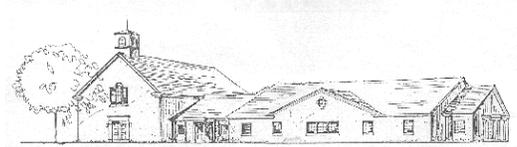


# the Cedar Chips



## Pastor's Corner

Two more months to go before we wrap up the year 2021. I looked back and saw that earlier during the year I was on the other side of the circumstances unforeseen with curiosity, wonders, and hope. I am now on the other side of many incidents that had happened and with some learnings and growth of my own. I keep reminding myself that I must grow up, not only growing old. I must not stop to understand more of any knowledge, value, and culture; I must get ready to be productive and creative.

January 2022 I will start my 11<sup>th</sup> year of pastoral ministry here at Cedar Grove. Believe it or not, it has been ten years. God has a long history and time past for me to look back and look forward. Coronavirus global pandemic continues with different conditions in different parts of the world depending on the availabilities of resources, each country situations and principles as well as the cooperation of the people. All in all I see that God gives us wisdom and abilities to deal with any challenge. Do we see as God sees?

Each life has its own responsibility to take care of and to fulfill, big and small. While I am writing this, the winds are blowing so strong and gust outside. The birds flew up from the feeders frightened and headed to the bushes for refuge. They came back out to eat when the whirled winds slowed down for a few seconds. I am inside in a nice and cozy house relaxing and feeling safe. 'Butter' the cat across the street is sleeping comfortably under the bushes while the rain falls sideways

and the garage door of his house is opened high enough for him to go inside anytime. Caring hearts and thinking beyond oneself help connecting God's creations with one another and that makes God smile.

The world is full of joys and concerns. Many are comfortable and secure. Many are in good health and content. Many are included and welcomed. Many are generous and giving. Many are exile and out of shelter. Many are captured and persecuted. Many are tortured and suffering. Many are rejected and devastated. There are many mission opportunities that we can be parts of God's works in the world God loves. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year are upcoming holidays. How do we want to celebrate them this year? Do we want to give and share? Not only during holidays, we are called to love and care at all times. Remember, "Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful". Psalm 116: 5.

"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.



### Cedar Grove Mask Policy:

**Vaccinated: Recommended**

**Non-Vaccinated: Required**

### Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will begin to meet every other Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., at the church, starting November 3. All men are invited to come.

### Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

We meet every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. We are studying *Loving Justice*. Intercessory Prayer Time is prior to the Bible Study. You are welcome anytime.

### 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.



### Sweet Potato Casserole with Pecans

2 cans (40 ounces each) sweet potatoes, drained  
8 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon salt

#### TOPPING:

1 cup packed brown sugar  
1/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1/4 cup cold butter, cubed

In a large bowl, mash sweet potatoes. Add eggs, sugar, flour, vanilla and salt; beat until smooth. Put into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish.

In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, flour and pecans; cut in butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over sweet potato mixture.

Bake, uncovered, at 325° for 60-70 minutes or until a thermometer reads 160°. Refrigerate leftovers.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

November 1 - 12:30 p.m.

Lesson 2: Tamar  
Facilitator: Pastor Kris  
Special Offering: Thank Offering

December 6 - 12:30 a.m.

Lesson 3: Rehab  
Facilitator: Carolyn Tate  
Gifts for WSM—Mittens, Hats & Socks for all ages



### Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will meet the first Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage all women to join us.



### "Give a Blessing – Take a Blessing"

November 21<sup>st</sup> we are asking the congregation to bring in canned goods for the Food Bank. There will be a "Blessing bag" filled with goodies for you.



### Veteran's Day! November 7, 2021

On Sunday, November 7 we will honor the Veteran's. This day is to honor all who have served in the military. On this day we will list the names of family and friends of Cedar Grove who served in the military. Memorial Day is celebrated the last Monday in May. This holiday is set aside to pay tribute to those who died serving in the military. We will do the Memorial reading of the names of family and friends on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

## Special dates

### November 2021

- All Saints' Day, November 1
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 7
- Veterans Day, November 11
- Thanksgiving Day, November 25
- First Sunday of Advent, November 28

### December 2021

- Second Sunday of Advent, December 5
- Third Sunday of Advent, December 12
- Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19
- First day of Winter, December 21
- Christmas Eve, December 24
- Christmas Day, December 25
- New Year's Eve/Watch Night, December 31



### Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas on Saturday, November 27, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend and take part in the decorating!



### Hunger Sunday

The first Sunday of the month we collect for the food bank. **Current**

**Needs Food Pantry:** Applesauce, salad dressing, soup, pasta sauce, pasta (other than spaghetti), egg noodles, instant rice, baked beans, canned vegetables, jelly, crackers, pancake mix, pancake syrup.

**For General Ministry:** Canned soda (various kinds), bottles of Gatorade, paper towels, toilet paper, rolls of stamps, white copy paper, diapers size 6. Any other items will be greatly appreciated. (Note: All items must be in date).

#### **Current Needs for PPP (Power Pack Project)**

Every Wednesday afternoon, participating families receive the ingredients to make a meal. Education on how to prepare low-cost healthy meals, nutrition and food safety as well a shopping strategies are provided. Families with children participating in the free or reduced lunch program in school are eligible. Items needed are: cereal, pancake mix, tuna, canned chicken, pork and beef, canned vegetables and juice. Thank you!

# Reflections on Stewardship

## Tithing

### The Widow's Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on." - **Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)**

"I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week." - **John D. Rockefeller, Sr. (1839-1937)**

### Excerpt from Tithing Is More Than the Number Ten - A Sermon by Albert C. Winn

Did you ever see a ship launched? There she sits on the dry land, shored up by beams, perfectly safe, looking altogether out of place and utterly useless. Then the beams are removed and the champagne is broken across her bow. And, very slowly at first, but gathering speed and momentum she slides down the ways until she splashes into the water. And there is a sort of a shudder, and she rights herself. Then she's afloat. She is where she belongs. She's beautiful and useful, and terribly exciting. That is what happens when a Christian, including a minister or a presbytery stewardship chairperson, or synod stewardship chairperson, or staff person—when a Christian decides to launch out and begin to live by what we have called the deeply imbedded principles of tithing. Of course, I hope we raise the budget next year, the general assembly's budget, the synod's budget, the presbytery's budget, and the local church budget from which all the others come. But that is not a matter of eternal importance. What is eternally important is how many of our people, and how many of you this year, will take the risk and move down the ways of their lives until—splash—they are afloat where they belong, on the broad adventurous ocean of the love and mercy of God.



***CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!***

Yes, believe it or not, Christmas will be here again before we know it! Once again we will have names available on a Christmas tree so that you can share the Christmas spirit with others.

The tree will be in the vestibule on November 21st. It will have the names of Welsh Mountain Home residents. These gifts should be wrapped and names clearly marked. They must be brought to the church by December 12th.

Thank you for your generous giving.



***WATER STREET MISSION PROJECT***

We will be collecting blankets for Water Street Ministry on Nov. 14, 21, Nov. 28 and December 5. If blankets are used they should be in good condition and clean.

We will collect socks, mittens and hats for all ages on December 5 or December 6 at the PW meeting. Questions see Edie Kurtz, Chair, PW



**Offering envelopes for 2022** will be available in Dec. If you currently do not get envelopes and would like to have them let the church office know as soon as possible at 717-354-5573.



**2022 Altar Flower Chart**

We will no longer order flowers from Royer's beginning Dec. 1, 2021. They went up drastically in price and there is now an \$8.99 delivery charge. Pastor Kris encourages you to bring your own arrangement. One arrangement instead of 2 vases. There is a chart on the bulletin board for sign up if you are bringing your own and want them in Memory of Honor of someone. This way it will be printed in the bulletin.



***Reminder.....***

***Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 7, 2021. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour!***



***Order your Poinsettias***

Help beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season! Red, white or pink poinsettias can be ordered between Oct. 24 and

Nov. 28.

Order forms are available on the table in the hallway. This year we will offer 2 sizes. Cost is \$7.00 for a 6.5" plant or \$3.50 for a smaller plant. Fill out the bottom of the order form and place, with payment, in the box on the table in the hallway. Any questions, contact the church office (717) 354-5573. Deadline for orders is: Nov. 28. Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service or the following Sunday Dec. 26.



**SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY!!**

If Church services are cancelled due to weather conditions, you can now hear about it through three different sources. You can check on our website —

[www.cedargrovespresbyterianlanc.org](http://www.cedargrovespresbyterianlanc.org)  
tune in to radio station WJTL 90.3 FM (in Lancaster), or you can simply call the Church office (354-5573) and listen to the recorded message. If services are cancelled, you will hear a cancellation message. If services have not been cancelled, you will hear only the standard recorded message.



***CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING  
GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY***

***Christmas Joy Offering will be collected on Sunday, Dec. 19.***

# *Coloring Page for All Ages!*



*Coloring books: Holiday Mandalas Author: Lesya Adamchuk  
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**"A Christmas Message"**

*Christmas holds the mystery  
Of how God touched the earth  
By giving us the Christ child  
In a newborn baby's birth.*

*Great awe was in young Mary's heart,  
And in the shepherds' pace  
As they ran quickly to the town  
And found that special place.*

*These humble shepherds knelt before  
This tiny newborn king;  
And as they did so, they could hear  
The lovely angels sing:*

*"Fear not, for unto you this day,  
The Prince of Peace has come  
To share God's love throughout the world.  
Rejoice now, everyone!"*

**—Peggy Ferrell**



**Office Hours - Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m..**

**NOVEMBER TELLERS:**

- 7-Carol Seaman
- 14-Barbara MacMaster
- 21-Bill Rimmler
- 28-Scott Sweigart

**ELDER ON CALL:** Bob Zook

**DECEMBER TELLERS:**

- 5-Barbara Smith
- 12-Carol Seaman
- 19-Barbara MacMaster
- 26-Carol Seaman

**ELDER ON CALL:** Bill Rimmler

**DEACON ON CALL:**

- Nov.—Barb MacMaster
- Dec.—Nancy Fiedler



**ANNIVERSARIES - NOVEMBER**

- 18-Hugh & Barbara MacMaster
- 18-Mike & Pat Bubb

**ANNIVERSARIES - DECEMBER**

- 2-Fred & Tammy Weaver
- 11-Bob & Debbie Books
- 26-Elijah & Patty Bell

**BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER**

- 4-Louis Wells
- 7-Fred C. Weaver
- 9-Hervey Painter
- 18-Barbara Smith
- 24-Bonnie Sagner
- 28-Edie Kurtz
- 29-Ron Deshong
- 30-Jacque Hollinger
- 30-Glenn Zook

**BIRTHDAYS - DECEMBER**

- 4-Lawrence Ferstler
- 6-Betty Ferstler
- 6-Dory Hainley
- 8-Tom Smith
- 12-Peggy Musser
- 14-Carol Weaver
- 14-Evelyn Ferstler
- 17-Barry Horn
- 27-Bea Kubany
- 29-Carol Seaman

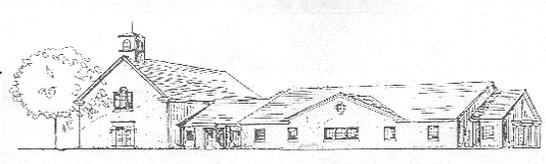


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