

CEDAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Cliff Nelson

DECEMBER



2025

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR CLIFF



I remember it well. It was December of 1972. It was the end of the semester and I went home for the Christmas break. My spirit was deeply troubled as I was struggling with where God fit into my life. I reached out to my friends who were also on break from another university. I shared the turmoil of my soul and through their help I sensed God's presence and love in my life and I redirected my life to Christ. My heart was strangely warmed as the turmoil of my soul was filled with the overwhelming joy of Christ.

The recurring message of Christmas is Joy! Joy is the outward expression of the inner experience of being loved. The sure sign that we have allowed Christmas to happen in our life is to be filled with joy that lasts all through the year. Joy is not just a feeling of happiness, it is the assurance of God's presence at work in our lives and no matter what we go through God will use it for our good and for his glory bringing us closer to him which releases the power of artesian joy in our lives.

True joy is what Paul calls the fruit of the spirit, the result of the Lord living in us. Christmas is not only accepting the love of Christ's birth in Bethlehem but opening our hearts for him to be born in us today. The authentic mark of a Christian is joy no matter the circumstances of life. We can experience the amazing reality of joy because God is with us! Jesus says, "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full" (John 15:11). Joy to the world the Lord has come.

*In Christ
Pastor Cliff*



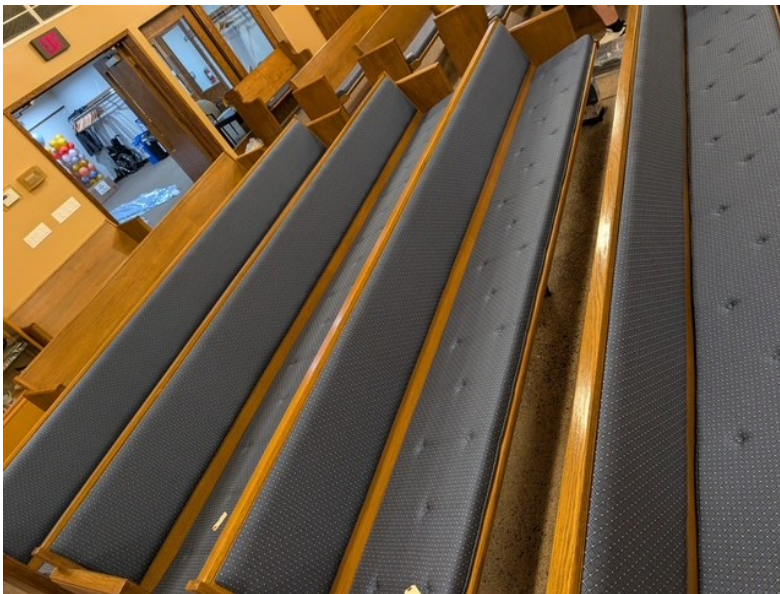
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PEW PADS

We hope you have been enjoying the new pew pads, which were installed on October 16th. Bob Heavirland and Stu Bernard helped the Waggoners Installation Technician get them installed in about three hours. They look beautiful, and the blue fabric color goes well with the blue stained glass windows and new stained glass dove. Many have noticed the sound in the sanctuary has less echo, which should help the audio quality of the Pastor and Choir. Most importantly, it is a much more comfortable seating area.

Thanks to everyone's generous donations, we have raised \$10,100 against our goal of \$11,250. It sure is wonderful to see how the Cedar congregation always steps up to support great improvement projects like this.

May God bless you all.



Cedar Pew Pad ★ Fundraiser				
250	2000	2250	6500	6750
500	2500	2750	6000	6250
750	3000	3250	6500	6750
1000	3500	3750	7000	7250
1250	4000	4250	7500	7750
1500	4500	4750	8000	8250
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CHILDRENS MINISTRY

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**
Bring a new, nonwrapped toy in for Caring & Sharing Hands

SUN **CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR CHILDREN**
12/14 A service full of joyful music by the Sunday School Classes.

SAT **OAK SAVANNAH PARK**
1/10 Join us in some winter fun with cross country skiing & sledding.

FRI **VALENTINES PARENT THANK YOU LUNCH**
3/6 A wonderful meal served by the kids followed by some fun games.

SUN **EASTER EGG HUNT**
4/5 Please join us for an amazing service & a great Egg Hunt

SAT **EDGEWOOD SENIOR LIVING VISIT**
5/2 Join us for a wonderful time making May Baskets with the residents.

SUN **BIRDFEEDER BUILDING**
6/7 Join us in a fun activity to feed God's creation

June **VBS**
Please join us for an amazing adventure back in time to Nazareth

SAT **FISHING**
8/8 Join us for a wonderful time at the lake fishing.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



12/2	Dale Pahan
12/7	Kelsey Meier
12/9	Caleb Musker
12/14	Sheryl Zagaros
12/17	Kathy Bell-Fiedelman
	Daisy Wallenmeyer
	Pam Yenor
12/21	Cathy Wood
12/22	Wesley Kauppi
12/26	Lisa Crepeau
12/27	Don Fineran
12/31	Kyle Musker

125th ANNIVERSARY





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CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

WORSHIP WITH US FOR
Advent and Christmas

Sunday, Nov. 30, 10 am	First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, Dec. 14, 10 am	Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec. 21, 10 am	Music Sunday
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 5 pm.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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CLOTHING CLOSET

The Clothing Closet will be closed the month of December.
Please don't bring in clothes until January.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	2. 6:00 pm Book Club	3. 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir	4. 2:30 pm Bible Study	5.	6.
7. 2nd Sunday in Advent 10:00 Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	8.	9. 6:30 pm Bible Study	10. 7:00 pm Choir	11. 6:00 pm Piecemakers	12.	13.
14. 3rd Sunday in Advent 10:00 am Children's Program	15. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	16.	17. 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Choir	18. Charles Wesley's Birthday 2:30 pm Bible Study	19.	20.
21. 4th Sunday in Advent 10:00 am Music Sunday 10:00 am Sunday school	22. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	23.	24. Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Worship	25. Christmas Day	26.	27.
28. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	29.	30.	31. New Years Eve			