



Cross Beams

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

April, 2024



*What a wondrous time is Spring, when all the trees are budding;
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming!*

These words came to me as I thought about the beginning of this new season. Spring speaks of new life and new beginnings! In the season of spring, we welcome the newness all around us – flowers bursting forth with color, birds chirping their songs, nests and eggs, and green everywhere! Later, we say farewell to these signs as the earth prepares for a season of hibernation. Transitions.

We, here at Cedarville, are in a season of change. And, to that end, I have put together a Pastoral Transition Team as we walk this journey over the next few months, this journey of change.

Pastor Mike Remel and I have spoken and have begun to prepare for his transition to Cedarville. The Pastoral Transition Team also has begun its work as Gordy and I prepare to move into the next chapter God has for us in this journey of life and as the congregation prepares to welcome a new pastor!

It is a season of farewell. And, it is also a season of welcoming!

"See, I am doing a new thing!" God is always doing a new thing. We are not always sure we like "new" things, especially when those new things mean CHANGE!! Yet, one thing of which we can be certain, in the midst of all things, even change – God will never leave us nor forsake us, will walk with us through the transition and will bring us to the other side as we follow God's path for each of us and for God's church in Cedarville.

Dear Friends, may God hold you in the Divine arms of grace in this time of change. May God prepare your hearts and minds for the transition ahead. May you be open to the Holy Spirit's work in all of this.

Pastor Sherry



Mission First!

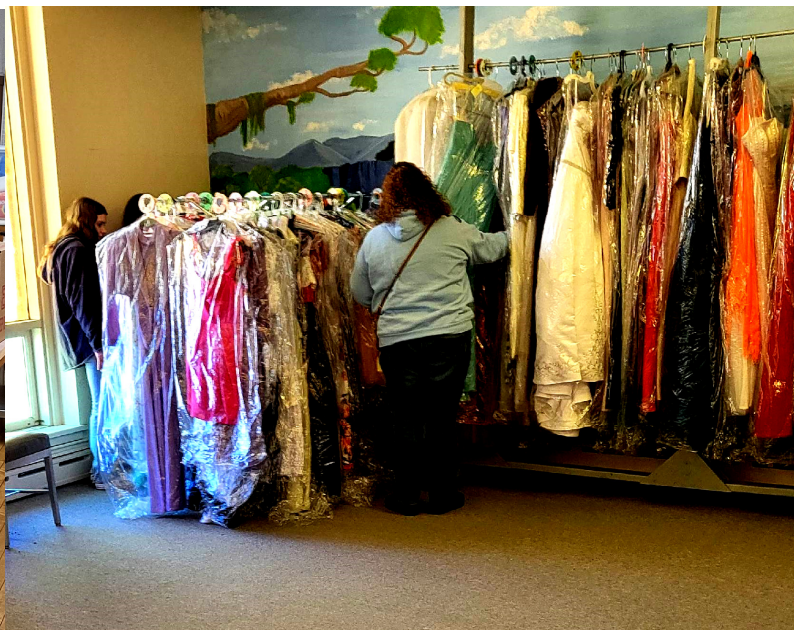
Our Spring activities have begun and Mission First is busier than ever! We have been working in the kitchen and the clothing closet to help our friends and neighbors. None of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers and donors. We are so grateful to every one of you who donates time and resources.

For Easter, we were able to give meal boxes to our community. They were an amazing success! The Girl Scouts even provided enough cookies to give everyone two boxes to enjoy with dessert. In order to help with laundry needs, Elverson Methodist Church provided much appreciated laundry love packets. Recently, we have been able to help some youth with our Prom/Formal wear closet. If you know anyone who needs a special occasion outfit, call Clare at 610-326-0560. If you would like to donate some formal wear, please stop by Mission First.

As the weather warms up, we are planning a sidewalk cookout and picnic for the end of May. More details will be in the next Crossbeams. Our sanctuary is available for rent. If you know of a congregation who needs some space, please call or email Clare at Clare@missionfirstpottstown.org. Our current food needs include individual pudding or Jello cups, jelly, saltine crackers, bumble snacks (chicken or tuna) and \$10 gift cards, to Wawa, Mcdonalds, Redners. The clothing closet needs ChapSticks, Band-Aids, travel Kleenex and men's boxers. We appreciate everyone who helps care for our community.



Easter Food Boxes



Prom/Formal Wear Closet

Cedarville United Methodist Church

SAS 2024

Simplified, Accountable Structure

A brief overview

**Jesus Christ
The Great**



Church Charge Conference
(Governance and Connection
To the Annual Conference)



Leadership Board
Serves as Church Council, Trustees, SPRC, & Finance
(Governance, Strategy, Accountability)



Pastor
(Leadership & Management)



Staff Members



Ministry Team Leaders
(for Ministry Teams in these categories):

OUTREACH

MISSION FIRST

**CONGREGATIONAL
CARE**

WORSHIP/MUSIC

**CHILDREN/
YOUTH**

CHURCH SUPPORT

Leadership Board members associated with Ministry Team categories:
(Available to support Ministry Team Leaders)

Outreach: Emilie Atkinson

Mission First: Judy Culshaw

Congregational Care: Mary Viera

Worship/Music Ministry: Vicki Miller

Children/Youth Ministry: Dale Sharrock

Church Support: Frank Cebular

Simplified Accountable Structure – Continued

If you have committed to serve on a ministry team or participate in any of the volunteer categories on the 2024 Ministry Team Commitment Form but have not been contacted yet, please be aware that this is in process, and you will be contacted.

If anyone has questions, comments, or concerns to share with the Leadership Board, we invite you to please send an email to our dedicated email address, which is forthcoming. All emails received by the Leadership Board will be read and answered as soon as possible.

Plans are being made to make the Leadership Board monthly minutes and agendas available on the website and we hope that will be in place in the coming months, or sooner.

Leadership Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, as indicated on the church calendar. All are welcome to attend in person in the Family Life Center or to use the Zoom link that will be sent by congregational email ahead of time. We also hope to send out each monthly meeting agenda ahead of time.

Here are some things the Leadership Board has been working on:

- Creating Guiding Principles: a set of policies and procedures which allow the ministry of the church to function on a day-to-day basis within healthy boundaries.
- Discerning effective communication methods with the congregation to build trust and be as accessible and transparent as possible.
- Meeting with various team leaders to compile and assimilate specific information regarding their varied operations and functions, including finance, building maintenance, staff/parish relations, and other teams. This is ongoing.
- Gathering and updating various policies and procedures to implement wording to conform with the new Simplified Accountable Structure and edit any outdated policies.
- Creating new agreements (i.e. Nursery School Memorandum of Understanding) and compiling and posting policies (i.e. Safe Sanctuaries Policies).
- Reporting and discussing “Views from the Pews” at each meeting, where we bring up issues, comments, or questions that have been brought to the attention of any board member.

The leadership board endeavors to be accessible and transparent in its service, so watch for more upcoming information on ways to attend meetings and access meeting information. The board sincerely appreciates your patience as we all implement this new structure together for our church’s mission and to God’s glory.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by^{1c} one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27



YOU ARE INVITED!!

Please join us as we celebrate **Children's Sunday** in One Worship Service in the Family Life Center at 10:00 am on April 7, 2024!! This year's Children's Sunday service is an intergenerational worship experience! We encourage everyone to join us we experience baptism (2 infants will be baptized – and children will have a "front row seat" for the baptisms).



We will explore and celebrate the gift of baptism through interactive activities for every age. You will be immersed in a sensory explosion of discovery, fun and fellowship. The stations range from crossing the waters to letting your light shine before others. These stations will give everyone of all ages the chance to express themselves through

various methods to celebrate and learn about this holy rebirth. Have fun while learning more about baptism. The service will conclude with Holy Communion with our church family! (Parents decide whether or not you choose to have your children receive the elements of bread and juice.) Come and celebrate our connection to God and one another in this creative, interactive experience of worship for all God's children, followed by a time of fellowship with cookies!



Cedarville Nights with CPR & AED Training following Dinner

Dinner will be served 5:30-6:30. The menu for April is Bowl of Chili, cornbread and Salad. Please 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!

Please stay after dinner for an opportunity for CPR training on April 24th immediately following Cedarville Nights' Dinner. Kevin Yerger from Goodwill Ambulance will be joining us to perform this training. It will consist of familiarity of our new AED and an opportunity to learn and practice CPR on training mannequins for those interested. Please take this opportunity to take this important training – you may need to save a life!



New Safe Sanctuaries Policy Posted

The Leadership Board has posted an updated Safe Sanctuaries Policy throughout the Church. Included in the postings are reporting paperwork and transportation compliance forms.

If you have not reviewed the Safe Sanctuaries Policy of the United Methodist Church, you can take a self-guided refresher by searching: EPA UMC Safe Sanctuaries. Select Eastern PA Safe Sanctuaries and halfway down the page under **Training** are three Power Point documents: Safe Sanctuaries, Definition of Child Abuse under PA Law and Vulnerable Older Adults.

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New Safe Sanctuary Policy – Continued

Reading through these will provide the necessary information you need to understand the policies, the clearances required, and the state mandated reporting. All those who work with children and/or vulnerable adults must be familiar with these policies and have the proper clearances.

OUTREACH TEAM

The Outreach team is looking for ideas for our 2024 Mother's Day or Father's Day mission projects. If you have a ministry that could benefit from some additional love from CUMC please let us know. Ideas should be sent to dianawrisley@verizon.net no later than April 20th.



Camping Opportunity

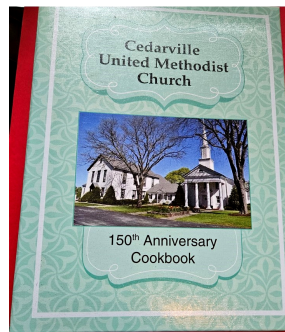
Cedarville UMC has a Camp Scholarship fund in honor of Amy Murphy. Amy had a passion for children and for promoting our Sunday School, VBS and camp program. These Camp Scholarships are offered to any family of

Cedarville UMC who sends their child to an EPA camp 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.)

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 have any questions, please contact Dianawrisley@verizon.net or call 267-992-1020.

If you wish to learn more about our EPAUMC Camps, please visit innabah.org or poconoplateau.org.



Cedarville Cookbooks Now on Sale!

Announcing the No. 1 Bestseller on the CUMC Booklist. The 150th Anniversary Cedarville Cookbook is in stock. The book contains fabulous recipes from our members and families. We even included your favorites from

Cedarville Nights. Books will be on sale on Sundays after services. Cost is \$10 per book and is available for sale on Sundays after services.



To Music

**Coventry Singers Concert
April 28, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**

Sanctuary of Cedarville UMC
Featuring works by Copland,
Gershwin, Mozart, Schubert
and others

Cheryl Markofski –
Conductor

Eleanor Lundy – Pianist
A Freewill Offering will be
received





Join Us at Any Time

A new session of GriefShare started on March 6 with brand new materials as we roll out the fourth edition. The sessions will run through May 29th from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in room 105.

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. It's never too late to join us!

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. We continue to pray for those who have attended our workshops in the past.



A farewell luncheon, catered by Bause Catering, will be held on June 9th following the 10:00 morning service (one service only that Sunday). Tickets for the luncheon will go on sale on all Sundays in May. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Susan in the church office. A short program will follow the luncheon.



**All Church Work Day
Saturday, April 6, 2024
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Come out and help
spruce up our
Cedarville property for
Spring!
Come as little or as
much time as you can!**

Women's Retreat – Mark Your Calendars!



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

Come and enjoy 100 secluded acres of beautiful settings and grounds with walking trails through the forest and along the lake and the brook for you to enjoy. Activities include (but not limited to) : archery, basketball, volleyball, boating on the lake, game room, hiking, mini-golf, tetherball and Zip Line!

Watch for more information in future Cross Beams.





New Florist for Cedarville!

We now have a new florist to provide our altar flowers for the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings – **Wild Bloom Florals in Spring City**. The cost of each arrangement is \$55. We will now need you to bring your own vase or plastic bag to take your flowers home after Sunday services. The altar flower sign-up sheet is now back in the narthex. A big thank you to Jenn Sharrock for researching florists in the area and coming up with this recommendation.

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER will be at Coventry Church of the Brethren on Monday, April 8th from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. to schedule an appointment follow the link <https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/drive> schedule/87060 or Scan the QR code on the posters found in several locations in the church.

Miller-Keystone no longer puts the name and phone number of coordinator on the poster. If you need help scheduling call Karen Baum, 610-323-5352. Please consider volunteering to be a donor!



Thank You

A sincere "thank you" to everyone for their prayers and cards I received following my heart attack and surgery. They were greatly appreciated.

Steve Krasley

To My Friends at Cedarville, Thank you for the Easter candy. It was very appreciated! Happy Easter!!

*Love,
Nancy Airey*

Cedarville U.M. Church,

Thank you, most kindly, for the box of Easter Candy.

*Warm Regards,
Ed & Helen
Fitzsimmons*

Dear Cedarville UMC Friends,,

We appreciate starting a new year knowing we have your support. Thank you for being part of our work with your donation of \$250. Your gift will be directed to our area of greatest need.

In 2023 our food pantry nearly doubled our service increasing from 4,452 households to 7,045. The Post-COVID slashing of federal benefits along with the continued high prices of food and routine expenses has pushed many people well past their ability to survive. Just this week we had a 78 year old woman ask for food pantry help for the first time in her life. She formerly received \$140 a month and it was cut to \$23. She was barely surviving before those meager benefits were slashed.

Our housing team works tirelessly to get people housed and prevent evictions. In 2023 we evaluated over 1000 applications for help in preventing evictions. The cost of rental housing in Montgomery County continues to climb with most rental properties owned by out-of-the area corporations who are raising rents at staggering rates. We will continue to do whatever we can.

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Thank you – Continued

Your giving helps us keep serving. We thank you.

*Sincerely,
Jacqui Good
Pottstown Cluster*

We would like to thank you very much for allowing the Schuylkill Servants to use your meeting room. May God bless your endeavors.

*Sincerely,
Louise Hines
Schuylkill Servants*

*Dear Cedarville UMC,
On behalf of the staff, volunteers and clients of Boyertown Area Multi-Service, I want to thank you for your financial support in 2023. Your donations of \$525 was applied completely to the use for which you designated it.*

*Sincerely,
Dolores Bauman
Boyertown Multi
Service*

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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Coventryville UMC searching for a new Church Secretary

Coventryville UMC, located on Rt. 23 near French Creek School, is looking for a church secretary - 15-20 hours per week. Work can be done at home. Call Sandy Geisler, 610-804-2925 or church office, 610-469-9350 for more information.



April Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders – 8:00

7 – One service at
10:00 – Children's Sun.
14 – Pastor Pat
21 – Judy Pfeffer
28 – John Thiessen

Worship Leaders – 11:00

7 – Children's Sunday –
none needed
14 – Dale Sharrock
21 – Lisa Harner
28 – Judy Culshaw

Ushers - 8:00 Worship Service

7 – One Service at
10:00 – Children's Sun.
14 – John & Joan
Baxter
21 – Ken Good
28 – Gale & Glenn
Nester

Ushers - 11:00 Worship Service

Denny & Patti McClimon,
Dawne von Czoernig
and Gordy Lantz

9:30 Scripture Readers

7 – One Service at
10:00 – Children's Sun.
14 – Susan Youst
21 – David Zarley
28 – Susan Paravis

CedarKidz/ CedarTweenz Teachers

7 – Children's Sunday
14 – Diane Cherico
21 – Susan Morris
28 – Sandie Armstrong

Children's Messages

7 – Children's Sunday
14 – Caleb Work
21 – Susan Morris
28 – Sandie Armstrong





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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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sherry@cedarvilleumc.org

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Church Office: 610-326-4173

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Clare@cedarvilleumc.org

Website & Social Media Coordinator: Lori McCormick

Sexton: Steve Krasley

Director of Children and Family Ministry:

Lea McCullough, Lea@cedarvilleumc.org

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Music Staff:

Chris Vogel, Organist & Director of Contemporary Worship

chris@cedarvilleumc.org

Kathy Ballein, Choir Director

Lori Snively, Handbell Director

Bradley Shupinski, AV Coordinator

Servant Staff:

Treasurer: Randy Beidler, randy@cedarvilleumc.org

Pianist: Jean Arbogast

Prayer List Coordinator:

Sheila Hardin, TUCKERSFAMILY@aol.com

Prayer Chain Coordinator:

Elaine Lambert, CatchAcat2@aol.com

Pet Prayer Chain: Pam Frame

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