



Cross Beams

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

March, 2017

OUR 5-YEAR VISION FOR CEDARVILLE UMC

Last year, we embarked on a journey to discover God's vision for us here at Cedarville United Methodist Church for the next five years. Many of you shared in the process by participating in a pre-visioning discussion group or by completing one of the forms that we used to receive your input.

After several months of gathering information about what is going on internally, within the congregation, and externally, outside the church in our community and our world, we scheduled a visioning day. Word went out from the pulpit, was put into the Cross Beams church newsletter and the weekly bulletins, and was shared by word of mouth in committee meetings and elsewhere. Anyone interested in participating was invited to attend the day-long, visioning retreat here at Cedarville back in November.

One of our members assisted in the process of organizing and grouping the responses you all shared with us. Next, all who gathered for the visioning retreat day, along with an outside facilitator, further refined and prioritized the needs and focus for our 5-year vision. Throughout the process, we kept our mission statement in front of us—Our mission is to *Change Lives With Jesus*. Along with this, we also were intentionally aware of the Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church, which is *Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of our World*.

So we focused upon "How do we get there over the next five years?" What goals would assist us in making a difference in people's lives, in being God's instruments in *changing lives with Jesus*, as we offer the Good News of God's saving love for all of us in Jesus Christ? What goals would assist us in *making disciples of Jesus Christ who make a difference, who transforms the world around them?*

We determined three areas of focus that we believe will help us to be instruments of God's love in our community and in the world. Our Vision Statement is to:

**Make Cedarville UMC a place where people want to come, stay to grow,
and go out to share God's love with others. Come, Grow, Share!**

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Pastor's Message - Continued

Our goals over the next 5 years are to:

- Create a 20% increase in active attendees that are new church seekers.
- Establish a 20% increase in the commitment, leadership and spiritual growth of members through small group study and other accountability groups.
- Expand by 20% community outreach through mission trips, cooperative efforts with other churches, and witnessing what Christ has done for us.

Now, we must begin the next steps of the visioning process. We must work toward achieving the goals that will help us to live into our Vision and carry out our Mission as the body of Christ here at Cedarville. Do you have a passion for sharing the Good News with new people? Do you have the gifts needed for guiding spiritual growth and training leaders? Do you have a heart and skills to lead mission beyond the walls of our church? Pray to see how God wants to use your gifts and skills to implement our Vision over the next five years as we continue to *Change Lives With Jesus* and *Make Disciples who Transform the World!*

Invited others to Come, Grow, and Share with us!

Pastor Sherry



**Sunday, March 19,
12:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

If you are interested in finding out more about Cedarville UMC and what it means to unite with this body of believers, Pastor Sherry invites you to join her on Sunday, March 19th for lunch and an afternoon of sharing, along with a time for your questions. We will gather immediately following the late worship service and close our time together no later than 3:30 p.m. Please contact Susan in the church office at 610-326-4173 or susan@cedarvilleumc.org. so that we can plan for lunch and materials for the session.



Cedarville Nights March Menus

March 1: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, Salad and Dessert

March 8: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans Almandine, Rolls, Salad, Dessert

March 15: Mac-N-Cheese, Sausage, Peppers & Onions, Stewed Tomatoes, Vegetable Medley, Salad, Rolls, and Dessert

March 22: Breakfast: French Toast Casserole, Hash Brown Casserole, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bagels and Cream cheese, Fruit Salad

March 29: Roast Beef Sandwiches, Potatoes, Broccoli/Cauliflower, Salad and Dessert

Nifty-Fifty+



Nifty-Fifty is sponsoring a trip to American Treasure Tour in Oaks. This museum has a giant collection of Americana memorabilia. In fact the collection is so vast that you are taken on a tram to view all the objects. You then get to sit in a room filled with old Nickelodeons as they are played for your enjoyment. We hope that many people will be able to join us. The date is Thursday, March 9. The one and a half hour tour begins in Oaks at 1:00pm. Please bring your lunch and meet at the church at 11:15 at which time we will have lunch together. Then we will board the Scout bus and will leave the church parking lot at 12:15. Cost is \$20 a person (includes bus). Money payable to either Keith Learn or Elaine Armstrong. **All money must be turned in by March 1.**



The Cedarlites, Cedarville's Relay for Life Team for the American Cancer Society, are holding several upcoming fundraisers:

1. Coins for a Cure- please consider taking a water bottle and filling it with your change. Please return the water bottles no later than May 21st.
2. Friendlys Fun Night- March 9, 2017 from 5-9 p.m.
3. Applebees Pancake Breakfast- April 22, 2017 8-10 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support!!



Missions and Outreach



Glasses Drive

Mayor Sharon Thomas of Pottstown has shared that she is aware of a woman taking a mission trip to Central America and is looking for folks to donate their gently-used glasses. If you have any pairs of prescription glasses around the house that you don't use anymore, you can bring them with you to Cedarville. The mission committee will be responsible for getting them to

the proper person. Please include the old case if you have it. **Glasses drive deadline: SUNDAY, MARCH 5.** Your donation may bring vision to someone in need, and show them that there are people far away who love their neighbors! Thank you in advance!

Pottstown Cluster Celebrating 50 Years in Service to the Pottstown Area!

The Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in service to the Pottstown area. You are invited to the anniversary dinner on March 19th at Sunnybrook Ballroom at 5:30. Doors will open at 5 and the cost is \$25.00. Tickets are available on line at Pottstowncluster.org."

Cluster Items of the Month – March



Boxed Potatoes



Canned Fruit



Children and Youth

CedarKidz

During March the children attending Cedarkidz are learning about how Jesus shows love.

Bible Verse: John 13:34 I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also much love each other.

March 5: Jesus shows love to ten lepers. - Luke 17:11-19

March 12: Jesus shows love to Zacchaeus. – Luke 19:1-10

March 19: Jesus shows love at the Last Supper. - Matthew 26:17-30

March 26: Jesus shows love in the Garden. - Matthew 26:31-58

Cedarville Youth Offers Vending Machine Snacks & Sodas

New Vending Machine Running late on Sunday morning and didn't have time for breakfast? Need a snack during those evening meetings? Looking for something to keep your little ones happy until lunch time? The Cedarville Youth Group has the solution for you!

Located in the downstairs lobby of the FLC, near the elevator, the Cedarville Youth Group has set up a vending machine for your convenience.

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Youth Vending Machine - Continued

All proceeds from the machine will support future Youth Mission Trips.

All items are priced between \$.50 and \$1. The machine comes equipped with a change machine! The snacks available include Snickers, chips, gum, trail mix, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Fiber One Lemon Bars, and Goldfish Crackers. The beverages available include Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Sprite, water, V8 Juice, and Brisk Ice Tea.



News From Cedarville Nursery School

February was an amazing month up here!!! We talked about Valentine's Day which led us to discuss love! We talked about how there is family love and also how there is lots of love at our school. It was a great opportunity to discuss how when disagreements arise the best way to handle them is with love. This can be very difficult sometimes but it was interesting to notice how quickly children are willing to offer their friends a big hug, even in the midst of a disagreement. We can really learn from their example! I know from my own perspective it can be difficult to offer the first hug with hurt

feelings but watching the children this month has inspired me to give more hugs!!! This month's discussion was inspired by John 12:15 "Love one another as I have loved you!"

We continue to learn new and exciting things. We focused on President Abe Lincoln and also dental health. We started really sounding out words and using the diagraphs we know and also the suffix "ing".

More big news is that we refurbished the bathroom!!! It looks adorable! It has a new floor (left-overs from a project at my house), a new paint job, bead board molding, and some added art work. We scrubbed the potty and added a new seat and it looks amazing. We feel it will add to the appeal of the school when families are taking tours. A big thank you to my husband Greg Dorward for spending his entire long weekend working on the bathroom!!!

I almost forgot we also made valentines for the Sister's of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at Immaculata University's nursing home facility. The Sisters were so joyful when they received their cards and pictures from the children. It is amazing how a small, inexpensive gesture can bring such joy and really amazing how it spreads and makes the giver feel wonderful.

God's Love,
Nancy and Melanie



Nursery Staff Opening

We currently have an opening for paid nursery staff position during the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service. In addition, we will have an opening for paid nursery staff for the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service for the summer from June through September. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, or have questions, please contact Peggy Moser at 484-942-6845 or pllmoser@comcast.net



Cluster Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Anniversary Dinner

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Evangelism

Thank You!



On Cedarville UMC's 2016 Community Service Day the Evangelism

Committee decorated and filled twelve Birthday Boxes. These boxes were filled with all the things needed for monthly children's birthday parties at the Lessig-Booth Residence, located at the Pottstown Salvation Army. In addition, a generous friend of Cedarville is donating a decorated cake each month.

Our contact person at the residence sent us this note after our January party: "I received lots of great feedback, particularly from the mom of the birthday girl! This is such an amazing "gift" to give children! "Every child deserves a birthday party." Thank you for your generosity!

CUMC Evangelism Committee

Usher Training

Its Not Too Late...

To sign up for the Usher Training workshop on Sunday, March 12. Along with the greeters, ushers make the first impression of hospitality at Cedarville United Methodist Church. In addition to being the face of hospitality at CUMC, you have pre and post service responsibilities to ensure the

comfort and safety of our members and guests. There are also defined procedures for lighting and extinguishing the altar candles, for assisting in serving communion, and for collecting the offering.

Join the Evangelism Committee on **Sunday, March 12 at 12:15** for a light lunch and a two hour training session on Duties of an Usher. This training workshop is for all current head ushers, members of the team, and anyone who is thinking they'd like to join the team. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex/lobby of the Sanctuary so we will have a count for lunch



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be at Coventry Church of the Brethren, 946 Keen Rd., Pottstown on Monday, March 13th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. You can schedule online at GIVEaPINT.org using sponsor code 2028. If you have had low iron in the past, you will a pamphlet Why Is Your Iron Important?

Training Opportunities in the Eastern PA Conference

Faith-Sharing Training Event, March 18 \$10

Our 2017 annual Faith-Sharing Training Event will happen **March 18, from 8:30 AM to 2 PM, at New Hanover UMC**. Our guest presenter is

the **Rev. Terry Teykl**, a leading "prayer evangelist" and popular speaker and author. He travels the world encouraging churches to develop and strengthen prayer ministries as a means of revival and transformation.

Register

Online: <https://epaumc.churchcateronline.com/registrations/events/51894>

Changing Church for a Changing World: A Fresh Expression Vision Day

Date: April 1, 2017

9:00 a.m.-3:15 pm.

**Location: Mount Carmel United Methodist Church
2203 Harmonyville Road
Elverson, PA 19520**

What is Fresh Expressions?

Fresh Expression is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order to reach a changing world. Fresh Expressions is empowering and equipping God's people to develop creative expression of church that can reach the increasing diversity of our society.

Vision Day is a great way to discover more about Fresh Expressions through an interactive format.

To Register:
freshexpressionsus.org/event/vision-day-pottstown-pa

Training Opportunities - Continued

Tools for Ministry Workshops, April 28 and 29, 2017 \$10

Vital and Effective Ministry in the 21st Century

Friday Night presentation by Jacqui King at Mother Zoar UMC Philadelphia

Saturday Sessions at Bethel UMC Spring City 8 AM – 12:30 PM; include sessions on Leading effective prayer, Commentaries on the book SHIFT, Emotional Intelligence, Ministry with Baby Boomers and many more.

Registration opens March 27th register at:

<https://www.epaumc.org/conference-calendar/category/district-events/central-district-calendar/list/>

**Supply of the Month:
9 oz. cups – paper or plastic
Place in Bins at the
back of Fellowship Hall**



Dear Cedarville Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia that was brought to me at Christmas. I have really enjoyed it. Also, thanks so much for the card shower for my 90th birthday—it means so much to me that you all took the time to send me a

card to celebrate this special date. Also, thanks to all the people who come and visit me. It is much appreciated.

God Bless,
Jackie Kratz

From the Veteran's Center

Dear Cedarville Kids' Sunday School,

I am writing to say thank you for your support. This program is possible because of people like you. There is no better gift than people sharing, caring and working together for the common cause of "Serving Those Who Have Served". Thank you for the cards and Christmas ornaments for the residents. They were touched by your thoughtfulness and happy to receive them!

We are extremely fortunate to have your support and thank you once again for enriching the lives of our residents. I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kindness.

Respectfully,
Mildred Butler-Coleman
Southeastern Veterans' Center

From the Pottstown Cluster:

Dear Cedarville Church,

Thank you so much for Cedarville UMC's very generous gift of \$375 in support of our programs and services. Your support is critical to our mission of providing tangible services, support and spiritual guidance to address the basic needs of person within and beyond the Great Pottstown are. This year, PCRC will serve over 18,000 adults, children and seniors through the Food

and Dry Goods Pantry programs. We can't thank you enough for your generosity and commitment to improve the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community.

A Devotional by Walter Mouse

Revelation 5:9...you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God...



We recently passed a large boat in someone's front yard. A conspicuous sign on it said, "Make Offer". It was for sale I suppose, and any reasonable offer would be considered. There was a message like that 2000 years ago, too. As he wandered the world, oppressing and misleading God's people, Satan handed Jesus the same sign. He wasn't selling himself; he was selling God's flock back to God. And Jesus made the only reasonable offer there was—He gave up **His** life so that we might have **ours**.

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March Worship Leaders

8:00 Worship Service

5 – Larry Frame
12 – Jerry Poole
19 – Larry Frame
26 – Dave/Jo-Ann Hohl

11:00 Worship Service

5 – Betsy Wright, Elsie Mutschler – Scripture
12 – Patti McClimon, Audrey Buell – Scripture
19 – Elaine Lambert, Stephanie Rollinson – Scripture
26 – Gene Hohl, Judy Pfeffer, Scripture Reader

9:30 Scripture Readers

5 – Peggy Moser
12 – Diane Cherico
19 – Debra Kabrich
26 – Susan Morris

March Ushers

8:00 Traditional

John & Joan Baxter

9:30 Contemporary

TBA

11:00 Traditional

Tom Lambert – Head Usher

February Flowers

5 – Lee Mauger & Tammy Bowman
12 – Deb Kauffman
19 – Joanne Egrie
26 – Bill & Gladys Whitlatch

CedarKidz Teachers

5 – Sandie Armstrong
12 – TBA
19 – Crissy Fiorani
26 – Elaine Armstrong

KidzWorship Teachers

5 - Diane Cherico
12 – Patti McClimon
19 – Kim Geller
26 – Sue Paravis

9:30 Nursery

5 – Linda Waclawsky
12 – Julie Laum
19 – Melissa Burg
26 – Danelle Kline

11:00 Nursery

5 – Joanne Means
12 - Emilie Atkinson
19 - Cindy Cebular
26 - Sandie Armstrong



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