



# Cross Beams

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

**March, 2024**

## **what r u up 2?**

That is the question we have been asking, and will continue to ask, throughout this season of Lent 2024. And, more specifically, we want to focus on what Jesus is "Up To" and what are we called to be "Up To" in his name and for the sake of God's kin-dom here on earth.

As we ask these questions, I invite you also to think about "uplifting" messages you wish to send out into the world. During the offering, you can place your card with an uplifting message into the offering plates (8:00 and 11:00) or into the basket (9:30). We will gather these cards and share the uplifting message on our Facebook page and website. I am also looking to create a collage with these messages.

As we move through Lent and towards Palm/Passion Sunday and Holy Week, I invite you to join us for Sunday morning worship, as well as Holy Thursday and Good Friday services as we remember and reflect upon Jesus' journey to the cross.

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate God raising Jesus UP from the grave and conquering death for us!! On Easter Sunday, I hope that you will join us for one of several services. We will hold our 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 worship services as usual.

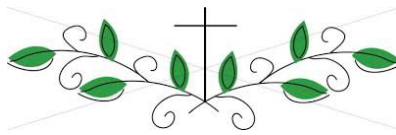
Also, I invite you to join me for a joint Easter Sunrise service with Temple UMC and Shenkel UCC. You may remember that our three churches share a past history together. Following the Sunrise Service, you are invited to join together with those at the service for breakfast in Temple's social hall. (The service is approximate ½ hour or slightly less. It is outdoors, so please dress warmly!)

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*March 3 - Lent 3: Raise Up | John 2:13-22*  
*March 10 - Lent 4: Light Up | John 3:14-21*  
*March 17 - Lent 5: Lift Up | John 12:20-33*  
*March 24 - Lent 6: Sit Up | John 12:12-16 (Palm/Passion Sunday)*  
*March 28 - Holy/Maundy Thursday – 7:30 p.m.*  
*March 29 - Good Friday – 7:30 p.m.*  
*March 31 - EASTER SUNDAY – Look Up / Mark 16:1-8*  
*6:30 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Service at Temple UMC*  
*8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 – Easter Worship Services at Cedarville*

May God's Spirit lift you up through these days!

*Pastor Sherry*



## Mission First!

As we look forward to spring, Mission First is busier than ever! We still have a few more cold days where our friends and neighbors need extra assistance, but spring projects are just around the corner. None of this work would be possible without our amazing volunteers. We are so grateful for each and every one of you! During the past month, we have received donations from The Giving Tree, Tri County Senior Center, the NAACP and Cedarville UMC. The Giving Tree donated some sock and snack rolls that were much appreciated in the clothing closet. The Tri County Seniors and the NAACP gave coats and hats which are still needed during these last cold days. Cedarville's Souper Bowl team provided canned goods and pantry items that were greatly needed.

Our spring projects and community garden will begin soon. If you have a green thumb and would like to help, call Clare at 610-326-0560 or email at [clare@missionfirstpottstown](mailto:clare@missionfirstpottstown). If you would like to help right now, our food pantry needs jelly and snacks. Our clothing closet needs men's boxers (all sizes), ChapStick and travel sized Kleenex. Once again, Mission First couldn't function without the family of volunteers that keeps on



Happy volunteers with donations!



SouperBowl 2024



### **Cedarville's New Pastor – Rev. Michael Remel**

Bishop John R. Schol has appointed the Rev. Michael S. Remel as the new pastor of our congregation. Rev. Remel will begin his new responsibilities on July 1. As a United Methodist Church we are a part of the appointment system. Our congregation's Leadership Board as Staff Parish Relations has met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills as a Pastor. We have also met with Rev. Remel to better get to know him and ask questions.

Pastor Mike is a graduate of Pen Argyl High School, has an undergraduate degree from East Stroudsburg University, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Palmer Theological Seminary. He has one son, Shawn, age 23. Pastor Mike has been in the ministry for 26 years and in that time he has served churches in Northeast and Central Pennsylvania.

One of his strongest gifts for ministry is connecting churches with their community. Other strengths include a compassion for others and the ability to engage folks in ways that will lead to faith in Christ, as well as equip them for giving leadership to some aspect of ministry in the local church. Pastor Mike has a love for history and the outdoors. He especially likes hiking and spending time with his son at their family farm in Northampton County.





## Cedarville Nights

Cedarville Nights has returned! The next one is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27th. Dinner will be served 5:30-6:30. This new Cedarville Nights will not provide dessert, so we ask you to bring a dessert to share. Store bought or homemade, a package of cookies or a cake, it does not matter!

As in the past, we ask for a donation to cover costs. As food costs have gone up, we ask for \$7, \$25 family cap. The **donation is not required**, no one keeps track. Everyone is welcome!



On Sunday, March 24, from 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., join Pastors Sherry and Pat for a light lunch and a time of sharing about Cedarville UMC, as well as meeting some of our church's leaders. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. And, this orientation session will be a wonderful time to get to know others. Please call the church office and let us know that you would like to be included in this class: 610-326-

4173 or email the church office at [susan@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:susan@cedarvilleumc.org). We look forward to meeting with you and answering your questions.

## Easter Events and Services



Saturday, March 30, 11:00 a.m.  
**Easter Egg Hunt** – Grounds of Cedarville (or FLC if raining)  
All children invited! Bring your Easter baskets to collect eggs and goodies!



## HOLY Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.  
**Holy/Maunday Thursday Service with Communion**



Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.  
**Good Friday Service**



**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

## Easter Services

6:30 Sunrise Community Service at Temple UMC  
8:00 Traditional Service  
9:30 Contemporary Service  
11:00 Traditional Service with Cedarville Brass, Chancel Choir, Handbells, and Organ and Piano Music

## Cedarville Leadership Board

The Cedarville UMC Leadership Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend any Leadership Board meeting. There may be from time to time a portion of the meeting where personnel matters or matters of legal negotiation are considered and during those portions of the meeting, the board will be in executive session.

In the event additional meetings are required above and beyond the monthly meeting, the Leadership Board will make every effort to communicate the scheduling of said meetings to the church body in advance with a reminder that all are welcome to attend any meeting.





## All New GriefShare Set to Begin in March

We have offered the GriefShare program for more than a year here at Cedarville Church, hosting four 13week 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 March 6. And we're set to use brand new GriefShare materials as we roll out the fourth edition.

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 participants guide 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 March 6 through May 29 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. 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](mailto:griefshare@cedarvilleumc.org). Also, visit the GriefShare website at [www.griefshare.org](http://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. We continue to pray for those who have attended our workshops in the past.

If you have benefited from GriefShare sessions and think you'd like to take the seminar again, now is a perfect time to come back! The new materials are sure to inspire you as you continue your healing journey.

Susan Paravis



## Farewell Farewell Retirement Luncheon, June 9<sup>th</sup> for Pastor Sherry and Gordy

A farewell luncheon will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> following the morning service. Anyone who would like to help with the planning and implementing of this occasion, please contact either Vicki Miller, [vickimiller18@gmail.com](mailto:vickimiller18@gmail.com) or Susan in the church office, [susan@cedarvilleumc.org](mailto:susan@cedarvilleumc.org) or 610-326-4173. More information will be forthcoming about this event, but mark your calendars now!

## Women's Retreat – Mark Your Calendars!

Kenbrook Bible Camp  
Lebanon, PA  
Friday, September 20-  
Sunday, September 22,  
2024



## Thank You

Dear Cedarville Friends,

*Thank you very much for reaching out to me during my recent knee surgery. The doctor discharged me today and sent me on my way. I received cards, phone calls and email which really brightened my days during my recovery. As I mentioned to Pam, a surprise call or email from someone can really brighten your day. Your continued kindness will always be remembered.*

*Sincerely  
Joanne Egrie*

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# Thank You -

## Thank You – AV Team!!

*Our continued thanks to the AV team of Cedarville for the wonderful job they do! Not only do they make the services “hearable”, and do their magic with the music audio, but they also perform a most valuable to service to those who are unable to worship with us personally, for whatever reason. Here is a recent letter we received from one of our thankful people:*

*“Due to the weather in January, I was not able to go to church in person.*

*How comforting to me that I could access your services via telephone.*

*Thank you for providing this opportunity to we people who are not “tech savy”.*

*P.S. It was nice to know during the pandemic, I could “go to church”.*

*Many thanks for the box of candy. They “speak” to me when I walk by. They are delicious.*

*Thanks again,  
Walter Kochel*

*We cannot begin to thank you enough for organizing the card shower for Alice's birthday.*

*She received 67 cards as of today & while they weren't all from Cedarville the majority were. She loved looking at them all & is so appreciative.*

*She wanted to be sure that we thanked you on her behalf. And we thank you as well. She is so fortunate to have such a loving church family.*

*Alice, Linda & John*

*Thanks to everyone who contributed to the SouperBowl Event here at Cedarville for Mission First! As always, the REAL winner is Mission First and the people of Pottstown that we serve!*

*Dear Cedarville,*

*Thank you so much for the sweet Christmas treat. It was so good.*

*Thanks again, Betty Brehm*



**Easter Lilies**

If you would like to order an Ester Lily to beautify our Easter Services, order forms can be found in both lobbies. Please check whether you want in the Sanctuary or Family Life Center. Please order with check or money in the box provided or the offering plate. (Checks should be made out to Cedarville UMC). Cost is \$12.50 per plant. Order deadline is March 18.



**Flower Sale**

Troop 95 will be holding our annual Easter Flower Sale outside the Coventry Parlor at Laurel Locks at the intersection of Laurelwood Rd and Rt 724. We are selling on Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> from noon – 6, Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 5 and Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-11. We will have a great assortment of flowers and hanging baskets.

## Walter Mouse Devotional

**Matthew 27;31...then they led him away to crucify Him.**

Bill just shrieked. (It sounded like 14 mice cheering at a ball game!!!) Anyway—it seems he was cutting his toenails with a clipper and cut into his little toe instead of the nail. I cringe to think of how that must've felt. Had to hurt!! He's gotten it taken care of but he said it's really sore and it bled a lot.



Another time I cringe is when I think of hammer and nails, the Cross and the King—love holding fast for us.

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**March Worship  
Helpers**

**Worship Leaders –**

**8:00**

3 – Anna Taylor  
10 – Pastor Pat  
17 – Judy Pfeffer  
24 – John Thiessen  
31 – Pastor Pat

**Worship Leaders –**

**11:00**

3 – Vicki Miller  
10 – Barbara Boyer  
17 – Patti McClimon  
24 – Susan Morris  
31 – Elaine Lambert

**Ushers - 8:00 Worship  
Service**

3 – Will Knox  
10 – John & Joan  
Baxter  
17 – Ken Good  
24 – Gale & Glenn  
Nester  
31 – Will Knox

**Ushers - 11:00  
Worship Service**

Sheila Hardin, Rob  
Mutschler, Tom & Elaine  
Lambert

**9:30 Scripture Readers**

3 – Sandie Armstrong  
10 – Gordy Lantz  
17 – Brenda Fronheiser  
24 – Susan Morris  
31 – Clare Schilling

**CedarKidz/  
CedarTweenz Teachers**

3 – Diane Cherico  
10 – Diane Cherico  
17 – Crissy Fiorani  
24 – Sandie Armstrong  
31 – Susan Morris

**Children's Messages**

3 – Sandie Armstrong  
10 – Cindy Cebular  
17 – Dale Sharrock  
24 – Lea McCullough  
31 – Diane Cherico



Luke 24, 1-4

*On the first day of the week at early dawn, they went to the tomb taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their face to the ground, the men said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead?'*



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**Sunday Services: 8:00 Traditional, 9:30  
Contemporary, 11:00 Traditional**  
**Sunday Morning Christian Education: 9:30 Adult**  
**Sunday School, 9:40 CedarKidz & CedarTweenz**  
**11:10 Kidz Worship**

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