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

June, 2026



Confirmation Sunday: A Special Sunday of Celebration

There are certain Sundays in the life of the church that remind us why the ministry of the church matters so deeply. Sunday, June 14 will be one of those days for Cedarville United Methodist Church. On that morning, we will gather together for one combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday and welcome new members into the life of the church.

Since March, five confirmands have been meeting together to learn more about the Christian faith, the Bible, the United Methodist Church, and what it means to follow Jesus Christ. They have asked thoughtful questions, shared meaningful conversations, and taken important steps in their faith journey. Confirmation is not simply about completing a class. It is about young people publicly saying "yes" to the faith that has been shared with them and choosing to continue growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

As a church family, we have the privilege and responsibility of encouraging them as they take this important step. I encourage you to come out on June 14 to support and welcome our confirmands and to remind them that they are an important part of the Cedarville family.

We will also welcome four adults into membership that same morning. What a wonderful witness to see both youth and adults taking steps of faith together. It is a reminder that discipleship is not limited to one season of life. God continues to call people of every age to grow, belong, serve, and follow Christ.

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Confirmation Sunday is always a special time because it reminds us that our church is indeed changing lives with Jesus. It is a celebration of God's grace at work in people's lives and a reminder that the future of the church is not something we simply talk about. It is something we nurture and celebrate together.

I hope you will join us for this meaningful morning of worship, celebration, and welcome on Sunday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



**Pastor Mike attending Annual Conference,
May 19-21, 2026**

Mission First!

We've had a busy month here at Mission First! Our anniversary party was a wonderful success! It was great to see everyone dancing and having fun together. This wouldn't have been possible without hard work from many volunteers including Sue Meloy, Jay Meloy, Sheila Hardin, Karen Blankenbiller, DJ Joel and so many others. A huge thank you! Sue and Jay also represented Mission First at the Coventry Woods event, selling birdhouses and handing out information.

Closer to home, our kitchen is in the process of being updated. Soon we will have a new sink with room for baking sheets and new countertops which will be easier to clean. Our community garden has been planted thanks to Jay and Theresa. We provided 2 dozen gowns and accessories for an event at Pottstown's Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



None of these things would be possible without your help. When we work together, our community can provide so many resources for our friends and neighbors. Our current food needs are individual puddings, Chef Boyardee and saltine crackers. If you're able to help, stop by First, call Clare at 610-326-0560 or email Clare@missionfirstpottstown.org.

Prom at Rehab Center





Reflections on Mission First Gala

My personal thanks to everyone who helped to make this fundraiser a success!

123 tickets sold
\$3,319 received including donations

Mission First would like to make every fundraiser an event based on fellowship, food, and connection. Oh, and fun too!

That happens when people share a common vision and purpose. The team that put together this event displayed enthusiasm, creativity, and worked to design a way to promote the purpose and need for MISSION beyond the walls of any church. More than tickets sold or dollars received, this event was designed to shine a spotlight on Mission First in Pottstown. It is who we are, and what we do. Spread the Word.

With great joy for your support and generosity, thanks to each and every one of you,
Sue Meloy



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Women's
Fellowship
invites you to:

JUNE 19, 2026
6:30 to 8:30pm

Cedarville UMC
Fellowship Hall



Bring a desert or snack to share



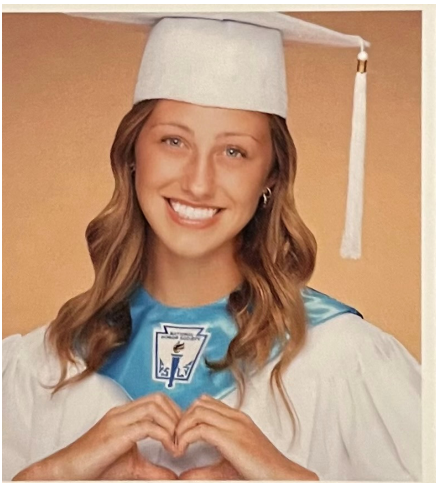
Graduates, 2026

High School



Ryan D'Angelo

Ryan D'Angelo is graduating from Owen J Roberts High School. Next year he will be attending Berks Career & Technical Center.



Haley Harner

Haley Harner is graduating from Pottsgrove High School. She has been accepted to Temple University and will study Music Education. Haley is an accomplished musician and vocalist. She plays the piano, flute and bass and was a member of the PHS band all four years. Haley also participated in the high school choir. She sang with an honors choir at Carnegie Hall in February. Haley was the lead in every musical in her high school career. She has sung the National Anthem for many local festivities and sings with a local jazz group 'Haley and the Comets.'



Emilie Laum

Emilie is graduating from Owen J Roberts High School as well as Technical College High School in Phoenixville where she studied Culinary Arts part time. She is enrolled at Montgomery County Community College for the fall to begin her Associates in Baking and Pastry Arts and would like to transfer to Walnut Hill College in Philadelphia to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Pastry Arts.



Michael McCormick

Michael is graduating from Owen J. Roberts High School. After graduation, Michael has accepted a full-time apprenticeship at Keares Electrical Contracting in Exton, PA to begin his career as an electrician.



Collin Moser

Collin is graduating this year from Owen J. Roberts High School. Next year, he will be attending Norwich University, a military school in Northfield, Vermont.



Ashlyn Snavelly

Ashlyn Snavelly is a graduating senior from Daniel Boone Area High School who has made the most of her high school experience through dedication, inclusion, active participation, and engagement.

Beyond the classroom, Ashlyn has been actively involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, including Field Hockey, Unified Bocce, Unified Track and Field, Indoor Color Guard, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. She has taken leadership roles such as being the Special Olympics Unified Ambassador for Daniel Boone Area School District to coordinate events between the two organizations. Her passion for inclusion, creative arts, and compassion for all people is evident through her participation in clubs such as Unified Takeover, Connections, Unified Ambassadors, Medical Club,

and Aavidum. She also has successfully provided apparel artwork designs for school groups and created physical artwork that can be seen throughout Daniel Boone Area High School.

In recognition of her hard work and achievements, Ashlyn has received several honors, including induction into both the National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

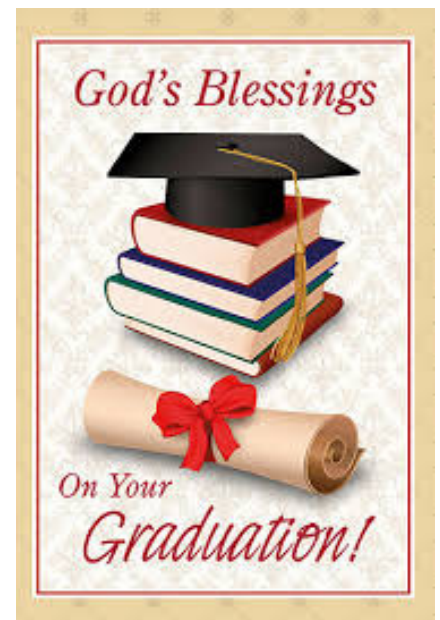
Outside of school, Ashlyn has contributed to her community volunteering as a Buddy for Buddy Ball with the Daniel Boone Athletic Association (2017 to present), donating hair several times (8 inches per time) to Children with Hair Loss, continuing to actively volunteer at Cedarville United Methodist Church's Nursery (6 years); a leader for their summer Bible School; and having actively participated in mission trips to Harrisburg, PA and Niagara Falls, NY. All of this shows a commitment to making a positive impact. Her experiences have helped shape her goals and aspirations as she prepares for the next chapter.

After graduation, Ashlyn plans to attend Northampton Community College to pursue a degree in Healthcare Office Administration.



Cooper Zinger

Cooper Zinger is graduating from Boyertown Area Senior High School on June 5.



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College Graduates



Rachel Bozenhard

Rachel graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. She was the recipient of the Dean's List award for seven semesters due to high academic standing. Rachel will be attending Arcadia University in the fall to pursue a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Doctoral Degree



Margaret Lerch

Margaret graduated on Friday, May 15th from Kutztown University with an Education Doctorate (Ed.D.) in Transformational Teaching and Learning.



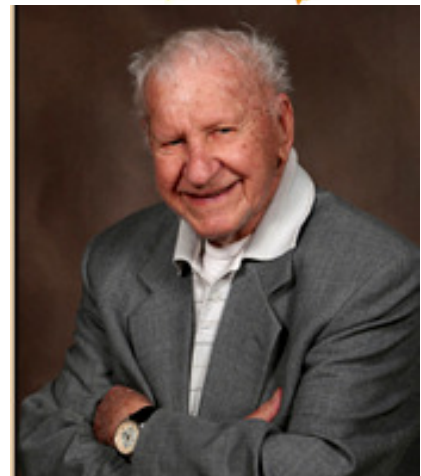
A Youth Bible Study will start on June 21st at 10:45 a.m., led by Dale Sharrock and Austin Snavely in Room 106 (youth room).



Farewell Luncheon for Debra Kabrich

We have all enjoyed Debra's wonderful meals over the last 20+ years, now it's time to return the favor with a luncheon thanking her! Debra and family will be moving to Bethlehem, PA this summer.

We will celebrate her with a luncheon on Wednesday, June 17th 11:00am – 1:00 pm. Please sign up in the Narthex or FLC Lobby and indicate which food item you will share. Beverages will be provided.



Gene Hohl to Celebrate 100th Birthday!

As our nation celebrates its 250th Birthday, one of the pillars of our church is celebrating his 100th Birthday on July 2nd – Gene Hohl! Gene is a life-time member of our church and continues the line of the Hohl family who has seen many generations pass through the doors of Cedarville, and continue to do so.

Gene has served in many capacities at Cedarville, including: Chair of Ad Council, Chair of Worship, Lay Leader, Delegate to Annual Conference, and a Long-time member of the Chancel Choir, just to name a few! Gene taught youth and adult Sunday School for a total of 65 years.
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Gene Hohl's 100th Birthday – Continued

We all join together in wishing Gene a very happy birthday and to thank him for all the years of service he has given to Cedarville. I'm sure God is saying "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

We are having a "card shower" for Gene on this special occasion. You can send his cards to: Gene Hohl, Sanatoga Court, Room 106, 227 Evergreen Road, Pottstown, PA 19464.

**SUN'S OUT, SLEEVES UP!
SAVE A LIFE THIS
SUMMER.**

Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be here at Cedarville on Monday, June 8th from 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm. To schedule an appointment, Scan the QR Code on the poster or Call 800-223-6667, ext. 2 and use Sponsor Code 4234.

There are posters throughout the entire facility. If you have any questions or need help, please call Karen Baum at 610-323-5352. Thank you!

Zoom Bible Study

We will begin our new book on June 5. It is "The Prodigal God" by Timothy Keller. It is on Amazon for \$11.36. (Do not buy the reprint edition).



Tidying Time

Do you have organizational skills? Over the summer, one or two volunteers are needed to help declutter/organize various locations throughout our church. We will be starting in Room 205 June 15th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Viera at 484-366-6342.

ATTENTION USERS OF ROOM 205

Anyone who has supplies or other things stored in Room 205, there will be volunteers tidying up in this room starting June 15th. It would be greatly appreciated if you would mark anything that you need or remove anything that you don't need. If you have questions, please contact Mary Viera at 484-366-6342. Thank you.



This summer's Vacation Bible School is coming up fast. It will be held for four evenings from Monday, July 6 through Thursday, July 8. Each evening starts with dinner from 5:30 – 6 PM for volunteers, the kids and their families. From 6 to 8 PM, the kids will learn that God is the source of their strength through songs, skits, stories, crafts, science, and games. This important outreach is only possible through the efforts of many hands – please consider one of the ways you can get involved:

- If there is a child in your life who is going into kindergarten through 5th grade next Fall, please invite them to join us
- Volunteer – we need crew leaders, people to assist with each station, and kitchen helpers - contact Sandie Armstrong (610-304-9306 or armstrong21@verizon.net)
- Contribute to help us purchase food and craft supplies (see below)

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VBS Continued –

- Pick up a poster (in the lobby or outside Fellowship Hall) to post in the community
- Put out a yard sign at a busy corner or in your neighborhood (available in the room next to the Nursery – some have more detail for areas where passersby move slowly)

Just as we did last year, we are asking for monetary donations instead of individual food and craft supplies – this enables us to buy in bulk and get exactly what is needed. If you would like to contribute, please use the QR code below or visit the Cedarville website's Donate page and scroll down to the VBS link.



What is the Laity Academy?

The Laity Academy, held the first weekend of August 2026, at Eastern University will be the 42nd session held by the EPAUMC. The weekend events are

planned by the Laity and are for the Laity.

The Laity Academy was begun as—and still is—a way to train church members begin to take part in the ministries in their local churches and to enable them to enhance the ministry they are already doing, by sharing thoughts and ideas with people who have the same passion.

Originally targeting speaking ministries, Laity Academy classes provided the instruction that enabled lay members to lead worship and preach sermons. Early on, members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference realized that not all laity who were being called into ministry were called to preach; there were many other ministries that lay persons were doing and would benefit from additional instruction.

While speaking classes are offered at every session of the full academy at Eastern University; there are also classes in leading and caring ministries, as well as a Basic class on United Methodist ministry. One-day classes are also offered in various districts in April, a ZOOM class in September, and usually a One-day class in October. Any member of the laity may take any academy class. *The exception would be those who have a prerequisite.*

The Academy is a next step up from Tools for Ministry, which gives a 45-minute glimpse into a ministry. The Laity Academy's 10 -hour classes provide the first steps in the journey to become a Christ Servant Minister -- if you so desire; or a more in depth look at a ministry that interests you, or you feel called to pursue.

*IF you are a Christ Servant Minister, Lay Speaker, or a Certified Lay Minister; the academy classes are one way you can fulfill the requirements for continuing education -- in **caring, leading & speaking** ministries.*

Take a **SAVE THE DATE** card **AND/OR** Check out the **AUGUST COURSE** Sheet Outside of Family Life Center and in the Narthex.

Got ??? Touch base with
Anna Taylor

Acts of Kindness

Just a reminder to post your acts of kindness on the boards posted in the hallway by the sanctuary and the lobby of the Family Life Center. There are post-it notes available to write you kindness notes. The church goal is 250 Acts of Kindness this summer!



Live Nativity Update

It is hard to believe that we are only 6 months away from Christmas. This year we are planning on doing a little something different with our Live Nativity. We have scheduled Quiver Farms on Saturday, December 19th at 5:30 pm for their Nativity program “The Star of Wonder”, which is an hour long presentation with an alpaca, llama and donkey. The shepherd tells the Christmas story from their perspective.

The presentation will be in the Family Life Center. I have scheduled a meeting for June 9th from 6pm to 7pm in room 103 to start more detailed planning and logistics. A lot of hands are needed to make this a success.



Thank You!

A very special thank you to Chip and all the scouts who did such a wonderful job on cleaning the sanctuary pews. They look and feel amazing. Sincerely,
Judy & Pete Culshaw

Our heartfelt thanks to all our music leaders and each person who shares their gifts and talents to enhance our worship services. A special note of appreciation to Chris for all his music and especially the Memorial Day patriotic medley. Blessings,
Judy & Pete Culshaw

Cedarville United Methodist Church Members,

Thanks you so much for all you did for my mother, JoAnne’s Celebration of Life Service on May 9th, 2026. The desserts were wonderful and the kitchen helpers did a wonderful job helping us with the left-overs, especially Vicki Miller and Linda Waclawsky.

P.S. Thank you very much again – what a wonderful church family we have at Cedarville. My mother loved the congregation here.

Sincerely,
Janet Austin
Jack Manley

Dear Cedarville Church,
Thank you for your prayers, cards and love shared with us in the passing of my mother an dhealing for Gordy’s surgery.

Pastor Sherry Lantz

Thank you for all the cards and prayers for my surgery and recovery. I am doing well.

Gordy Lantz

Thank you to the “mystery pizza person” who had pizza, salad, and cannoli’s delivered to us at lunch time. What a treat!

Susan & Pastor Mike

Walter Mouse Devotional

John 6:63...The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing



A while ago, Bill and I passed a young man trying to get a kite into the air. He ran back and forth madly, eyeing the kite every once in a while to see how it was doing. It just flopped around at the end of the string and kept crashing to the ground. I don’t know if he ever got it flying. He sure put a lot of effort into it, though.

What he was missing was the wind—the lift. The venture was all his effort, which wasn’t enough to provide results. It works like that in our lives, too. If there’s just our efforts with no Lift from the Holy Spirit, we can exhaust ourselves by running around without ever producing effective results.

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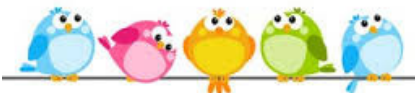


Summer Blooms

*Poet: Catherine
Pulsifer*

*June arrives and
summer starts to bloom.
Vacations begin, free
from classroom gloom.
Beaches, barbecues, and
outdoor fun,
The season has only just
begun.*

*Run free through fields
of lush, green grass,
Soak up the sun until
it's time to pass.
With June here, let the
joyous times roll,
Excitement in the air—
summer's on a roll!*



June Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders 8:00

7 – Anna Taylor
14 – Dale Sharrock
21 – Karen Baum
28 – Judy Pfeffer

Worship Leaders 11:00

7 – Patti McClimon
14 – Lisa Harner
21 – Elaine Lambert
28 – Judy Culshaw

9:30 Scripture Readers

7 – Peggy Moser
14 – Rich Adamson
21 – Brenda Fronheiser
28 – Dory Erb

Ushers 8:00 Worship

7 – Will & Linda Knox
14 – Saritha Devathala,
Eliza Mann & Denise
Reagan
21 – Ken Good
28 – Gale & Glenn
Nester

Ushers 11:00 Worship

Janet Austin, Patti
Kinard, Faye Lachman
and Jill Kinney

CedarKidz/Cedar Tweenz Teachers

7 – Crissy Fiorani
14 – Diane Cherico
21 – Sandie Armstrong
28 – No Sunday School

Children's Message

7 – Diane Cherico
14 – Dale Sharrock
21- Caleb Work
28 – Diane Cherico



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