

# the Cedar Chips



## Pastor's Corner

Summer is here and I love it. Though it is an unusual one because of the coronavirus, I am learning to accept unfamiliar habits and new routines of each day to move forward. I enjoy nicely warm days as long as I am not in the direct sun. Cool breezes, humidity, rainstorms, and heat are part of the season. Better yet beautiful flowers are everywhere. Look for something good about summer to appreciate.

I like planting flowers and watching them grow. This requires labor and time to take care of the grounds and the plants. I like to see people happy and most of all to hear them laughing. And I always find things to laugh about. Look for something good that delights your heart.

There are tasks I should do that sometimes I don't want to do but my actions should be productive to both myself and others. So I try my best to do what I have to do and pleasantly. This is part of my self-examine practices. When I start frowning or worrying about my responsibilities, my spirit is low and my attitude is doomed. I don't like to be moody, no fun. Simple or heavy duties in my life are all God's lessons for me. Look for something good each day to be content with.

A drive in service held in the church parking lot is an option to include everyone to safely enjoy worship with one another. I pray that someday soon the vaccine will come to help saving life. Wearing masks and

washing hands are the least I can do to protect others and myself. Sometimes we are asked to stretch beyond our comfort zone. Jesus says "Love your neighbor as yourself". God loves you and me. I thank God for loving me and so I can love others. Look for something good we can do and learn from this pandemic.

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8: 28.

*"God is Good! Life is Precious!"*  
Pastor Kris

### Our Vision

Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church seeks to glorify God through nurturing spiritual growth, developing faithful discipleship, and serving our community.



## ***DRIVE IN WORSHIP***

## Recipes

Recipes will be included in the Newsletter from the congregation. Have you been to a church luncheon where you made a dish and someone tells you they loved it. What's the recipe? That's the time to write it up and send it in. One or two recipes will be included in the newsletter. Submit your favorite and/or seasonal recipes to the office. Email to [cedargrovepc@frontiernet.net](mailto:cedargrovepc@frontiernet.net) or you can give a clearly printed copy to the office, along with your name.



Recipe  
Corner

### **MEXICAN BEEF MIX**

- 2 lb. ground beef
- ¼ teas. pepper
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 1/8 teas. oregano
- 1 Tab. Chili powder ¾ teas. salt
- ¾ teas. crushed red pepper

Crumble ground beef into 3 qt. Casserole, stir in onion. Microwave at high 6-8 minutes, or until meat is no longer pink, stirring 2 or 3 times. Drain. Stir in remaining ingredients; Cover. Reduce power to 50% (medium). Microwave 4-6 minutes or until flavors blend, stirring 2 or 3 times. Spoon into 4 freezer containers. Label and freeze (no longer than 2 months). Can be used in Tacos, Burritos, Mexican salads, etc.

I often make only 1 lb. ground beef and cut the ingredients in half. Quick and easy.



### **September Cedar Chips**

Please submit any articles by  
August 17, 2020



***PK Party and  
Peach Fest & Family Fun Day  
For August has been cancelled  
Due to Covid-19.***

## **Patient attention, valuable discoveries**

For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hypervigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.

Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.

Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his annus mirabilis (“year of wonders”) and reportedly said, “If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent.”

What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?

During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God’s presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as “I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope” (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?



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### What Matters Most

When you are in the final days of your life, what will you want? Will you hug that college degree in the walnut frame? Will you ask to be carried to the garage so you can sit in your car? Will you find comfort in rereading your financial statement? Of course not. What will matter then will be people. If relationships will matter most then, shouldn't they matter most now?

—Max Lucado, A Love Worth Giving

# Reflections on Stewardship

## Helping Others Through Giving

“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be with him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”  
**1 John 3:17-18 (NIV)**

“What shall I do with my life? How much am I willing to give of myself, of my time, of my love?”  
**- Eleanor Roosevelt**

“Seek joy in what you give not in what you get.”  
**- Anonymous**

## Sowing Generously

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver .”  
**2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)**

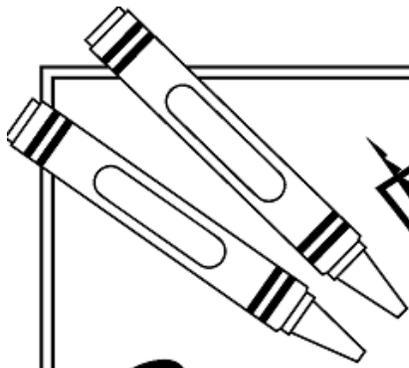
“Give naught, get same. Give much, get same.”  
**- Malcolm Forbes (1919-90)**

“Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege.”  
**- John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (1874-1961)**



### *“Tell Me Your Story”*

“Tell Me Your Story” Fall/Winter Edition. We are collecting the stories for our devotion booklet. Bring a story out in writing to be an inspiration and a witness to who God is in your life. Relate a story with a few verses of scriptures and finish with a short prayer. A story must be only up to half 8x11 page. Submit your story either via email at [pastorkris@frontier.com](mailto:pastorkris@frontier.com) or a hard copy to Pastor Kris. Deadline is Sunday, November 1.



# PUZZLE

## Compete for the crown



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



*Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.*

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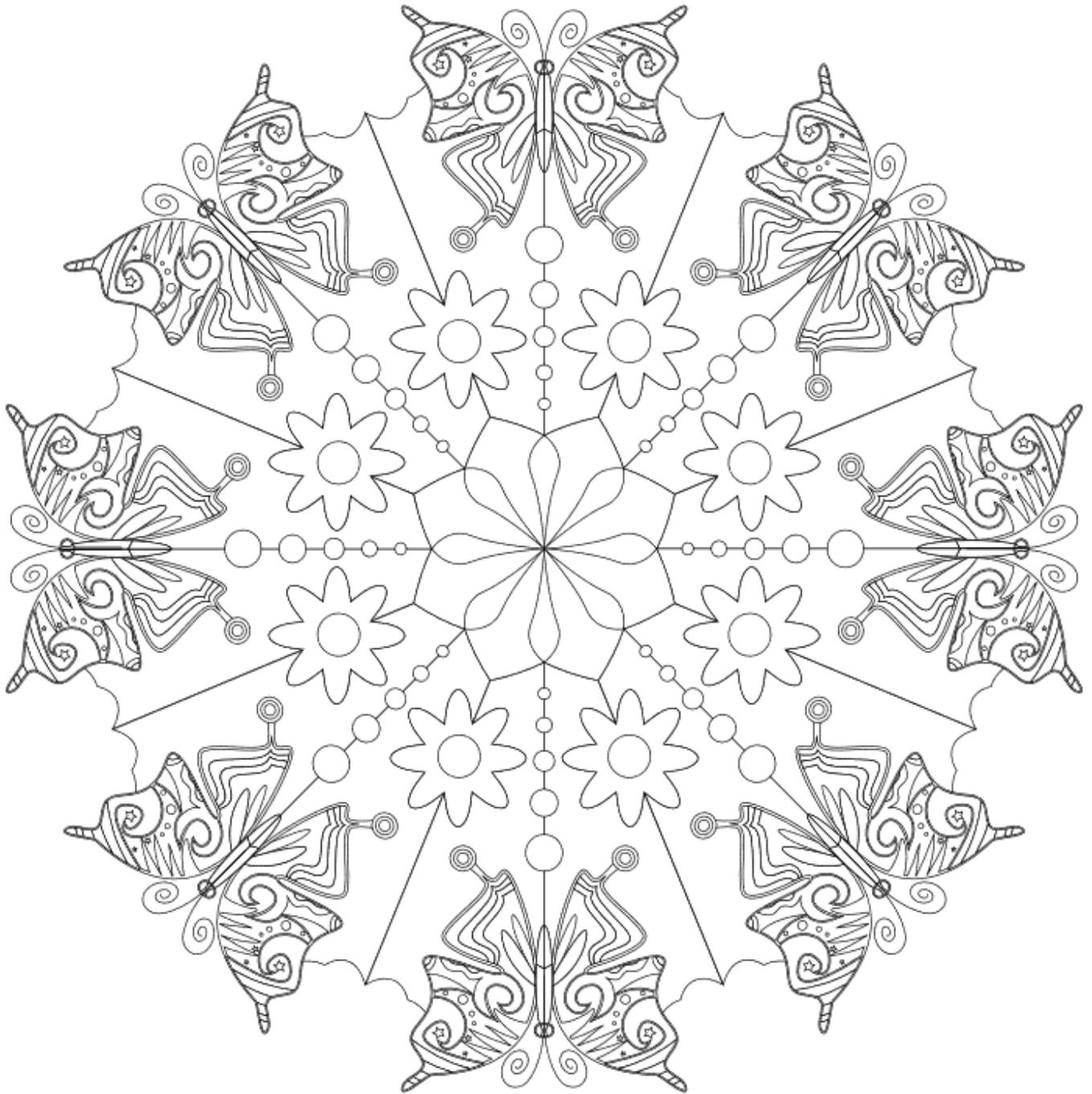
**FINISH**

“Do you not know that in a \_\_\_\_\_ all the runners run, but only one gets the \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ goes into strict \_\_\_\_\_ . They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a \_\_\_\_\_ that will last forever.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV

Answer: race, prize, run, competes, games, training, crown

*Coloring Page for All Ages!*



## God Amid Pandemic

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, “Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you” (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland



### ANNIVERSARIES - JULY

5-Robert & Barbara Zook  
6-Joseph & Ruth Py  
6-Jamie & Tammy Steffy  
10-David & Helen Brown  
23-Harvey & Barbara Overly



### ANNIVERSARIES - AUGUST

16-Louis & Doris Wells  
18-Tom & Dale Smith  
23-Don & Marilyn Lundgren  
24-George & Jane Downes  
31-Butch & Ruthie Diem

### ANNIVERSARIES - SEPTEMBER

5-Jack & Patty Gaudette  
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### BIRTHDAYS - JULY

4-Judith Oakes  
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10-Vickie Kahler  
11-Joey Friel  
16-Scott MacHenry  
20-Bill Rimmler

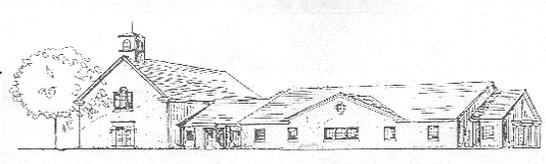
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29-Joanne Hoover  
29-Brayden Patterson  
30-Sandy Deshong

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