

# CEDAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Cliff Nelson

**MAY**



**2024**

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR CLIFF



*Each year churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a "Love Offering" for Missions. The offering is brought to the Annual Conference session, a gathering of United Methodist Clergy and laity from across the state. On Sunday, May 19th, we will take an offering during our worship service to support the Annual Conference 2024 Love Offering. That offering will be brought to Annual Conference being held May 29-30 in Bloomington.*

*Last year \$80,143.00 was raised for the conference Love Offering. The offering was and is being used to provide financial support for mental health throughout the State of Minnesota.*

*This year's funds will go to support:*

- 1. A new United Methodist Trauma Care Center in Ukraine, in response to the immense mental health impact of war.*
- 2. Our neighbors across Minnesota who have legal needs around immigration, citizenship, seeking asylum and other types of humanitarian relief as we partner with the Volunteer Lawyer Network.*
- 3. Special programming aimed at reducing trauma at Emma Norton Services new Restoring Waters development.*
- 4. Volunteers in Mission Scholarships.*

*Thank you for your financial support. Together we can heal a broken world and show love to our neighbors locally and globally. If you make out a check please designate it for Love Offering or use the offering envelopes in the pew.*

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Cliff*



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## NEW SNOWBLOWER

Did you know that Cedar now has a gas powered snowblower ? Hard to believe that after over 100 years of existence as a church it took us this long to own one, and just might be the reason for the lack of snowfall this winter.. A big thank you to anyone who has ever pushed a snow shovel at Cedar. We found a nice looking Briggs and Stratton on Craigslist for only \$200, which probably sold for over \$600 when new. After a few uses, Rich discovered it needed some work on the auger drive, which might have been part of the reason it was priced to sell. Fortunately our resident mechanics Rich and Bob went to work and got it fixed up and ready for action.

THANKS GUYS!



Briggs & Stratton 1022 22-Inch  
Single-Stage Snow Blower with ...

## CEDAR SPRING CLEAN-UP

Great things were accomplished at the Cedar spring clean up on April 23rd. Bob and Rich were able to get maintenance done on the lawn mowers, including the annual blade sharpening. Gail, Myna and Ruth got the flower beds ready for planting. Carl and Larry got the rolling sign updated with the garage sale information, and moved out to the street. Glenda, Lorraine and Tammy organized the garage and fellowship hall storage areas to make it easier to find what is needed. Stu got the banners hung in the fellowship hall, and had a successful day trapping the neighborhood gophers. God blessed us with nice weather and great fellowship.

Thanks everyone for helping to keep our church clean and ready for spring.



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## MISSIONS

May is the month we support our missionaries, Rev. Delbert and Sandy Groves, who serve at the New Life Center in Zambia. We will be having a Taco Lunch on May 5 following the church service to raise funds for them. We invite everyone to join us! The Noisy Sunday collection on May 26 will also be to support them.

Thank you for your continued support. God bless you all.

Sue and Junelle

## LADIES LUNCHEON

Caring and Sharing Ladies enjoyed their Spring Luncheon, our 8th annual get together, except for a break for Covid reasons, one year. Lots of great people, awesome food and wonderful entertainment. Thanks to Marty for leading the entertainment group this year, thanks to all who provided great music. Thank you to David Dehne for running sound board for us and to all our awesome guys for serving and taking care of us!! Thank you to Doug for our dessert again this year!! So appreciate all our guests and helpers. Thank you to Tammy for getting the printing done! See you next year, no decision theme for that yet.

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

A friendly reminder to make sure the doors to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are both closed by the person who is locking up the church. It helps keep our heating and air conditioning costs down, and is required by Fire Department regulations. Spring is here, and if you open any windows in the church please make sure they are closed before leaving as well.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## GRADUATES

We would like to recognize all our High school or College Graduates on Sunday, May 19th.  
If you have a graduate, please contact the church office at [cedarumc@gmail.com](mailto:cedarumc@gmail.com)





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## MEMORIAL



DID YOU KNOW.....

Our new and beautiful clavinova was dedicated during worship in March . It was purchased with funds from choir members, proceeds from the 2024 valentine dinner and designated funds for music from the memorial fund.

We cherish and respect every gift.  
The Memorial Committee

## AED TRAINING

The Trustees hosting a training session on the use of our AED machine on May 19, following the Sunday fellowship coffee service. Bob and Vicki donated an AED to Cedar back in 2019, and due to the Covid disruption we never reviewed the use of the machine. Automated External Defibrillator is a medical device designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to victims of a ventricular fibrillation (heart attack) to restore the heart rhythm to normal.

We will review the DVD from the AED manufacturer, and review the process for using our machine. We will ensure that all Ushers receive the training, and anyone else who would like to learn more about how the machine works is welcome to attend. This does not include CPR training, and does not provide any level of certification.





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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/3 Luann Cedarberg  
5/7 Travis Tueffel  
5/8 LeRoy Swanson  
5/16 John Hunter  
5/18 Marty Bartels  
Dawn Swanson  
5/21 Donna Bodinski  
Nathan Taylor



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

### CRIBBAGE & CARDS

The fellowship committee will host a cribbage/card get together at church on May 10th from 1:00-3:00 pm and June 21st, 6:30-8:30P.M.

### GARAGE SALE

Garage sale items can be dropped off on  
Wednesday, May 1 from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm and  
Thursday, May 2 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm

The Garage/Vendor Sale is  
Friday, May 3rd 9:00 am-6:00pm &  
Saturday, May 4th 9:00am-2:00 pm

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Join us on Sunday, May 19th to celebrate our graduates!



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## NOTES FROM MARTY

Special thank you to all of the choir members that have made this another wonderful season....and thanks to the congregation for your support!

A few special Sundays for music coming up in May:

May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday until fall for the choir to sing for you.

Very special music coming on Mother's Day May 12<sup>th</sup>! We have an 11-voice male chorus singing two songs that morning. Hope to see you here for a wonderful music treat! The handbell choir will also be playing on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

We have a few Sundays this summer that still need special music. If you would like to sing or play or know someone that would, please contact me.

If you are interested in trying/joining our wonderful choir this fall, please talk with me. We rehearse 2-4 times and sing 1-3 times per month between September and early May. Would love a few more voices to join us.

Thank You! -Marty 612-322-1561

## EDUCATION

VBS is June 24-28 from 9-12 pm this year. We will be getting registration forms out by mid May. We do hope to open up to the community. This year's theme is Nazareth, where Jesus grew up as a child. There will be a Market Place where kids will shop for things, some of them will be made by the kids. With that in mind, we are looking for several small pop up canopies to use inside to make the shops. Also in need of egg beater type hand drills with 3/8 bits. Kids will use in the carpentry shop. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

All children age 3yrs-grade 6 invited, anyone grade 7 up are welcome to come to help us. Anyone else, to age 99 welcome to help as well!

Thanks in advance. Tammy & Lorraine





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## CEDAR HANDBELLS

The bells were donated by Marge Lilligren in the early 1990's and have never been professionally serviced. Imagine, more than 30 years without a tune-up. That *might* even explain the occasional "off note" sound that may be detected by those with a keen ear for music.

The handbells will play their final song for the season at the May 12th service. Pastor Judy deserves a special thank you for leading and challenging the bell ringers this past year. As you know she was called to help another congregation and will not be able to be Pastor Cliff's once a month fill in. So, what will become of the 37 bells? At the May 12 service, a "special bell activity" will be announced that will be of interest to all who enjoy the bells. Everyone will get a chance to keep the bells ringing true. Hope to see you there.

## ZOOM-ZOOM!

There have been questions already asking if I am going to include a car show with Night to Unite as we did last year.

The answer is yes! (hopefully without the rain.)

The first Tuesday in August. If you would like to put your car in the show, either email or text me to let me know.

That's it for now, many more details to come.

This is just to reserve your spot as we limit it to 20 cars.

Thanks, Marty

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# MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1. 1:00-4:00 pm Drop of garage sale items 7:00 pm Choir	2. <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 9:00 am-4:00 pm Drop off garage sale items	3. <b>Friendship Day</b> 9:00 am-6:00 pm Garage Sale	4. 9:00 am-2:00pm Garage Sale
5. 10:00 Worship Communion Taco Lunch follow- ing worship	6. 6:00 pm Book Club	7. 6:00 pm Fellowship Meeting	8. 6:00 pm Bells	9. 7:00 pm Worship Meeting 7:00 pm Piecemakers	10. 1:00-3:00 pm Cards & Cribbage	11.
12. <b>Ascension Sunday</b> 10:00 Worship	13.	14. 5:30 pm UWF	15.	16. 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting	17.	18.
19. <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 10:00 Worship Graduation Recogni- tion Love Offering 11:30 am AED Training	20. 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	21.	22.	23. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	24.	25.
26. <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 10:00 Worship Noisy Sunday for our Missionaries in Zambia	27. <b>Memorial Day</b> 6:00 pm Caring & Sharing	28.	29.	30.	31.	