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

May, 2023

**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 – MUSIC SUNDAY AND SPECIAL CHURCH
CONFERENCE**
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CHURCH VOTE

Perhaps you've heard the definition of insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and hoping to get a different result. Moving to a Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS) for the leadership of our church is an opportunity to do something new and different. New for us, that is. This simplified leadership structure has now been utilized in churches of all sizes and has been found to be a blessing and a catalyst for renewed energy and excitement as, as people engage in mission and ministry rather than meetings; and, often, new ministries emerge from people with a passion, a heart for a ministry not yet being engaged at Cedarville.

The idea is to move from meetings to ministry. One saying sums it up: "Meetings produce minutes not ministry." People, and especially younger people, want to DO something, not sit in meetings. A change in our leadership structure would invite everyone in the congregation to choose several ministry opportunities where they wish serve throughout the year. Each year, a booklet would go out to every household with a listing of all ministries, a description of each ministry, and the needed time commitment. Everyone would be encouraged to sign up for a least two ministries in which to be involved throughout the year ahead. Everyone would be asked to make a 1-year commitment (rather than the current 3-year commitment to serve on a committee).

A Special Church Conference has been approved by the District Superintendent for the purpose of voting on a Resolution to change our church structure from Administrative Council and Committees to a Simplified Leadership Structure, which will include a Leadership Board of nine elected members, the pastors, the Lay Leader and the Lay Members to Annual Conference. The Resolution will be sent out for you to review prior to the Special Church Conference vote.

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The Leadership Board will meet monthly and will be the one place that people make a three-year commitment to serve. Members will be nominated by our Nominations Committee and will be confirmed (voted in) by a Special Church Conference, where all professing members of the congregation will have a vote regarding the Leadership Board members.

Sunday, May 21, is Music Sunday. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. On your way into worship, all who have taken membership vows and have joined Cedarville UMC will receive a ballot and a copy of the resolution. Immediately following the worship service, we will have a time of prayer, we will vote by completing the ballot (checking your decision). Once all ballots are turned in, everyone is free to leave. The ballots will be counted and the decision will be announced. All are welcome to wait for the results. The results of the vote will also be communicated through a church-wide email, the next week's bulletin, and the next newsletter.

The Timeline/Outline for Sunday, May 21:

9:30-10:00 – All professing members (those who have taken membership vows to join CUMC) receive a ballot on the way into worship.

10:00 Worship – Music Sunday!!

11:00 Special Church Conference called to order

11:01 Prayer

11:03 Vote on resolution

11:07 Collection of all ballots

All are welcome to leave at this time or remain to hear the results of the vote.

11:08 Count ballots

11:12 - 11:15 Announce results of vote

Questions that arise regarding the actual process of voting or about the ballots are the only questions that will be addressed that morning. All other questions regarding this potential new structure should be asked prior to May 21. You can send questions or concerns to sassy@cedarvilleumc.org (<mailto:sassy@cedarvilleumc.org>). Or, if you have not yet had an opportunity to meet with a small group for Q&A about the new structure, please join Pastor Sherry for one of the following Zoom meetings:

Tuesday, May 2, at 11:00 a.m.

Cedarville UMC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **SAS Zoom for Congregation**

Time: **May 2, 2023 11:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87591374659>

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Tuesday, May 2, at 1:00 p.m.

Cedarville UMC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **SAS Zoom for Congregation**

Time: **May 2, 2023 1:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88509458699>

Thursday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Cedarville UMC is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **SAS Zoom for Congregation**

Time: **May 4, 2023 7:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83072335612>



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

150th Anniversary Schedule

May 7, 2023 – Anniversary of Merger – Bob Hoffman will be preaching at all three services.

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 150th Anniversary of Cedarville United Methodist Church with **entertainment by the Coventry Singers!!**

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 – December 2 – Hanging of the Greens, 9:00 a.m., December 2 - Coventry Singers Christmas Concert – 3:00 p.m., December 17 – Christmas Cantata – combined choirs (Praise Team & Senior Choir)

**Highlights from the Fantastic, Exciting, Wonderful, Children's Sunday!
"And the Stars Danced Around the Moon" Starring Cedarville's Kids!
(Written and Directed by Richard Work – Thank You, Richard!!
Balloons Dedicated to all our children and managed by Caleb Work**





Thanks to all who donated balloons! The proceeds of \$525.00 was sent to Ricketts Children's Community Center in Pottstown

Mission First!

Chicken BBQ - Everyone is invited to join Mission First for it's very first fundraiser! There will be a chicken BBQ on May 20th from 11:30 to 1pm. Pickup will be at CUMC, not Mission First. Moyer's catering of Boyertown will be providing a meal including ½ chicken, a baked potato, cole slaw and a roll. All proceeds will benefit Mission First to help us with our many programs. Tickets are \$18 and must be purchased in advance. They make great gifts, so invite your friends and family to join our community! If you'd like to buy tickets, sign up after Sunday services or call Clare at 610-326-0560.

As always, Mission First couldn't survive without the generous contributions from our friends and neighbors. This month, the Hill School's A cappella Group provided a wonderful donation and Montco Pottstown made 10 lasagnas for Lasagna Love. We received donations from many Lenten services, including the Coventry-Warwick ministerium.

Even with all these donations, we still need your help! Mission First is looking for help planting our garden. We also need \$10 Wawa and McDonald's gift cards. The Clothing Closet needs bug spray, individually wrapped toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, flushable wipes, men's sweat pants, and men's jeans in 36, 38 and 40, canned soup If you can help, stop by Mission First!





Self-Care Blessing Bags for Women & Children

Our mission focus for *Mother's Day* will be Self Care Blessing Bags for the **Women and Children** who visit Mission First and the Salvation Army. We spend a lot of our resources providing needed food and clothing to those in our community, but sometimes a special touch to make people feel special is just as important. Throughout May we will be collecting personal items for

women and children. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase items to round out the bags. The specials at Bath & Body Works are a fantastic treat.

Please consider donating the following items:

- deodorant,
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- mouthwash,
- soft socks
- small shampoo & conditioner
- three-in-one soap,
- hand/body lotions
- scrubbies
- bubble bath
- hair brush, comb, hair ties, etc.
- Sunglasses
- puzzle or coloring books

Collection boxes will be available in the FLC lobby and donations can be made either online or in the collection plate. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Zieser or Dianawrisley@verizon.net Thank you Cedarville Church Family.



**Join Us for Music Sunday!, May 21, 2023
One Service at 10:00**

**Featuring:
Cedarville Chancel Choir
Praise Team
Cedarville Brass
Cedarville Handbell Choir
Organ & Piano**

This Service is in Honor and Remembrance of Betty Hohl



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 buffet, with a variety of food with chicken, beef & vegetarian, 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 30th. 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 adult and \$7.00 for children.. Checks may be made out to Cedarville Women's Fellowship. Call Sheila Hardin or Joanne Means if you have any questions.



(Dogwood Tree Planted May, 2020 in celebration of the merger)

Better Together! Third Anniversary of Merger Between First U.M.C. of Pottstown and Cedarville U.M.C

**Sunday, May 7, 2023
The Rev. Dr. Robert
Hoffman will be preaching
at all three services.**

A special treat will be given out to everyone at the end of each service.

Come and see how our dogwood tree, that was planted to celebrate the merger, has grown in the past three years.

Gift Cards

Gift Card Orders: Gift cards are one again available for purchase. Please pick up a list of cards available and an order form. In addition to your purchase of cards for gifts and your personal use, **Mission First** would also appreciate donations of \$10.00 cards to Redners and McDonalds. Redner's is not on the list, but you can add it in. **Please have your orders back by May 14th.** Thank you for your support!

Kidz' News



Vacation Bible School 2023

We are preparing for a "Stellar" time for VBS this year! We need volunteers of youth ages 14-17 and adults 18-99! If you are interested in volunteering this year, our VBS will be held Monday, July 10th - Friday, July 14th, from 9:00-12:00. Please contact lea@cedarvilleumc.org or by calling 610-996-4507. I look forward to seeing you!

Wishing the following Children a very Happy Birthday!

Gabby Babbony	5/23
Blakely Bettinger	5/24
Aubrie Bonsal	5/18
Nolan Bonsal	5/2
Brayden Grosser	5/11
Navier Samuel	5/14

A Big Welcome to All Our New Cedarville Members!

The following people were taken into our Cedarville Family on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Denise Reagan



Denise has been viewing the on-line services for over a year and a half and God led her to attend in person. She immediately felt welcomed. She has an adult son. Denise enjoys reading and especially baking.

Shirley Patterson



Shirley is so looking forward to entering into the fellowship at Cedarville United Methodist

Church. Shirley is a retired R.N. She raised 5 foster children and has 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She comes with many years experience in caring and sharing, and has always had a special place in her heart for animals (she enjoys showing dogs at American Kennel Club events) and wholeheartedly knows that with God, all things are possible.

Elizabeth (Liz) Garrett



Liz came to Cedarville as she came back to faith and found Cedarville UMC brought a feeling of being at home. The welcoming community and worship will enable her to grow and serve.

She grew up in western PA, met her husband, Steve, in Philadelphia. They have lived in East Coventry for 25 years. They have two boys, James 23 and Colin, 14. She has been teaching and serving as a teacher coach in North Philadelphia for 31 years. She enjoys reading, gardening, walking, running with their dog, yoga, eating and traveling!



Coventry Woods

Cedarville is again joining in on the fun at Coventry Woods on May 21st. 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.



Camping Opportunity

Last year we initiated a Camp Scholarship fund in honor of Amy Murphy. Amy had a passion for children and for promoting our Sunday School, VBS, and camp programs.

Our Camp Scholarships will be offered to any family of Cedarville UMC who sends their child to an EPA camp this summer. Scholarships include \$150 towards registration and \$50 for the camp store (so they can get a T-Shirt or camp photo or even a snack.)

If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please send your contact information to
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susan@cedarvilleumc.org

along with your child's name, age and the camp program they are registering for. Cedarville UMC will then forward the funds to the camp.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianawrisley@verizon.net or call 267-992-1020.

If you wish to learn more about our EPAUMC Camps, please visit innabah.org or poconoplateau.org.



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. Participants may join our seminar at any point.

You can reach me at griefshare@cedarvilleumc.org. Also, visit the GriefShare website at 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

Laity Learning

Good day Church Family,

Have you ever had a question that you would like answered but do not know where to start or a concern you do not know who to bring to? Well, as Lay Leader, I am here to help.

Please contact me at Richardwadamson@hotmail.com or 484-798-3400 with your questions or concerns. I hear many times that communication needs to be better, so I am willing to help bridge that gap.

No question is too big, small, silly, or serious. If it concerns you enough to ask, I will help seek an answer.

Yours in Christ,
Rich Adamson

Thanks!

Thank you for the wonderful chocolate Easter eggs and also thanks to those who made them and packed them!

Twila Miller

To my friends at Cedarville Church:

Thank you for the box of delicious Easter eggs. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Love,
Nancy Airey

Thank you to Cedarville Church for the delicious Easter eggs!
JoAnne & Jack Manley

*Dear Cedarville Church,
Thank you for the cards and the candy and all your prayers. I am now at home with my daughter in Lancaster County.*

Pat Martin

A big thanks to Boy & Girl Scouts, Leo Club, individual church members, & all the trustees that came out on Work Day on April 8. Bushes were trimmed, weeds were pulled, mulch was spread in gardens and around trees, and the curb was cleaned & painted, underground pipelines from rain gutters were cleaned, windows were washed, & signs were installed. Everyone enjoyed the donuts, breakfast bars, coffee, tea, hot chocolate & water.

Many thanks!
Jay & Betsy

*To Whom It May Concern
Thank you for the wonderful Easter eggs that were delivered to me. God Bless.*

Love, Betty Hoffman



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Troop 95 will be holding their annual Mother's Day Flower Sale at the Norco Fire Company on Schuylkill Road. We are selling on Friday, May 12th from 5-7, Saturday, May 13th from 9-5 and Sunday, May 14th from 9-1. We will have a great assortment of flowers and hanging baskets all locally grown.

Walter Mouse Devotional

Psalm 90:14...Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love...

We woke up to a lovely cool morning, with the sun shining gently on the garden and a gentle breeze ruffling the leaves. As we strolled around it, enjoying the simple beauty that surrounded us, we found a large bee clinging to the front of a birdhouse, peacefully soaking up the sun before beginning its day. What a wonderful way for us to begin our days, too—by taking a moment even before getting out of bed to peacefully soak up the Son. I'm sure it would make our days better, too!



April Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders – 8:00

- 7 – Anna Taylor
- 14 – Pastor Pat
- 21 – One service at 10:00, FLC
- 28 – John Thiessen

Worship Leaders – 11:00

- 7 – Lisa Harner
- 14 – Susan Morris
- 21 – Elaine Lambert
- 28 – Betsy Wright

Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

- 7 – Will & Tracey Knox
- 14 – John & Joan Baxter
- 21 – One service at 10:00, FLC
- 28 – Glenn & Gale Nester

Ushers - 11:00 Worship Service

**Joanne Means – Head
Usher**

9:30 Scripture Readers

- 7 – Benita Holden
- 14 – Marilyn Knight
- 21 – Music Sunday
- 28 – Rich Adamson

CedarKidz/ CedarTweenz Teachers

- 7 – Diane Cherico
- 14 – Sandie Armstrong
- 21 – Crissy Fiorani
- 28 – No Sunday School (Memorial Day)

Children's Messages

- 7 – Diane Cherico
- 14 – Lea McCullough
- 21 – Margaret Lerch
- 28 – Vicki Miller





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