# November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 9:30 AM

# **Communion Worship Service**



# **CEDAR CHURCH**

A Union Church since 1855

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## Our Mission

Cedar Church extends a hand of welcome to all of God's children seeking a place of worship among persons dedicated to the love of Christ and his teachings.

## \*Please rise in body or spirit.

#### **Before The Service**

A selection of traditional & contemporary sacred music arrangements played on the piano

Prelude

setting by Wilbur Held

## Ringing of the Bell

#### Welcome & Announcements

## Greeting

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

For All the Saints

C: Amen.

## \*Gathering Hymn When the Saints Go Marching In

- O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
- O when the sun refused to shine, O when the sun refused to shine, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the sun refused to shine.
- O when they crown him Lord of all, O when they crown him Lord of all, O Lord, I want to be in that number when they crown him Lord of all.

## \*Call to Worship

P: We remember, O God...

C: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

P: We remember, O God...

C: The tender touch of loved ones, the example of heroes, the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

- P: We remember, O God...
- C: The gentle strength of grandmothers, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.
- P: We remember, O God...
- C: The supreme love of Jesus,
  the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words,
  the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection:
  shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
  young and old, dead and living,
  articulate and silent, strange and familiar,
  brilliant and ordinary.
- *P:* We remember in every time and place the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.
- C: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!

## \*Opening Prayer

LA: Consider someone who has helped give shape to your faith. It may be a family member, friend, congregation member, or historical figure. You will be invited to speak this person's name aloud at the conclusion of this prayer.

We come into this sacred space mindful of the generations of faith who have come before us: adults and children, certain and questioning, men and women, hopeful and despairing.

C: We give thanks for the welcome all receive from you, God, and for the ways we continue to be enfolded into community.

LA: With grateful hearts, we mention now the names of those who have shaped our faith...

(Please speak the names aloud, feel free to share more than one name.)

#### \*Invitation to Confession

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## \*Unison Prayer of Confession

C: Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and even to our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you

when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

(Silence is kept for personal and private reflection.)

## \*Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

P: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did! Jesus, a man of a particular people in a particular time, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us.

C: Thus, we, and all who have come before us, are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God! Amen.

#### \*Canticle of Praise



## (Please be seated.)

**Scriptures** (Scripture Verses are NSRV unless otherwise stated.)

## The Psalm Psalm 24, The Voice

The Psalmist writes that God owns the earth and everything in the earth and on it, including human beings. The "fullness" of earth is a reference to all of humanity. Calling out to the entire city of Jerusalem, the author cries out for the city gates to swing open so the God of glory can enter Jerusalem.

- <sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup>For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- <sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?
- <sup>4</sup>Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.
- <sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.



The earth is the LORD's, & everything in it, the world, & all who live in it.



- <sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- <sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- <sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- 10Who is this King of glory?

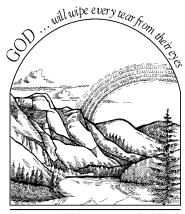
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

#### The Epistle Lesson

#### Revelation 21:1-6a, NIV

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the



There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

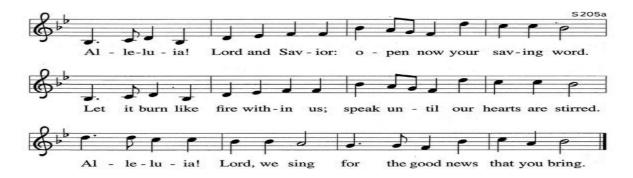
#### C: Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel Lesson

John 11:32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

## \*Gospel Acclamation



P: Listen to the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to John.

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

*P: This is the good news.* 

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

## Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our brother and Savior.

C: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



#### Children's Time

(Children ages 3 to 11 are now dismissed for Children's Church and can be picked up in Room 102 after the service.)

#### Sermon

"The true saint burns grace like a 747 burns fuel on takeoff."

Dallas Willard, **The Great Omission** 

## All Saints' Day Remembrance

## Litany for All Saints' Day

LA: We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who ever worshiped you,

C: Whether in arbors or cathedrals, weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement meeting houses where your name was lifted and adored.

LA: We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in praise:

C: Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or soil, strong hands and those gnarled with age,

Holy hands used as offerings across the land.

LA: We thank you, God, for hardworking saints;

C: Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted, head ragged or aproned, blue-collared or three-piece-suited, they left their mark on the earth for you, for us, for our children to come.

LA: Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have gone before us.

C: Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.

Written by Safiyah Fosua: posted on the United Methodist Church's Discipleship Ministries page. http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-prayer-meditation-for-all-saints-day

#### LITURGY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

P: Love God, all God's Saints. Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.

C: Amen.

P: All Saints' Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate and remember those in our community who have gone before us.

C: Their presence in our community has contributed and shaped our work, and life, character, and story.

P: We remember those whose faithful witness proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ in words loud and soft, in actions great and small.

C: We gather before our God, and remember the saints who have told the stories of God's people, and witnessed to their faith in times gone by.



## *P: Today, we lovingly remember:*

## **Brothers and Sisters of Cedar Church**

Mabel Heckler Richard "Dick" Schelly Marvin Bortz Elma Mae Uhle Mary Ann Herring Betty Grey Raymond Fenstermacher Jr. Gary Shellhammer Kenneth Ruth Janice Urban Terry R. Mace Joyce H. Stinner Elmer Heiney Charles Schiffert Wanda DeLong Carol Biscontini

P: And, all others we remember in our hearts. (See back of bulletin.)



"A musical interlude"

P: They will hunger no more and thirst no more; The sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

C: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever. Amen.



## \*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*P:* Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

(A brief silence.)

LA: O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life.
Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

LA: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas.

Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them
home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought.

Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

LA: O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders.

May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people.

Merciful God.

C: receive our prayer.

P: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering especially those on our prayer list. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

P: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment.

Merciful God,

## P: receive our prayer.

P: O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

## C: receive our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

## **Invitation to Offering**

P: Practicing what we teach: the words and worship here in church are beautiful, but God cares just as much about what we do in every other hour of the week, and about what happens here at throughout the week. We are partners with God and with one another in this marvelous ministry, and our giving is one way that we practice what we teach: generosity and joy. Let us gather our gifts together, here or online at CedarChurchLV.com and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

**Anthem** Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte, arr. Anna Laura Pate

## \*Doxology

(Intro note) Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below: Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



## \*Prayer of Dedication

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our brother and Savior. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# Service of Holy Communion \*The Invitation

LA: : A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

## \*The Eucharistic Prayer

P: May the God of saints and sinners be with you.

C: And with you.

P: Join me in glorifying our God.

C: We offer our hearts as we praise our God.

P: Let us bless our God at all times.

C: Songs of thanksgiving will flow from our lips forever!

LA: Our greatest joy is to offer you our thanks and praise,

Creator, Grace-giver, Healer of our brokenness.

All that is beautiful was created for our eyes;

all that is wonderful was created for our awe;

all that is majestic was created for our praise;

all that is mystery was created for our silence.

But despite everything you have given us, we are not satisfied. Believing life is about our appetites, we choose the bread of the world not the bread of life; knowing our only hope is from you, we continue to rebel; called to live in unity with one another, we cling to all which divides us.

Yet you refuse to let go of us, sending your only Son, Jesus, to call us to life in you. We have fallen, and you lift us up; we have forsaken you, and you redeem us; we are broken, and you make us whole.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices, here and now, with the faithful of every time and place, singing to the glory of your name:

\*Seraphic Hymn (Sung)

Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and Earth are full,
are full of the majesty of thy glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

P: It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ, who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers: loving what he loved l iving what he taught, and striving to be his faithful servants in our time and place.

In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did for us.

On the night before Jesus died, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said, "Take and eat; whenever you do this, remember me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and poured, saying, "This is the new covenant, whenever you drink of it, remember me."

We do remember. We remember his life of love, his friendship, his teaching, his dying, and his rising to life again.

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ died, loving us more than himself; Christ rose, loving God with all that he was; Christ will come again, loving all God's children, so we might be neighbors forever.

P: Holy Mystery, God the Spirit, we call on you to transform these familiar things, as you continually transform the world around us.

Bless this bread and this cup, the wheat and the grape, the farmer and the harvest, the seed and the sower. So that in the sharing of these simple elements in community, we may taste and see your goodness, so that we might catch a glimpse of what it is to be in communion with you and with one another.

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever.

Hear us as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us...

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

### Call to Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that our brother and Savior, Jesus the Christ, died and was raised for you.

#### Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion will be by intinction.

Communion will be served to the choir first, then to those in the balcony. The usher will indicate when it's time for your row to move forward to receive communion,

When you do come forward, please proceed via the center aisle and exit by the side aisles. You will get a wafer from the pastor. There are also gluten-free wafers available. The pastor's chalice contains wine.

In the assistant's chalice, there is grape juice.



## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

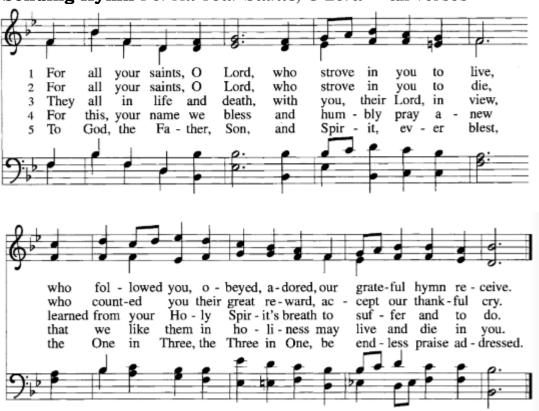
LA: Let us pray:

C: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son.

Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



\*Sending Hymn For All Your Saints, O Lord all verses



## \* Blessing

- P: Blessed are the saints who trust God's power and loving care,
- C: for they are part of the kingdom of heaven.
- P: Blessed are the saints when they are sad because the world is so unfair,
- C: They have God's promise that justice will come.
- *P:* Blessed are the nobodies who know they are nobodies and still do God's work.
- C: In God's world they are the leaders.
- P: Blessed are the saints whose greatest wish is to do what God desires.
- C: God will give them what they want.
- P: Blessed are the saints who treat other people gently,
- C: God will treat them gently.
- P: Blessed are the saints who get in trouble when they do what God requires,
- C: For they are surely among God's saints.
- P: Go secure in the knowledge that you are now and future saints!
- C: We go with God!

## \*Sung Benediction:

C: God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

#### \*Dismissal:

LA: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** *Lift High the Cross* setting by Gordon Young

#### The Ministers Pastor

All the People Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman (cell: 610-762-9391)

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**Volunteers** 

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Children's Church

Jenny Simmons & Ashley Leonard

Videographer & ClaxtonWelcome Video Content CreatorPhil HorlacherZach Borger and Sarah Barnaby

### 2024 Cedar Advisory Board (CAB)

President: Chris Ellis, Vice President: Tammy Boyer,

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Secretary: Jeannine Leonard, Assistant Secretary: Janine Barnaby, Members: Zach Borger, Carol Haines, Ron Kozza, Cory Lentz, and

Pastor Candi Cain-Borgman

Guest Speaker -11/10/13 Christopher Yarnell President of BATTLE BORNE

#### ALTAR FLOWERS:

Given by the Leonord Family in honor of Ashely Leanord's 24th Birthday Given by Kathy Balliet in memory of husdand John Balliet.

#### BULLETIN:

Given by Dale Clauser in loving memory of his wife Nancy Clauser.

#### **DEVOTIONALS:**

Given by The Estate of Paul and Madlyn Haines in memory of departed loved ones.

#### YOUTH BULLETIN:

Given by Janice & Pete Urban in memory of departed loved ones.

#### MEMORIAL DONATION:

Given by Terry Metzger in loving memory of his beloved wife Brenda and daughter Stacy Metzger.

# ALL SAINTS 2024 Brothers and Sisters of Cedar Church

Mabel Heckler Mother and Mother In-law of Dianne & Dale Peiffer.

**Richard "Dick" Schelly** remembered with love the Schelly Family.

**Marvin Bortz** Loving Husband of Darlene Bortz.

**Elma Uhle** gone but not forgotten.

**Mary Herring** Mother of Stephen Herring.

Betty Grey gone but not forgotten.

Raymond Fenstermacher Jr. Father of Cynthia Mohr.

Gary Shellhammer remembered with love the Shellhammer Family.

**Kenneth Ruth** Loving Husband of Gail Ruth.

Janice Urban Loving Wife of Peter Urban.

Terry Mace Loving Husband of Vicky Mace.

**Joyce Stinner** Mother of Jeffrey Stinner.

**Elmer Heiney** Father of Jon Heiney.

Charles Schiffert Father of Mike Schiffert.

Wanda DeLong Father of Sharon Scheirer.

Carol Biscontini Wife of Robert Biscontini

## Friends and Family of Cedar Church Members

Oliver Laubenstine Father of Ruth Laubenstine

Margaret Boyle Aunt of Kim Henning

Ryan Parkinson Son of Debbie Wheeland

Thomas Guthrie Friend of Carla Rieben

Denise Follweiler Daughter of June Knecht

Roland Kratzer Uncle of Caroline McFadden

## Thank You for a Wonderful Trunk or Treat!

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who helped make our Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26th, a success! Thanks to the incredible generosity and teamwork of our volunteers, we were able to welcome around 30 children for a fun afternoon of trunk-or-treating. The weather was a bit windy, but that didn't dampen the spirits of our participants or visitors!

Thank you to those who helped set up and break down, created signs to guide our guests, donated prizes for the raffle, decorated trunks, and volunteered as judges. We were also overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone who donated candy to ensure the kids had a memorable experience.

Everything went smoothly, especially considering it was our first event of this kind, and we learned so much that will be invaluable for future outreach events. The kindness and dedication of this church community are truly inspiring.

I cannot express enough gratitude for the time and effort each of you contributed to make this event possible.

With heartfelt thanks, Jenny



#### PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

#### Short and Long Term Illness

Tom Bartman, Malachi Calderon, Carol & Robert Biscontini, Elaine, Barbara Rohrbaugh, Ronnie Lawson, Nancy, Barbara Miller, Joanne McNabb, Lorenzo Coco Jr., Craig and Marlene Sebring, Sharon Acampora, Skip Phillips, Brandon Mace, Garnett, John Nuttall, John Winterburn, Amy Beck, Christa, Eric Wakoli, Patti, George Minnich, Marlene Frey, Andy Wheeler, Kourtney, Denise Follweiler, Sara Beth, Amanda & Jessie, Cindy Polchik, Danielle, Barry, Joan Carter, Dale Erdman, Jean Robertson, Megan, Kim Bastian, Pauline Gaal, Haisley Grim, Howard & Nancy, Cassie Mace, Brooke Weber, Members of our Recovery Groups, The family of Denise Follweiler, The family of Carol and Cedar's Homebound Members

#### **Homebound Members**

Albert and Joan Plarr, Barbara Snyder, Betty Brunner, Eleanore Gilbert Frances Betz, Fred & Ardella, Jeanette Fry, Linda Ellis, Nancy Erdman, William Dorney, Bernice Rabenold, Marty & Rosanne Ritter, Lu Vogle, Shirley McNabb, Anna Mae Derhammer, Christine Wagner and Gail Ruth.

> To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the church office. (Hospitalization codes: 203 and 404)

Note: The Lehigh Valley and Saint Luke's Hospital Lists are not kept up to date and can be difficult to navigate. So, please notify the Church Office or Pastor Candi if you or a family member is hospitalized.

## CHRISTMAS INGATHERING **Collection Ends Sunday November 30th**

Cedar Church has been assigned to collect donations for Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Center and Refugee Resettlement through Bethany Christian Services.

#### **Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Donation Items:**

All items must be new—no used items, please.

Baby Wipes, Baby Bottles, Sippy Cups, Crib Sheets, Baby Towels, Baby Wash, Baby Lotion and Baby Oil

#### **Refugee Resettlement Donation Items:**

All items must be new—no used items, please.

Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Washcloths and Kitchen Towels





A collection box will be placed at the ramp door entry beginning Sunday, October 27th, and ending Sunday, November 30th. For any questions, please contact Linda Knauss, Jeannine Leonard, or Nancy Otto. Thank you!

## Long-Term Illnesses and Homebound Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are excited to announce the launch of our Long-Term Illnesses and Homebound Ministry, officially starting in January 2025! If you feel called to serve those who are unable to attend church due to illness or mobility issues, please sign up on the sheet located on the piano in the sanctuary.

There will be a training class on **Sunday, November 17th, 2024**, after the 9:30 a.m. church service, where you'll learn how to offer communion to those who wish to receive it. Your involvement will make a meaningful impact in the lives of our homebound members!

## LEHIGH MISSION DISTRICT

## Church Calendar

Sunday, November 3, 2024		
Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Church		102
Tuesday, November 5, 2024		
Worship and Music	7:00pm	100
Wednesday, November 6, 2024		
Choir Practice	7:00pm	100
Sunday, November 10, 2024		
Veteran's Day Guest Speaker Christo	opher Yarnell fr	rom Battle Borne
Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Church		002
Church Social	10:30am	Kitchen, Social Hall
Tuesday, November 12, 2024		
C.A.B. Meeting	7:00pm	100
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	-	
Young Adult Group	6:00pm	002
Choir Practice	7:00pm	100
Thursday, November 14, 2024	_	
Staff Support	7:00pm	103
Sunday, November 17, 2024	-	
Hymn Sing		
Sunday Worship Service	9:30am	Sanctuary
Children's Church		102
Homebound Ministry Training	10:30am	

## **Christmas Poinsettias**

Christmas is the time we recall the incarnation, the birth of the Christ Child. In the birth and life of Jesus, those who seek to be disciples are called to love one another.

Cedar Church will again be decorating the Sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. Plants will be a single plant with 5-7 blooms in a 6" pot. The cost of poinsettias is **\$10.00 per plant**.

**Plant Pick Up:** You can pick up your plant(s) <u>after</u> the 9:45 PM Christmas Eve service, or Sun Dec 29<sup>th</sup> after 9:30am service.

<u>Pay Online:</u> Go to <u>www.cedarunionchurch.com</u> select **GIVE NOW** select Poinsettias button.

If you would like a dedication in the Christmas Eve Bulletin you can email this form below to <a href="mailto:cedarchurch@ptd.net">cedarchurch@ptd.net</a>, place the form in the offering plate or you can mail it to the church office at 3419 Broadway, Allentown Pa 18104

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DEADLINE: All orders must be in by, November 17th.	
Poinsettia DEADLINE: All orders must be in by, November 17th.	
\$10.00 per plant	
Number of Plants:	
Paid: Online \$ Cash \$ Check \$	
Your Name	
I will be picking up my poinsettia plant(s).	
Please donate my plant(s) to shut-ins.	
In memory of:	~>>

In honor of:

## **WORLD HUNGER**

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me". – Matthew 25:35

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

World Hunger not only provides immediate relief to those who are hungry, But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished. World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

## Donation amount is a \$1.00 per name.

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**Deadline:** is December 10<sup>th</sup> to be able to have dedications listed in the

Christmas Eve Bulletin.

DEADLINE DECEMBER 10 <sup>TH</sup>	WORLD HUNGER	\$1.00 per name	
Paid: Online \$	Cash \$	Check \$	
Your Name			
ENV#			
In memory of:			

In honor of:



# **Short and Long Term Illness**

Tom Bartman, Malachi Calderon, Carol & Robert Biscontini, Elaine, Barbara Rohrbaugh, Ronnie Lawson, Nancy, Barbara Miller, Joanne McNabb, Lorenzo Coco Jr., Craig and Marlene Sebring, Sharon Acampora, Skip Phillips, Brandon Mace, Garnett, John Nuttall, John Winterburn, Amy Beck, Christa, Eric Wakoli, Patti, George Minnich, Marlene Frey, Andy Wheeler, Kourtney, Denise Follweiler, Sara Beth, Amanda & Jessie, Cindy Polchik, Danielle, Barry, Joan Carter, Dale Erdman, Jean Robertson, Megan, Kim Bastian, Pauline Gaal, Haisley Grim, Howard & Nancy, Cassie Mace, Brooke Weber, The family of Carol Biscontini, the family of Denise Follweiler Members of our Recovery Groups, and Cedar's Homebound Members Albert and Joan Plarr, Barbara Snyder, Betty Brunner, Eleanore Gilbert Frances Betz, Fred & Ardella, Jeanette Fry, Linda Ellis, Nancy Erdman, William Dorney, Bernice Rabenold, Marty & Rosanne Ritter, Lu Vogle, Shirley McNabb, Anna Mae Derhammer, Christine Wagner and Gail Ruth.