



# Cross Beams

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

**January, 2018**

## A LOOK BACK, A LOOK AHEAD

As 2017 comes to a close and we prepare for the mission and ministry God has for us in 2018, I share the following from our journey during this last year:

Vision Leadership Team completed the visioning process to arrive at our new vision statement:

***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.***

The process began in early 2016 through seeking input and feedback from as many groups and individuals as chose to participate. This vision statement was completed in March, 2017.

Since that time, work has begun towards implementing aspects of the vision -

1. Intentional focus on recording attendance in worship
  - a. To make note of first time guests – in order to take a CUMC mug to them following worship, thanking them for worshipping with us and inviting them back. (This is in addition to the pastoral letter and other follow-up by members of the congregation.)
  - b. To note when folks are missing for several weeks in order to provide pastoral care as needed
2. Preparations for an adult mission trip
  - a. All interested adults who wish to participate in a trip to one of the hurricane ravaged areas were invited to attend an informational gathering in late October
  - b. Preparations continue – raising funds through Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
  - c. Organization of details continues
3. Two sermon series preached, highlighting our vision of *COME, GROW SHARE* (spring, fall)
  - a. Periodic messages lifting up our vision of *COME, GROW, SHARE* in order to keep the vision before us
4. Conversations and early planning regarding a Community Service Fair and a Church- wide Ministry Fair
5. Planning for a Fall, 2018 Community Service Fair A comprehensive listing of ministries, groups, and committees with detailed information has been created. These lists are available in the church office and online for anyone who wishes to discern an area of participation within the body of Christ here at Cedarville UMC
  - a. This list was used during our fall Stewardship Emphasis

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## Pastor's Message - Continued

6. Fall study opportunities were offered

a. 6-week study was offered, coinciding with the fall sermon series:

b. Advent study was offered, coinciding with the Advent sermon series: *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break: Hope, Love, Joy, Peace, The Christ Child*

In addition to the specific steps toward vision implementation, ongoing ministry has included:

- Continued care to members of the congregation through visitation in hospitals, care facilities, homes, phone visits, weddings and pre-marriage sessions; funerals; counseling; confirmation class; *God and Me* class
- Continued weekly worship services (3), weekly Disciple Bible Studies and other studies
- Continued opportunities for service within the church and community, along with introducing new opportunities, as the Lord leads.

As we enter 2018, let us move forward towards implementing our vision to

***Make Cedarville UMC a place where people want to COME, stay to GROW, and go out to***

### **SHARE God's love with others.**

I ask your prayers for this congregation and your pastor, as together we, continually, seek God's desire for God's church here in Cedarville.

In 2018, a strong emphasis will be exploring options to implement an intentional discipleship pathway that will guide each of us as we are ready to take next steps in the journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ here in this place.

Also, let us look for opportunities to:

- Invite others who are not connected with a church to explore issues of faith as we offer opportunities for exploring faith issues.
- Assess your personal level of spiritual maturity (GROW)
- Discern our spiritual gifts through a Spiritual Gifts Inventory. (GROW)
- Participate in study and spiritual growth offerings. (GROW)
- Support the Adult Mission Trip to Texas with your prayers and by assisting with the raising of funds as the team seeks to go out from Cedarville to touch lives with God's love. (SHARE)
- Use the Community Service Fair as an opportunity to become aware of the many ways that services are provided in our communities and open yourself to how God might choose to use

you, as a disciple of Jesus Christ, to touch lives through such community service. (SHARE)

I look forward to 2018 with great anticipation of what God has in store for us as we continue to grow in our personal discipleship and as we

- Invite folks to COME to Cedarville UMC and to a relationship with God through Christ
- Encourage one another, and all who are drawn to Cedarville UMC to GROW in our discipleship journey
- Seek to SHARE God's love with everyone we meet, inside and outside of the Church!

### **All to the glory of God!!**

Growing with you!

*Pastor Sherry*



### **Cedarville Nights**

Menus for January are:

**Jan. 3** – Baked Potato Bar – Whites and Sweets with fixings, Chili, Broccoli & Cheese, Corn Bread, Salad, Dessert

**Jan. 10** – Ham, Hash Brown Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

**Jan. 17** – Chicken Parm with Red Sauce, Pasta, Salad, Rolls & Dessert

**Jan. 24** – Hot Turkey Sandwiches, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas, Salad, Cville Cookies

**Jan. 31** – Italian Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Potato Planks, Salad & Dessert





## Children and Youth

### Cedarville Youth

**January 5, 2018-January 7, 2018** – Annual Ocean City Youth Rally.



### Cedarville Nursery School

This past month was a very busy time! The children chased the gingerbread baby around the entire building but he gave us the slip. He did however leave us a treat. He left us gingerbread cookies to enjoy. He was so kind and generous we talked about giving and how we can give of ourselves through service. We discussed ways we could help at home and how we can share with our friends at school.

The children learned about the Christmas story. We discussed that Christmas is Jesus' birthday and that angels spread the word of his birth. We made a beautiful angel with Psalm 91:11 "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways." We also sang the birthday song and had cake to celebrate his birth. We also had fun with two elves, Jingle and Jangle. They were watching if we were naughty or

nice. Each day they would hide in a new spot in our classroom. The students loved finding them each day and they were frequently doing something silly. We were relieved to find out everyone was on the "good" list!

In the new year we will be learning about transportation. We will graph and pattern various modes of transportation, discussing more than and less than, and creating easy addition problems to go with our graphs. We have been busy writing also! We are excellent at spelling and writing the words "the", "is", and "at". We know there is a period at the end of a sentence and always include it in our writing. We can expect big things from this group of students! They are very intelligent and eager to learn!!!

In the new year let's pray for a struggling world. Saint Padre Pio said to the people "The lord is a father, the most tender and best of fathers. He cannot fail to be moved when his children appeal to him." He hears us and these children deserve a peaceful stable world so let's all pray for one!!! (I included this prayer last year but it's just so perfect and on point that I did again.)

Have a blessed, peaceful new year!!!!

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](mailto:susan@cedarvilleumc.org).



*Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*



## **New Members Received on December 3, 2017**

**Kristine Gammon** came to Cedarville through her daughter, Jillian, who was invited by Matt Roberts. Kristine and her husband, Mike, have three children, Ben, Jillian and Thomas.

Kristine is a homemaker who enjoys family time, time with friends and loved ones. She also enjoys photography and traveling.

**Bill Moilanen** came to Cedarville and found it a warm and friendly church. Bill and his wife, Debby have two children, Lindsey and Mike and six grandkids. His interests are reading, hunting, fishing, and following current news, new technology, history and military.

**Debby Moilanen** came to Cedarville after moving to the area and finding Cedarville to be a caring and comfortable church. Her interests are her daughter's and son's families, sewing and volunteering.



*Thank You*

*Thank you to our Cedarville church family for all of your prayers, support, and expressions of love to us during this past year. We continue to feel so very blessed to serve with and among you in this place. May God bless each of you in this new year!*

*Pastor Sherry and Gordy*

*On behalf of our residents here at Manatawny Manor... Thank you so much for the quilts. They are beautiful*

*Janet Swiecicki  
Activity Director*

*Dear Cedarville U.M. Church,*

*I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your offer of gifts for our needy families at North Coventry Elementary School.*

*Your donations made the holidays a little brighter for our families. We could not do what we do without the support of our staff, families and community.*

*Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. Warm wishes for a wonderful holiday!*

*Suzanne Grashof  
North Coventry  
Elementary School*

*To: the Cedarville UM Sewing Group*

*From Re-Creation*

*Dear Cedarville UMC,*

*Thank you for recently hosting the group in Pottstown and allowing us to share our program, "Believe: The Christmas Suite" with your community.*

*This year, Re-Creation marks more than 40 years of service to the men and women receiving long-term care in the VA health Care System. Your generous contributions through the love offering will help to further that personal mission to America's heroes!*

*We enjoyed visiting with you and thank everyone involved for their efforts in the arrangements for the program and meal. Everyone was so welcoming and gracious.*

*We know this program would not be possible without YOU! And we look forward to seeing you again soon!*

*Jay Muller  
Director  
Re-Creation*



## **Strong Women/Growing Stronger**

Strong women/Growing Stronger teaches men and women safe strength building techniques, the benefit of physical activity, and proper nutrition. A new class will be starting at Cedarville UMC on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 and will meet every Tuesday and Thursday for 12 weeks from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost for the 12 week session is \$90.00. To register, please go to: [www.extension.psu.edu/strongwomen](http://www.extension.psu.edu/strongwomen)

For additional information or questions call Debbie Griffie at 610-489-4315.

## **A Walter Mouse Devotional**

**Luke 24:36...”Jesus himself stood among them...”**

Aren't car alarms great?! Somehow Bill set his off in the garage the other day. Of course he didn't have his clicker with him, so the annoying din continued while he raced upstairs for his keys. As he tore back down the stairs, in desperation he aimed the clicker through the living room wall toward the garage and pressed the panic button. Wonder of wonders—the alarm quit!! I never would've believed

that invisible beam could go through walls and hit its target!

It was just like Jesus appearing to the disciples after His resurrection—walls & doors didn't stop him. They still don't. Waves don't. Stones don't. Crosses don't. Wherever we are, He can get to us. The only thing that can stop Him is the human heart. He won't force His presence on anyone—but nothing stops Him from being with those who choose Him!



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**CONGRATULATIONS! You have won a game and are receiving a spectacular prize for the New Year!**

Actually, this Game is real... Shocked?? Yes!

Each of us is already a winner of this **PRIZE**. We just can't seem to see it. – The **PRIZE** is **TIME!**

Each morning we awaken to Receive **86,400 seconds** as a gift of life.

And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.

What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.

Yesterday if forever gone.

Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time **without warning...**

So, what will **you** do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars.

Think about it and remember to **enjoy** every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful new year.

Start spending...

Don't complain about growing old! Some people don't get the privilege!



## January Worship Leaders

### 8:00 Worship Service

7 – Larry Frame  
14 – Jerry Poole  
21 – Larry Frame  
28 – Dave & Jo-Ann Hohl

### 9:30 Scripture Readers

7 – Sandie Armstrong  
14 – David Zarley  
21 – Jen Fernandez  
28 – Rich Adamson

### January Ushers

#### 8:00 Traditional

Bonnie Bolger

#### 9:30 Contemporary

TBA

#### 11:00 Traditional

Gordy Lantz – Head Usher  
Denny McClimon  
Patti McClimon  
Sue Ambruch  
Dale Sharrock

### CedarKidz Teachers

7 – Diane Cherico  
14 – Susan Morris  
21 – Emilie Atkinson  
28 – Sandie Armstrong

### Church Nursery, 9:30

7 – Jen Fernandez  
14 – Melissa burg  
21 – Linda Waclawsky  
28 – Danelle Kline

### Church Nursery, 11:00

7 – Nancy Guenther  
14 – Emilie Atkinson  
21 – Sandy Armstrong  
28 – Joanne Means

### Children's Message

7 – Susan Morris  
14 – Laura Acri  
21 – Cindy Cebular  
28 – Lori Snavelly



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