



Cross Beams

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

October, 2023

PRAYER AND DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

Read these words from New Testament scholar Tom Schreiner, and think about what God does when we express our dependence on God through prayer:

***Prayer recognizes complete dependence upon God**, and thus the apostles, as the leaders of the church, were to devote themselves particularly to prayer. Peter and John prayed that the Samaritans might receive the Spirit, which would advance the kingdom. Saul was praying when Ananias entered and healed him, so that he would be set free for ministry. And prayer was offered before Cornelius and his friends received the Spirit. Paul and Barnabas were called to the first intentional mission to Gentiles when they were fasting and praying. And churches were established and secured through prayer.*

*Clearly, in Luke and Acts there is a close connection between the advance of the kingdom and prayer. The kingdom does not arrive through human invention or contrivance; it is a stunning and miraculous work of God, and **the prayer of the early church signaled absolute dependence upon God**. Furthermore, prayer played a significant role in key turning points (e.g., Pentecost, the inclusion of the Samaritans and Gentiles) in the mission of the church.**

Does your prayer life indicate that you are fully dependent on God? Are you at a major turning point that necessitates prayer? (Continued on Page 2)

May we turn our hearts to God in prayer today and every day and fully depend on the One who created us, loves us, and uses us to share that love with the world.

*Thomas R. Schreiner, *The King in His Beauty: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments* (p. 493). Baker Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

150th Anniversary Schedule



 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 3 – All Church Christmas Dinner, 5:00 p.m. FLC, December 17 – Christmas Cantata – combined choirs (Praise Team & Senior Choir)

Mission First!

Mission First is excited to welcome our friends and neighbors to open houses on Oct 13th and Oct 15th. Come join our community and see how you can help improve lives and make a difference in your neighborhood! The hours are 9am to 11:30am on Oct 13th and 12pm to 2:30pm on Oct 15th. Stop by and visit us at 414 High Street in Pottstown. You can tour the newly renovated clothing closet and see how we feed over 100 people every Wednesday.

Our continuing ministries are even busier as cooler weather approaches. The clothing closet is getting more visitors, and attendance at our Wednesday meals is now averaging 110-125. In order to facilitate that growth, Mission First appreciates Aram's help completing some very necessary sewer work and paving. The clothing closet has had a lot of donations this month, including some very welcome winter coats.

Mission First has been blessed to receive donations to make all of these things possible. We deeply appreciate all the friends who have given things or time to improve our Pottstown neighborhood. If you are able, please donate to the emergency housing fund through CUMC's website. Our current needs include plastic bags for our mat project, boots and winter coats. We also need men's jeans sizes 30, 32, 34 and q-tips, Band-Aids, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, travel sized tissues and men's underwear. If you can help, call Clare at 610-326-0560 or email clare@missionfirstpottstown.org



**Your Gifts
Our Ministries
God's Plan**

Sunday, October 8 – One Service at 10:00

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 light fare and desserts. Cedarville families will bring their favorites to share. We'll be sharing our thanks on the Wall of Warm-Hearted Thank You Notes to anyone who makes a difference in the life of Cedarville! Come on out and show your appreciation for the "Angels" of our church!



**Thank You Pastors!
October is Pastor Appreciation Month
Take time to write a note or say "Thank You"
to Pastor Sherry and Pastor Pat**

Brrrrrrrrrr – Cold Nights are Coming Winter Warmth Greatly Needed



Whether it's for emergency shelter, a warm blanket, dry boots or a winter coat, the Outreach Committee and Mission First seek to help assist people survive the challenges of the severe winter season. To enable us do that, we are asking for donations toward this great need.

There are many ways you can help:

- **Winter Clothing Drive**

New & Used Winter Clothing can be dropped off in the FLC Lobby. We can use Men, Women, and Children's clothes. We predominately need Men's Medium & Large; however, many in our neighborhood need help.



- Coats, Hoodies, Sweatshirts, Heavy Sweaters can be hung up on the coat rack
- Boots and sneakers can be left in the labeled Bin – *prefer sizes*

10 – 12

- Hats, gloves, scarves can be left in the labeled Bin

- **Mission First Emergency Relief Fund**

We don't know what this winter will bring, but we do know our neighbors will need help with warm housing and food. In order to serve this uncertainty, we have established a Dedicated Fund called the **Mission First Emergency Relief Fund** administered by our MF Director and the MF Operating Committee.



You can support this fund by contributing in the offering plate or online through either the CUMC Online Giving page or the Mission First website – Donate page. Make sure to select Mission First Emergency Relief.

Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need. Please know that someone's life will be greatly touched by your generosity. **Hope Starts Here** with an open hand reaching out to someone else.

Mission First Operating Committee & CUMC Outreach Committee

“Code Blue Depends on You”



**Trunk or Treat
Friday, October
27th**

6:00-7:30

Cedarville

Parking Lot

**Bring one canned
good for entry!**

Costumes!

Prizes!

Candy!

**Want to host a
car? Go to:**

**[https://www.signu
pgenius.com/go/1
0C0F48A9A922A
AFCC52-trunk1](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A9A922AAFCC52-trunk1)**



GriefShare, a weekly video seminar featuring some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics, is offered on Wednesday evenings from

6:30-8:30 in Room 105. 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.

The current session of GriefShare runs until December 6. You can join at any time. Register at griefshare@cedarvilleumc.org. Call the church office for more information – 610-326-4173.



Attic Treasurers

Hello Cedarville Family,

Attic Treasures will be back this year along with the annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on November 4th. We will start collecting your items beginning October 1st in Room 102 (below the Family Life Center). Items must be clean and in working condition. We are asking that there be **NO** drop off of:

- Old computers, monitors or TV's
- Clothing or shoes
- Refrigerators or dehumidifiers
- Baby cribs or car seats
- Exercise equipment
- Large pieces of furniture
- Stuffed animals
- Textbooks of any kind
- VHS or cassette tapes

Most of these items rarely sell and we do not have a place to dispose of them after the sale (in addition to the costs we might incur to have them picked up by the trash hauler).

We will also be seeking volunteers to help us from October 29 through November 2 move, sort and price the donated items. If you are willing to help (or have questions about items to donate), please reach out to either Elaine Lambert (610-286-6874) or catchacat2@aol.com or Sally Harpold (610-547-0556). Let's make this another successful sale for Cedarville!



Mission First Open House

On Friday, October 13th from 9:00AM to 11:30AM and on Sunday, October 15th from 12 Noon-2:30PM. Mission First is inviting everyone to come see exactly what MF is about. On Friday morning, many of the ministries will be open and operating while on Sunday, it will be more about a guided tour of the facilities. Mission First is Cedarville serving as God's hands and feet to our neighbors and the community. So please come out to see this mission and ministry that is a vital part of the church. Light refreshments will be provided, and we hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Culshaw 610-898-4635 or email kmouse928@aol.com.

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.



Thank You

Dear Cedarville Family,

I would like to "THANK YOU" all for your prayers, calls, cards, packages of jokes, and visits, while I was recovering from

knee replacement surgery. I am doing well now after a few difficult weeks. I am truly blessed with such a loving church family.

*God Bless,
Joanne Means.*



From Chester County Hospital – recipients of baby hats from our Cedarville knitters:

Dear Cedarville,

We are so grateful for your kindness! The baby hats that you sent to our Maternity unit are so appreciated.

Our babies will be given one of your hats to help keep them warm. Their parents and families really enjoy receiving them. It is evident that each hat was crafted with such thoughtfulness and love.

Gratefully,
The Maternity Team

**From Recipient of the
Cards sent to our Special
Persons each week:**

Cedarville Church Family,
It was so nice of you
to remember me in such a
thoughtful way. The Lord
bless you for your concern
for me.

In Jesus Name,
Charlene Dallas

Thank you – Continued

Dear Cedarville,

Thank you for your gift to
help further the mission of
the Central Appalachian
Missionary Conference
(formerly Red Bird
Missionary Conference).
This is a time of constant
and wonderful
transformation. God is at
work in our changing lives,
and we are working with
those transformed lives to
change our churches and
our communities.

Your donation of \$300 in
April, helps to fund ministries
that feed children and
addresses food insecurity,
clothe families, and educate
people. With the continued
support of donors such as
yourself, we will continue to
spread the good news of
Jesus Christ in this area and
to do God's work in our
mountains and valleys.

We are grateful to be a
source of God's
transformational love, power,

and grace in Central
Appalachian.

Thank you for your
generosity.

The CAMC Operational
Team

Dear Cedarville Church,

Thank you for supporting our
work with your recent
donation of \$250, which was
received from the Pottstown
Cluster of Religious
Communities. Your donation
will be directed to our area of
great need, and allows us to
help many more families.

In 2022, the Cluster served
11, 264 individuals in our
food pantry, provided
community meals for 11,935
people, disbursed enough
food for 4,396 meals per
week, and our van delivered
food to those with mobility
issues. We recently
expanded our open pantry
hours to include Wednesday
evenings in order to better
serve the needs of our
clients.

In addition to grant funding,
we also rely on your support
to provide housing and
support services to those
who find themselves
homeless. Our housing team
works tirelessly to get people
housed and prevent
evictions. In 2022 we
provided funding and
coaching services to 10,050
households at risk of
becoming homeless by

helping with back rent and/or
utilities.

Please know your donation
makes a difference.

Sincerely,
Jacqui Good
Executive Director
Pottstown Cluster

**Community News
Chester County Health
Department – 2023 Fall
Vaccination Campaign**

Registration for the 2023 Fall
Vaccination Campaign is
now LIVE on chesco.org/flu.
On this webpage, people can
now register for an
appointment, read FAQs,
download consent forms and
view Flu and COVID-19
Vaccine information
Statements.

Fall Vaccinations Campaign
Planning Team.

**Walter Mouse
Devotional**

**Ezekiel 34:26b...there will
be showers of blessing.**



Bill tosses mangled
blueberries out front in the
grass and the chipmunk
ferrets them out. We often

see him digging for treasure out there. (He- the chippy, that is-sometimes tells me how much he enjoys them!) Bill puts the blueberries there, but the chippy has to hunt for them. Our lives are a lot like that—God sprinkles all sorts of mini-treasures around us, and then calls us to be as diligent as the chipmunk in seeking them out. His blessings are free, but often require some effort on our part.



October Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders – 8:00

1 – Anna Taylor
 8 – One Service at 10:00
 15 – Rise Against Hunger
 22 – John Thiessen
 29 – Pat Goshert

Worship Leaders – 11:00

1 – Barbara Boyer
 8 – Betsy Wright – One Service at 10:00
 15 – Rise Against Hunger
 22 – Vicki Miller
 29 – Susan Morris

Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

1 – Will & Tracey Knox
 8 – One Service at 10:00
 15 – Rise Against Hunger
 22 – Glenn & Gale Nester
 29 – Will & Tracey Knox

Ushers - 11:00

The Sharrock Family

9:30 Scripture Readers

1 – Rich Adamson
 8 – Benita Holden
 15 – Rise Against Hunger
 22 – Peggy Moser
 29 – John Waclawsky

CedarKidz/ CedarTweenz Teachers

1 – Velva Zarley
 8 – Crissy Fiorani – one service at 10:00
 15 – No Sunday School – Laity Sunday/Rise Against Hunger
 22 – Sandie Armstrong
 29 – Susan Morris (9:30 only – no 11:00 Kidz Worship)

Children’s Messages

1 – Lea McCullough
 8 – Sandie Armstrong

15 – Laity Sunday – Rise Against Hunger – no regular service
 22 – David Zarley
 29 – Caleb Work



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