



Cross Beams

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

September, 2023

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH SEPTEMBER



September 3rd - Combined Community Worship at the Grove at Shenkel UCC (a church with which we have a shared history) – 10:00 a.m.; bring lawn chairs, a finger food to share at Coffee Hour, your regular Cedarville offering, an offering for our Mutual Concerns for the World, which will go to the Cluster

September 5th-8th – Cedarville UMC 2024 Ministry Team Catalog being mailed to homes

Watch for your Ministry Team Catalog, then take some time to prayerfully discern how God wants to use your gifts and talents for building God's realm in Cedarville, in Pottstown, and beyond.

1. Prayerfully read through the Catalog
2. Go through the Commitment Form:
 - a. Check off all ministries in which you are currently serving and wish to continue serving in 2024
 - b. Check off any new ministries in which you plan to participate in 2024
 - c. If you are not currently serving in any ministries, please consider checking off two areas of mission and ministry to which you will commit your service in 2024



September 10th - 150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday

10:00 a.m. - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE with Bishop John Schol preaching. We will celebrate Holy Communion together. Our Praise Team, Cedarville Brass, and Choir will provide uplifting music along with Chris on Organ and Jean on Piano!!

Debut of Anniversary Hymn written for Cedarville UMC's 150th Anniversary Celebration

5:00 p.m. – Anniversary Banquet catered by Bause Catering
Celebration of our 150 years of Mission and Ministry
Singing
Entertainment by Coventry Singers

Our Journey through September - Continued

September 17th – Back to Church Backpack Blessings

Blessing of Backpacks for all students
Prayer blessing for students
Prayer blessing for those in education
Bibles given to 3rd and 7th graders



Throughout September - Nominations for our new Leadership Board for 2024

Nominations remain open through October 2.

Please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve in this capacity.

You may self-nominate. You may nominate another, with their permission.

Please return Leadership Board Interest Forms to sherry@cedarvilleumc.org

150th Anniversary Schedule



September 10, 2023 – On September of 1873, the foundation of St. James had been laid in Cedarville, thus establishing the church that is now known as Cedarville United Methodist Church. This is the special day that we celebrate 150 years of ministry! Bishop John Scholl will be bringing the message to us that morning at a 10:00 Worship Service. That evening we will continue the celebration with the **Anniversary Banquet** - catered by Bause Catering with **entertainment by the Coventry Singers!!**

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

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. (Please see insert regarding this event.)

November 4, 2023 – Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar, November 19th – Thankful Sunday – One service only at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This service will give everyone a chance to express what they are thankful for about Cedarville as we celebrate our anniversary. We'll be singing the Thanksgiving hymns to raise our voices in thanks! You will also have an opportunity to express your thankfulness by making a donation to Mission First. This service will be in place of the Wednesday Eve Thanksgiving Service. Following the service, we will have a Fall themed Linger Longer in the FLC where we will share apple and pumpkin treats! Bring something with apples or pumpkin in it!

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!

Now that colder weather is approaching, Mission First is preparing to serve the changing needs of our community. Our newly restored clothing closet will play a huge part in this! As always, none of these efforts would be possible without all the support from our wonderful Mission First family. Words cannot express our appreciation for all your efforts.

After a long renovation process, our clothing closet is now ready to serve our friends and neighbors. The new paint and carpet are wonderful, but we need your help to provide warm coats for the coming cold weather. Last year we gave out over 100 coats to the needy, and we need your help to restock the shelves.

Please consider donating a useable coat from your closet or visiting our Amazon wish list to purchase a new one.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3SVCY8SW5ZNN9?ref_=abls_nvfly_yl

Our on-going ministries have received some wonderful donations from generous friends. Mission First would like to thank the New Hanover VBS. The kids donated 1,134.60 to help their community. Rich and Jen from Threefold Blessing donated a pallet of water. Aram Ecker used his time and skills to handle the sewer issues. The Mission First community is amazing, and we are so grateful for each and every one of you!

Mission First needs your help to continue our community service! Our food needs include pudding cups, jello cups and \$10 Wawa and McDonalds gift cards. The clothing closet needs winter coats, men's gloves, men's ball caps, deodorant and bug spray. We are also looking for a few tents. If you'd like to help, stop by Mission first, call Clare at 610-326-0560 or email clare@missionfirstpottstown.org.

Safe Sanctuaries Seminar to Review New Policies – September 16, via Zoom

The Eastern PA Conference is offering a training on the new Safe Sanctuaries legislation that was passed at Annual Conference in May. It is an online/Zoom webinar event. All persons who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults, as well as all staff should plan to attend.

Attend the **EPA Safe Sanctuaries seminar** on Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m. to noon, offered via Zoom. The 3-hour session will cover EPA's new Safe Sanctuaries policies, approved at Annual Conference, and the new Vulnerable Adults policy. Receive .3 CEUs for participation.

"Safe Sanctuaries is vital for all our congregations," says the Rev. Jacqueline Daniszewski, who chairs the EPA Safe Sanctuaries Committee. "This new training event will include updates to our policies. All participants will receive the PowerPoint training slides and other useful information. For those who offer training at their local church, the PowerPoint is very detailed for that purpose." Contact her for more information at pastorjackiedd@gmail.com.



Celebrate
Your Gifts
Our Ministries
God's Plan

Save the Date: Sunday, October 8th! You won't want to miss the upcoming Celebration of Ministry Sunday on October 8th right after the 10:00 combined service.

We are celebrating all of our volunteers (the angels of our church)! This will be a fun event when we will show our appreciation for all that you do and all that you plan to do in the coming year. You will receive tickets for each volunteer activity you've done during 2023 and for each volunteer activity you plan to do in 2024. You may use the tickets to win prizes. We'll have yummy food and desserts. Cedarville families will bring their favorites to share. Look for more information in the coming weeks! Let's all come out and show our appreciation for the "Angels" of our church!



We have offered the GriefShare program for a full year here at Cedarville Church, hosting 3-13 week sessions. The positive feedback we've received has indicated we have helped many individuals who are grieving a loss. We're ready to start a new session on September 6.

What is GriefShare? It's 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 group 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, and Bible verses which can make a difference for those experiencing loss.

Our next session will be held every Wednesday evening from September 6 through December 6 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in room 105. 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 email 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 information. – Susan Paravis



New Bible Study Opportunities this Fall

Monday Evening Bible Study, Starts September 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Monday evenings, starting September 18 in Room 103 as we study **Nehemiah**, led by Richard Work. All are welcome!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

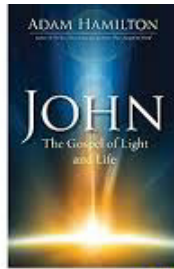
The Wednesday Morning 10:00 Bible Study will begin Sept. 20, led by Cheryl Markofsky. The will be studying, **John, The Gospel of Light and Life**. All are welcome!

New Testament Study Wednesdays at 1:00

Frank Cebular will be facilitating a discussion group on the New Testament at his 1:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon class. They will be starting up on September 6, 2023, and end on February 14, 2024. This is a 24-session study, and we will use a Great Courses video lectures to start each week's discussion. The lecturer is Professor Bart Ehrman from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This is a college level course which looks at the New

Testament from a historical perspective, bracketing questions of belief and theological truth to acquire a historically rich grounding for our understanding of these foundational documents.

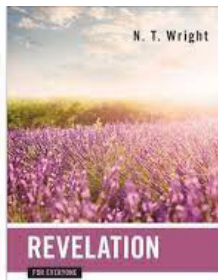
Anyone interested is invited to join the class..



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Thursday Afternoon Bible Study September 14, 1:00 p.m.

The Thursday afternoon class will start on September 14 at 1:00 p.m. and will be studying, **John, The Gospel of Light and Life**. All are invited to join us.

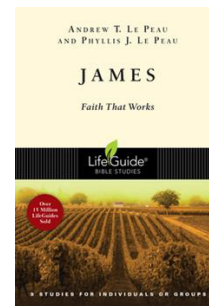


Revelation for EveryOne By Tom Wright Thursday Evening Bible Study

The Thursday evening Bible Study will start on Thursday, September 14 from 5:30-7:00.

Tom Wright explores the book of Revelation. With clear, accessible language, Wright offers us an entrance into the final book of the New Testament. While the book of Revelation has often been written off as a foretelling of doom, it is much more complex than this and has captured the imaginations of both lay and professional readers.

Each short passage is followed by a highly readable discussion with background information, useful explanations and suggestions, and thoughts as to how the text can be relevant to our lives today. Anyone is invited to join us.



James – Faith That Works

Pastor Pat's Friday Zoom class, at 10:00 a.m. is doing a study of the book, **James - Faith That Works** by Andrew LePeau and Phyllis LePeau. This is the kind of **faith** that **James** writes about. It is a **faith** that we must practice day by day. This nine-session LifeGuide Bible Study by Andrew and Phyllis Le Peau on the teaching of James will help us grow a steadfast **faith** that can carry us through all the ups and downs of life.



Music – A Vital Part of Our Worship Experience at Cedarville



Bell Choir

The Bell Choir will begin their rehearsals on Thursday, September 14. Time for the rehearsals, for September, will be 6:00 p.m. The bell choir performs on the second Sunday of each month.



Chancel Choir

Happy FALL! It is time to get our singing voices back in shape so we are inviting all who love to sing praises to our Lord, to join the chancel Choir. We will meet at our usual time on Thursday evenings at 7:15 in the parlor.

Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 7. We will be preparing a special anthem for

our 150th Sunday service. It will be "Jesus Is the Living Stone".

This year we will try something new by having an extra practice once a month after the 11:00 service on only the first Sunday of the month, starting October 1.

Anyone who can't come out at night on Thursdays is invited to come learn the anthems for the month.

We will also be working on a cantata to be sung with the Praise Team in December.

-Kathy Ballein



Praise Team

The Praise Team not only brings joy and spirited music to our services, but also reflective worshipful songs. Anyone wishing to join us, either instrumental or vocal, is welcome to attend practices on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Cedarville Brass Quartet

The Cedarville Brass will continue to raise their melodic sound on the third Sunday of each month at the 11:00 Traditional Service.

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.



Our Compassion International Child, Isaac, is Growing!

Isaac became our Compassion International Child in March, 2015, when he was 8 years old. Because of our sponsorship, not only is he growing physically, but is growing spiritually, cognitively and emotionally, too!



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. **The deadline to submit recipes is September 15.**

Walter Mouse Devotional

Ezekiel 34:2b...Should not shepherds take care of the flock?



With summer marching to an end, we're starting to see signs of fall. We passed a sign for a craft workshop that was supposed to say, "Come in and Make a Scarecrow," but the "s" had fallen off and it read, "Come in and Make a Carecrow." What a great idea! Even if life, instead of putting together things to scare others away (angry words, judgmental comments, harsh looks) we can build things that minister to their needs (smiles, words of encouragement, helpful service). What a swell fall project!



Black Rock Retreat Center

Women's Fall Retreat Black Rock Retreat Center September 29-Oct. 1

For those signed up to attend the retreat, just a reminder that registration begins at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29th. You will want to allow 1 hour and 15 minutes driving time from Cedarville UMC. For your GPS: the address for Black Rock Retreat Center is: 1345 Kirkwood Pike, Quarryville, PA 17566

We will share dinner together at 6:00 p.m. at the retreat center. See email from Pastor Sherry regarding more information about the weekend. We look forward to seeing all the ladies at Black Rock!



Black Rock Lake



*May your blessings
be as countless as
the Autumn leaves
falling.*

Thank You

Cedarville Family,

Thank you for your caring cards, phone calls and emails after the passing of my sister.

Thanks to the Cedar Sowers for their compassionate words and the Peace Lily.

*Many years ago, my sister sent me a framed saying :
"Sisters, . .
Are God's way of telling us;
we will always have a friend."*

Ginny and I lived our time together as best friends even though we were 3000 miles apart.

-Karen Baum

A big "thank you" to Colter McPhie and the members of Troop 95 for painting and staining the railings leading into St. James House. It looks awesome, and what a difference!

*Susan Morris
Office Administrator
St. James House*

September Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders – 8:00

3 – Anna Taylor
10 – One Service at 10:00
17 – Judy Pfeffer
24 – John Thiessen

Worship Leaders – 11:00

3 – One service only at 8:00, then Shenkel service at 10:00
10 – One Service at 10:00 – Elaine Lambert
17 – Dale Sharrock
24 – Lisa Harner

Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

3 – Will & Tracey
10 – One Service at 10:00, Sanctuary
17 – Ken Good
24 – Glenn & Gale Nester

Ushers - 11:00

10 – Patti Kinard, Gayle Fryling
17 – Patti Kinard, Caleb Work, Rob Mutschler, Gayle Fryling
24 – Shirley Patterson, Rob Mutschler, Gayle Fryling

9:30 Scripture Readers

3 – 8:00 service only, then Shenkel service at 10:00
13 – One Service at 10:00 - Sanctuary
17 – Cindy Cebular
24 – Marilyn Knight

CedarKidz/ CedarTweenz Teachers

3 – One service at 10:00 at Shenkel
10 – Diane Cherico – one service at 10:00
17 – Crissy Fiorani
24 – Sandie Armstrong

Children's Messages

3 – One service at 10:00 at Shenkel
10 – Diane Cherico – one service at 10:00
17 – Cindy Cebular
24 – Caleb Work



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