



Cross Beams

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

February, 2018

GOD IS NOT FINISHED WITH US YET!

Our vision is to make Cedarville United Methodist Church a place where people want to COME, stay to GROW, and go out to SHARE God's love with others.

God has done great things through Cedarville United Methodist Church over its 144 year history! None of us has been here during that entire time, but since the church's beginning, the Holy Spirit has worked through the leadership of the church to guide the journey of God's people here in this place.

That leadership responsibility, in the power of the Holy Spirit, has been passed down from one generation to the next. And, God continues to use all of us to bring blessings to this community and beyond.

In this, our 145th year of ministry, I give thanks for God's faithfulness to us as we seek to serve our Lord from this place. And, I am so very thankful for the faithful stewardship of this body of Christ as we journey together!!

That faithfulness has resulted in a very successful 2017 Stewardship Emphasis (*Grow One*). The Estimate of Giving for 2018 is the largest estimate in over a decade!!

Thank you for your diligent work in 2017 as you have given of your time, talent, and treasure to the Lord's work. I look forward with anticipation to all that God has in store for this year ahead as we continue to follow God's vision for Christ's church here in Cedarville. Indeed, God is not yet finished with us.

May you experience God's grace, blessing, and peace as we journey through 2018!

Pastor Sherry



Fellowship Opportunities



Cedarville Nights

Menus for February are:

Feb. 7: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

Feb. 14: Breakfast: French Toast Casserole, Hash Brown Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bagels & Cream Cheese, Fruit Cups

Feb. 21: Quesadillas & Fixings, Chili, Cornbread, Tortilla Chips, Salsa, Salad, Dessert

Feb. 28: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cauliflower & Broccoli, Roll, Salad, Cville Cookies



Nifty-Fifty+ Movie Day!

The Nifty-Fifty+ Group will meet on February 8, 2018 at 12:00 noon. Bring a bag lunch – dessert and beverage will be provided. Following lunch, we will enjoy a movie together.

Also, please think about taking on the leadership of this group. If no one steps forward by September, we may have to disband this group.



Missions & Outreach

Thank You to All Who Came to Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Pork and Sauerkraut fundraiser on New Year's Day. You helped make it a huge success! The adult mission team appreciates your support. We fed 168 people and raised close to \$1,400.

Also a big "Thank You" to the team members who were able to help set up, cook, serve, and clean up for the dinner. Stay tuned for more fundraisers for our mission trip to Texas this fall to help those in need rebuild their homes in the name of Jesus.

Cluster Item of the Month



Canned Pasta



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Children and Youth

Cedarville Youth Attend Youth Rally in Ocean City



We spent parts of three days worshipping, celebrating God, proclaiming our love of Jesus, and growing our faith. We, along with approximately 5,000 attendees enjoyed the music, speakers and message given.

Despite bone chilling temperatures, 3 broken water pipes causing disruptions to our plans (including a 1:40 a.m. trip to the parking lot in our pajamas in 6 degree temperatures due to a fire alarm sounding), and a youth leader with practically no voice.....it was a FANTASTIC experience.



The Youth Group will have their annual Super Bowl Party, starting at 6:30 on February 4 in the Youth Room. The game will be on the big screen. Pizza, (Continued on Page 3)

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wings, hoagies, chips and drinks will be provided. There is no cost to youth group members. Family members are welcome to attend, for \$5 per person. Please RSVP to Mr. McCormick by 2/2/18, so he can order an appropriate amount of food.



We reserved 50 tickets for Iron Pigs game on 7/8/2018. Game starts at 1:35 pm. We can carpool. We have some tickets in the shade. Cost is \$11 per ticket and \$5 for parking. Last year (August) was very hot!!! So I'm hoping we will have cooler weather. PURCHASE TICKETS BY FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST. Please see Betsy Wright for tickets.



Where will YOU sleep tonight?

Do you live in an apartment, or in a house? Do you have a room in your parents' house? Do live with a friend, or another family member? If you were

able to choose one of the places listed to answer the question, 'Where will YOU sleep tonight?' You are truly blessed.

Over the past few weeks of extremely cold weather many people in the Pottstown area could not answer that question, for they didn't know where they would be able to sleep. These are not people from Philadelphia or Reading; these are people you may meet here, at Cedarville UMC on a Wednesday evening or a Sunday afternoon. Every week Cedarville UMC provides a free, hot meal to a group of men and women who are brought here from Ministries on Main Street Shelter. Then on Sunday afternoons, from 1:00-5:00, they return for shelter from the cold and another hot meal that is provided by volunteers from Cedarville UMC.

When the bus arrives you can hear them chatting as they hurry in from the cold, to spend an afternoon of fellowship, perhaps playing a game of cards or RumiCub, watching a DVD, making Christmas cookies, having a light lunch, or maybe just taking a nap in Rooms 103 and 105.

Sunday Shelter at Cedarville has been active for the past three years, from the beginning of November through to the end of March, or whenever the winter weather comes to an end. Ask yourself, "What can I do to invite these folks to a place of belonging? How might I actively create a sense of welcome for them here at Cedarville?" More volunteers are needed! You can donate a meal (a 6 quart crockpot of

soup/chili/ stew, a casserole), or a dessert –enough to feed approximately 20, for we never know how many are coming, until they arrive. You can also sign up on line to be one of the Cedarville Servants who spend the afternoon as a guest advocate, interacting with the men and women, getting to know and love these children of God who are often considered outsiders or outcasts. How can you give your time and resources in a way that honors God's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and welcome in the stranger? Rethink homelessness:

<https://vimeo.com/34195748>

If you want to volunteer, or to know more about the Sunday Shelter at Cedarville contact Sheila Hardin or Louise Boyer.



Cedarville Nursery School

It is an exciting time of year for us in the nursery school. It's registration time!!! There are only 2 slots to be filled for our AM pre-kindergarten classes!! This is great news for us! We have plenty of PM spots so if you or a friend has a child that turns 4 by September 15th please feel free to register and spread the word about our program. We have quite a few slots filled for our three year old program by siblings and as I write this new students will be able to register and we have
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Nursery School – Continued

had many inquiries. Hopefully it will be like last year and we will be full right away. If you feel like being helpful please go to our facebook page and like and share the registration post. This page and word of mouth are the only ways in which we reach out for new students. It is very helpful to us when you share.

I thought it would be nice to share some interesting facts about our pre-k program. We begin the year by using a phonics based approach of learning letters and sounds. Most of our children have mastered this by the end of October. As teachers we are modeling writing and discussing it every day. For instance we write morning news each day. We discuss that sentences start with capitals and end with punctuation. We sound out sentences and have mini lessons on what is relevant to the children in our morning news. For instance, we will look at the months. The months of September, October, and, November, have all ended in “er”. We will talk about how you cannot hear the “e” at the end of any of the months. It is something we must remember. This shows the children some of the patterns in the English language. This is done throughout the year with other word patterns. We have introduced, along with the sounds of the letters, diagraphs, we call them the “H brothers”. These diagraphs are “sh, ch, th,”. The children enjoy listening for these sounds when we write sentences on the board.

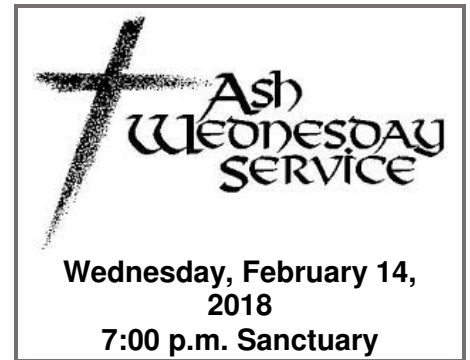
We are also using and focusing on high frequency words when we write sentences. These are words such as “the, like, go, is, at, etc.” The boys and girls are excellent at spelling “the and is”. We are now moving on to like and the suffix “ing” which will lead us into the sight word “go”. We have already touched on word families. This “chunking” of knowledge helps the young child organize the writing process in their brains in a very easy manner.

This year’s students are amazing at writing. They seem to soak up every little detail they are taught. It is really amazing to watch. The children are very prepared for kindergarten and have knowledge well above the national standard for this age.

Hopefully everyone is keeping warm! We are very cozy upstairs, learning and growing. Thank you for supporting us! Have a very loving Valentine’s Day!!!!

This month we focused on Revelation 21:5 “Behold, I make all things NEW!”

With Lots of Love,
Nancy and Melanie



Cedarville U.M. Coffee Mugs

Reaching out to first-time visitors with these new Cedarville U.M. coffee mugs! When you purchase one of these mugs for \$7.00, you receive one mug for yourself and you allow the church to give a free mug to a person or family who worships with us for the first time. These 15 oz. mugs are great for coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soup, ice cream...! Stop by the church office, pick up your mug, and help in the effort to reach out with a Cedarville mug!! Call or email the church office 610-326-4173 or susan@cedarvilleumc.org.



Thank You

*Dear Cedarville family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, jokes, visits, meals and support following my recent knee replacement. A special thanks to my Bible study for the delightful video! Praise God that Therapy is progressing, I'm healing well and pain-free.
Carol McDonald*

A Walter Mouse Devotional

1 Corinthians 12:28...in the church God has appointed...those able to help others...

You see some funny things on the road. We were out in the country recently and got into a line of very slow traffic. The hold-up was caused by two ancient pick-up trucks, one being towed by the other. Nothing high-tech here—they were tied together with a rope! It made for slow-going because they had to both watch that the towed truck didn't plow into the back end of the tow-er. They turned off somewhere. Hope they got wherever they were going. It made a good picture of Christian out-reach. Nothing fancy—just two banged-up souls working together to make things better. It's the same journey we're asked to tie into with Jesus.



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A Letter from Rick Wrisley

To my dear friends of Cedarville UMC;

I continue to ask for prayers of the ministry at St. Matthew's – Yes my short 3 month assignment has turned into a more long term ministry. After focusing on the local community and the needs that surround St. Matthew's, our

Sunday worship has increased from 10-12 to now we are consistently over 40. Our Christmas Eve services this year, blew my socks off! Both morning and evening services (communion at both) had nearly 60 worshipers. What a journey we have been on. But obviously we are not done in Reading! As our worship grows, so does the realization that there is so much more to do! I am asking for prayers that the Holy Spirit lead us on, giving us the strength, perseverance and wisdom to His work!

A side note, a church with 0 money, facing closure last year, though not yet thriving, is finally showing signs of surviving! Your support of this church through your clothing donations has been a God send to the people surrounding our church! I attribute our ministry to a huge change in attitude of all of us! It was and continues to be easy to focus on what we do not have—but by changing our focus to what we do have, and by following the teachings of Christ, we are another example of what can be done with nothing. Praise be to God for all the support and Guidance received! And Praise be to God for leading us where we need to be. St. Matthew's is thankful and grateful that the Holy Spirit is with us, and we pray we continue to listen and hear His call

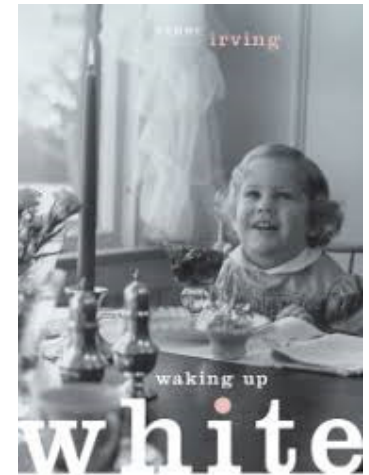
God Bless you and ALL you do!

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We've Moved

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Community News



Presentation on Book, *Waking Up White*

Author and Educator, Debby Irving will be giving a presentation on her book, *Waking Up White: finding Ourselves in the Story of Race*, on Sunday, March 4 at First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown from 2:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. No admission charge, but reservations are required. Email fpoffice@fpcpottstown.org or call 610-326-0620. Friends and neighbors welcome! Debby Irving is a racial justice educator and author. A community organizer and classroom teacher for 25 years, Debby Irving grappled with racial injustice without understanding racism. Her first book, *Waking Up White*, tells the story of how she went from well-meaning to well-doing.



February Worship Leaders

8:00 Worship Service

4 – Larry Frame
11 – Jerry Poole
18 – Larry Frame
25 – Dave & Jo-Ann Hohl

11:00 Worship Service

4 – Karen Baum, Gordon Lantz – Scripture
11 – Frank Cebular, Audrey Buell – Scripture
18 – Elaine Lambert, Judy Pfeffer – Scripture
25 – Betsy Wright, Lee Mauger - Scripture

9:30 Scripture Readers

4 – Marilyn Knight
11 – Cindy Cebular
18 – Emilie Atkinson
25 – John Waclawsky

February Ushers

8:00 Traditional

Gene & Karen Baum

9:30 Contemporary

Chuck and Karen Lingenfelter

11:00 Traditional

Jere McDonald – Head Usher
Dave Keeley
Bill Pfeffer

February Flowers

4 – Bob Jacobs
11 – Donor Needed
18 – Donor Needed
25 – Arthur Airey

CedarKidz Teachers

4 – Crissy Fiorani
11 – Diane Cherico
18 – Crissy Fiorani
25 – Emilie Atkinson

KidzWorship Teachers

4 – Patti McClimon
11 – Diane Cherico
18 – Sue Paravis
25 – Amy Murphy

Church Nursery, 9:30

4 – Linda Meadows
11 – Melissa Burg
18 – Linda Waclawsky
25 – Danelle Kline

Church Nursery, 11:00

4 – Heather Hoffman
11 – Sandie Armstrong
18 – Diane Cherico
25 – Joanne Means

Children's Message

4 – David Zarley
11 – Sandie Armstrong
18 – Elaine Armstrong
25 – Diane Cherico



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