



Cross Beams

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

June, 2023

MOVING FORWARD WITH THE SIMPLIFIED ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD

As you may recall, on Sunday, May 21, our Special Church Conference resulted in an overwhelming vote of approval by the church to move forward with the Simplified Accountable Structure for our leadership. (Only full, professing members of Cedarville UMC, who were in attendance for the church conference, were eligible to vote.) The official tally of the vote is as follows:

Vote for moving forward with the Simplified Accountable Structure	= 99
Vote for retaining the current Ad Council/Committee Structure	= 6
Abstentions (blank ballot)	= 1

The next steps are to lay out and implement the next part of this journey. The transition includes nominating those of our membership who will constitute the nine elected members of the Leadership Board beginning January 1, 2024. In addition to the nine elected members, the Board will include Cedarville's Lay Leader (Rich Adamson), our Lay Member to Annual Conference (Frank Cebular), and Pastor Sherry.

The Committee on Nominations and Leadership will undergo training for the process of interviewing candidates for the Leadership Board. [Watch for details](#) regarding the requirements and commitment involved in serving on the Leadership Board. (The requirements and commitment information will be sent out in the near future.)

Members of the congregation may nominate someone you know who fulfills the requirements and is willing to agree to the commitment involved in serving on the Leadership Board. Anyone may self-nominate.

We just celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit upon God's people at Pentecost. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would come upon this congregation, in our day, in new and mighty ways as we seek to follow God's leading into the future for God's people here at Cedarville and for the community and world around us!

Be blessed!

Pastor Sherry for the SAS Team

Rich Adamson
Tammy Bowman
Frank Cebular

Peggy Moser
John Waclawsky
Diana Wrisley

Pastor Pat
Pastor Sherry



150th Anniversary Schedule

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.

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

September 10, 2023 – Anniversary Banquet - catered banquet (catered by Bause Catering) 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)



Mission First!

Thanks to our community, Mission First's very first fundraiser was a success! We've had so much help from so many people to enable us to serve the needy in our community. Even with this help, we have a few remaining volunteer opportunities so you can help make Pottstown a nicer place to live.

The Chicken BBQ raised over \$2,600 to help us minister to the needy in our community. We appreciate Moyer's catering for providing the wonderful food. Our other volunteers this month include our friendly garden elf who generously planted the community garden. We welcomed 20 6th graders from the Alliance Christian School who made sandwiches and enjoyed a tour.

While looking forward to this summer's events, we need to make sure that Mission First is looking its best. We are looking for a volunteer to power wash the front of the building. We have the power washer; all we need is your help! We are continuing to collect formal and semi formal wear to give a unique experience to area teens.

Our food pantry gives out a lot of bottled water in these warmer temperatures, going through 3 cases per day. Any donations would be appreciated. The clothing closet needs bug spray, wrapped toilet paper, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, razors, flushable wipes, shaving cream, men's sweat pants, men's boxers, kitchen needs are cases of water, and peanut butter. If you can help, stop by Mission First or call Clare at 610-326-0560.



Music Sunday

What a gift are our musicians!!! I am giving thanks to God for the amazing gift of worship through music that all of our musicians provided for us on Sunday, May 21! God uses music to touch us in ways that nothing else can. Music stirs us at the core of our being and helps us to connect with God in deep ways that go beyond all words.

My deep appreciation goes to all who offered their gift of music - our choir, handbells, brass, and praise team, as well as our "guest" singers Ashley Vogel and Lee Fisher, and Merry Sands, who offered a powerful rendition on the organ, in a duet with Chris Vogel on piano.

I especially want to lift up our amazing and dedicated music leaders here at Cedarville (listed alphabetically):

Kathy Ballein 🎵 - Chancel Choir

Tom Lambert 🎺 - Cedarville Brass

Lori Snavelly 🛎️ - Handbell Choir

Chris Vogel 🎹 - Organist, Pianist, Choir Accompanist, Director of Contemporary Worship/Praise Team 🎸🎤🎧

We are so very blessed to have each of these amazing musicians serving here at Cedarville. When you see them, share your appreciation for them and for the gifts they offer to enhance our Sunday morning worship.

Pastor Sherry



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School 2023, July 10-14

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!

Our Graduates

High School Graduates



Cecilia Burg

Cecilia is graduating from Pottsgrove High School. She will be attending Penn State, University Park and pursuing a degree in Sports Management. She is a member of National Honor Society and lettered in varsity sports for both Field Hockey and Lacrosse.



Eva Burkholder

Eva Burkholder is graduating with honors from Owen J. Roberts High School.

During her senior year, she was President of the Musical Board, Vice President of the Spanish Club, Secretary and Section Leader of the Choir, Tap Choreographer and member of the Show Choir (The 7-Ups), and member of The Gavel, Leo Club, and Reading Olympics. Eva has been inducted into the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National Social Studies Honor Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

As a junior, she was the recipient of the Harvard Prize Book Award for excellence in scholarship, high character, and achievement in other fields. In 2018, Eva made her regional debut in Matilda the Musical at the Walnut Street Theatre and returned in 2022 as Dance Captain of Disney's Moana, JR. Additionally, she has performed at SALT Performing Arts, Steel

River Playhouse, The Barley Sheaf Players (also served as Teen and Youth Representative), Facetime Theatre, and Firebird Theatre.

Eva is a dancer with Beat Addikts United, a hip hop entertainment company, and choreographer for OJR musical theatre productions and local theaters. Eva has committed to Northwestern University where she will study Dance, International Studies, and Theatre. Eventually, she hopes to pursue a Master's Degree in Arts Administration.



Dhanayah Rivera

Dhanayah is graduating from Owen J. Roberts High School, and, will be attending Cedar Crest College in Allentown in the fall, studying Criminal Justice and Crime Science.





Finn Purtle

Finn graduates from OJR and will be attending Bloomsburg University where he will study Biology- pre-med. He has been accepted into Bloomsburg's Honors program and was recruited to their track team.



Nicholas Valoret

Nicholas graduated from The Hill School on Saturday, May 27th. He received the Excellence in Chemistry Award as well as Deans List for the 2022-2023 school year. He will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in upstate New York to major in Mechanical Engineering, this coming Fall.



Alex Wood

Alexander "Alex" Edward Wood
Graduating from: Technical College High School - Pickering Campus with a 4.0 GPA – (6/5)
Owen J Roberts High School (6/9)

TCHS: Student of the Quarter
TCHS: Berwind Aviation – Awarded Class Leader, certificate, trophy, and tool for his field of study which he was very excited about
TCHS: National Technical Honor Society (being inducted on 5/24)

He has been accepted to the Penn College of Technology.

- PRIMARY MAJOR: Building Automation Engineering Technology (BMS)
- SECONDARY MAJOR: Electrical Technology (EL)

College Graduates



Laura Fioranni

Laura Fiorani earned her B.S in Early Grade Education with at minor in Literacy from West Chester University. She earned Summa Cum Laude honors. Laura is certified to teach Pre K through 4th Grade and is looking for a public school teaching job in the area.





Olivia Fiorani

Olivia Fiorani earned her B.S. in Kinesiology from Penn State University. She was on the Dean's list every semester. Olivia plans to start graduate school either this fall, or the fall of 2024, to work towards her Doctorate in Physical Therapy



Madison Roberts

Madison graduated from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology with an Associate's degree in Electronic Engineering Technology Summa cum Laude. Madison has accepted a position at Lutron Electronics Inc

Doctoral Degree



Tracey (Hine) Recigno, daughter of Elaine and Tom Lambert, is a May 2023 graduate of the University of South Dakota with a PhD in Health Sciences (her second PhD). She is currently the Director and Associate Professor of the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu, Hawaii, developing the program from the ground up. In addition, she is a certified accreditor for the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and a weekend per diem occupational therapist at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.



Outreach Committee.

Father's Day – June Mission Project



How many times in the Bible do we hear the Lord say *Walk with me* or the phrase *Walk with God*? We understand that he is asking us to follow him. But, for many the physical walk is very difficult through the streets of Pottstown when you don't have shoes.

During June, we will be **collecting sneakers** for distribution at Mission First and for Ian's Boots. Please bring in new or lightly used men's and women's sneakers to the lobby of the FLC or drop them in the shopping cart in the narthex. The most needed sizes are Men's 10 and larger. If you prefer to help with a monetary donation, you can do so through the offering plate or online selecting "Father's Day". If you gave any questions, please contact Diana Wisley at 267.992.1020 or dianawisley@verizon.net.

Thank you – CUMC Outreach Committee.



Camping Scholarships

Our Camp Scholarships will be offered to any family of Cedarville UMC who sends their child to an EPA camping 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.) In the past MANY of our Cedarville kids and youth attended camp (especially Camp Innabah) and have reported it was a great experience – one that they'll never forget. Your child, too, can enjoy this Christian experience! Please take advantage of this opportunity.

This Scholarship was started last year in honor and memory of Amy Murphy. Amy had a passion for children and for promoting our Sunday School, VBS, and camp programs.

If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, please send your contact information to 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 wish to learn more about our EPAUMC Camps, and what camps are offered, please visit Innabah.org or poconoplateau.org.

Submit Your Recipes



Church Cookbook

We are still accepting recipes for our Cedarville UMC Cookbook that we will be publishing for our 150th Anniversary. We are especially looking for recipes for soups and salads at this time. You can submit your recipes to dianawrisley@verizon.net or there are recipe forms in the narthex and the FLC lobby – please leave these forms in the blue baskets that are provided.



Cedarville Nursery School Accepting Applications for Teaching Position

The Cedarville Nursery School is looking for a new Preschool Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Applicants must have a valid Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate preferably in Early Childhood or

Elementary Education. A Special Education degree is also accepted. The teacher will have their child abuse history clearance and a criminal record check done at the beginning of their employment at the expense of the nursery school. Salary is to be determined by the Nursery School Board.

Pre-Kindergarten classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with both morning and afternoon classes. The 3 year old classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday, with both morning and afternoon classes. For further information, please contact Crissy Fiorani at 484-332-6759 (preferably via text or call) or email at cchfiorani@aol.com.



A New Session of GriefShare has Recently Begun

GriefShare is a weekly video seminar combined with a small group discussion time and workbook. It is a support group for those experiencing the death of a loved one. Our third 13-week session started on Wednesday, May 3, and will continue every Wednesday until July 26. We meet from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in Room 105. It's never too late to join our group. To register, visit the GriefShare website at www.griefshare.org. For more information, look for brochures in the narthex and FLC lobby.

Safety Message from Trustees

Safety Reminder: The numbers at all enter/exit doors have been installed, inside and out, as a safety effort in case of an emergency. In time of need, location is very important for first responders. Knowing your location, via closest access entry on this large campus, may be lifesaving. Please be aware of them and tell someone in time of need.

Thank-you, CUMC Trustees



Thanks!

The Mission First Operating Committee would like to thank everyone that purchased tickets or made donations during our first chicken BBQ fundraiser for Mission First. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$2,616 to support our mission efforts in the community. Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and expressions of sympathy on my brother's passing April 13th. As difficult as it is to lose a sibling, it's a blessing to no longer see

him suffer and know he's in a better place.

Judy & Pete Culshaw

We want to send out deepest appreciation for Music Sunday and all the hours and effort given by everyone. It was a wonderful time of worship through the joy of music and we know many people spent a lot of time making it happen. Thank you to each of you.

Judy & Pete Culshaw

Dear Cedarville,
Thank you so much for both the Christmas and Easter treats for us seniors. They were shared with others and greatly appreciated.

Thank you again,
Betty Brehm

Hi Cedarville,
Received a box of Easter candy today and appreciate the treat. Thanks to the nice lady who was so kind to delivery it. It made my day!

Thank you
Alma Murphy

We (my sweet tooth and I) thank you for the delicious Easter eggs I received. I will enjoy them in the weeks (perhaps days) to come.

Walter Kochel

A BIG Thanks for the walker bags that you and your church crew donate to Careplex!! We really appreciate it! You guys are the best!!

Peggy Worobetz
Dantonio
Careplex

Dear Cedarville Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$250. The Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities will

direct your donation to the area of greatest need.

Jacqui Good
Executive Director

Walter Mouse Devotional

2 Samuel 22:29...the LORD turns my darkness into light.



We were visiting a friend last week when Bill accidentally bumped into a touch-light. He didn't do it any harm, but he was surprised when it came on without a switch. He got kind of fascinated by it, and stood there touching it off and on for a moment. One touch: on; one touch: off. He soon lost interest in it, and we went on with our visit. As the guys got into conversation, my mind wandered back to the touch-light. Just the gentlest touch brightened the whole room. It's often the same in life—people light up, too, when touched by another caring, gentle hand.





June Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders – 8:00

4 – Anna Taylor
11 – Pastor Pat
18 – Judy Pfeffer
25 – John Thiessen

Worship Leaders – 11:00

4 – Judy Culshaw
11 – Barbara Boyer
18 – Elaine Lambert
25 – Susan Morris

Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

4 – Will & Tracey Knox
11 – John & Joan Baxter
18 - Ken Good
25 – Glenn & Gale
Nester

Ushers - 11:00

Dale, Jenny, Logan &
Grant Sharrock

9:30 Scripture Readers

4 – Cindy Cebular
11 – Peggy Moser
18 – John Waclawsky
25 – Diane Cherico

CedarKidz/ CedarTweenz Teachers

4 – Sandie Armstrong
11 – Susan Morris
18 – Crissy Fiorani
15 – Velva Zarley

Children's Messages

4 – Sandie Armstrong
11 – Cindy Cebular
18 – Caleb Work
25 – Dale Sharrock



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