



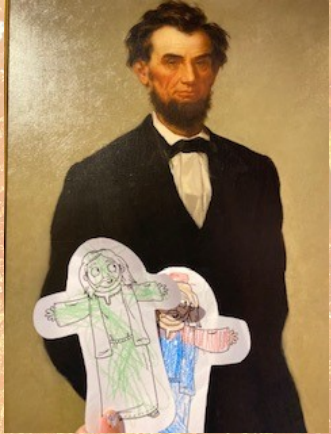
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CEDAR GROVE



OCTOBER 2022

FLAT JESUS!

Goes on vacation!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Grace and Peace!

Time is a funny thing. Sometimes it moves slow; sometimes, time moves so fast you do not know where it all went. That is how these last almost ten months have been for Bailey and me. As you all know, our daughter will make her official arrival soon, so I will be on maternity leave from Monday, October 24th, 2022, to Friday, January 13th, 2023. My last Sunday in the pulpit is October 23rd, and I will triumphantly return on January 15th, 2023. I hope I see all of you before I take my leave!

I am lucky that I found good folks to fill in for me while I am gone. On November 6th, my dearest friend, Rev. Heather Cherrey, will preach and lead service alongside Lisa Bollard, our excellent new member and soon-to-be Member in Discernment. Lisa and another good friend of mine, Rev. Ron Verblaauw, will be in the pulpit from November 20th until I return on the 15th. You will still get to hear me preach via video on October 30th and November 13th. Heather, Ron, and Lisa are fantastic worship leaders and preachers. Each week, they will bring a new perspective and voice that I know will leave you encouraged, challenged, and inspired. If you have any questions about my maternity leave, please

do not hesitate to ask!

I say this all the time, but I am truly blessed! I am blessed because I have three good friends who said yes when I called them to ask if they would be available to preach while I am on maternity leave. Finding folks is not easy, especially right now. There are no longer good pastors waiting in the wings, ready to take on churches or fill pulpits. The Great Resignation has hit the vocation hard, with many pastors taking early retirement or leaving the church entirely. I thank these three and what they will do when they step up into the pulpit!

I want to thank all of you for the support and love you have poured upon Bailey and me. This journey has been fraught with pitfalls and heartbreaks. I look forward to introducing Sadie Jo Elaine Welch-Pomerantz to all of you and for her to grow up in a supportive and warm community!

And I promise to send lots of photos and videos! May God Bless You and Keep You.

In Peace,

Rev. Dr. Sarah Welch-Pomerantz

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Hi friends,

We started off the new school year with a fresh coat of paint! Thanks to donations of paint supplies and paint from church members and the donation of time from a friend of mine, we were able to do a low budget make-over with a big impact! It's still a work in progress, but the painting is done. We painted the upstairs hallway wall and an accent wall in the classroom to look like grass and sky. We also re-painted the cubbies, the door between the two classrooms and trim white. The wall in the upstairs hallway will eventually have a mural of a giant flower with the names of the Fruits of the Spirit on the petals, as well as clouds and a sun with corresponding bible verses. The accent wall in the classroom has a beautiful butterfly made up of a cross and words (See picture below), and will eventually have a breathing pathway and words saying breathe in mercy...breath out worry.

The adults weren't the only ones who kept busy! The children started our Fall series on being thankful for all that God provides for us. They have gratitude for the beatitudes, and they learned to be thankful for God's promises by watching a movie about Noah's ark and making crafts. We will continue to focus on being thankful until Thanksgiving. In the next coming weeks they will learn that God watches over us and provides for us, if we show kindness, by studying the story of Ruth

and Naomi, and that God is there for us even when we're scared, by learning about Daniel and the lion. We will focus those lessons on being thankful that God is always with us. Then I have a special pumpkin prayer lesson for Halloween. It teaches the children that God picked us and cares for us like we pick pumpkins from a pumpkin patch. I will read the pumpkin prayer to the kids as I demonstrate with a real pumpkin, and they will make Jack-o-lanterns out of paper plates.

The Christian Education committee will be hosting our 4th Annual Trunk-or-Treat on October 28th. We will begin signups for Trunk-or-Treat soon, so be sure to pick your trunk theme and keep your eye out for that information.

If you are interested in teaching a Sunday School lesson or two there is a sign up in Frazier Hall. I have all the lesson plans made and will set up the classroom for you ahead of time. If you have any questions please feel free to see me after church!

Thank you for all of the support the Christian Education team has experienced and we are looking forward to bringing you more fun-filled events, both well-loved, long-held traditions and new ideas.

Peace,

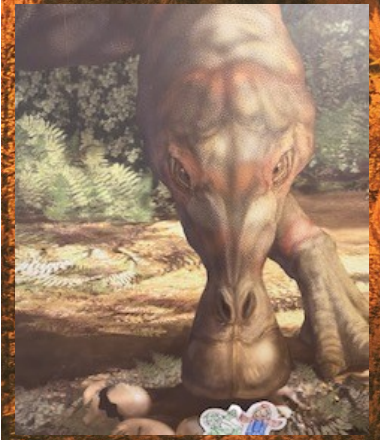
Danielle McHugh, Interim Director of Christian Education



THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays

10am—3pm





ANNUAL MEETING!

OCTOBER 16, 2022

11:00 AM

Join us for the Community Church Annual Meeting on October 16, 2022 at 11:00am, after service. At this meeting we will review the plans for last year while planning for 2023. We will approve our 2023 budget, and receive committee reports. All church members are encouraged to attend!

October MISSIONS GIVING

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. This year the highlight is on LITERACY.

This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ supports ministries that address poverty, economic development, human rights, peacemaking, violence, racial and economic justice, environmental concerns, and public policy advocacy.

Please Use Your Thank Offering, or mark your Pew Envelope "NIN"



October THANK OFFERING

DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS.

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) works in conflict zones, after natural disasters, during epidemics, in long-term care settings, and more.

Our teams provide medical care for millions of patients every year in many different types of projects.

MSF often hits the headlines when an emergency dominates the news, such as an earthquake, tsunami, or war. But we are constantly responding to urgent humanitarian needs, from disaster response to longer-term medical programs.



CHOIR CORNER

The weather may still be summer-like, but right now our Choir is thinking about holidays and special occasions. We started off the season with Homecoming, where we were so pleased to have great music! Along with our choir members and their rousing rendition of “Promised Land”, we were fortunate to once again be joined by violinist Aurora Mendez and percussionist Jon Lango. Jon and Aurora have been with us for many of our special occasions, including Christmas and Easter -and we are always thrilled to have them as part of our service.

Additionally, a big thank-you to Gwen Millbrook and Al Weber for their duet “I Have Felt the Touch of

God”. It was a beautiful piece and both Al and Gwen were wonderful!

Turning our eyes to Christmas, we already have lots of plans! We will be bringing back our Sing-Along, where we will sing many of your favorite carols. Last year was our first Sing-Along, and we are really looking forward to doing it again.

We’re just starting to learn our Christmas music, and yes, we have a long way to go. But I know it will be worth the hours of rehearsing. Looking forward to presenting our program for you!

Best,
Sandy Searing

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

PRAYER LIST

Dolores Cardinale

friend of Joe Shook, health issues

Jacob and Jaxson

grandsons of Maria DaCunha

John DelVecchio

brother-in-law of Donna

DelVecchio, health issues

Helen and Rein Emrich

Church Members, health issues

The Jackson and Larson

Families

on the passing of Monica Jackson

The Larson Family

on the passing of Jack Larson

The Kelly Family

on the passing of TJ Kelly

Heather Ostrowski

Cliff Kreismer

on the death of his wife Helen and other health issues

The Jenkins Family

on the passing of Margaret

The O'Brien Family

on the passing of Ed O'Brien

Ruth Ravina

Holocaust survivor, health issues

The Shedd Family

on the passing of Phyllis Shedd

Joe Shook

Shook Funeral Home, medical issues

Norman Vaughan

friend of Gallions, dealing with

effects of a stroke

Mimi

Sister of Willie and Mary Wing

Tina Wright and Family

on the death of husband Gregory

Wright

Nicholas Ferrigno

brother of Patrice Larson

The Caputo Family

on the passing of Gene Caputo

Norma Cohen

The Stoeckert Family

on the passing of Henry Stoeckert Jr.

The Singleton Family

Sandy Searing

On the passing of Rev. Elmo Pascale





WORSHIP NOTES FOR OCTOBER

October

Anniversaries

William & Mary Wing
Married 61 years on
October 1st

Ed & Gwen Milbrook
Married 29 years on
October 23rd

October Birthdays

Pamela Lyons 10/01

Harry Searing 10/02

Erica Milbrook 10/06

Aidan Osowski 10/09

Melissa Bien 10/13

Madison Inkley 10/13

Linda Bing-You 10/15

Lara Delvecchio 10/24

Patrice Larson 10/26

October 2

*Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

Scripture:

Lamentations 1:1-6
and Lamentations 3:19-26
or Psalm 137
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9

*Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

Scripture:

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
and Psalm 66:1-12
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
and Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 12:11-19



October 16

*Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost*

Scripture:

Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm
119:97-104
Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 23

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture:

Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65
Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah
14:7-10, 19-22
and Psalm 84:-1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

October 30

*Twenty-First Sunday after
Pentecost*

Scripture:

Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and
Psalm 119:137-144
Isaiah 1:10-18 and Psalm 32: 1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS IN OCTOBER

October 8th — Blessing of the Animals

October 16th—Annual Meeting

October 23rd—Rev. Dr. Sarah goes on Maternity Leave

October 28th—Trunk of Treat

October 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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2 SERVICE 10am	3	4 NA Meeting 7:30 -9:30pm	5 Meatloves in Kitchen Trustees 7:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	6 Thrift Shop 10am—3pm AA Women's Meeting 7:30pm	7	8 Blessing of the Animals 2pm
9 SERVICE 10am	10 Indigenous Peoples' Day Office Closed	11 NA Meeting 7:30 -9:30pm	12 Building and Grounds 7:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm	13 Thrift Shop 10am—3pm AA Women's Meeting 7:30pm	14	15
16 SERVICE 10am Annual Meeting 11am	17 Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm	18 NA Meeting 7:30 -9:30pm	19 Bible Study 6:30pm	20 Thrift Shop 10am—3pm AA Women's Meeting 7:30pm	21	22 Quilt Guild 9:30am— 12:30pm
23 SERVICE 10am Rev. Dr. Sarah's Last Day	24	25 NA Meeting 7:30 -9:30pm	26	27 Thrift Shop 10am—3pm AA Women's Meeting 7:30pm	28 TRUNK OR TREAT 5pm-6:30pm	29 Quilt Guild 10:30am— 4:30pm
30 SERVICE 10am	31 Happy Halloween					



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OF CEDAR GROVE

HALLOWEEN

TRUNK OR TREAT

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FAMILY FUN AS WE RAISE FUNDS FOR
COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CEDAR GROVE AND NEIGHBORS IN NEED

OCTOBER 28, 2022
5PM - 6:30PM



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DO JUSTICE.

LOVE KINDNESS.

WALK HUMBLLY.

Community Church has been part of the Cedar Grove community for over 70 years. We consider ourselves blessed to serve such a wonderful town. We welcome all of God's people to be part of our family.

WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

In the Sanctuary and online

OUR MISSION

We the members of the Community Church of Cedar Grove profess Jesus Christ as our Lord and invite all to join us in the fellowship of believers.

We seek with God's help to:

Covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God;

Depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us;

Walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us through a loving, friendly and supportive church family that nurtures, trusts, and cares for one another in times of celebration and need;

Be faithful and active in our responsibility as church members by contributing according to our individual strengths;

Attend services regularly giving support to the staff and members of our church family;

Respect our children and youth and to encourage them to participate in the life of our church through worship service, church school, and youth activities while nurturing their spiritual development;

Witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in our congregation, our community, and all the world, while worshipping God, striving for truth, justice, and peace for all;

Look forward with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life as we strive to fulfill this mission.

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