



Cross Beams

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

July, 2023



Many of us have similar experiences that we associate with summer. We go to beaches, we go to mountains, we go to lakes, and we go on road trips. Even with online streaming available, that travel can reduce our connection to the church—and possibly even with God.

When we look in the Bible, however, we often find *people on the go*. We read about landscapes similar to our own vacation spots that were part of our Bible ancestors' everyday lives and travels. With half a world and thousands of years' distance, it can be easy to feel detached from that environment. Reading deeper, however, we also see the Spiritual significance of these places and their images in the story of God's work and salvation. Do we experience the same sense of significance when we are going from place to place in our own world? Can we imagine ourselves in the story of God's salvation by getting in touch with the imaginations of the Bible characters themselves?

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“Summer Settings” is a 6-week summer sermon series that looks at four common summer experiences that we have today, blending Old Testament themes and New Testament experiences to show how the ground we tread can point to the stories we cherish. The Bible’s references to shorelines, lakes, mountains, and travel are many. I invite you to explore a few of them this summer.

- July 2 Mountains I **(HOLY COMMUNION)**
 1 Kings 18:22-39 (Elijah on Mount Carmel)
- July 9 Mountains II
 John 4:7-24 (The Woman at the Well)
- July 16 Lakes and Streams I - **One Worship Service – FLC, followed by Church Picnic**
 2 Kings 5:1-14 (The Healing of Naaman); Joshua 12:1-3 (The Sea of Galilee)
- July 23 Lakes and Streams II
 Mark 1:16-28 (The Calling of the Disciples and Casting out Demons)
- July 30 Oceans I
 Jonah 1:1-17 (Jonah’s Flight and the Storm)
- August 6 = **One Worship Service in our Sanctuary with Temple UMC - (HOLY COMMUNION)**
 Pastor Jim Jannotti Preaching
 Followed by Pot Luck Lunch with members of Temple UMC]
- August 13 Oceans II
 Acts 27:27-44 (Paul’s Shipwreck)
- August 20 Road Trips I – **Pastor Pat Preaching**
 Genesis 12:1-9 (Calling of Abram)
- August 27 Road Trips II
 Acts 9:1-19 (Saul’s Conversion)

Church Picnic



You are Invited to the All-Church In-Door Picnic!

Please join us for our annual church picnic on July 16th, following the 10:00 service in the Family Life Center. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share – hot dogs, rolls, condiments and drinks will be provided. Tables will be marked as to where to put your donation when you arrive. If your salad needs refrigeration, please place in the kitchen refrigerator. The picnic will be held in the Family Life Center – anyone who can help set up tables after the service would be greatly appreciated!



Vacation Bible School 2023, July 10-14

“**Stellar – Shine Jesus’ Light**” – Blast Into VBS With Jesus - Monday, July 10th-Friday, July 14th from 9:00-12:00 noon for kids 4 years old-5th grade. Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they’ll have a blast shining Jesus’ light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that’s light years of faith-building fun. If interested in volunteering for VBS, or to register your child/children, please contact Lea McCullough at 610-996-4507 or lea@cedarvilleumc.org or register at Cedarville’s website – www.cedarvilleumc.org



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150th Anniversary Schedule

July 16, 2023 – Church Picnic – See Article on Page 2

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 in the Sanctuary followed by a Pot luck luncheon in the Family Life Center.

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)



You are cordially invited to Cedarville's 150th Anniversary Banquet! Bause Catering will be catering the banquet. Two different kinds of tickets are available – Regular Buffet and Vegetarian Buffet. Regular Buffet Menu is: Staten Island Chicken with Pasta and Broccoli, Classic Beef Shepherd's Pie (gluten free), Mixed Green Salad tossed w/vinaigrette (gluten free, dairy free), Fresh Fruit Salad (gluten free, dairy free), Honey Ginger Carrots, Dinner Rolls with Butter, and an assortment of Amy's Dessert Slices. The Vegetarian Buffet is the same as the Regular Buffet, except the entrée will be Grilled Vegetable Lasagna. Cost of the dinner is \$18.00 (regular and vegetarian) for adults, \$10.00 for children 5-12 and under 5 is free.



Following the dinner, we will be entertained by the fabulous Coventry Singers, presenting some of their most beloved songs! Cedarville hosts Coventry Singers rehearsals and some of their performances, and we are thrilled that we have been able to host this talented choir through many years.
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Tickets will go on sale starting July 16th following the Family Church Picnic in the Family Life Center, and will be on sale through August following services or can be obtained in the church office. The deadline to purchase tickets is August 27th.

Plan to join our celebration of 150 years of ministry of Cedarville with your church family.



St. James Methodist Episcopal Church – Foundation Laid in September, 1873
(Later renamed Cedarville United Methodist Church)

Historical Note – Why we celebrate the 150th Anniversary in September:

On August 4, 1873, action was taken to establish a Board of Trustees for the mission church in Cedarville under the new Pastor, Rev. Joseph Sleeper. Through this action Temple became the “mother church” of St. James Methodist Episcopal Church. The first Board of Trustees moved quickly to build a suitable sanctuary for the fledgling congregation. George Wanger, one of the first Trustees, offered the board a one-half acre of ground. The ground was given on the provision that the ground be used for a two story building (no one knows why it had to be a two-story building). In **September of 1873**, the foundation of St. James had been laid in Cedarville, and thus establishing the church that is now known as Cedarville United Methodist Church.



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Mission First!

It's a busy summer here at Mission First! We are working on some overdue building repairs and improvements. Over Memorial Day, we were able to meet many of our friends and neighbors at a wonderful picnic. As always, none of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers who come in faithfully every week to do God's work.

Our community room has received new lighting thanks to Jay Wright, Ralph Oister, Ron Fellows and Carl. Starting on July 17th, the clothing closet will be getting new paint and new carpet. Our volunteers request that large donations are limited during this time due to space concerns. The closet should reopen around August 7th.

The Memorial Day picnic was a wonderful chance to fellowship with our community. We were able to provide 225 meals and get to know so many of our friends and neighbors. None of this would be possible without our wonderful volunteers. The Charlestown UMC women made 6 lasagnas for Lasagna Love, and Kendra donated a few more. Veggies have been generously provided by New Hanover Lutheran church and they're really appreciated. We even had an abundance of cabbage donated so our volunteers spent a day making stuffed cabbage.

Our continuing ministries are still in need of your support. In this hot weather we go through a few cases of water a day, so donations are always welcome. We also need bath towels, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, razors and men's underwear size large. If you'd like to donate or help, stop by or call Clare at 610-326-0560.



Volunteers making Stuffed Cabbage



Memorial Day Picnic

Hear God's whisper at Laity Academy, August 4-5

United Methodists of Eastern PA may hear God's still, small voice speak to their minds and hearts with new knowledge and fertile aspirations when they attend EPA's annual Laity Academy August 4-5, at Eastern University in St. Davids. [Register by July 22](#). The nine courses offered—including four new courses—comprise the core Christ Servant Ministry categories of Speaking, Leading and Caring, along with the Basic Course.

Welcome to Our New Members!



Chris Vogel

Chris started attending Cedarville UMC as the organist in 2007, soon after the birth of his son, Evan. After serving in that role for a few years, he was asked to lead the contemporary worship team at the 9:30 service. He has enjoyed the opportunities to worship with his parents and siblings, and their families at Cedarville throughout his tenure. He has been an organist since

1993, spent part of his career as a teacher and now enjoys sharing his gifts as a musician and director of technology for the Church Farm School in Exton. Chris has three children, Evan, Reese and Brooks, and lives in West Chester with his wife, Ashley.



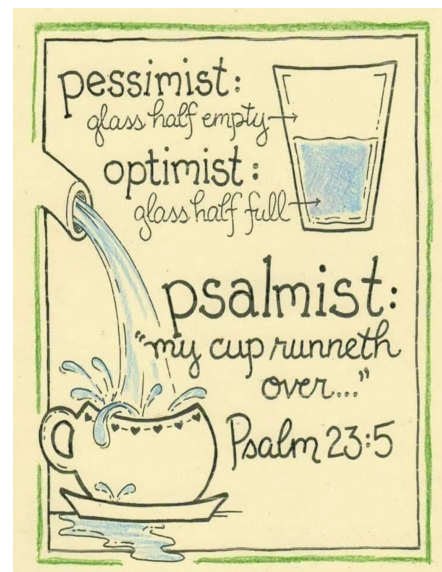
Anna Vogel

My faith journey started when my mother always took me and my sisters to a nearby Lutheran church every Sunday. When I was 3 years old, I began singing in the Cherub Choir. When that church moved to another town, we all started to attend a Baptist church nearby. While there, we attended the youth group – Christian Endeavor - and I joined the girl scouts who met at the church. They also had a campership program for any children interested in attending a Baptist Christian Camp one week for free by memorizing selected scripture passages of the Bible. I had the privilege of earning free camperships and when I was 11 years old, I accepted

Jesus as my Lord and Savior. A few years later, the Baptist church closed its doors and moved to Newtown Square and built a new building. When I was 14 years old, we moved to Southwest Philadelphia and lived there for 25 years and could walk to the nearby Baptist church. That church eventually closed down also.

Charles and I began worshipping at Cedarville after our son, Chris, became the organist.

Ever since I started attending Cedarville UMC, I was inspired by the music of the chancel choir, and wanted to become a member of the choir. I finally did join, and singing in the choir has been one of the best highlights every Sunday. I also enjoy reading the King James Version of the Bible, as well as listening to Christian music stations on the radio. When I have time, I also enjoy watching quiz shows like Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune and Old Comedy shows on TV.



Outreach Committee



Father's Day Project

Thank you to everyone who supported our Father's Day/June Outreach project. We collected enough shoes and donations to restock Mission First. If at the end of summer, or anytime during the year, you have extra sneakers, shoes, or boots to share. Please remember we can always use them.

Also, thanks to all who supported and contributed to our Mother's Day project.

Thank you – CUMC Outreach Committee

St. Matthew's Clothing Closet

CUMC has been supporting the clothing needs in the Reading Area for the past 6 years. If you have **any** clothing (men's, women's, children's, business or casual) that you are considering donating, please remember that both Mission First and St. Matthew's UMC can use the clothes. If you drop them off in Room 102, we will sort them and forward to the 2 Outreach centers.

Thank you – CUMC Outreach Committee



Woven Mats for Homeless

CUMC has received 2 looms for making mats for the homeless from the residents at Douglass Village. The mats are made by recycling plastic store bags. We first take the bags and turn them into PLARN (plastic yarn) before we weave the mats. So – the most important item we need are plastic bags. **All colors** of plastic bags. If you go to Shady Maple – we love their **blue** bags. Shop Rite has bright **yellow**, and the **brown** bags from Home Depot look like wicker. Of course anything from Giant, Weis, Wegmans, Walmart help fill in the designs. Please leave your bags in Fellowship Hall. As an extra help, if you can fold them it would be a GREAT time saver. Thanks for helping to kick-start this project.



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.

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

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 drinks, appetizers, cookies and candy** 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.



Thanks!

Dear Cedarville Church Friends,

Thank you for the cards that were sent to me and thank you to all that signed them. It is so nice to know I have friends at Cedarville Church. I haven't been there since the pandemic, but hope to come back.

*God Bless,
Betty Ewing*

Phone Thanks - A phone call was received from Forest McGarry, who said he got a walker bag from the sewing

group three years ago, and he wanted to express how much he appreciated. He said it is the "most wonderful", "best thing" ever. He just got out of hospital and using a walker and said how much it has helped him.

Walter Mouse Devotional

Psalm 91:4...He will cover you with his feathers...



This morning Bill found the tiniest feather. It was about quarter inch long and quite fluffy. It was a down-feather—the ones nearest to the bird's body. Their job is to keep the bird warm, kind of like a personal comforter. Birds also have body-feathers—the ones that give them their distinctive color. Those protect them from wind and rain and help insulate them from the cold. Then there are the flight feathers—for...well...flying! It's amazing how God has provided for their needs. He's like a feather to us, too—sometimes offering warmth and comfort, sometimes offering protection, and sometimes giving us flight. It's amazing how he's provided for us!



July Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders –

8:00

- 2 – Anna Taylor
- 9 – Pastor Pat
- 16 – One Service Only - FLC
- 23 – John Thiessen
- 30 – Pastor Pat

Worship Leaders –

11:00

- 2 – Dale Colledge
- 9 – Lisa Harner
- 16 – Judy Pfeffer (10:00 Service)
- 23 – Betsy Wright
- 30 – Vicki Miller

Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

- 2 – Will & Tracey Knox
- 9 – John & Joan Baxter
- 16 - One Service Only - 10:00, FLC
- 23 – Glenn & Gale Nester
- 30 – Will & Tracey Knox

Ushers - 11:00

Dale Colledge – Head Usher, Joan Colledge, Vicki Miller and Rob Mutschler

9:30 Scripture Readers

- 2 – Gordy Lantz
- 9 – Susan Morris
- 16 – Clare Schilling (One service only at 10:00)
- 23 – Chip Harpold
- 30 – Brenda Fronheiser

CedarKidz/

CedarTweenz Teachers

- 2 – No Sunday School
- 9 – Diane Cherico
- 16 – Susan Morris (one service at 10:00)
- 23 – Diane Cherico
- 30 – Sandie Armstrong

Children’s Messages

- 2 – Pastor Pat
- 9 – Diane Cherico
- 16 – Vicki Miller (one service at 10:00)
- 23 – Margaret Lerch
- 30 – Cindy Cebular



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