



Cross Beams

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

August, 2026

A New Season of Ministry

As August arrives, it's hard to believe how quickly the summer has passed. Before long, school buses will be back on the roads, classrooms will be filled with students, and many of us will be settling back into familiar routines after vacations and summer activities.

The changing of the seasons is a reminder that God is always leading us into new opportunities. Just as autumn brings a fresh beginning for students, teachers, and families, it also marks the beginning of a new season of ministry here at Cedarville.

Throughout August, many of our ministry teams will begin to pray, plan, and prepare for the fall. Bible studies, small groups, outreach opportunities, children's and youth ministries, music ministries, and many other activities will soon be underway once again. Whether you have been serving for years or are looking for a place to get involved for the first time, I encourage you to prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to use your gifts this season.

One of the first opportunities to begin this new season together will be our annual community worship service on Sunday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the grove at Shenkel United Church of Christ. Each year, several area churches gather for this special service as a visible reminder that while we worship in different congregations, we are united as one Body in Christ. It is always a meaningful morning of worship, fellowship, and celebrating the faith we share. We hope you'll make plans to join us.

As we begin this new season, I am reminded of God's promise through the prophet Isaiah:

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43:19a (NRSV)



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As summer gives way to fall, my prayer is that we would continue serving faithfully, growing deeper in our relationship with Christ, and finding new ways to live out our mission of *Changing Lives with Jesus*. There is a place for each of us in the work God is doing, and I look forward to seeing what God will accomplish through our church family in the months ahead.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



Yard Sale, 2026

Saturday, August 1st

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Proceeds Benefit Mission First

Come Sell or Shop

We will have our entire Family Life Center filled with the inside air-conditioned tables and outdoor spaces surround our church. If you thought of having a yard sale this is the perfect place to come sell!

Indoor tables are \$25

Outdoor spaces are \$10

Rent a space and keep the profits.

For more detailed information or to register, Email

events@cedarvilleumc.org

Don't miss out on this opportunity to sell and shop!! Please pass the word!

Mission First is Cedarville's Outreach Center at 414 E. High St. Pottstown. Our focus is on those in our backyard that need food, clothing, shelter, medical support or a friend to talk to.

Mission First!

As summer draws to a close, we would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers! We have been blessed by our friends at Cedarville as well as some visiting youth groups. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we are well prepared to continue providing for our community.

We were thrilled to have all the t-shirts from our Cedarville family. It was great to see everyone at the yard sale! Thanks to all your hard work and donations, we have had another successful event to provide Mission First with much-needed funds for our future projects.

The visiting youth were an amazing addition to our volunteer staff. Their energy and enthusiasm inspired everyone around them. The group from First Presbyterian made and delivered 25 meal bags for the outside fridge. They enjoyed a tour and got to see our operations first hand. The youth from New Ridge Fellowship spent their day organizing the clothing closet, weeding the garden and making 250 sandwiches in the kitchen. The Salford Mennonite Young Adults were able to help us for 3 days. They removed stumps, painted, mulched, weed whacked and so much more.

Thanks to all of these efforts, we are able to continue with our daily operations, as well as planning a few special events. We are currently working on a backpack giveaway and community party, featuring haircuts and free food. If you would like help, call Clare at 610-326-0560 or email Clare@missionfirstpottstown.org. If you would like to continue to support us, our current needs are medium sized men's t-shirts, Q-Tips, and toothbrushes.



Salford Mennonite Volunteers



First Presbyterian Volunteers



New Ridge Fellowship Volunteers

Come TRY the Handbell Choir!
Thursday, September 3 - 6:30
Meet a Handbell and the Choir
and see if you want to join the fun!



**Handbell Choir Members Needed: Rehearsals are Thursdays
from 6:30-7:15 Anthems are on the 2 Sunday of each
month from Oct-May - Questions? Contact Lori Snively -
snivman@gmail.com**



Measles Activity Increasing in Chester County and Surround Communities

Measles activity is increasing in Chester County and surrounding communities. Measles is highly contagious and spreads quickly through the air. It can stay in the room for up to 2 hours after an infected person has left. It can lead to serious health complications especially for infants, young children, and pregnant people, and those with weakened immune systems. People with measles can spread the virus before they know they are sick.

The best way to protect yourself another is to get vaccinated. The MMR vaccine is safe and highly effective at preventing measles. If you are unsure of your vaccination status, talk with your healthcare provider. Now is a good time to review your immunity status and make sure you and your family are protected. If you are not vaccinated, consider re-evaluating your risk now that cases are occurring.

The measles is vaccine is available through healthcare providers, pharmacies, and the Chester County Health Department (610-344-6225). Visit www.chesco.org/measles for more information.

Lastly, if you or your family member becomes sick with measles, please notify people you may have exposed so they can take steps to protect themselves and their families. Sharing information about potential exposures allows other to seek guidance, monitor for symptoms and make informed decisions to protect themselves, their families, and those most vulnerable to severe illness.



2026 Ministry Team Catalog

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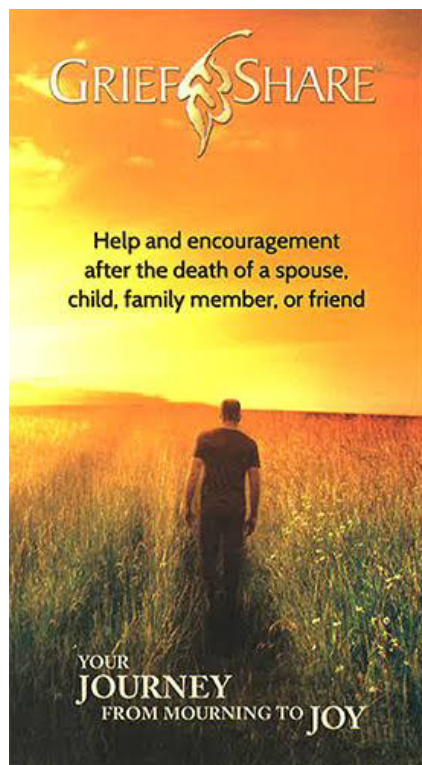
Thank you to everyone participating in this year's Ministry Team sign-up.

- We are currently consolidating everyone's requests and putting together the rosters for each ministry team.
- In early August you should receive an email with your information, just to double-check and see if there are any other opportunities you would like to join or just pop-in and see if it is a fit.
- We are adding 2 new Ministries for you to sign-up for
 - **111 Pickle Ball**
 - **112 CUMC Softball Team**
- You will also be contacted in August by the Ministry Area lead welcoming you to each group, introducing your team leads, and kick off

information starting our September efforts.

- Watch for a membership wide email next week with an updated catalog and the link to expand your participation in **Changing Lives with Jesus**.

With Love and Blessings,
CUMC Leadership Board -
Communication Team



A GriefShare seminar will be offered beginning September 9th here at Cedarville Church.

GriefShare is a Christ-centered program which helps people apply biblical principles as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one.

The program includes videos, small group discussions, and a participant's guide used for reflection after the meetings.

Our group will meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30pm – 8:00pm in room 105. There are 13 sessions in the seminar.

More information can be found in brochures in each of our lobbies. Please share them with friends and family members who are struggling with grief. Everyone is welcome. It is never too soon or late to join our group, at any time in the cycle, or at any stage in your grief journey.

Register at griefshare.org or call Susan in the church office (610-326-4173) to sign up.

Susan Paravis

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!

*Ladies
Night Out!*

**2orMore
Women's Group**
August, 21, 6:30 p.m.
(Restaurant to be
determined)



All Women Invited!



Thank You!

*Dear Friends,
I would like to thank all of
you for all of the good wishes
for my 100th birthday. I
received 112 cards! Thank
you also for those that have
supported me through the
years. Cedarville is my
home and I feel blessed to
be part of this wonderful,
caring congregation.*

*Thank you!
Gene Hohl*

Cedarville Family,

*Thank you for all the cards,
emails, calls and texts, along
with all your prayers, I*

*received before and after my
lower back surgery. The
operation went very well and
I am feeling good.*

*Grace and Peace,
Frank Cebular*

From: Pottstown Cluster

*Thank you for your generous
contribution of \$250 received
this first half of 2026.*

*Your gift directly supports
our mission to provide food,
stability, and dignity to
neighbors facing difficult
times. Because of your
generosity, our food pantry
remains fully stocked, our
community meal programs
are sustained, and our
partnerships with 12 local
pantries continue to thrive.*

*On behalf of the board and
staff, thank you for standing
with us to move individuals
and families beyond crisis
and toward long-term
stability.*

*With Sincere gratitude
Patricia Shepherd
Pottstown Cluster*

**Walter Mouse
Devotional**

**Lev. 19:18... "You shall not
take vengeance or bear a
grudge against the sons of
your people, but you shall
love your neighbor as
yourself; I am the Lord"**

*This morning Bill and I were
watching birds at our feeders. A*



*Mother goldfinch flew in with
her three babies. They sat
around loudly flapping and
chirping as mom selected
seeds and delivered to the
hungry mouths.*

*At one point, a lone female
house finch stopped at the
feeder and quietly began
eating. She was completely
unperturbed by the noise and
commotion of the nearby
feeding frenzy. The goldfinch
continued to dash around,
dropping seeds into her little
ones' beaks. She must've
gotten overwhelmed with her
task because at one point she
hurriedly jammed a seed at the
house finch. That poor bird
pulled back in amazement, the
goldfinch realized her mistake
and returned to her babies, and
the house finch calmly went
back to eating.*

*It kind of amazed me that the
house finch didn't display any
hard feelings at all. She didn't
attack the goldfinch or even
peck at her. She just stepped
back for a moment, letting the
intrusion pass, and then,
resumed what she's been
doing. That seems like a good
model for us to follow, too.*

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August Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders 8:00

2 – Anna Taylor
9 – Dale Sharrock
16 – Karen Baum
23 – Judy Pfeffer
30 – Pat Goshert

Worship Leaders 11:00

2 – Richard Work
9 – Susan Morris
16 – Velva Zarley
23 – Barbara Boyer
30 – Dale Sharrock

9:30 Scripture Readers

2 – David Zarley
9 – Dory Erb
16 – Susan Paravis
23 – Lorne Kingsley
30 – Benita Holden

Ushers 8:00 Worship

2 – Will & Linda Knox
9 – Saritha Devathala,
Eliza Mann & Denise
Reagan
16 – Ken Good
23 – Gale & Glenn
Nester
30 – Will & Linda Knox

Ushers 11:00 Worship

2 & 9 – Janet Austin,
Head Usher, Patti
Kinard, Jill Kinney & Rob
Mutschler
16 – Joanne Means,
Head Usher, Robert
Mutschler and Eric &
Kristyn Kaari
23 & 30 – Joanne
Means, Head Usher, Jay
& Betsy Wright and Faye
Lachman

CedarKidz/Cedar Tweenz Teachers

2 – Velva Zarley
9 – Sandie Armstrong
16 – Crissy Fiorani
23 – Susan Morris
30 – No Sunday School

Children's Message

2 – Cindy Cebular
9 – Dale Sharrock
16 – Diane Cherico
23 – Pastor Mike
30 – Caleb Work



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