our children can attend church while their children are in Sunday School.

We also have been trying a newer more relaxed service with a more modern type of music, in order to make the early service more welcoming to younger people. Some of this music plays better on a piano or even a CD instead of the organ.

It was decided last May to try this for a year, beginning in September. We are only about 4 months into this year and wrinkles are still being ironed out. Some things will be changed, which brings us to the second concern..

Second: During Communion there should be no breaking the bread with bare hands. To help with this concern the Worship Committee voted to have Communion in the early service at the rail. There will still be times when Communion is by intinction, but if you do not want the bread this way, just take the cup. One note; everyone that handles the bread has washed their hands and before Communion they wipe their hands again with sanitary wipes.

Third: Many have said that there should be a vote of the congregation about the two services. The policy of the Methodist Church says that we are organized by committee for the work of administrating the church. The Book of Discipline guides us in how we work together as a church.

Fourth: No shaking hands during the winter. We understand this concern and no one is ever required to shake hands with someone else. If you prefer not to shake hands that's okay, a smile and a nod of your head is fine.

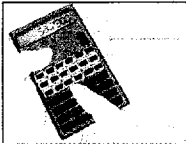
Church Trivia



World's Largest Church – Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast. It has an area of 30,000 square meters (322,917 square feet). It also has the World's Largest Church Dome, is the Tallest Catholic Church in the World and is the Largest Church in Africa.

World's Largest Church Capacity – Basilica of St Pius X at Lourdes, France. It is 200 meters (660 feet) long with a capacity of 20,000 people.

Free Tax Preparation



On February 2, 2012 Centre Street Church will once again be one of the sites for AARP Free Preparation. Please take advantage of this worthwhile program and have your Federal/State taxes prepared and e-filed by an IRS-Certified volunteer. The times and sites are as follows:

Monday & Thursday	Centre St. Methodist Church	12:00—3:30 p.m.	Walk-in
Monday	Frostburg Senior Center	10:00—2:30 p.m.	Call 301-689-5510
Tuesday	LaVale Methodist Church	11:30—2:30 p.m.	Walk-in
Wednesday	HRDC	12:00-3:30 p.m.	Call 301-724-8626

Maryland Tax day will be Saturday, February 25th. Appointments 10:00-2:00 YMCA at Kelly Road. Call 301-777-9622 for an appointment. The only taxes they do not prepare are Business or Military.

Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in Fellowship Hall. A delicious dinner was prepared by Pauline College assisted by her "kitchen crew": Barbara Bluebaugh, Joann Allen, and Karen Brant.



Pastor Dan Taylor from the Union Rescue Mission was the speaker and explained all the activities that are currently being provided by the Mission. He reminded everyone of the current crisis being experienced in this area of people in need. He explained a typical day at the Mission and all that was involved with meeting the needs of the homeless. Richard Heavner presented Pastor Taylor with a check of the donations made by our congregation to the Union Rescue Mission. The Methodist Men also gave Pastor Taylor a donation.

The Methodist Men will meet again on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Remember, all are invited including friends. See you there!!

Harvey May

Winter Uses for Hair Dryers



Wet boots, shoes, and sneakers can take on a terrible odor if left to dry slowly -- alleviate that by drying them with your hair dryer

Winter can bring frozen windows and locks -- thaw them with a hair dryer.

United Methodist Women



The UMW met on Thursday, January, 12th at 11:00am. After gathering in our Circles, we enjoyed a lovely covered dish lunch. We plan to meet again on February 9th to have our annual program on Prayer and Self-Denial given by Vice-President Margaret Michael. The lunch will be homemade vegetable soup, rolls and cake. We will cancel if it snows or Allegany County Schools are on a two hour delay. If you have any doubts, just listen to the radio. Do put us on your schedule. We are helping our church in every way we can. We are completing our effort to bring large cans of soup fixings for the Rescue Mission. Money is also needed to buy a new grill for our unfortunate neighbors. "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me."

Finance Committee



Let's start the New Year off right!! Have you turned in your "Estimate of Giving" card to YOUR CHURCH? If not, why not? This "Estimate of Giving" card helps YOUR CHURCH plan its activities and needed programs. "Estimate of Giving" cards are available at the usher's station in the Narthex.

We are in a New Year, but we are facing the same old financial challenges. A mini report follows: WE NEED \$5,700.00 WEEKLY TO MEET OUR BUDGET!!

Received Jan. 1st: \$3,491.42 Received Jan. 8th: \$5,913.49

Received Jan. 15th: \$4,116.34

YOUR CHURCH IS CONSTANTLY CHALLENGED TO MAINTAIN OUR FACILITY AND TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP DISCIPLES FOR JESUS. We thank everyone who IS currently SHARING with OUR CHURCH. Keep up the good work!!!

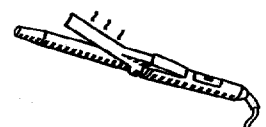
Harvey May, Chairman

More uses for Hair Dryers

Old photo albums with magnetic pages can get stuck -- unstick them with a blast from the hair dryer.

Spot-iron wrinkles by lightly dampening the area and then heating the wrinkles with your dryer.

Bonus: For wrinkled ribbons and fabric belts, employ a curling iron to straighten them out.





Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2012 this year. There will be several services and opportunities for the imposition of ashes: 6:00-8:00 a.m. Communion and ashes will be distributed.

At 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m. there will be a worship service with Communion and the imposition of ashes.

Breakfast Notes



Mark your calendars—it's breakfast time again!! Our next breakfast will be on February 11, 2012, from 7:30 am until 10 am. We had a successful breakfast in January and want to continue to do so, but we need helpers to cook, serve, eat and to donate money or baked goodies. We really need help cleaning up in the kitchen after everything is cooked and served. Come around 9 or 9:30 am, enjoy a fresh, hot breakfast and then help us clean up. Margaret Michael is head of our clean-up crew, so call her @ 301-777-3651 if you can help out. And don't forget those baked goodies—everyone loves them. Bring them to the fellowship hall on Friday or early Saturday morning.

Call Karen and Jim Brant @ 301-729-1547 or Anne and Harvey May @ 301-777-0339.



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Energizers Trips for 2012

Wednesday April 25

JONAH

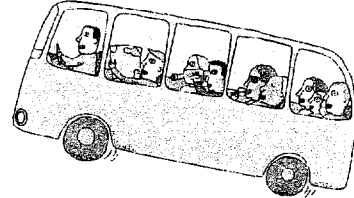
Sight & Sound Theatre

Set sail on an extraordinary journey with one of the Bible's most colorful prophets! Experience the mighty storm at sea that breaks apart an enormous ship right before your eyes. Then be immersed in an underwater world, and witness the giant fish that swallows Jonah.

Departure time: Front of church; 7:30 am

Return time: About 9:30 pm

Dinner at Hersey Farms



Price: \$95.00 includes Bus, lunch, show and gratuities.

Payment due March 22, 2012 or before

Wednesday, June 27

9 TO 5

West Virginia Public Theatre

Morgantown, WV

The Musical tells the story of three unlikely friends who conspire to take control of their company and learn there's nothing they can't do—even in a man's world. It's about teaming up taking care of business. Dinner on your own at The Olive Garden

Departure time: Front of church: 12N

Return time about 7pm

Price: \$50.00 includes bus, show and gratuities

Payment due June 1, 2012

Thursday, July 26

Mystery Trip

No clues, no promises just be there. Should be fun and different!

Departure time: In front of church 7 am (you can get up that early it's summer)

Return time: 7 pm

Price: \$75.00 includes bus, lunch, extras and gratuities.

Payment due July 1, 2012.

Saturday, August 25

COLE

Totem Pole Playhouse

Fayetteville, PA

The Life and Songs of an American Musical Legend. What can you say about a musical that contains such classics as ANOTHER OP'NIN, ANOTHER SHOW, I LOVE PARIS, WHY CAN'T YOU BEHAVE, ETC.

Departure time: In front of church 9 am

Return time about 6 pm

Price: \$65.00 includes bus, lunch, show and gratuities. Lunch at Hickory Bridge

Payment due August 1, 2012

Wednesday October 10

Flight 93

Nunsense 3

Shanksville Mountainplayhouse Jennerstown

Sister Amnesia's Country Western Jamboree is presented as a promotional tour for Sister Mary Amnesia's newly release album. This show is filled with hysterical one-liners and infectious tunes. Lunch at Oakhurst.

Departure time: In front of church 9: am

Return time: about 5 pm

Price: \$ 65.00 includes bus, lunch, show and gratuities.

Payment due September 12, 2012

ENERGIZERS 2012 TRIPS

Wednesday April 25—JONAH—Sight & Sound --\$95.00

Wednesday June 27---9 TO 5—West Virginia Public Theatre \$50.00

Thursday July 26—Mystery Trip-\$75.00

Saturday August 25—Cole -Totem Pole Playhouse--\$65.00

Wednesday October 10—Flight 93—Nunsense 3 Mountain Playhouse--\$65

Please cut this bottom list off and check the trips you would like to go on and return the slip to me. Your name will go on the trip list and if you are unable to go it is your responsibility to let me know if you are unable to go. Please see that your money gets to me on time as I have to purchase the tickets by those dates.

Send to :



Shirley Hall


212 Chestnut Lane

Ridgeley, WV, 26753

304-738-0580

February 2012

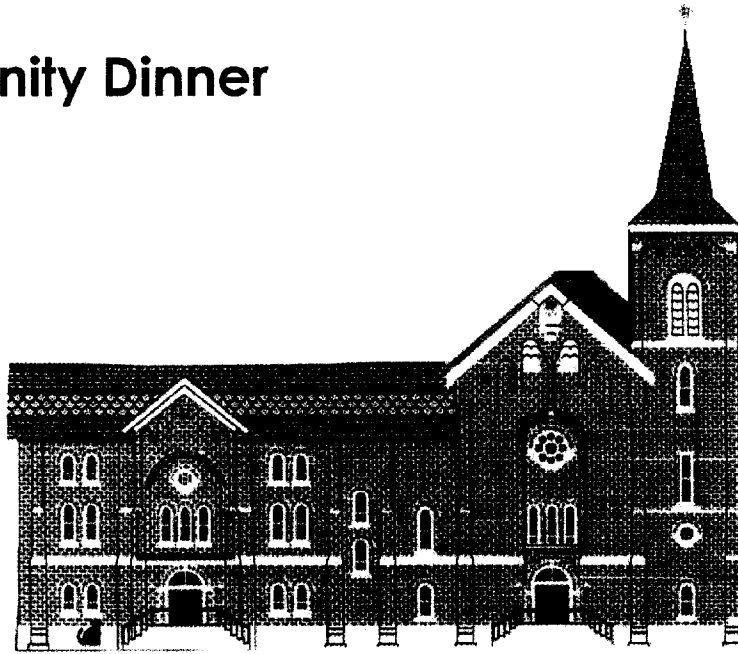
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29			
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Deadline for the March newsletter is **February 23**. Please send articles, notes, funny jokes, etc to Cathy Hunter @ cshgbh@atlanticbb.net.
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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!



Community Dinner

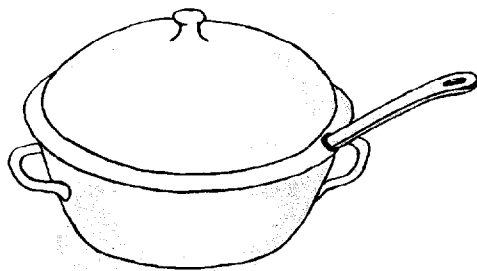


Centre Street United Methodist Church is holding a community dinner on the last Wednesday of every month. Please come join us and your neighbors from the Centre Street and Mechanic Street areas.



The dinners are free, so come and talk, play board games, watch a video with the kids, or just enjoy the meal.

Dinner will be from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. the last Wednesday of every month.





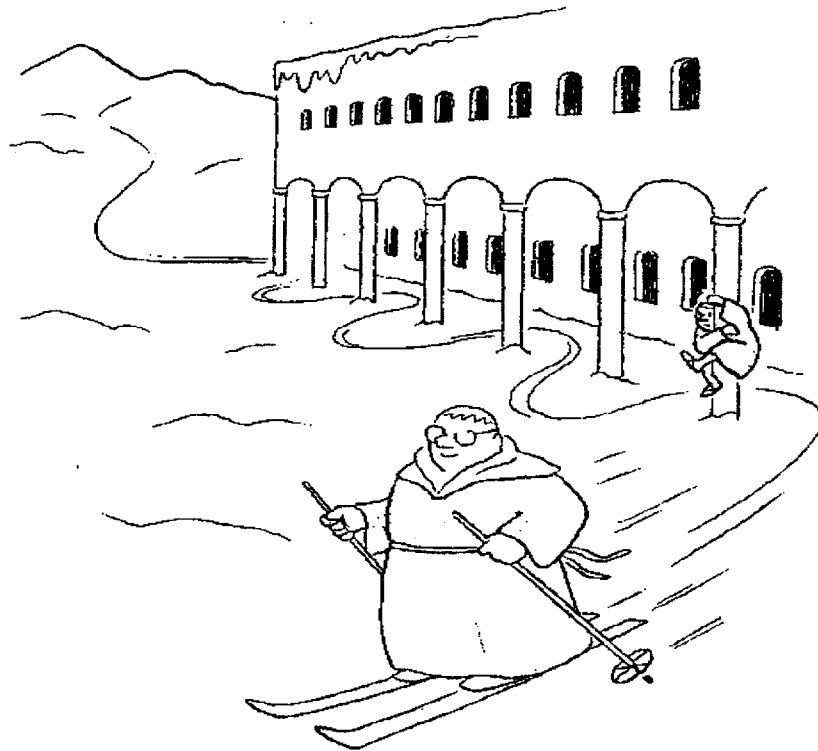
Altar Flower Openings



There are still lots of openings for flowers to be put on the altar in memory or in honor of a person or group. Following are the dates that are still open:

February 5— 1 vase February 12— 2 vases February 19— 2 vases February 26—1 vase
March 4— 2 vases March 11— 2 vases April 15— 2 vases
May 13— 2 vases May 20— 2 vases May 27— 2 vases
June 3—2 vases June 10—2 vases June 17—2 vases
July 1—2 vases July 8—2 vases July 22—2 vases July 29—2 vases
August 5—2 vases September 2—2 vases September 9—2 vases September 23—2 vases
October 7—2 vases October 21—2 vases October 28—2 vases
November 11—2 vases December 2—2 vases

Contact Penny in the church office to sign up for any of these dates.





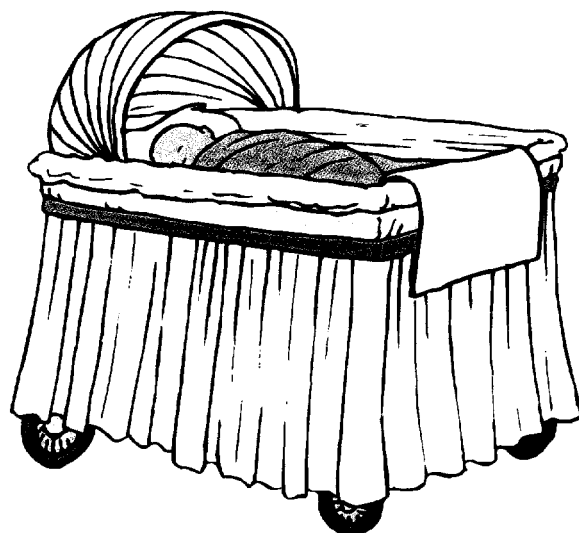
Did you know that everyday in the United States 1 in 8 babies are born too soon? Many will be too small and too sick to go home. Instead, they face weeks or even months in the newborn intensive care unit (NICU). These babies face an increased risk of serious medical complications and death; however, most, eventually, will go home.

The March of Dimes is working toward a day when all babies will be born healthy. **You can help!!!!!!**

The Allegany County March for Babies will be held Saturday, April 21st at 9:00am at the Canal Place Festival Grounds.

Please visit ww.marchforbabies.org to learn more and register your team and start fundraising today.

If your group is interested in volunteering the day of the event, please call 301-722-3867 or e-mail mschweikart@marchofdimes.com for more information



Excellent Information.....

Maryland drivers can now ADD THREE EMERGENCY CONTACTS TO THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSE so police will know who to call if an accident occurs. The emergency contact information is stored electronically on an individual's driver's license and will be available only to authorized law enforcement personnel. You can go to the MVA's website at www.mva.maryland.gov and add your three emergency contacts in just a few minutes. You will need your Driver's License Number to complete this process.

1. Go to the website: www.mva.maryland.gov
2. Go to "On-line Transactions" (upper left) & click on "More"
3. Click on "Emergency Contacts" (bottom of left column)
4. Follow prompts.



More Information

Please note - Beginning January 1st, 2012, the MVA will **no** longer be sending out Driver's License renewal notices. It's your responsibility to keep track of when it's due for renewal. And **be careful**, if you miss your renewal date for over a year, you will have to take a driver's test again! Driving without a "valid" Driver's License is considered a **MAJOR VIOLATION** & could affect your insurance premium. FYI.. Your Driver's License renews on your birthdate every 5 years!!! Check your driver's license..Is it time to renew??

Comments from Andy Rooney

I've learned... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

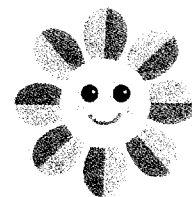
I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost, someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

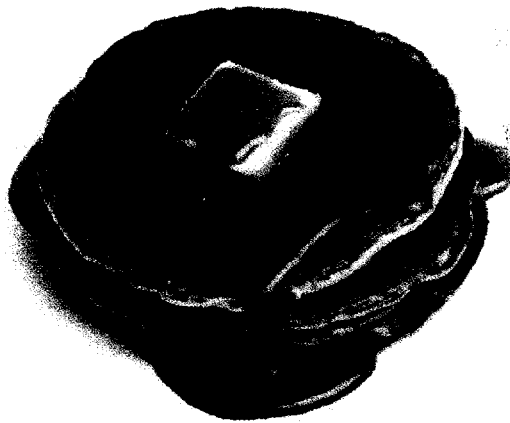
I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for



**CENTRE STREET UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL
“ALL YOU CAN EAT” BREAKFAST
AND BAKE SALE**



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

From 7:30 AM until 10:00 AM

ADULTS--\$6.00; 12 AND UNDER \$3.00; 5 AND UNDER—FREE

**MENU: Pancakes, Buckwheat Cakes, Scrambled Eggs, Potatoes,
Sausage, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy, Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa and Juice**

**BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED ON
FRIDAY/SATURDAY!**

The next breakfast will be on

March 10, 2012!!

THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PANTRY, INC.

301 CUMBERLAND STREET
CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND 21502
PHONE: 301-777-7882

January 12, 2012

Centre Street UMC
217-225 N. Centre Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

Thank You

Dear Pastor and Members:

The Interfaith Community Pantry, Inc. would like to thank your church and its members for your support. During 2011 your church and/or your church groups and individual members gave the following donations:

Monies	\$567.38
Food	172 bags

Through your donations of food and/or money, the pantry was able to serve the many individuals and families that were referred to us who were in need of emergency food. During 2011 the pantry received 1,861 referrals, representing 5,260 people. Those served this year received 34,439 items of food and 13,893 items of miscellaneous food items. Miscellaneous items, such as laundry detergent, bath soap, paper products, toiletries, and knitted hats were also donated and were distributed to the clients receiving food. People also received vouchers for perishable food that amounted to \$28,340.00.

The pantry has been in operation since the early 1960s with the help from churches, organizations, and individuals. The pantry has no paid employees, yet we are able to operate the pantry five days a week from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with the help of many volunteers. The volunteers from the area churches give of their time to keep the pantry open week after week.

Again, thank you and your members for their continued support.

Sincerely,
The Executive Board of the
Interfaith Community Pantry

Thank You

Humpty Dumpty



The students of Humpty Dumpty Learning Center presented their annual Christmas Program in early December. This year it was entitled: "God's Greatest Gift- Jesus." Toddlers through Pre-K 4 participated. Our students did an awesome job of telling the Christmas story through plays, song and poems!

Santa Claus came to visit (Thank You Danny Keeler- Penney's husband!!!). Even our most bashful, shy children sat on Santa's lap!

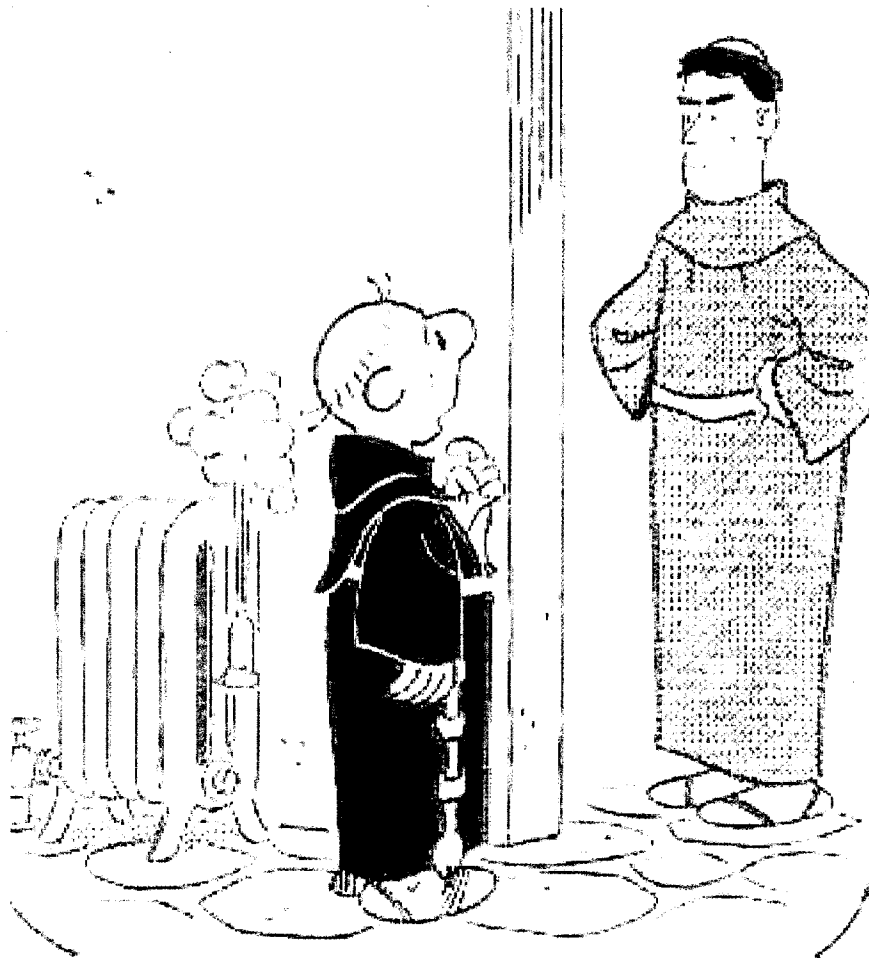
Additionally, Ms. Eva organized a "Santa Shop" for our students to shop and purchase Christmas gifts for their family members with the lesson centering on "giving to others" as God gave/gives to us.

January units of study were: Winter, Transportation and Favorite Stories.

In February, we will be learning about Presidents Washington and Lincoln in the "My Country" unit and pink, hearts, red, love for Valentine's Day.

On February 22nd and 23rd we will be distributing the order forms for our Gardner's Candy Fundraiser.

We wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day filled with family, friends and love!



"Stop whistling? Who, me?"

Santa Visited Humpty Dumpty!



Nolan



Santa & 4s

Santa & Half-Day Students



Ryan



Everyone wants to be close to Santa!



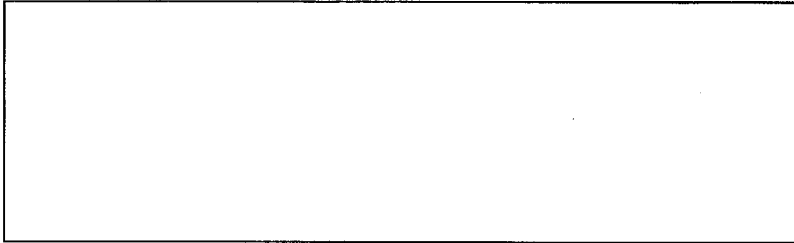
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



**"Did God invent hearts for Valentine's Day or
was it Cupid?"**

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