



Cross Beams

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

November, 2023

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

As I reflect upon this year that is flying by so quickly, I give thanks for the many opportunities we have had to share in celebration of God's work in and through the people of God in this place. Such a monumental occasion – celebrating 150 years of mission and ministry! In these past months, we have celebrated being rooted in our amazing past.

And, while this year is quickly moving towards completion, God is not yet finished with us. As we approach the new year, may we be in prayer as we discern God's guiding hand for this congregation as we step into the future God has for us. Stepping out in faith, we boldly go where God calls.

As we continue into the month of November:

We will celebrate All Saints' Sunday on November 5, as we remember those who have gone home to be with the Lord since last All Saints' Sunday.

During worship on November 5, and then again on November 12, we will have the opportunity to offer our Estimate of Giving for 2024. It is through all of our gifts that our mission and ministries continue.

On November 19, we will worship together in one service at 10:00 a.m. in our Thankful Service. This will be our Thanksgiving worship service this year. (There will not be a Wednesday evening Thanksgiving Eve service.) We will share in a time of sharing our thanksgivings with Susan's "Thankful Tree." Join us as we offer our thanksgiving to God for all of our blessings, as individuals and as the body of Christ.

Also, on November 19, there will be a Special Church Conference to approve the Nominations Report, which will present the nominated members of the new Leadership Board and the proposed members of the Nominations Committee for 2024. Those eligible to vote are members of Cedarville UMC who are present for the Church Conference.

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In November and beyond, God will *continue the good work begun in us and will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.* Amen and Amen.

Pastor Sherry



Holiday Craft Show and Bazaar

At Cedarville U.M. Church

Saturday, November 4, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(Attic Treasures opens at 8:00 a.m. and closes at noon)

Over 40 Artists with a Wide Variety of Hand Crafted Items



**Also Available from the
Women's Fellowship of
Cedarville UMC:**

Baked Goods

Homemade Soup

Homemade Lunch

Attic Treasures

150th Anniversary Schedule



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

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 or the Cluster. This service will be in place of the Wednesday Eve Thanksgiving Service.

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 & Chancel Choir)

December, 2023 – December 2 – Hanging of the Greens, 9:00

Mission First!

It's been a busy fall here at Mission First! Our events in October were well attended. It was wonderful to see so many of our friends and neighbors come out to support the community! We have received a lot of generous donations to help with winter supplies, but your help is still needed to care for the Mission First family.

We enjoyed hosting our open houses and community wellness event last month. It was wonderful to see



everyone all in one room so that the community can get a clear picture of what resources are available. The Community Wellness event would not have been possible without Joanne Washington's organizational skills.

Community Wellness Event

Mission First has received many donations from generous friends over the past month. Malva Snyder from the Church of Latter Day Saints sent 200 pounds of clothing and 2 boxes of blankets.

Genesis Housing and Key bank partnered to supply \$1,200 to help buy boots and coats. St. Thomas More provided \$1,000 to help with laundry and supplies. We've received fresh produce weekly from Mt. Caramel and New Hanover Lutheran's gardens. The incredible generosity from our friends and neighbors allows us to help our community. The Mission First family is grateful for all of these donations.

However, we still need your help. As the weather gets colder, there is increased demand at our clothing closet. Please consider donating to our emergency code red hotel housing. If you are able, please donate to the housing fund through CUMC's website. We're feeding more people than ever at our Wednesday night meals. Mission First needs your help to continue providing for our community. The food pantry needs jelly and chef Boyardee with a pop top. The clothing closet needs men's coats, boots, boxers, gloves and white socks. They also need shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, band aids, qtips, toilet paper, combs, nail clippers and Kleenex. If you can help, everyone is welcome to stop by Mission First, call Clare at 610-326-0560 or email clare@missionfirstpottstown.org.

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*

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- 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”



**All Church Christmas
Dinner
Sunday, December 3
5:00 p.m. FLC**

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Christmas Dinner. Please bring a salad, vegetable or a dessert to share. The meat, potatoes, rolls and drinks will be provided.

Join us for a time of fellowship and good food as we join together to welcome the Christmas season!!

**Also Coming in
December...**

December 2, 9:30 a.m. – Hanging of the Greens – please come out and help us decorate our facility for the Christmas Season. All help is gratefully appreciated!!

December 2, 3:00 p.m. Coventry Singers Christmas Concert – Sanctuary
Don't miss this exceptional choir as they sing in the Christmas Season!

December 17, 10:00 a.m. – Christmas Cantata by the combined Chancel Choir and Praise Team – Family Life Center
The Chancel Choir and Praise Team are busy rehearsing this year's wonderful cantata – ***Waiting on Christmas***



**Christmas is Around
the Corner!
Gift Cards for Sale!**

It's time to think about your gift giving for this Christmas. We will once again be selling Gift Cards for your Christmas gift giving, as well as your personal use, during the month of November.

Order forms and a list of gift cards is available in the Narthex and outside the FLC. Please pick one up before or after the service. Orders should be returned to the church or emailed to Sandy Eckert (sdecpa307@gmail.com) by December 3rd. Please enclose your check with your order form. If you are emailing the form, please make sure that you send a check to the church by December 3rd. Please clearly mark "Gift Cards" on your check and your envelope. For those of you that are new to this program, we have a list of gift cards from hundreds of stores, restaurants, grocery stores, movie theaters, hotels, car rentals, gas stations, cruises and much more that you can buy for your Christmas giving. They are sold at face value with a portion of that

being given back to our church. It is a great fund raiser for the church as well as **one stop shopping for you. Please support our church and buy gift cards here.**

**Save the Date!
New Year's Day
Sauerkraut Dinner**

Save the Date as Mission First will be having a takeout only Pork and Sauerkraut dinner on New Year's Day at Cedarville. Thank you to those willing to help make this possible! We hope to see everyone there!



Thank You

A special thank you from Tammy, May and Suzy: Thank you to all who were able to attend the Celebrate Cedarville Event. We hope you enjoyed the event and that you left feeling appreciated! Along with the feeling of appreciation and love, we hope it also inspired you to consider new ways to share your gifts in some of the many opportunities (Continued on next page)



Thank You -

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that Cedarville has for all of us in the New Year! We would like to send a special shout out of thanks to Jay Wright, Ralph Oister for helping with setting up the tables, Chris Vogel and Chip Harpold for AV support and Deb Kabrich for making the most important item COFFEE! We appreciated everyone's culinary donations, gift card and basket donations and their help with the clean up. Once again thank you to all of you for the gifts of your time and talents, YOU are what make Cedarville a vibrant congregation doing HIS work.

Dear Friends -

Thank you for the many expressions of love and support through cards and emails throughout the month. We know that October is designated "Pastor Appreciation Month," yet we are blessed by your ongoing expressions of encouragement and support all throughout the year. May God's Spirit guide us forward in this journey together.

Pastor Sherry and Gordy

Dear Cedarville,

Thank you for supporting our work with your recent donation of \$150.00, which was received from the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities. Your donation will be directed to our area of greatest need, and allows us to help many more families.

*Jacqui Good
Executive Director
Pottstown Cluster*

Dear Cedarville UMC

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

Your donation 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.

*Operational Team of the
Central Appalachian
Missionary Conference.*

**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.



To Make You Smile...

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are going to have a special "**No excuse Sunday.**" **Cots** will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in." **Steel Helmets** will be there for those who say, "The Church will Cave in if I ever come to church." **Blankets** will be furnished for those who say the church is too cold, and **fans** for those who think it's too hot." We will have **Hearing Aids** for those who think the pastor preaches too softly, and **cotton** for those who claim the pastor is too loud. **Score Cards** will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present. Some **relatives** will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sundays. There will be **TV Dinners** for those who cannot go to church and cook Sunday dinner, too. **One section** will be devoted to **trees and grass** for those who like to see God in nature. Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both **Christmas poinsettias** and **Easter lilies** for those who have never seen the church without them.

Walter Mouse Devotional

Mark 14:8a...She did what she could.



Bill was so busy this week that he didn't get the grass mowed. He finally went out tonight and did it, but it was getting dark by the time he finished, and he could hardly see what he was doing. He got the job done, thankfully, but in the morning we discovered that he'd missed several spots. Oh well...he'll get them next week. Sometimes, when we're doing stuff with God, we can't quite see what we're doing either. Then He asks us to do what we can and leave the final outcome to Him. Even if things don't look so hot to us, we can ask Him to redeem our mistakes and to use our imperfect efforts for His glory. He's always happy to comply.



November Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders – 8:00

5 – Anna Taylor
12 – Pastor Pat

19 – One service at
10:00 in Sanctuary
26 – John Thiessen

Worship Leaders – 11:00

5 – Patti McClimon
12 – Dale Sharrock
19 – Elaine Lambert
26 – Judy Culshaw

Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

5 – Will & Tracey Knox
12 – John & Joan
Baxter
19 – Ken Good
26 – Glenn & Gale
Nester

Ushers - 11:00

Jay Wright, Rob
Mutschler, Mary Uba
and Dale Sharrock

9:30 Scripture Readers

5 – Sandie Armstrong
12 - Brenda Fronheiser
19 – One service, 10:00
in Sanctuary
26 – Clare Schilling

CedarKidz/ CedarTweenz Teachers

5 – Diane Cherico
12 – Velva Zarley
19 – Crisy Fiorani
26 – Diane Cherico

Children's Messages

5 – Diane Cherico
12 – Sandie Armstrong

19 – Cindy Cebular
26 – Caleb Work

November Flowers

5 – The Lambert Family
12 – The Rollinson
Family
19 – Sheila Hardin
26 – Donor Needed

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