



Cross Beams

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

October, 2026

Built Together

During October and into November, you may notice something unusual taking shape in each of our worship spaces. As part of this year's stewardship program, *Built Together*, we will be constructing a model house in each of our worship spaces, adding to it as the weeks go along.

When we hear the word *stewardship*, it can be easy to immediately think about money, budgets, pledge cards, and paying the church's bills. Those things are certainly part of stewardship, but Christian stewardship begins somewhere much deeper. It begins with recognizing that everything we have, including our time, our abilities, our resources, and our very lives, is a gift from God. Stewardship is about what we do with what God has placed into our hands.

Over these weeks, our worship will help us explore what it means to be *Built Together*:

October 11: *It All Begins with God*

October 18: *Rise Against Hunger*

October 25: *Pastor Pat Sharing the Morning Message*

November 1: *More Than Enough*

November 8: *There's a Place for You* and Commitment Sunday

While not every Sunday will be a traditional stewardship sermon, together these weeks will tell a larger story. God has given each of us different gifts, abilities, resources, and opportunities. When we bring those gifts together and place them in God's hands, we become part of something much larger than ourselves.

That is really what stewardship is about.

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Our generosity isn't ultimately about maintaining an institution or simply balancing a budget. We give because we believe in what God is doing through this community. We give so children can discover God's love, young people can find a place to belong, people who are hurting can find hope, people who are hungry can be fed, disciples can grow in their faith, and people who haven't yet walked through our doors can discover that there is a place for them here.

That is what we are building together.

Watching our model houses take shape will remind us that none of us builds the church alone. Each of us has something to offer, and each of us has a part to play.

As we move toward making our financial commitments for 2027, I invite you to pray about the gifts God has entrusted to you and how God may be calling you to use them in the coming year. Rather than beginning with the question, "*How much should I give?*" perhaps we can begin with a bigger one: "*What part will I play in what God is building here?*"

I look forward to discovering the answer together as we continue living out our mission of *Changing Lives with Jesus*.

Blessings,
Pastor Mike



Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 25th from 2:00 – 3:30 pm in the church parking lot. Trunk set-up begins at 1:30pm. All children in the community are invited to attend! We ask that an adult attend with the children.

We are looking for donations of candy, individual sized prepackaged snack such as pretzels or popcorn; some allergen free candy (nut free or gluten free); and small Halloween themed treats, such as spider shaped

rings, Halloween pencils, erasers, glow sticks or temporary tattoos to give to the children that attend. Please leave your donations in the baskets in the FLC lobby and Fellowship Hall.

We would love to have as many decorated trunks as possible. Join in on the fun by decorating the truck or tailgate of your vehicle! You can bring your own treats to give out to the children, or use some that have been donated.

Free cider and donuts will be provided to all participants, and everyone can cast their vote for the "best" decorated trunk. A prize will be given to the winner! We hope you can come join the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Lori Snavey, Kim Geller or Crissy Fiorani. Please call/text Crissy at 484-332-6759 or email at cchfiorani@aol.com

Mission First!

This month at Mission First, we have been busy helping our friends and neighbors by partnering with many organizations. Our clothing closet received an amazing gift of 5000 new pairs of socks from Bombas. We hosted the Hobarts Run Community Leadership breakfast and gave tours to community members who wanted to see what we do here at First. On the individual side, we would like to thank Jay for repairing the trip hazards on the sidewalk. A kind person replaced our broken food house doors for us. Thank you for your help!

As we move forward into the month, there is still time to get your tickets for our High Tea fundraiser on October 9th from 3-5pm. We are asking for a donation of \$30 per person. Tickets are going fast! Please contact Sue Meloy at 610-327-4196, SKMeloy@comcast.net for information.

Looking ahead to the holidays, Mission First would like to provide food and warmth for our homeless neighbors. To do this, we will be handing out **50 meal boxes for Thanksgiving. We need 50 large cans of sweet potatoes and 50 large jars of turkey gravy in order to complete these boxes.** Providing warmth will happen in a few ways. Our clothing closet needs men's and women's winter gloves. Additionally, our Code Blue housing fund needs donations. This money will allow us to provide a warm safe space for people who have literally no where else to go. If you're able to help, stop by Mission First, call Clare at 610-326-0560 or email Clare@missionfirstpottstown.org.





Laity Sunday, October 18, 2026 Starting at 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon
We will worship by serving (no regular worship services)

Join Us as we Prepare 22,00 meals
(TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND MEALS!)

Help End Global Hunger
by engaging in this activity!

Jobs for Old and Young Alike

Show up at 9:00 and stay for whatever time suits you, or
come and work for the time you can – don't miss the fun!

Set-Up Begins at 8:00 – Event begins at 9:00.



Rise Against Hunger, Inc. is a US corporation and recognized by US Internal Revenue tax exempt IRS Code 501 (c)(3) as a charitable not for profit entity, the mission of which is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. One of the ways that Rise Against Hunger works to achieve its mission is by

working with other interested parties to stage meal packaging events to create fortified, dehydrated, shelf-stable meals that are transported by Rise Against Hunger to identified areas of food insecurity.



World Communion Sunday: One Table, One Family

On Sunday, October 4, Christians around the world will gather at the Lord's Table. From small house churches to great cathedrals, believers will break bread and share the cup as one family in Christ.

Here at Cedarville UMC, we will celebrate at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. When we come to the table, we remember Jesus' love, receive God's grace, and are united with sisters and brothers in faith across every nation and denomination.

The table is open. All are welcome. I encourage you to join us for this special day. Come hungry for grace, come ready to be renewed, and come knowing that you are part of something much larger than yourself.



High Tea

Mission First is having a High Tea fundraiser at 414 E High St on Friday, October 9th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

What makes high tea special? Service and selection. China, silverware and linen. Assorted loose leaf brewed teas. Assorted tea sandwiches. Multiple dessert choices. And fresh baked scones, warm from our oven, waiting for butter, jam or lemon curd. Sample one of everything!

High tea became a custom in the Victorian era, and was appreciated as much for the company as the meal. Mission First would like to extend the charm of that age by slowing life down to a gentler form of me-time.

Donation will be \$30 per person, so gather friends and book a table for four or six.

Reservations are a must so we do not exceed our seating

capacity, and may be made by contacting Sue Meloy.
skmeloy52@gmail.com

We hope you will choose to indulge in this anachronistic bit of nostalgia with us as you support our MISSION.

October is: Pastor Appreciation Month



Please take time to offer Pastor Mike and Pastor Pat your gratitude and appreciation for their service to our congregation and to God! We are so blessed to have both of them leading our congregation!

New Monday Evening Bible Study Offered in October



Parables from A to Z

Join the Monday evening Bible Study (Mondays at 7:00 pm in room 103), beginning Monday, October 5, as we begin taking a close look at all the parables Jesus shares with his followers. Jesus knew the power of stories to touch people's hearts, so he used parables to teach his followers about the kingdom of God. If you want to know God better, the parables are a great place to start.

We'll explore what God wants us to know from the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the lost sheep, the talents, the sower, and many more. We'd love to have you join us!

Bible Studies Offered at this time:

Wednesday Morning Study:

10:00 a.m. in Room 103 –
Twelve Daring Women of the Bible

Wednesday Afternoon Study:

1:00 p.m. in Room 103
Romans

Wednesday Night Study:

6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
A Brief Survey of the Bible

Thursday Afternoon Study:

1:00 p.m. in Room 103
Unspeakable Courage

Thursday Night Study:

5:30 p.m. in Room 103
The Great Omission

Friday Morning Study:

9:00 a.m. on Zoom
Unbreakable Courage

Adult Sunday School –

Sunday's - 9:30 a.m. -
Fellowship Hall – Meets all year
Hebrews



Looking for a place to connect, have fun, and grow in your faith? Youth Nights are a **free monthly gathering** for youth ages 10–18 featuring worship, food, games, and meaningful conversations. Join us on the **second Sunday of each month**, September through April, from 4:30–7:00 pm at Camp Innabah. **October 11th is the next Youth Night.** If you have any questions, contact either May Smith, 610-517-1867, maysmith@comcast.net or Dale Sharrock, 610-416-0316, dalesharrock@hotmail.com.



New Mahjong Group

We're excited to start a new group to play Mahjong on Tuesday afternoons from 12:30-2:30 in Fellowship Hall. The group is open to all and any skill level. We'll teach you how to play if you are new to the game. Many of us are beginners and will be learning together. We are limited by the number of Mahjong sets and we currently have two; we can accommodate more players in the room as other sets become available. To join the play, download the app TeamReach and enter the Group Code: CUMC1092.



A new session of GriefShare has begun. 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.

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GriefShare – Continued

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

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



Attic Treasures

Attic Treasures will be back this year along with the annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on November 7th. We are now collecting your items in Room 102 (below the Family Life Center). Items must be clean and working condition. We ask that there be NO drop off of: Old computers, monitors or TV's, clothing or shoes, refrigerators or dehumidifiers, baby cribs or cars seats, exercise equipment, large pieces of furniture, stuffed animals, textbooks of any kind, VHS or cassette tapes, and record albums. Most of these items rarely sell and we do not

have a place to dispose of them after the sale (in addition to the costs we might incur to have them picked up by the trash hauler.)

We will also be seeking volunteers to help us. We need help on Saturday, October 31, starting at 10:00 a.m. to clear out rooms and move stuff from Shephelah over to the FLC classrooms. On Sunday, Nov. 1 we need help to set up tables and move donated items to the various rooms and then through November 5 to move, sort, display, and price the donated items. We will also need volunteers on November 7th (the day of the bazaar) to help with the various aspects of the sale from 7:00 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m. (for clean-up). If you are willing to help (or have questions about items to donate), please reach out to either Elaine Lambert, 610-286-6874 or catchacat2@aol.com or Sally Harpold (610-547-0556). Let's make this another successful sale for Cedarville.



MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER

**Wanted: Co-Coordinator for
Miller-Keystone Blood Drives
at Cedarville**

If you would like to volunteer to co-ordinate this community ministry, which provides life-saving blood to those needing blood, please contact Susan Morris in the church office. Karen Baum has held this position for many years, and we are grateful for her support in this important ministry. It is a

relatively simple job: Schedule the blood drives for June and December (checking the dates with Susan on the church calendar), arrange for the sexton to help with set-up, meet the Miller-Keystone employees upon arrival and clean up afterwards. If no one volunteers, we will no longer have blood drives at Cedarville. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this important community ministry.

Gift Cards

It's time for our semi-annual Gift Card Fundraiser! A company called "Raiseright" offers gift cards from companies who offer a percentage of the gift card value to the non-profit. An order form including an extensive listing of the participating stores/companies in alphabetical order is completed by each purchaser. A check payable to CUMC for the total amount of gift cards is needed when ordering. Within 2 weeks of the order deadline, the gift cards are distributed. There is no financial benefit for the purchaser, but CUMC benefits from the % offered by each company. You pay for the full amount of the gift cards ordered, but CUMC gets some, so you are contributing to the church by purchasing gift cards! Order forms will be available beginning October 25th, with orders and checks due November 29th.

2027 Travel Opportunities with Boscov's Travel Circle

Presentation at Cedarville,
Thursday, October 1, 11:00
a.m. in the FLC

Join Boscov's Travel Circle for a presentation highlighting the exciting lineup of 2027 group trips, including a Brooklyn Chocolate day trip, Brooklyn Pizza day trip, Nashville, TN tour, Connecticut Cameos tour, Mackinac Island tour, a day trip to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for A Christmas Carol, and a Grand Illumination of Colonial Williamsburg tour. The travel presentation will focus on trip highlights, itineraries and inclusions. Learn about everything these incredible travel opportunities have to offer at the upcoming travel presentations.



To every thing
there is
a season
and a time
to every purpose
under the
heaven



Thank You!

Dear Cedarville Family,

Thank you for your generous gift to me when my daughter passed away. Your love and caring during a very difficult time was a blessing to me and my family. I can never thank you enough. God bless you.

With love and gratitude,
Louise Boyer

From the Pottstown Cluster;

Dear Rev. Remel and
Congregation:

Thank you so much for your generous Labor Day worship service donations. We have much gratitude for you and your thoughtfulness. Thank you for standing with us to provide nutrition and stability for our neighbors facing uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Staff & Board, Pottstown
Cluster

Walter Mouse Devotional

**Exodus 33:14...My
presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.**

One of our former neighbors had a boat...a nice-looking thing with a small up-front canopy for shade and enough space aft for fishing or sitting. It was an attractive, peaceful blue and white vessel. The neighbor had it home one weekend because he was washing it and making minor repairs and generally getting it ready for winter. At first I thought it was kind of sad that the boat had to be pulled from service, but then I got to thinking that it had surely earned its rest. It had spent the whole summer half-submerged in salty water, with the other half beaten upon by sun, wind and rain. Its decks had endured countless footsteps and its motor carried its passengers on adventures all summer long. It was time to pull back, get out of the water, and take a well-deserved rest. Work would start up again in the spring.

Sometimes we get pulled from the water, too. Circumstances create a need to stop pursuing the usual course and to rest instead in a season of inactivity. That's often hard to do, but it's the only way to be prepared for spring—when we'll be called back into the water again.

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October Worship Helpers

Worship Leaders 8:00

4 – Anna Taylor
11 – Dale Sharrock
18 – Rise Against Hunger
25 – Judy Pfeffer

Worship Leaders 11:00

4 – Vicki Miller
11 – Judy Culshaw
18 – Rise Against Hunger
25 – Denny Emerick

9:30 Scripture Readers

4 – Cindy Cebular
11 – Peggy Moser
18 - Rise Against Hunger
25 – Diane Cherico

Ushers 8:00 Worship

4– Will & Linda Knox
11 – Saritha Devathala,
Eliza Mann & Denise
Reagan
18 – Rise Against Hunger
25 – Gale & Glenn
Nester

Ushers 11:00 Worship

4 – Dawne von Czoernig
(head usher), Jill Kinney,
Patti Kinard & Rob
Mutschler
11 - Denny McClimon,
Jill Kinney, Dale
Sharrock & Rob
Mutschler
18 – Rise Against
Hunger
25 – Dawne von
Czoernig, Jill Kinney,
Patti Kinard & Rob
Mutschler

CedarKidz/Cedar Tweenz Teachers

4 – Diane Cherico
11 – Sandie Armstrong
18 – No Sunday School
25 – Susan Morris

Children's Message

4 – Cindy Cebular
11 – Dale Sharrock
18 – No Children's
Message (Rise Against
Hunger)
25 – Caleb Work



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