



# Cross Beams

News from Cedarville U.M. Church  
"Changing Lives with Jesus"

**April, 2023**

## **NEW LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE**

*What a wondrous time is Spring, when all the trees are budding; the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming. That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it; you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on. (Pass It On, No. 572 UMH)*

Indeed, everything is budding right now! A reminder of new life all around us as the colors of spring dazzle us with their beauty! Again, new life springs forth from the once-dormant plants and animals, as snow and cold give way to warmth and sunshine. Rabbits or bunnies – talk about explosion of new life!! Eggs – talk about new life as it fights to emerge!!

Yet, for Christians, Spring, with its new life draws our eyes toward Easter. An Empty Tomb – talk about God's amazing, life-giving power!!

Once again, we will move through the days of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and follow him through Holy Thursday, as he washed his disciples' feet and showed them what it meant to be his follower – willing to do the most menial task. Later that same evening, he instituted what we now call Holy Communion – the gathering at the table of our risen Lord to be renewed and refreshed for the ongoing journey of faith.

As we approach the most sacred week of the Christian year, I invite you to join me for our Palm/Passion Sunday services on April 2 at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00. Later that week, gather with me in the sanctuary for Holy Thursday service (7:30 pm), where we will offer hand-washing and Holy Communion as we remember our Lord's last gathering and meal with his disciples before his crucifixion. (The hand washing will be water poured over your hands into a basin.) Then, on Good Friday, we will gather at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary as we remember our Lord's suffering and death. Throughout the week and up until Sunday morning, I invite you to reflect anew on the meaning of these events for your own life and journey of faith.

When we meet on Easter Sunday morning (8:00, 9:30, 11:00), we will celebrate God's amazing, resurrection power that raised Jesus from the grave and offers to us the hope of life after death, life for all eternity!

In the power and name of Jesus!

*Pastor Sherry*



 Rooted in our past.  
Growing to God's future.

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Schedule

**April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday** – Join us as we rejoice and celebrate our Risen Lord! Three services, 8:00 Traditional, 9:30 Contemporary and 11:00 Traditional.

**April 16, 2023 – Children's Sunday featuring program "And the Stars Danced Around the Moon"** – Plan on joining us for a fun and exciting service! One service at 10:00. Involves children as well as adults. A Fellowship time will follow the service.

**May 7, 2023 – Anniversary of Merger** – Bob Hoffman will be preaching at all three services. A fellowship time will be held between and after services in Fellowship Hall.

**May 21, 2023 – Music Sunday** – One Service at 10:00 featuring our talented musicians at Cedarville UMC!

**July 16, 2023 – Church Picnic**

**August 6, 2023 – Sunday closest to the formation of Cedarville ME Church from Temple ME Church** – Jim Jannotti (Temple UMC) will preach – members of Temple invited to attend. There will be one service at 10:00 followed by a Pot luck luncheon.

**September 10, 2023 – Anniversary Banquet** - catered banquet as we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cedarville United Methodist Church.

**October 15, 2023 – Laity Sunday – Rise Against Hunger event.** This is a church-wide mission event that packs food to go to underprivileged countries. The morning will involve stations in the FLC with an assembly line packing the food. No regular service. .

**November 4, 2023 – Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar**

**December, 2023** – Christmas Events to be determined and announced at a later date!

# Holy Week Services and Events



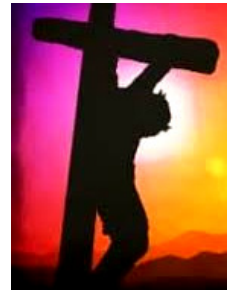
Easter Egg Hunt,  
Saturday, April 1, 2023, 11:00 a.m.  
Grounds of Cedarville,  
Rain or Shine! Bring Your Easter Baskets!

**Sunday, April 2**

**Passion/Palm Sunday – Distribution of the  
Palms and Communion**



**Thursday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Thursday Service with  
Communion – Sanctuary**



**Friday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.  
Good Friday Service, Sanctuary**



**Sunday, April 9 – Easter!  
Celebration of Our Risen Lord!  
8:00 Traditional Service, 9:30 Contemporary Service,  
11:00 Traditional Service with  
Cedarville Brass, Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, Organ  
and Piano**



## And the Stars Danced Around the Moon

A Spectacular Worship Experience Celebrating All God's Children  
Children's Sunday, April 16, 2023  
10:00 am in the Family Life Center

Remembering that Jesus calls us to let the children come to him – as well as calling each of us to become child-like in our approach to the Kingdom of God, we will do just that during this exciting interactive worship experience. The story of creation will be retold with fun and whimsy as the children (and everyone gathered!) help the story come to life. This will truly be a day to celebrate the creative power of God and the faith of all God's children! This is a great day to invite your friends and neighbors to come experience the grace of God!

Join us for cupcakes and cold drinks after the service!



## Mission First!

All of our work at Mission First wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers. We are looking for a few more people to come and join our family. Our opportunities are in the garden, helping with food pickup and the clothing closet. Additionally, we are starting a new ministry to help create memories by donating Prom/Formal attire.

As spring gets nearer, we will need a few volunteers to help plant, water and weed the garden. If you can donate an hour or two, dust off those gardening gloves and come help our community blossom! We also need someone to help with food pickup. We receive food from the Chester County Food bank every Friday, and we'll need someone with a van or large SUV to transport all of our wonderful donations. The clothing closet is looking for help on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-12. We need 1 or 2 people to help with sorting donations and handing our clothing to our community. Any hours that you have to spare would be appreciated; one person doesn't have to do all three days. If you can help, stop by Mission First or call Clare at 610-326-0560.

Our ongoing ministries continue to support our friends and neighbors. The Wednesday meals, clothing closet and Laundry Love are all a vital part of our community. Mission First would love to welcome new people into the family as we all work towards these goals.

### *Mission First needs your help!*

#### WANTED:

- Gently used prom dresses
- Formal wear
- Evening gowns
- Cocktail dresses
- Costume jewelry
- Handbags
- Formal wear accessories

#### WHY:

Help the young adults of our community make their proms and formals a night to remember regardless of their financial status by donating your gently used formal wear.



*Interested in helping?*

Contact Clare Schilling

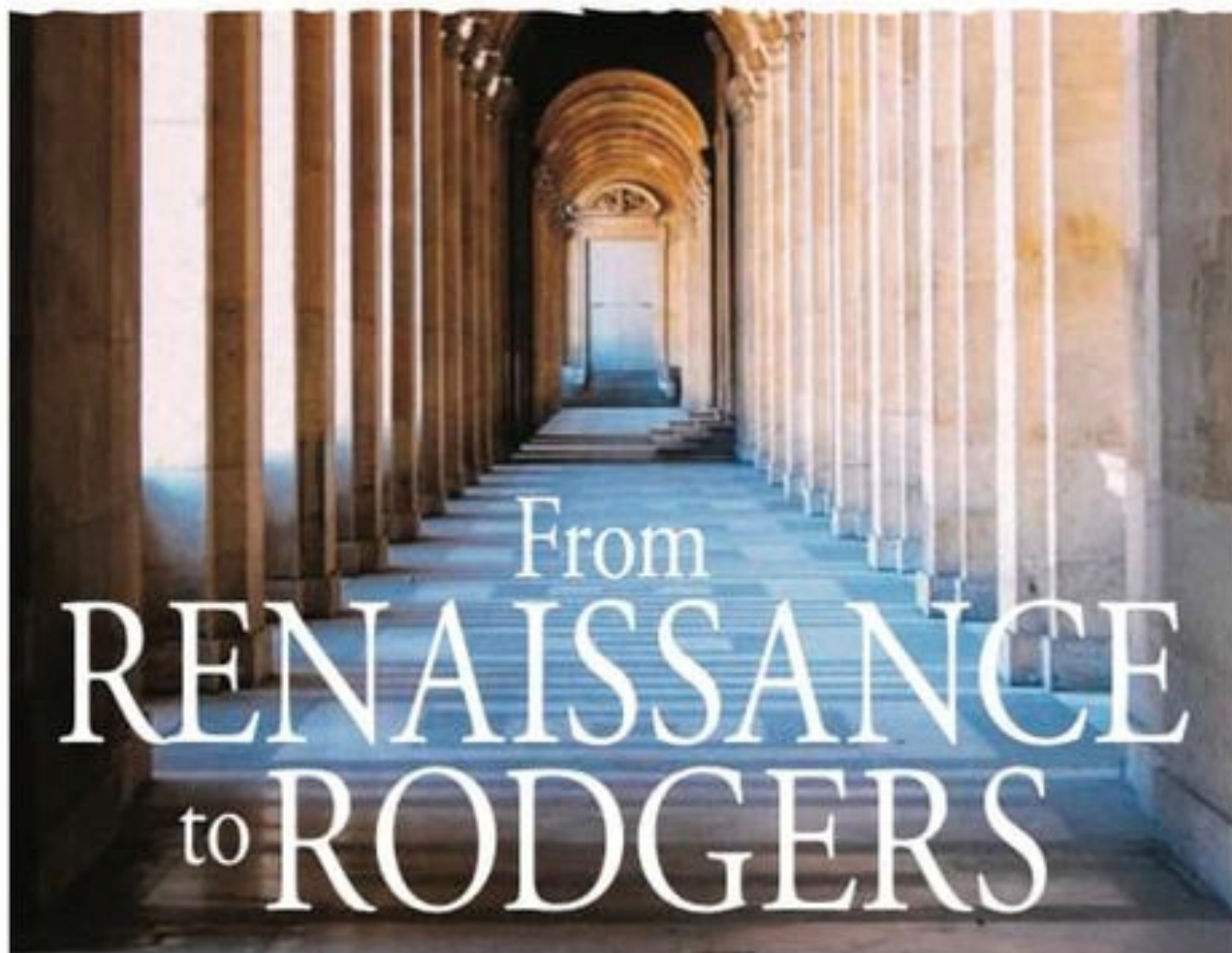
(610) 326-0560

Leave a message

or

Email [clare@missionfirstpottstown.org](mailto:clare@missionfirstpottstown.org)

COVENTRY SINGERS PRESENT



Featuring *Requiem (Op. 48)* by Gabriel Fauré  
with songs from musicals by Richard Rodgers, madrigals by Thomas Morley  
and Orlando Gibbons, African American spirituals and more

April 23, 2023 3 pm

Cedarville United Methodist Church, 1092 Laurelwood Rd., Pottstown, PA

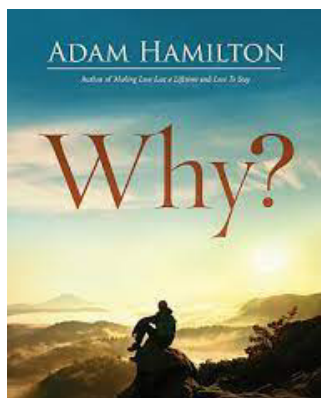
Cheryl Markofski, Conductor | Eleanor Lundy, Pianist | William Conrad, Organist | Abby Di Marino, Violinist

FREEWILL OFFERING



Coventry Singers-Pottstown PA

**New Wednesday  
Morning Study Begins  
Wednesday, April 12 at  
10:00 a.m.**



Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike?

When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations; where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to infest his creation?

In *Why?*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world. Everyone is welcome to join us for this study – Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m. in Room 103.



**Thursday Afternoon Study  
Resumes  
after Easter Break**

The Thursday afternoon 1:00 study will resume on April 13 in Room 103. All are welcome to join us!



**New Member/Inquirer Class - Sunday, April 16, 11:45-2:45** with light lunch served (following the 10:00 Children's Sunday Service). If you are interested in finding out more about Cedarville UMC, Pastors Sherry and Pat invite you to join them for lunch and an afternoon of sharing, along with a time for your questions. We will gather at 11:45 and close our time together no later than 2:45 p.m.



This is a wonderful time to get to know others. Please contact Susan in the church office at 610-326-4173 or [susan@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:susan@cedarvilleumc.org) so that we can plan for lunch and materials for the session. For those choosing to become members, New Member will be received on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to meeting with you and answering your questions.



Save the Date - Ladies of Cedarville - On Tuesday, May 9, 2023 The CUMC Women's Fellowship is having a Women's Spring Banquet, (formerly known as the Mother's Day Banquet) to honor all women. Bring your mothers, daughters, granddaughters and/or girlfriends for a time of fellowship and good food. A delicious catered meal will be served by Make It Special Catering, at 6:00 p.m. **Also, please bring a recipe card to share for the Cedarville Anniversary Cookbook!**

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Family Life Center Lobby, or in the Narthex by April 30<sup>th</sup>. List your name, phone number and the number of women attending. A member of Women's Fellowship will be in the lobbies on Sundays in April to accept your payment of \$14.00 per person. Checks may be made out to Cedarville Women's Fellowship. Call Sheila Hardin or Joanne Means if you have any questions.







## Cedarville Permanent Endowment Fund

The Light of the Lord has graced us with everything that we have. His desire is for each of us to use our time, talents, and treasures to help others in need and to provide resources and a foundation for our future disciples.

Our Cedarville Permanent Endowment Fund is to provide for future generations and to perpetuate our generosity to help others when we are no longer able to do so.

We have a generous donor who will match up to \$15,000 during 2023 into our Permanent Endowment Fund. Since it is always a good time to invest in our future, what better time to invest in our Church's future than now! With growth, over time our Permanent Endowment Fund should provide us with more gifts to be used for mission and ministry.

As we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> year: let us look to the future and make the next 150 years ever better! Please consider contributing to the CUMC Permanent Endowment Fund this year and watch our future grow brighter. Our vision for the future is amazing and exciting. Let's reach out with our loving hearts and continue these blessings with our gifts, and leave a lasting legacy for our

families, our friends, our church, our communities and our future Christians.

Blessings,  
The Finance Committee.

### Help Us find Envelope #62

The Financial Secretaries want to thank envelope #62 user for your contributions to our church. But, we have lost track of who is using envelope #62. This is our problem, however, it would help us very much if whomever has the set of envelope #62 would identify yourself so we can fix our records. Please send us an email (to [Susan@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:Susan@cedarvilleumc.org)) or write your name on the envelope next time you use it. Thank you very much,  
CUMC Financial Secretary  
Team



The Outreach Committee is looking for help on 2 upcoming projects.

### Mother's Day

Our Mother's Day project is preparing self-care bags for distribution at Mission First, Mental Health Partners, and the Salvation Army. Items and funds will be solicited from the congregation. We will need help in shopping for supplies and assembling the bags. Time

frame will be the last week of May. If interested, please contact Michelle Zieser or Diana Wisley

### Coventry Woods

Cedarville is again joining in on the fun at Coventry Woods on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up, tear-down, and sit our booth. Shift will be for 2-hour slots. We will have brochures, candy, and children's novelties to hand out. One of our Scout troops might also be joining us. If interested, please contact Diana Wisley.



Start sorting through your recipes because we will be publishing a Cedarville UMC Cookbook for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We would like to include an assortment of your current favorites along with items from previous CUMC cookbooks. If you have any photos to share they would be appreciated. You can start submitting items via email to the Outreach committee at [dianawrisley@verizon.net](mailto:dianawrisley@verizon.net) or drop a copy off in the Mission mailbox outside of the Fellowship Hall, or bring a recipe card with your favorite recipe to the Women's Spring Banquet on May 9<sup>th</sup>.







We have completed two cycles of GriefShare, a grief recovery support group, here at Cedarville Church. On May 3, we will begin our third 13-week seminar.

GriefShare is a weekly video seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow participants to talk about the content of the seminar and about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one. A modest registration fee will include a workbook with short daily questions, insights, Bible verses, and much more which can make a difference for those experiencing loss.

We have had a lot of positive feedback about the sessions we've completed. This new 13-week session will be held beginning Wednesday, May 3 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in room 105, then every Wednesday through July 26.

Tri-fold brochures are in the narthex and FLC lobby. Feel free to take a few for yourself, friends, or family members who might benefit from some support in a time of grief.

You can reach me at [griefshare@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:griefshare@cedarvilleumc.org). Also, visit the GriefShare website at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). You will see our church listed when you click on "Find a Group". This is where people

can register for our seminar. You can also call Susan in the church office for more information.  
Susan Paravis



## **SMILE!!! We want you to be in our new church photo directory!**

On April 10, 11, 12 & 13, 2023 you will have the opportunity to have your pictures taken. Location of photography event is rooms 102, 104 & 105. You will go to another room to select the pose that you want to be in the new directory. Please try to have everyone in your family present for the appointment.

Your finished photos will be available before Mothers' Day. Everyone who has photos taken will receive a free CUMC Pictorial Directory and a free 8x10 photo. Watch for more information in your Sunday Bulletins. -Sheila Hardin

## **Opening for Youth Director**

We are currently looking to fill the part time role of the Director of Youth. The Director of Youth will create programming and outreach focused on engaging the youth at Cedarville UMC. They will nurture the development of the

Youth's Christian faith and participation in organized events. We are seeking a leader who can develop a positive, trusting relationship with youth and creatively engage them with opportunities for fellowship and service in alignment with the mission and values of the church. If you are interested in learning more please speak to Pastor Sherry or Deb Kauffman. To apply please email Deb Kauffman at [Deb.Kauffman1@gmail.com](mailto:Deb.Kauffman1@gmail.com) phone 610-659-2002

**Vending Machine** - For the first time since the pandemic, the vending machine in the lower level of the FLC is restocked with a few fresh snacks and drinks!



## **Easter Flower Sale**

Scout Troop 95 will be holding their annual Easter flower sale at the Norco Fire Company on April 7, 8 and 9. For the best selections, come out on Friday starting at noon. All of the plants and flowers are locally grown and sourced.





## Walter Mouse Devotional

*Psalm 80:19... "Restore us,  
O LORD God Almighty..."*

# Thanks!

*Thank you to the Cedarville United Methodist Women's Group, and the Church at large, for the generous contributions to the fourteen families of Orchard Ridge Apartments, who have been impacted by the recent fire.*

*The Orchard Ridge staff wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the contributions that were donated to the families impacted by the recent fire.*

*Dear Pastor Sherry,  
Could you please extend my family's heartfelt thanks to all who have donated to the Church in the memory of my mother, Betty Hohl. She would be pleased to be remembered that way.*

*Best,  
Kathy Phillips  
(Betty's daughter)*

*Dear Adult Fellowship Class,  
Thank you for the donation you made to Cedarville Memorial Fund in memory of Sue. She came to think of Cedarville Methodist as part of her family. She will be missed.*

*God Bless,  
Gene and Sue's  
Children*



Bill has a band-aid on his thumb—very annoying. He can't feel stuff right and he keeps dropping little things like pens and paper clips. And he's having trouble doing things—writing, tying shoes, buttoning buttons. There's now that extra layer between his usual sense of touch and the world. No wonder he's not connecting right! Once the band-aid's gone, things will straighten out. Our relationship with God doesn't connect right either if there's an extra layer between us and Him. Layers of sin (like envy, pride, resentment and the like) keep us from our usual contact with God. As sinful spots are healed, the insulating cover of sin falls away and our connection with God is restored. Restoration—wonderful for body and soul!

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## Chocolate Easter bunny

*In a jelly bean nest,  
I'm saving you for very  
last*

*Because I love you  
best.*

*I'll only take a nibble  
From the tip of your  
ear*

*And one bite from the  
other side*

*So that you won't  
look queer.*

*Yum, you're so  
delicious!*

*I didn't mean to eat  
Your chocolate tail till  
Tuesday.*

*Ooops! There go your  
feet!*



## April Worship Helpers

### Worship Leaders – 8:00

2 – Anna Taylor  
 9 – Pastor Pat  
 16 – One service at 10:00, FLC  
 23 – John Thiessen  
 30 – Pastor Pat

### Worship Leaders – 11:00

2 – Barb Boyer  
 9 – Patti McClimon  
 16 – One service at 10:00, FLC  
 23 – Dale Sharrock  
 30 – Vicki Miller

### Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

2 – Will & Tracey Knox  
 9 – John & Joan Baxter  
 15 – One service at 10:00, FLC  
 23 – Glenn & Gale Nester  
 30 – Will & Tracey Knox

Ushers - 11:00 Worship Service April  
 Denny and Patti McClimon, Gordy Lantz and Janet Austin

### 9:30 Scripture Readers

2 – Susan Youst  
 9 – David Zarley  
 16 – Children’s Sunday  
 23 – Susan Paravis  
 30 – Sandie Armstrong

### CedarKidz/

### CedarTweenz Teachers

2 – Crissy Fiorani  
 9 – Diane Cherico  
 16 – Children’s Sunday  
 23 – Susan Morris  
 30 – Velva Zarley

### Children’s Messages

2 – Sandie Armstrong  
 9 – TBA  
 16 – Children’s Sunday  
 23 – Cindy Cebular  
 30 – Caleb Work

### April Altar Flowers

2 – Will & Linda Knox  
 9 – Dean & Barb Boyer  
 16 – Children’s Sunday in Family Life Center  
 23 – Craig Kulp  
 30 – Donor Needed



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